

Drummoyne Water Polo Club Inc



Annual Report

Yearbook

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Presidents Report

Welcome to the 2005 annual report....

Firstly, I would like to take this opportunity to extend a warm welcome to those who experienced Drummoyne Water Polo Club for the first time this year. I hope you are enjoying the sport and the hospitality that is synonymous with the Club. To the rest of the club members', thank you for participating and contributing to what has been one of the most successful years in the clubs history.

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The 2004/5 season was a historic one for the Club celebrating 75 years of existence. Drummoyne Water Polo was one of the foundation clubs competing in the sport of water polo for the first time in this country back in 1929. To honour this milestone the Club held a luncheon at Parliament House attended by more than 350 members and friends. Special thanks to James Brennan and team for a wonderful event.

The 2004/5 season saw Drummoyne for the first time in its 75 year history compete in both Men's and Women's 1st Division. The Club had four teams who made the Grand Final with our Ladies 5th Grade winning a premiership.

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There is no doubt that the Club's focus on Junior Development is starting to show through in the water with ten (10) Juniors making selection in NSW squads. This year saw the results of continued hard work and dedication within the girl's junior development program with our U/14 team finishing 2nd in the NSW state championships. This coupled with our U/14B side making the Grand final in the Sydney competition; all looks bright on the women's front. Special mention should also be made to our Men's 2nd Grade side that in its first year made it through to the Grand Final.

In January the Club ventured into its next phase of development with the forming of the Macquarie University alliance. The alliance gives the Club continued sustainability meeting one of the key objectives for the Club - enhancing the opportunity for our players to compete at the highest level of water polo possible. From an operational level the Alliance will increase administrative & management assistance in the co-ordination of future water polo developments along with a strong association of brand, financial support and potential University water polo scholarships for our Club member's. This Alliance comes at an exciting time for the Club with its focus to support the junior development platform along with consolidating the performance and reputation as one of the major Water Polo Clubs in the country.

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Other initiatives outside the pool saw the introduction of a complete range of club merchandising. The Training & Administration Facility was repainted along with the purchase of new furniture (tables and chairs), oven and microwave.

As the Club continues on its growth expansion, one of the major focuses of the committee this year was to ensure it developed appropriate revenue streams to support the investment necessary for this growth. 2004/05 saw the introduction of the 200 Club; the business directory was renewed along our major sponsors Laing + Simmons Real Estate Drummoyne and Fastnet Mortgage Group who we would like to thank for their continued support of the Club and water polo in the Drummoyne district.

Finally I would personally like to thank this year's committee for their enthusiastic and dedicated support and efforts over the last 12 months, which saw Drummoyne have one, if not its most contributing seasons in history.

The last three years has seen the Club on a growth curve that few would conceive possible. Over these three years the Club has been able to establish the appropriate building blocks for long-term sustainability. The Club now has a developed junior program and coaching structure in place along with the Macquarie University alliance that will ensure the performance and reputation of Drummoyne as one of the major

Water Polo Clubs in the country. The Club's financial position has never been as strong in its 75-year history. This strong financial position enables the Club to support any new developments or initiatives that are required for players to excel at the highest level.

The significant achievements of the Club across all fronts over these years have largely been as a result of the initiative and commitment of the committee members. To this end I would especially like to thank my close colleagues who have been instrumental in the Club's development over these years; Mark Simpson (Secretary), Neale Murphy (Treasurer), Michael Hahn (Junior Development Director), Jill Reid (communications Mgr) and all others who have served on the committee over the last three years.

Thanks guys.

MARK SIMPSON

Secretary

This year has been both enjoyable and rewarding. May I start off by congratulating all the players in achieving so much for your team, yourself and the Club. The club had a fantastic year in the pool - six (6) sides making the final series with the Ladies 5th Grade taking out the Grand Final. Well-done ladies, a great effort. Drummoyne also finished third in the overall men's club championship for second division.

I would also like to congratulate all who made the representative sides. A fantastic effort.

This year saw Drummoyne move into 1st division for the ladies with the L2 side as well as entering an M2 and M3 side in the men's 1st division. Great to see the number of young players who have come through our junior development program now playing in our 1st division sides, L2, M2 & M3. With greater numbers of young people wanting to play polo at Drummoyne and I must thank all those who were involved in setting up and maintaining the Junior Development Program. It was great to see the numbers of youngsters at the pool each Friday night. The future of the club looks set to continue and will only go from strength to strength with so many young players coming through our ranks.

Registrations, and disqualifications. Drummoyne was one of only two clubs that incurred no fines or disqualifications due to unregistered players, thanks to the tireless work of Dave Bushell, our chief registrar.

I would also like to thank...

- The parents for their support and assistance throughout the year.
- Our "Sponsors" Laing + Simmons Real Estate Drummoyne and Fastnet Mortgage Group the club would not be in the position as it is today without you and I thank you for your continued support.
- The coaches / managers for making the time and the effort in developing our players.
- The referees for their effort during the season
- "Senior members / mentors" thank you for your support and guidance.
- And all of the people that I called upon during the year to lend a helping hand, as without this assistance our club could not run as smoothly as it did.

Finally, to my fellow Committee members for their tireless work– thank you for another great year.

*This is how we
finished in each
grade:*

*M2 – 2nd
M3 – 5^t
M4 – 4th
M5 – 9^t
M6A – 6th
M6B – 3rd
MJ – 6th
MSJ – 8th
L2 – 8th
L3 – 9th
L5 – 1st
LJA – 5th
LJB – 6th
LSJA – 4th
LSJB – 2nd*

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The Income & Expenditure Statement for the year to the end of April 2005, indicates a profit for the year of \$10,772. Our cash position at year-end has risen to \$67,815, up from \$57,043 at the beginning of the year, \$36,437 at the end of the 2002/03 season and \$5,241 at the end of the 2002 season.

As our club has grown to field 15 teams and another 80-100 in the sub junior program, so too have our costs, so it is pleasing to see the continued improvement in our financial position.

Much of the credit for this lies in the hands of those who have organised the last two Parliament House luncheons, apart from wonderful days it has given us much needed capital to invest in our future.

Points of note in relation to the financials include:

- We are awaiting just over \$14,000 for the luncheon auction, which will bring net profit for the luncheon to about \$34,000.
- Virtually all fees collected from members for both winter and summer seasons go off to NSW Water Polo in the form of player registrations, insurances and team entries.
- During the year we have bought furniture and a new oven for the clubroom (\$6,400 in total).
- Having purchased the 75th Anniversary t-shirts, we now need to sell them to recover costs.
- Sponsorship has again done well, though we need to finalise entries for the members' booklet in the off-season to further boost revenues.
- We have invested significantly in our junior development program in the form of pool hire and coaching fees, and plan to continue to do so.
- We need to continue to diversify and build our sources of revenue, a successful conclusion of the 200 Club is critical in the next month with potentially another \$9,000 to collect and we will look to our juniors to raise revenue by chocolate drives etc. in the coming season.
- And finally, we will spend \$15,000 - \$20,000 of the capital base relating to separate Clubroom access via the verandah over winter 2005.

All up, we are in a good financial position, however as we continue to invest into the future the committee can only responsibly do so, if we focus on continuing to raise revenue.

I have enjoyed my role as Treasurer in the last few years working with some outstanding people on the committee and plan to back up again (if elected).

MICHAEL HAHN

Junior Development Director

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With the new junior development program starting in November there was another influx of new boys and girls 10 – 12 with nearly 100 players registering for the Friday night sessions. In its 4th year it was great to see so many boys and girls who had come through the clubs junior program now in the clubs ranks as a player.

Another encouraging aspect of the program has been to the development of the girls and boys whose introduction to water polo started with the clubs junior development program. With the exception of a couple of players all the girls and boys selected in the Under 14 NSW squads came through the junior development program.

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Thank you everyone for your support throughout the year. To all the parents and friends who helped out on pool deck and in the clubroom. It was also great to see senior and junior club members helping men's and women club coaches Juan Ramirez and Dave Hudson introduce the new juniors to water polo.

A special thank you to our sponsors. To Frank Colacicco and Tim Wieland and all the team at Laing + Simmons Drummoyne and Peter Archelles of Fastnet Mortgage a first time sponsor thank you for your continued support.

The junior development program continues to be a good platform to attract new players to the sport of water polo and will now need to go to the level if it is to continue. The time that is required to run the program to ensure its success and enjoyment for the participants will see the club advertise the position and employ someone to run the junior development program so as we maintain the momentum and go to the next level. To everyone who has been involved in the junior development program thank you for your support and your efforts that contributed to its success.

We look forward to everyone's continued involvement in the upcoming winter and summer competition.

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This year saw the regular social functions and trips away repeat themselves with the ever colourful post mortem stories along with the major function for the year, the Club's 75th Year celebratory luncheon. The following are snippets of the functions held this year.

25th September was the season's launch at the Clubhouse - a great night had by all. As well as a chance for everyone to reacquaint & compare winter bulges inside their various school uniforms, it was also the perfect stage for our best dance moves. The fantastic tunes were provided by the band "Le Groove" as they played 3 sets of old faves, disco & new beats. We hope to have them back again soon. Best dressed were Allira in her original uniform & Brother James Brennan. Honourable mention to Mick Corry for leaving a 50th Birthday to slip in for a cleansing ale

Unfortunately Balmain holds the Largie Shield after November's full Saturday games of Water Polo across 5 grades. M5 and M4 went down in the first two games, then M3 had a win followed by a draw in the ladies 2nd grade. It was left up to M2 who had a very close game but ended up going down by a goal. Always a great day at Dawny when the suns out, the water's clean and the tide is high.

Once again our men headed to Taree on the annual weekend to proudly represent Drummoyne both in and out of the water at the annual Manning Mug Tournament. With 8 players on the card it was a big ask for some of the new recruits. The regulars - Matt P, Matt Fitz and others - seem to have led the way though and a great weekend is rumoured to be had by all - what's on tour stays on tour.

This year the Club was able to secure several home games on Saturday at Drummoyne Pool under the theme of twilight polo. Unfortunately the weather wasn't that kind to us on the February game, however the December night was most enjoyable as many brought their dinner along and settled in for the night watching top quality water polo with a cleansing ale or Chardonnay in hand. Expect more of this in the seasons to come.

The Red Devils celebrated the 75th Anniversary in style at Parliament House on February 11 2005. Over 350 guests attended and celebrated the history of a club, which has always been noted for doing things a little differently.

An outstanding array of sporting stars turned out to lend a hand. MC Robert Menzies had the challenging task of handling a diversity of athletic talent rarely seen on one stage.

Chris "Buddha" Handy (Rugby Union); Steve "Blocker" Roach, Kevin Humphries, and Bill Harrigan (Rugby League), Rob Brown (yachting), Len Pascoe (Cricket), John Coates and the ever green Norman "Gold, Gold, Gold" May (Olympic Games) along with a host of others provided anecdotes to satisfy the most demanding of sports nuts.

The day's success can be measured two fold. There was a significant amount of money raised for the future development of junior waterpolo at Drummoyne and a huge number of people came together to celebrate a milestone for one of Sydney's unique sporting clubs.

The ladies once again showed the Port Stephens Championships how to have a good time. Playing in purple floral swim caps and nana cossies certainly didn't make for our best polo ever but all things considered there were more goals scored this year than any other in memory. The Sunday crawl home was also a great success and all in all it was a great weekend away. Big thanks once again to Karren Fitzpatrick for organising our fantastic tour outfits, transport etc etc etc.

See you all next year for a bigger and better social camaraderie

JILL REID

Communications Manager

"This year saw a significant shift to on-line communication"

Communication to all DWPC members is now becoming a critical component in the day-to-day club operations. As the Club continues on its growth plans there is an ever-increasing need to effectively communicate on current issues (pool/training times etc) as well as just keeping members informed of club past and upcoming activities / achievements.

This year saw a significant shift to on-line communication. The three (3) regular newsletters produced throughout the year (Sept, Jan and April) were all emailed and located on the website. Hard copies were mailed to non-email members where necessary along with copies located within the Clubhouse and notice board. As a result a significant cost saving was achieved as well as faster receipt of the newsletter was achieved.

Regular emails were sent to more than 90% of members plus a long list of non-players who are interested in developments. This has proved to be quite a successful way of communicating quickly with large numbers of members. This has certainly helped in notifying members of game information, pointscores, admin details and social activities etc.

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The website played a more central role this year. Paul Haynes continued the great work that Matt Fitzpatrick had done to date. This year teams have been able to go to their own page and find everything that they have needed, including up to date draws and results. The social calendar has also been a well-used feature this year.

A "town crier" system was implemented this year which gave one member of each team responsibility for ensuring all messages were received by all team members and to feedback any information required from members. One would expect a continued improvement in this system over time as a key back up to the centralised delivery being used at the moment. It is easier to get action with people face to face rather than relying on everyone carefully reading emails in their already crowded inboxes.

As the Club continues to grow it is important that all members remain in touch with the activities and developments that occur in this wonderful club community. To this end I thank all those members who have updated their details when any of their communication addresses have changed.

Coach:
MICHAEL CORRY

Manager:
JILL REID

Ladies 5th Grade

The season started without one of our Veterans, Sue Tuite who moved up to Queensland, but saw the return of Debbie Collie who played with Drummoyne many moons ago. So most of the team hadn't played together before. There was a great mix of young, old, experience and some girls really keen to learn. Yo joined our team bringing much experience from Holland and was a tower of strength up front, being complemented by Debbie. Wendy and Sue had great seasons as our sitting forwards; Jill and Clare worked famously together in goals (not at the same time). With the speed of Claudia, Mikaela and lots of fresh energy from Annalisa and the powerful shots of Meg and Jamie Lee our team had it all.

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Unfortunately Yo was out injured for half of the season and only returned in time for the Grand Final. The whole team jelled together really well, no one took themselves too seriously, but we all tried our best and gave all we had. Michael coached us until the end of November, and then we had various helpers and looked after ourselves. Thanks to Neale Murphy, Michael Hahn for helping out with coaching on game nights.

Half way through the second half of the season, we realised we were in clear second place and were very confident of getting into the finals series. But would it be another bridesmaid performance. Michael made a few appearances in the second half of the season and kept up our positive attitude. We went down by a couple of goals in the Major Semi, won the final and then the GRAND FINAL. We were not feeling all that confident, but our opposition Macquarie Uni felt they already had it in the bag. They turned up to the pool with 12 bottles of Pink Champagne and put up a huge banner encouraging people to join Macquarie Uni. But what did we have to lose – NOTHING. We went into the game as the underdogs and came out the PREMIERS beating Macquarie Uni 8 – 4. Wendy's back shot will become folk law as quoted by Mick Young "Wendy's backhand from wide out was the game breaker. The greatest backhand goal in the club's history."

"After our post game run-down, Michael truly believed that we had it in us to win – although we didn't believe it ourselves."

The inspiration to us all was no doubt the support and commitment that Michael Corry showed for the Girls, that never wavered. Turning up and coaching the girls in our Final only a few days out of hospital. There were others there to help out, but Michael solely took on the role and led us to an 11 – 1 victory which gave us a place in the Grand Final the following Sunday. After our post game run-down, Michael truly believed that we had it in us to win – although we didn't believe it ourselves. All the girls were really moved that he had come to the game and I gave up "three cheers for Michael" and everyone joined in. Michael's response was to simply lift his cap and nod – nothing needed to be said, as our mutual respect for each other and our admiration for his courage was all that was needed.

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After our Grand Final win, we rang Michael and he was so pleased – yet saddened that he wasn't there. We sent in a medal to share our victory with him.

We will never be able to replace our coach, friend and motivator, but he has left a deep impression on each and every one of us and Ladies 5th Grade will never be quite the same.

We miss you Michael.

Coach:
JUAN RAMERIZ

Manager:
MICHAEL HAHN

Mens 2nd Grade

The clubs main goal this year was to consolidate its performances in the pool and fast track the identified talent throughout the grades. With the addition of some experienced recruits, a sound coaching program to develop our juniors, as well as an improved commitment to training by players our goals were achieved with the M2 team finishing runners up.

After losing the opening 2 games the M2 team settled down and played some entertaining water polo. Scoring 131 goals with season leading scorer Jay Miller (36 goals) at centre forward, Drummoyne were always able to match the opposition in attack but our poor defensive record resulted in far too many close matches including 3 draws and 3 losses by a single goal to go with our 9 wins to finish 2nd in the minor premiership.

"It was a great effort to reach the M2 Grand Final, our first year in the 2nd Grade competition for longer than anyone in the club can remember."

After winning the major semi final everyone went into the Grand Final confident that we were up to the task ahead. Unfortunately we were unable to replicate our semi final form going down to Sydney University 10 – 6. Richard Bleszity scored 4 goals and was the player of the game while captain coach Juan Ramirez had another solid game to finish off a very strong season.

There were strong performances by everyone. It was great to see so many juniors involved in the team including Nick and Andrew D'Ambrosio, John Hahn and Parramatta junior Phil Emery. Former M7 player Jaret Grant showed what is possible if you get fit finishing off a great season after deciding to leave the tropical heat of North Queensland. With the odd tiger in the tank in former Drummoyne junior, Nick Falzon and Dane Sanders the club was able to benefit from their experience. Finally a special thank you to Ryan Donohue for his commitment and contribution to a successful season.

It was a great effort to reach the M2 Grand Final, our first year in the 2nd Grade competition for longer than anyone in the club can remember. Congratulations to everyone involved.

Coach:
JUAN RAMERIZ

Manager:
MICHAEL HAHN

Mens 3rd Grade

In what started out to be a very promising season M3 fell at the last hurdle losing too many games in the last month of the competition to just miss out on the semi finals. With plenty of the clubs young up and coming players in this grade there is a good solid base for Drummoyne to become a competitive First Division club over the next 2 seasons.

Local juniors Tyler Martin, AJ Roach, Jared Tobin (Central Coast) and Parramatta junior Mitch Emery were joined by the experienced Duncan Ritchie, Kieran Donohue, Doug Lawrence, Mark Creelman, Dave Hudson and Chris Eisenuth in the cage. The team had plenty of talent and depth to draw upon including our Mac Uni connection Sam Short.

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Unfortunately we let ourselves down on too many occasions losing 8 games by 3 goals or less which proved to be costly at the end of the season. With the player depth and more juniors coming through the ranks we can look forward to a big improvement in this grade next season.

Throughout the season 21 different players played M2 and 26 played M3, evidence of the depth and player strength the club has developed. New players joining the club from local and overseas clubs plus the relationship provided by the Canberra, Central Coast and Parramatta connection along with the ever growing number of players from our junior development program provided Drummoyne with a good player base to continue the clubs development in the First Division competition.

Coach:
ANDREW MURRAY

Manager:
MARK SIMPSON

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"No doubt the highlight of the year was the development of both Simon Weir and Robert Hahn."

Mens 4th Grade

This year the team was in the precarious position of defending its premiership title. Similar to last year, the team was relatively slow out of the blocks in 5th position at the halfway mark. The back half of the season saw the return of Paul Helyar with many of the senior players beginning to hit their straps. Things looked bright coming into the finals with a resounding thumping of 11-4 against 5th place UNSW.

The first elimination semi final saw last year's grand finalists fighting out to stay alive. Drummoyne got away to a flyer going three goals up in a matter of 5-6 minutes. However as the game went on, we were unable to take our chances when they presented themselves missing several key extra man attacks along with being on the wrong end of many 50/50 calls. However to the sides credit the last quarter fightback signified what this team can produce getting within a goal of Cronulla. Time just got the better of us. Cronulla went on to win the Grand Final convincingly by 3 goals.

No doubt the highlight of the year was the development of both Simon Weir and Robert Hahn. These two juniors joined the side this year and marked improvement was noticed with every game. Robert's confidence and willingness to develop his centre forward play resulted in him becoming one of the critical members of the team's attack. Simon's development at the back half of the season grew with confidence with both players having a lot to offer in the coming years.

Unfortunately our goalkeeper stalwart Craig Pendergast suffered a broken finger in the second last game and was not available for the finals. Special thanks to Steve Simpson who performed admirably in goals.

A big special thanks to Mark Simpson who was the backbone of the side all year, as player / manager. Thanks mate

Coach:
THE TEAM

Manager:
FRAZER FORISTAL

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Mens 5th Grade

This year saw a changing of the guard in Drummoyne fifth grade. In a continuation of the Club's focus to blood our promising young players to the testing waters of senior polo, the 2004/05 season saw a significant increase of youth content with eight (8) players in the M5 side being under the age of 17. With such change in team dynamic the side took awhile to understand each other's game and gel together. This was evident with the side in the bottom half of the competition at mid season. However as the younger brigade began to develop and grow in confidence the back half of the season saw a significant improvement with many fine wins. The come from behind 7-6 victory away against UNSW was a typical example of this.

The younger guys were guided by the experience of seasoned campaigners Serge Gonzales & Bub Brennan along with the resurgent Scott Creelman & Jon Connal. The most pleasing aspect of the season was the significant improvement in guys such as Lachlan Fogarty, Will Van Asperen, Ben Scott, Ashley Boyle, Dan McGlade, Chris Pinto & Dan Corry in goals.

Guys, in some ways a tough year against some very good opposition, but one which I didn't once see a long face. A valuable season no doubt, that augurs well for the future of our great club.

Coach:
THE TEAM

Manager:
PAT BAKER

"Thanks especially to those who reliably turned up week to week especially in the latter half of the season"

Mens 6th Grade (A)

A season of contrasts in form saw the M6 team in the top 4 going at the Christmas break. Form was improving week to week till we lost the services of our Goalkeeper Dasha for the rest of the season. This was a turning point after which we were unable to win another match despite the efforts of our enthusiastic volunteer Youngy (thanks for putting your hand up to fill in).

The team, and of course the whole community, dearly missed "Mr Consistent" Mick Corry. He left us with a hole in our team as well as our hearts that will never be filled.

Welcome back to Doug Westaway after a long absence from the club and also to old Wests boy Mark Rogers. Hope to see you again in 2005-06. Thanks especially to those who reliably turned up week to week especially in the latter half of the season when our numbers were short.

Coach:
MATT PENNYCOOK

Manager:
MATT FITZPATRICK
CAINE CHISHOLM

"As the season went on, the reserve bench got fuller and the wins kept coming."

Mens 6th Grade (B)

At the beginning of the season we were struggling to field a team and have reserves. With our backs to the wall, we seemed to pull it all together and play some of our best polo. We were winning games when we thought we were in an unwinnable position.

As the season went on, the reserve bench got fuller and the wins kept coming. Each game was won by the smallest amount of goals but a win is a win! By season end consistency had taken us to second place on the table. With one game to go in the season, knowing that we had second place, the teams' decision was "Let's start training". And, gee, our fitness improved.

In the first semi, we came up against the number 1 team, Sydney Uni. Although we lost the game by a few goals, it was a good game to play and the better team won. In the second semi final, we came up against Cronulla. Although we went down by two goals, we played an outstanding game. I think everyone was, and should still be happy, because we played out guts out and the end result was fair.

Big thanks to our new star recruits - Big Steve and Anthony. If it were not for those two, the first half of our season would not have been so successful. They were also top Taree tourists and we hope they will join us for many more tours. Big thanks to Andrew McMaster for turning up too most games this year. He deserves Clubman of the year for flying from Queensland most Tuesdays to play for the team.

And thanks goes to the rest of the team for sticking around even though there was low moral at the start of the year. It ended up being a great season with a lot of good polo, pizza and ribs.

Coach:
LES ISON

Manager:
PETER O'SULLIVAN

Under 14 Boys (MSJ)

The Under 14's Team of 2005 was a near completely new outfit of boys to start the season, under the watchful and experience eyes of coach, Mr Les Ison.

This team had the tremendous Drummoyne Water Polo enthusiasm and spirit that allowed them to maintain a positive outlook as they turned up each week to play. Winning or losing wasn't necessary the ultimate goal for coach Les, but more important for him was the building of a team. A team that has grown over the season in skills, understanding of the game, commitment and teamwork, that will carry over into next season were this group of boys will be a force to reckon with, as most will remain as Under 14s for another season.

"This team had the tremendous Drummoyne Water Polo enthusiasm and spirit"

The team played each game with a solid game plan, but unfortunately lack of overall experience caused them a few losses. With some "lady luck" and a few more favourable 50:50 decisions going their way they were a semi final chance.

The boys took each game as it came and win or loss they displayed true Drummoyne Water Polo spirit and manners, by thanking the other side and the referees. You could always hear from most of the boys as they walked past the Coach Les "see you at training Les, and thanks for coaching us tonight". The boys achieved the coaches' main goal, which was to form a team that would be competitive, win a few games and enjoy each other's company.

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The boys definitely showed a lot of improvement as the season progressed which was reflected in the improved performance in the second round and at the NSW Championships where Chad Watkinson was selected in the NSW Under 14 squad and Bradley Parker, Ben Schumacher and Patrick Hahn were selected in the Development Squad.

I think all who watched this team from the beginning of the season, can proudly say the goal of the coach and managers have been achieved. The boys can now prepare for next season with many skills gained and can say they are better water polo players from the experience of the Under 14s 2005 season and are a definite chance to cause plenty of upsets against the more fancied sides next season.

On behalf of the boys, coach Les and myself, may I thank all the helpers, drivers, supporters and parents who gave their time to this team in so many different ways that has helped make it a successful enjoyable season.

Coach:
JAY MILLER

Under 16 Boys (MJ)

Manager:
DAVID WEIR
RICHARD VAUGHAN

The boys started the season well, but as the season wore on small mistakes in crucial parts of the game brought about some narrow losses to the top teams in the competition. This was disappointing and frustrating at times, knowing that the boys had all the potential, attitude and most importantly the skills to beat all these teams. This proved costly as the boys just missed out on making it through to the semis, finishing just out of the top four in 5th place. Although many of the boys were up against players who had played the previous season this did not discourage their confidence and flare as they continually frustrated and outmarked the opposition players.

"The highlight of the season was definitely the trip up to Taree where the team grew in both experience and skills."

The highlight of the season was definitely the trip up to Taree where the team grew in both experience and skills. Despite leading Balmain and Cronulla A going into the last few minutes those 'crucial mistakes' kept creeping in, costing us a spot in the finals that seemed so reachable. The exception to this was against Ovens and Murray (possibly the MJ's seasons best) where everything clicked and the result was a comfortable win. Congratulations must go to the whole team in particular Tyler Martin and Aiden Roach who both gained selection in the NSW U/16 squad. Congratulations also to Ashley Boyle and Tristan Reid on their selection in the NSW Combined Catholic Colleges team who competed in the NSW All Schools.

"The team spirit was infectious and everyone enjoyed themselves in and out of the pool."

Liam Roach was a strong centre forward and scored often with his backhand shot. Ashley Boyle was a versatile player who was never afraid to have a shot. Simon Weir a fast swimmer and consummate team player. Robert Hahn had a productive season scoring many goals playing all positions. Tristan Reid and Dan Corry were our rotating goalies, both showed great improvement over the season (must have been all those opposition shots). AJ Roach was the teams go to man always giving 110%. James Vaughan showed he has a strong shot as well as being an excellent defender. Ben Scott also has a great shot and a never give up attitude. Tyler Martin always played above his weight and was one of the teams best. Julian Pavey another sound team player did everything his coach asked. Lucas Baxter always showed good determination and skills.

"This team is definitely one to look out for the future! It has the makings for a fantastic side"

Jay Miller coached the team with great enthusiasm and skill. All the boys benefited from his knowledge and more importantly they had a great time working with him. Thanks must also go to managers Richard Vaughan and David Weir for their help throughout in coordinating all the players. David Weir was at every training session and did a great job as Manager doing all the little things no-one notices unless they don't get done. Thanks also to Michael Hahn for all his work and support over the season. "I have never been part of such a well-organised club before" according to coach Jay Miller.

The MJ's were a relatively young team and I know everyone, particularly the coach is looking forward to next year and reversing many of the results. The team spirit was infectious and everyone enjoyed themselves in and out of the pool.

This team is definitely one to look out for the future! It has the makings for a fantastic side this year and in years to come. Well done boys for all your hard work and commitment, and we'll try and keep the same attitude over winter. Happy training!

Coach:
DAVE HUDSON

Manager:
NEALE MURPHY

"the coach got a red card and the girls went on to record a draw against the eventual premiers"

Ladies 2nd Grade

Drummoyne entered an L2 team this year in the Winter and Summer competitions, this being the highest grade for women that we have ever entered.

The winter season was a steep learning curve with the team coming up with almost as many wins as losses. The summer season, which was on a Saturday, gave us the chance to give some younger players experience at a very high level of waterpolo. I will never forget the time that the coach got a red card at Dawn Fraser pool and the girls went on to record a draw against the eventual premiers or when the girls got on a two game 'winning streak' because the other teams were 'running scared'.

All in all, the team was a pleasure to coach and will only improve next season.

Coach:
DAVE HUDSON

Manager:
THE TEAM

"they were always competitive and showed the Drummoyne spirit"

Ladies 3rd Grade

The ladies 3rd grade team was pushed up a grade even before the summer season started. Nevertheless, they were always competitive and showed the Drummoyne spirit in beating Balmain and grabbing a few draws.

Laura Cipriani gave the team some character and never failed to score a goal or two. Emma, Ashley, Sarah, Rachel, Erin and Kathleen and all the Juniors that backed up throughout the season were a credit to the club. With the influx of older juniors now eligible for the open competition,

I have no doubt that this team has a bright future next year.

Coach:
DAVE HUDSON

Manager:
THE TEAM

"The under 14's had the most successful season ever by a Junior Drummoyne team"

"... at the Australian Club Championships to grab a Bronze medal"

Under 14 Girls (LSJA)

The under 14's had the most successful season ever by a Junior Drummoyne team, collecting medals at both State and National championships. Unfortunately St George beat us in the Metropolitan minor Semi Final in a thrilling penalty shootout but we came back at the Australian Club Championships to grab a Bronze medal. All the girls improved out of sight and I am proud of every one of them. The team was:

Serena 'the wall' Reid,
Ellen 'Super center forward' Pittorino,
Emma '100%' Farrel,
Kate 'Defensive Force' McGraw,
Danielle 'I can smell a goal' White,
Elise 'C'MON' Mirabito,
Rachel 'killer 1st release' Horton,
Devon 'the Driver' Boyle,
Beatrice 'passing 20 metres is easy' Sheldrick, and
Genevieve 'pace setter (left to right)' Fogarty.

Thank you to our cameos for this year, your help was invaluable: Kate Murphy, Alice Palmer, Lauren Salmon, Morgan Baxter, and Mikaela Eldrige. Thank you also to all the parents who not only got the girls to Sunday games and training but also helped the girls go on the two trips that we went on this year.

Coach:
DANI GREY

Manager:
NEALE MURPHY

"It was definitely an exciting year for the youngest side of the club and my debut as a coach at Drummoyne"

"The final was played against SNB at Ryde at what may have been one on the most heart stopping moments of my life."

"Eventually the 30m pool wore us down and we lost 2-0, but even the Cronulla coach admitted we had given them a scare."

Under 14 Girls (LSJB)

The year started slowly with a first round loss to SNB, with many people catching the ball two hands and swimming inside the 2m line without the ball, as well as the perpetual turnovers. This was quickly followed by a few wins, that gave the girls confidence and an attitude that we would get the finals at the end of the season, including a 7-0 halftime score at Parramatta pool before a large storm hit and we had to wait it out. The game was eventually cancelled with everyone disappointed that they couldn't get back in and rip into Parramatta for the rest of the game.

One cold Sunday afternoon we found ourselves at Sutherland against the undefeated Cronulla side, and at this time in the season they were just too good for us. We lost 7-4 and knew then that Cronulla would be the team to beat in the 14b division.

Our second match against Cronulla came at a time when I was unable to make it. Dave took the reigns and help out. Now I've since heard that I wasn't wanted back since the 2-0 win by the girls was one to be very proud of.

At the end of the season we found ourselves in equal 2nd spot. Not too bad with 13 girls of which many had not played before. We played Cronulla in the major semi-final and went down 5-1 after a slow start. Cronulla thought they had the championship secured and we had to fight to be in the grand final.

The final was played against SNB at Ryde at what may have been one of the most heart stopping moments of my life. As true form throughout the season, all shots were hitting the bit white bar that surrounded the goal. The girls fought hard and the game ended in a 2-2 draw at the full time buzzer. We pulled together and we're able to get away with a golden goal win to face Cronulla again in the final.

Grand Final day arrived, and so did the nerves. The chatter around the girls was about two weeks ago and how easy the goals that Cronulla scored were. The girls and I worked out ways that these goals could be stopped and we definitely shut the Cronulla attack down. At half time the score was 0-0. We were scaring Cronulla and fighting harder than ever before. We had so many kick outs and just could not find the free players. We had 2 goals go in but were rightfully disallowed 7 metre shots. Eventually the 30m pool wore us down and we lost 2-0, but even the Cronulla coach admitted we had given them a scare.

From a loss in the first week to a spot in the grand final and a silver medal in what was many of the players first seasons and mine as a club coach was a huge achievement and one we all should be proud of! A quick thanks to Dave, Allira, parents and everyone in the Drummoyne Water Polo club who all had a part in the 14B's silver medal. A special thanks to Neale, who was an invaluable help throughout a great season. Well done!

Now for the girls, each had their gift they brought to the team. Here is a small snippet of each of the girl's talents!

Ally- "the release queen" -Got the ball up the pool every single time and assisted in almost every goal at the end of the season (as well as getting a few of her own.)

Frances- "star goalie" -Some absolutely amazing saves right through the final series. A major part in getting us to grand final day.

Georgia- "defence captain" -shut down counter attacks and stole balls that looked secure.

Holly- "you can't catch me" -swimmer of the team, who swam away from defence as well as swimming down the other teams attack.

Jess- "quiet achiever" -often assisting in fantastic goals as well as getting back in defence and is now the "goal side" expert!

Kate- "here, there and everywhere" -with many stints in goals, shooting and releasing,

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an all-rounder whose voice is heard from every corner of the pool.

Lauren E- "precision pass" –often complaining of tiredness after attending the gym before every game, once in the water this seemed to disappear with passing landing exactly where they needed to be.

Lauren S- "super shot" -a shot to envy, was able to get away from strong players and get the ball in the back of the net.

Mikaela- "long arms" from catching the ball with 2 hands to start the season to scoring up to 3 goals in a game, and arms that could wrap around the defence 3 times before stealing the ball.

Morgan- "pocket rocket" -a shot definitely unexpected from such a small arm. Regularly hit the back of the net with defenders unsure where it came from.

Nathalie- "perfect position" –Always managed to get in the right position in the pool, but often found herself holding the ball rather than letting it go. Some truly memorable goals though!

Rebecca S- "tremendous support"-whether it was a pass, a chase or even the defence of 2 or more players, she was always there. Many goals were saved by her, especially towards the end of the season.

Rebecca W-"feisty" –No one could get past her. Always chasing down and working hard to ensure no goals were scored against her.

Coach:
ALLIRA GOFERS

Under 16 Girls (LJA)

Manager:
THE TEAM

The under 16 girls had a good year of waterpolo, showing great improvement in their ability and game results as the season progressed. The 04/05 season was the first time that Drummoyne Waterpolo Club had entered a team into the Girls U16A division, and the team did the Club proud, both during the year and also at the U16 State Championships held in Taree.

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Ineke always defended and attacked with maximum effect, Nicola used her outside lob at crucial times, Alex was a speed demon up and down the pool, Jess used her powerful shot outside and in center forward, Katharine used her spider arms to steal the ball, Belinda added some awesome attacking moves to her already solid game, Kiara found a new home in center forward, Joanna also became at home in the field and Sarah continued her amazing form from last year.

Thank you to the State cameos Olivia Swift, Becky Coy, Serena Reid, and Elise Mirabito and to all the parents who got the girls to all the games and training sessions this season.

Half of these girls will now strengthen the ranks of the open teams in the following season ensuring Drummoyne's bright future.

Coach:
DANI GREY

Under 16 Girls (LJB)

Manager:
NEALE MURPHY

This year was the first time the Club had entered two U/16 teams. We won a few games and were competitive in a lot, but the commitment level of a large number of girls just was not there. Interestingly we only went down by a few goals to St George, the eventual premiers. Training attendance was reflected in game numbers, so a big thank you to all the 14B's that backed up regularly on the Sundays.

U/14 State Championships - Taree

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"Congratulations to top goal scorer Chad Watkinson on his selection in the NSW Under 14 squad"

"After a strong team and club bonding session on Saturday evening the boys came out on fire playing their best game of the tournament"

"The teams strong performance was noticed with Tyler Martin and Aiden Roach both gaining selection in the NSW U/16 squad."

The Under 14 girls and boys teams competed in the State Championships with the girls team creating club history by qualifying for the final.

Coach Hudson and team nearly pulled it off, going down in the final to Cronulla 6-2, after winning 4 /drawing 1 of the pool games against St George, Tamworth, Manning Valley, SNB Manly and Blue Mountains. The semi against the Newcastle rep team was a tense one. We led 2-1 till late, eventually going into extra time to finish again at 2-2, but with a combination of our shooting and Serena's saves, we won the penalty shootout 6-5!!

In an exciting final the Drummoyne girls fought back to trail Cronulla 2-1 at quarter time. A late goal to Cronulla in the final seconds of the first half gave them a 3-1 advantage at the main break. In a fast free flowing game Drummoyne continued to pile on the pressure in the second half but the Cronulla defence managed to outlast their courageous opponents to win the title with a 6-2 victory to close off an exciting weekend of polo.

We were excited last year when we got our 1st rep player selected for the State squads, this year we got 6 (Elise Mirabito, Serena Reid, Ellen Pittorino, Genevieve Fogarty, Emma Farrell, Kate McGraw) and 4 in the development squad who are eligible for next year's U14 team (Dani White, Lauren Salmon, Rachel Horton and Devon Boyle).

While missing out on the final four games Drummoyne's Under 14 boys closed off their tournament with an exciting 4-3 win against Alstonville. Spurred on by enthusiastic support from the large Drummoyne contingent at the pool the boys finished on a positive note and 2 wins from 6 games (including a 1 goal loss to Central Coast) to finish in 9th place. Congratulations to top score Chad Watkinson on his selection in the NSW squad and Ben Schumacher, Bradley Parker, PJ Hahn on selection in the Development Squad.

Congrats to Dave, Les, players, and thanks to parents/caterers and Brad for refereeing.

U/16 State Championships - Taree

One of the highlights of the season was the Under 16 State Championships in Taree where the team grew in both experience and skills and almost didn't play. This year saw an expanded tournament that clashed with the final games of the schools competition involving quite a few Drummoyne players. These players and their parents made the commitment to drive back to Sydney after their games on Friday and then back to Taree after their Saturday afternoon games in Sydney. A special thanks to Chris Butcher, Cathy and Steve Roach and Richard Vaughan for their efforts in making this happen.

After a solid win against Manning Valley the boys did not play to their capabilities making too many mistakes in crucial games. Despite leading Balmain and Cronulla A going into the last few minutes our failure to convert our opportunities cost us dearly. After a strong team and club bonding session on Saturday evening the boys came out on fire playing their best game of the tournament against Ovens and Murray to secure 6th spot. The teams strong performance was noticed with Tyler Martin and Aiden Roach both gaining selection in the NSW U/16 squad.

Our girls did quite well in the round to finish 2nd in their pool, putting them into a playoff with Balmain to make the semis. Slightly outclassed but defending well, they went down by 3 goals. They then joined SNB and Syd Uni to see who was placed 5th-7th, but unfortunately lost both by a goal. It was a big improvement on last years 11th placing, but we were a real chance to come in 5th, so that was a touch disappointing. The weekend however was great fun, and thanks to Brad Palmer and the parents for joining us.

Aside from seeing how the girls and boys have closed the gap on the stronger clubs it was great to see the camaraderie and club spirit shown by the players and parents.

“Cans By Candlelight” - Group Hug



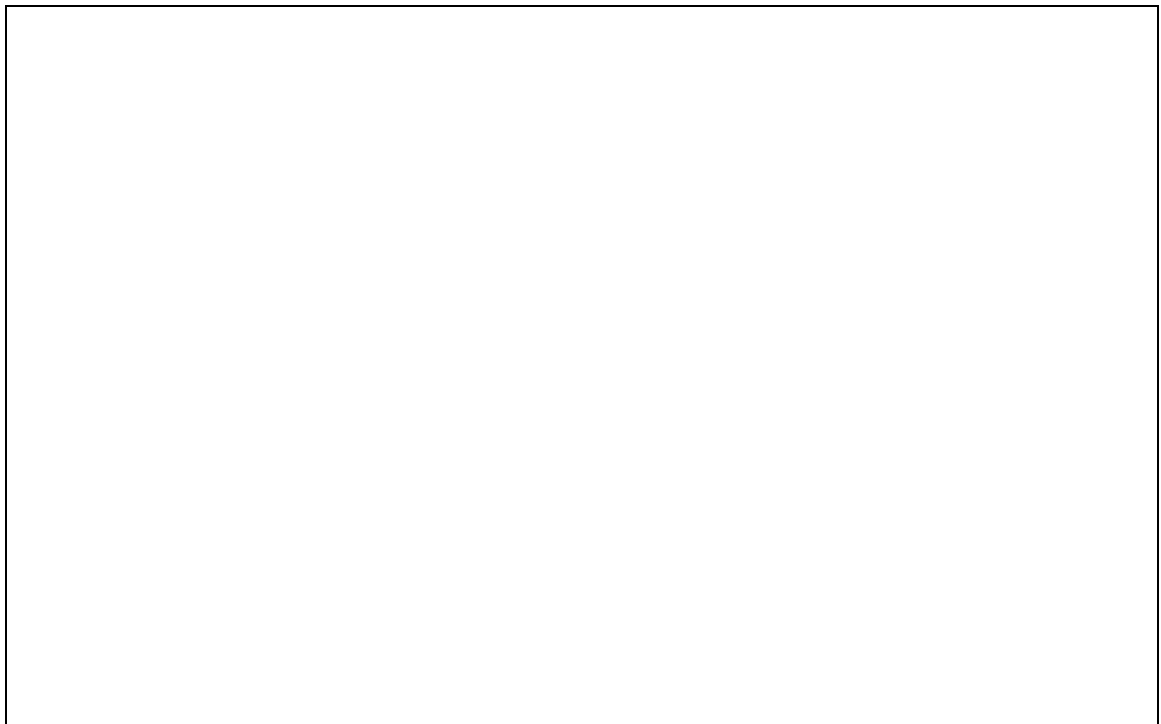
Raymond Terrace - Expect Nothing Less



Ladies 5th Grade – Premiers



Taree Trip – What's on tour stays on tour



Representative Honours

Under 14 NSW Squad

Emma Farrell,
Elise Mirabito,
Genevieve Fogarty,
Ellen Pittorino,
Serena Reid
Kate McGraw.
Chad Watkinson

Under 14 Development Squad

Danielle White,
Devon Boyle,
Rachel Horton
Lauren Salmon
Bradley Parker,
Ben Schumacher
Patrick Hahn

NSW CIS

Sarah Dill-Macky
Andrew D'Ambrosio,
Aiden Roach
John Hahn

NSW CCC

Serena Reid
Tristan Reid
Ashley Boyle

NSW CHS

Tyler Martin
Phil Emery
Mitchell Emery

Under 16 NSW Squad

Tyler Martin
Aiden Roach

Australian & NSW Schools - John Hahn

Australian Youth Team – John Hahn

NSW Under 20 Squad – John Hahn

NSW Under 20 Country – Jared Tobin

NSW Country – Ryan Donohue

“Well done, a fantastic effort and a just reward for the dedication, commitment and determination each of you have shown over the year. The Club is extremely proud of your achievements – President.”

Team Statistics

M2	Played	Won	Drew	Lost by 1-2	Lost by 3-4	Lost by 5+	Disqualified	Forfeited	Goals For	Against	Points
Sydney Uni	16	15	-	-	1	-	-	-	143	72	77
Drummoyne	17	8	3	3	2	1	-	-	131	113	66
Cronulla	16	8	2	3	1	1	1	-	151	99	60
Wests	17	8	-	4	4	1	-	-	119	100	61
Balmain	17	6	1	3	1	5	1	-	111	141	50
UNSW	17	-	2	1	2	11	-	1	59	189	26

Leading Goal Scorers

Jay Miller (Drummoyne)	35
Peter Blanch (Cronulla)	27
Peter Brown (Balmain)	26
Matthew Hankin (Cronulla)	24
Juan Carlos Ramirez (Drummoyne)	21
Nathan Cargill (Sydney Uni)	21
Jaret Grant (Drummoyne)	19
Scott Henderson (Sydney Uni)	18
Scott Berry (Wests)	17

Minor Semi Wests 11 beat Cronulla 9 (penalties)

Major Semi Drummoyne 11 beat Sydney Uni 10 (extra time)

Final Sydney Uni 8 beat Wests 4

Grand Final Sydney Uni 10 (S.Henderson 3 I.Hammond 2 L.Hannan 2 D.Carrick 2 R.Owen-Jones) beat Drummoyne 6 (R.Bleszity 4 J.Ramirez J.Miller)

M3	Played	Won	Drew	Lost	Disqualified	Forfeited	Goals For	Against	Points
Cronulla	16	13	1	1	1	-	156	96	42
Sydney Uni	16	12	-	2	2	-	129	103	38
SNB Breakers	17	8	2	7	-	-	116	110	35
Balmain	17	7	2	8	-	-	139	144	33
Drummoyne	17	5	1	11	-	-	119	141	28
Wests	17	2	-	11	4	-	106	171	17

Craig McDonald (Wests)

James Billing (SNB Breakers)	45
Ben Turner (Sydney Uni)	23
Craig McDonald (Wests)	19
Ben Reuhman (Balmain)	19
Duncan Ritchie (Drummoyne)	18

Minor Semi Balmain 4 beat SNB Breakers 2

Major Semi Cronulla 7 beat Sydney Uni 5 (extra time)

Final Sydney Uni 8 beat Balmain 6

Grand Final Sydney Uni 15 (B.Cask 5 I.Gard M.Mordaunt U.Kramer 2 J.Melville L.Hollis Cronulla 13 (N.Barrett 3 J.Williams A.Lumb T.Sctockwell 2 R.Bryant B.Mathews L.Kerr K.Crow) penalties

M4	Played	Won	Drew	Lost	Disqualified	Forfeited	Goals For	Against	Points
UTS-Ryde	17	14	2	1	-	-	155	76	47
Parramatta	17	13	3	1	-	-	122	55	46
Cronulla	17	13	2	2	-	-	138	70	45
Drummoyne	17	9	2	6	-	-	101	78	37
Dolphins	17	7	3	6	-	1	79	97	33
UNSW	17	5	4	8	-	-	88	95	31
Blue Mountains	17	4	-	13	-	-	67	115	25
Wizards	17	3	1	11	2	-	85	121	22
SNB Breakers	17	4	1	7	5	-	85	136	21
Balmain	17	2	2	7	6	-	58	135	17

Leading Goal Scorers

Peter Janzen (Cronulla)	40
Peter Gerrie (UTS-Ryde)	32
Mark Simpson (Drummoyne)	28
Greg Leadbeater (UTS-Ryde)	28
Ben Morgan (Blue Mountains)	26
Daniel Lehnen (Parramatta)	23
Brett Cairns (Cronulla)	21
David Smith (UTS-Ryde)	19

Minor Semi Cronulla 6 beat Drummoyne 5

Major Semi UTS-Ryde 7 beat Parramatta 2

Final Cronulla 6 beat Parramatta 5

Grand Final Cronulla 8 (A.Kerr 3 B.Cairns 2 A.Roberts S.Nicholson P.Janzen) beat UTS-Ryde 5 (D.Smith C.Mumme L.McMahon N.Donovan B.Whiteman)

Team Statistics

M5	Played	Won	Drew	Lost	Disqualified	Forfeited	Goals For	Against	Points
Cronulla	15	13	-	-	2	-	143	53	39
Parramatta	16	12	1	3	-	-	95	58	41
Wests	16	11	1	4	-	-	109	66	39
Sydney Uni	15	10	2	2	1	-	98	79	36
UTS-Ryde	15	8	1	6	-	-	110	84	32
SNB Breakers	15	9	-	5	1	-	101	90	32
Blue Mountains	16	7	1	7	1	-	79	92	30
Macquarie Uni	16	5	1	9	1	-	79	103	26
Drummoyne	16	4	1	10	1	-	72	122	24
UNSW	15	1	1	12	1	-	57	122	17
Balmain	15	-	1	9	5	-	48	122	11

Leading Goal Scorers

John Stacpoole (Cronulla)	35
Ken Keane (Parramatta)	26
Anthony MacFarlane (Macquarie)	24
Chris Mumme (UTS-Ryde)	24
Ryan Davis (UTS-Ryde)	23
Tim Gilbert (Wests)	22
Michael Westdorp (SNB Breakers)	19
Daniel Chisholm (Macquarie Uni)	18
Brad Turner (Cronulla)	18

Minor Semi Wests 8 beat Sydney Uni 3

Major Semi Cronulla 6 beat Parramatta 4

Final Parramatta 7 beat Wests 6

Grand Final Cronulla 6 (B.Turner 2 P.Falson J.Halpin F.Barendregt L.Gillett) beat Parramatta 5 (R.Goff 2 K.Keane 2 D.Leresche)

M6	Played	Won	Drew	Lost	Disqualified	Forfeited	Goals For	Against	Points
SU Marlins	15	13	-	2	-	-	97	43	41
Drummoyne B	16	12	1	3	-	-	77	49	41
Cronulla	15	11	1	3	-	-	95	35	38
Leichhardt	15	10	2	3	-	-	78	48	37
Parramatta A	16	7	2	7	-	-	62	55	32
Drummoyne A	16	6	4	6	-	-	70	69	32
Wests	16	7	1	8	-	-	75	75	31
SNB Breakers	15	6	1	8	-	-	65	65	28
Stingers	15	2	1	11	-	1	38	99	19
Parramatta B	16	2	1	12	1	-	43	101	20
UTS-Ryde	15	1	2	11	1	-	54	115	18

Leading Goal Scorers

Graham Kelso (SU Marlins)	31
David Pennycook (Drummoyne B)	26
Anthony Falson (Cronulla)	21
Stephen Kelso (SU Marlins)	19
Ray Mendels (SNB Breakers)	18
Stuart Murray (SNB Breakers)	17
Lyle Tualai (Wests)	17
Warren Albert (Leichhardt)	17

Minor Semi Cronulla 8 beat Leichhardt 4

Major Semi SU Marlins 9 beat Drummoyne B 3

Final Cronulla 7 beat Drummoyne B 4

Grand Final SU Marlins 6 (G.Kelso 2 G.Somlai S.Kelso S.Mayer D.Cook) beat Cronulla 4 (A.Falson J.Sellers S.Jones P.Schmid)

Team Statistics

MJ	Played	Won	Drew	Lost	Disqualified	Forfieted	Goals For	Against	Points
Wests	14	13	-	1	-	-	139	45	40
Cronulla A	15	12	1	2	-	-	124	49	40
Sydney Uni A	15	12	-	3	-	-	128	52	39
Cronulla B	14	9	1	4	-	-	108	56	33
UNSW	13	8	1	4	-	-	116	58	30
Drummoyne	14	8	-	6	-	-	85	71	30
Balmain	15	4	2	9	-	-	80	114	25
Parramatta B	15	4	-	10	1	-	50	136	22
SNB Breakers	14	3	1	9	-	1	44	105	20
Parramatta A	14	2	2	10	-	-	40	111	20
Sydney Uni B	15	0	-	12	1	2	28	145	12

Leading Goal Scorers

Ross O'Brien (Wests)	38
Matthew Saville (Balmain)	37
Christopher Dyson (UNSW)	34
Peter Janzen (Cronulla A)	30
James Dabron (UNSW)	28
Mitchell Emery (Parramatta B)	26
Joel Davis (Balmain)	26
Rhys Sawford (Sydney Uni A)	25
Corrie Eames (Wests)	25

Minor Semi Sydney Uni A 3 beat Cronulla B 2

Major Semi Wests 9 beat Cronulla A 7

Final Cronulla A 9 beat Sydney Uni A 3

Grand Final Wests 9 (R.O'Brien 4 C.Eames 3 L.Ttmash M.Donnelly) beat Cronulla A 8 (P.Janzen R.D'Agostino C.Batty S.Nicholson 2) in extra time

MSJ	Played	Won	Drew	Lost	Disqualified	Forfieted	Goals For	Against	Points
Wests A	14	14	-	-	-	-	172	52	42
Cronulla A	14	12	-	2	-	-	222	41	38
Sydney Uni	14	9	1	4	-	-	130	85	33
UNSW	14	6	3	4	1	-	117	105	28
Parramatta	14	5	1	8	-	-	85	99	25
Balmain	15	5	1	9	-	-	108	118	26
Cronulla B	14	5	2	5	2	-	82	101	24
Drummoyne	14	4	-	10	-	-	64	134	22
Wests B	15	-	-	15	-	-	27	272	15

Leading Goal Scorers

Stuart Buckland-Kerr (UNSW)	56
Theodore Loudaros (Wests A)	47
Patrick May (Cronulla A)	42
Chad Watkinson (Drummoyne)	39
Declan Read (Cronulla A)	31
Stuart Rees (Cronulla A)	29
Clay Simons (Sydney Uni)	28
Ben Stackpoole (Cronulla A)	28
Mark Sindone (Wests A)	26

Minor Semi Sydney Uni 5 beat UNSW 4

Major Semi Cronulla A 9 beat Wests A 6

Final Wests A 8 beat Sydney Uni 4

Grand Final Cronulla A 6 (P.May 4 B.Stacpoole 2) beat Wests A 5 (M.de Gail 2 M.Sidone 2 T.Loudaros)

L3	Played	Won	Drew	Lost	Disqualified	Forfieted	Goals For	Against	Points
SNB Breakers	15	9	2	4	-	-	72	58	35
UNSW	15	10	1	4	-	-	94	50	36
Cronulla	16	10	1	3	2	-	101	44	35
UTS-Ryde	15	8	3	4	-	-	77	53	34
St George	15	9	1	5	-	-	69	50	34
Parramatta	14	6	1	7	-	-	55	61	27
Sydney Uni	15	5	-	9	1	-	61	82	24
Balmain	14	1	1	12	-	-	35	84	17
Drummoyne	15	0	-	11	4	-	36	118	5

Minor Semi	UTS-Ryde 5 def St George 3
Major Semi	SNB 4 def UNSW 3
Final	UNSW 3 def UTS-ryde 0
Grand Final	UNSW 7 def SNB 2

L2	Played	Won	Drew	Lost	Disqualified	Forfeited	Goals For	Against	Points
Cronulla	17	17	-	0	-	-	162	60	51
Balmain	17	12	1	4	-	-	115	69	42
Newcastle	17	10	-	5	-	2	89	81	35
UTS-Ryde	17	7	1	9	-	-	98	101	32
Sydney Uni	17	6	2	9	-	-	112	112	31
UNSW	17	6	-	11	-	-	79	122	29
St George	17	5	1	11	-	-	85	114	28
Drummoyne	17	2	1	13	-	1	69	150	21

Minor Semi	Newcastle 6 def UTS-ryde 2
Major Semi	Balmain 8 def Cronulla 3
Final	Cronulla 10 def Newcastle 2
Grand Final	Balmain 3 def Cronulla 2

L5	2017								
	Played	Won	Drew	Lost	Disqualified	Forfeited	Goals For	Against	Points
Macquarie Uni A	17	15	1	1	-	-	158	43	48
Drummoyne	17	12	2	3	-	-	75	51	43
Sydney Uni A	17	8	2	7	-	-	117	85	35
UTS-Ryde	17	8	2	7	-	-	94	100	35
Balmain	16	9	-	6	-	-	58	52	33
Parramatta	16	7	1	7	1	-	61	64	30
UNSW	17	8	1	3	1	4	97	79	29
Macquarie Uni B	17	6	1	9	-	1	68	87	29
Sydney Uni B	17	1	1	13	-	2	51	139	18
SNB Breakers	17	2	-	7	-	8	25	104	13

Minor Semi	UTS-Ryde 6 def Balmain 5
Major Semi	Macquarie Uni A 5 def Drummoyne 2
Final	Drummoyne11 def UTS-ryde 1
Grand Final	Drummoyne 8 def Macquarie Uni A 4

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LSJA										
	Played	Won	Drew	Lost	Disqualified	Forfieted	Goals For	Against	Points	
	Cronulla	15	15	-	0	-	-	171	23	45
	UNSW	15	9	1	5	-	-	113	67	34
	St George	15	9	-	6	-	-	91	59	33
	Drummoyne	15	8	1	6	-	-	99	38	32
	SNB Breakers	15	3	-	11	-	1	53	139	20
Sydney Uni	15	0	-	14	-	1	17	218	14	
Minor Semi	St George 5 def Drummoyne 4									
Major Semi	Cronulla 8 def UNSW 3									
Final	St George 7 def UNSW 1									
Grand Final	Cronulla 11 def St George 0									

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Player Statistics

M2	Goals	Played
N002206 Hahn, John	0	18
N001045 Falzon, Nicholas	9	8
N003001 Grant, Jaret	20	18
N001390 D'Ambrosio, Nick	9	16
N000527 Miller, Jay	37	18
N001414 Sanders, Dane	12	7
N002207 D'Ambrosio, Andrew	3	18
N006317 Ramirez, Juan Carlos	26	17
N002721 Donohue, Ryan	9	18
N001078 Emery, Phillip	2	13
N009870 Bleszity, Richard	12	7
N004628 Tobin, Jared	0	4
N004630 Eisenhuth, Chris	0	2
N001010 Creelman, Mark	1	2
N002722 Donohue, Kerrian	1	2
N001079 Emery, Mitchell	0	1
N000592 Hudson, David	1	6
N008885 Lawrence, Doug	0	4
N002987 Martin, Tyler	0	2
N006316 Ritchie, Duncan	0	1
N002990 Roach, Aidan	1	5

M3	Goals	Played
N004630 Eisenhuth, Chris	0	13
N001010 Creelman, Mark	8	8
N002722 Donohue, Kerrian	1	15
N001079 Emery, Mitchell	3	8
N006307 Henricks, Matthew	1	9
Hudson, David	14	13
N008885 Lawrence, Doug	1	5
N002987 Martin, Tyler	4	12
N006316 Ritchie, Duncan	18	12
N002990 Roach, Aidan	6	11
N006460 Short, Sam	9	11
N004628 Tobin, Jared	9	12
N000740 Prendergast, Craig	0	1
N002360 Butcher, Tim	0	3
N001390 D'Ambrosio, Nick	1	2
N001078 Emery, Phillip	7	8
N002208 Fitschen, Oliver	0	1
N002351 Hahn, Robert	0	2
N003002 Hammond, Barry	1	1
N002203 Helyar, Paul	0	2
N002211 Murray, Andrew	4	3
N006317 Ramirez, Juan Carlos	7	4
N008583 Roach, Dan	1	4
N001414 Sanders, Dane	3	2
N002804 Simpson, Mark	3	3
N002361 Weir, Simon	0	1

M4	Goals	Played
N000740 Prendergast, Craig	0	12
N002360 Butcher, Tim	0	4
N000173 Creelman, Scott	0	5
N000584 Eddington, Luke	18	17
N003919 Edwards, Paul	3	9
N002214 Fitzgerald, Wayne	1	6
N002351 Hahn, Robert	1	17
N003002 Hammond, Barry	6	17
N002203 Helyar, Paul	7	6
N002211 Murray, Andrew	12	15
N002804 Simpson, Mark	29	18
N002205 Souter, Roger	11	13
N003401 Tsirekas, Angelo	3	6
N002361 Weir, Simon	2	13
	0	0
N002803 Simpson, Steve	0	4
N002208 Fitschen, Oliver	0	2
N002991 Spooner, Darren	0	1
N006088 Boyle, Ashley	3	1
N002994 Brennan, James	0	1
N001010 Creelman, Mark	2	2
N002306 Foristal, Fraser	0	1
N002995 Gonzales, Serge	0	3
N006307 Henricks, Matthew	1	6
N006642 Scott, Ben	0	1
N006460 Short, Sam	2	1

M5	Goals	Played
N002989 Corry, Daniel	0	14
N006088 Boyle, Ashley	6	12
N002994 Brennan, James	7	12
N004634 Connal, Jonathan	9	13
N000173 Creelman, Scott	10	16
N002302 Dunlop, William	4	7
N002795 Fogarty, Lachlan	0	11
N002306 Foristal, Fraser	5	16
N002995 Gonzales, Serge	6	12
N007737 McGlade, Daniel	4	13
N003341 Pinto, Chris	1	14
N006642 Scott, Ben	3	8
N002803 Simpson, Steve	1	15
N002308 Van Asperen, William	2	13
N002992 Baker, Pat	0	1
N002360 Butcher, Tim	0	1
N002201 Churchard, Edward	0	2
N002214 Fitzgerald, Wayne	6	10
N000347 Folsom, Trevor	0	2
N002998 Gordon, Peter	1	1
N003018 Hahn, Michael	0	1
N002205 Souter, Roger	1	2
N003401 Tsirekas, Angelo	0	1
N002993 Tuite, James	0	1
N002361 Weir, Simon	0	1
N002222 Young, Michael	0	1

Player Statistics

M6		Goals	Played
N002991	Spooner, Darren	0	9
N002992	Baker, Pat	16	15
N002330	Broome, Greg	3	10
N002219	Bushell, David	1	6
N002201	Churchard, Edward	4	5
N002202	Corry, Michael	1	7
N003018	Hahn, Michael	6	13
N000743	Haynes, Paul	0	7
N002221	Henricks, David	5	14
N002326	Lonnon, Garry	3	13
N002217	Murphy, Neale	5	14
N003154	O'Sullivan, Peter	0	10
N008974	Rogers, Mark	1	8
N002993	Tuite, James	5	12
N002218	Wark, Les	0	4
N008775	Westaway, Doug	4	11
N002222	Young, Michael	6	15
N006088	Boyle, Ashley	1	2
N002325	Eddington, John	0	2
N002995	Gonzales, Serge	3	3
N007737	McGlade, Daniel	1	2
N003341	Pinto, Chris	0	1

M6		Goals	Played
N002215	Sunderland, Kerry	0	11
N000731	Braams, John	4	10
N000732	Casetta, Sergio	1	15
N000733	Chilsholm, Caine	3	11
N000734	Cullen, Greg	5	16
N007721	Di Mento, Anthony	3	10
N000735	Fitzpatrick, Matthew	1	18
N002216	Gainsford, Peter	3	11
N002303	Holst, Phil	6	16
N003346	McMaster, Andrew	11	12
N000736	Pennycook, Aiden	5	10
N000737	Pennycook, David	29	17
N000738	Pennycook, Matthew	13	17
N008585	Tunstead, Stephen	0	13
N000742	Van Der Steege, Ian	0	15
		0	0

MJ		Goals	Played
N002989	Corry, Daniel	1	13
N002799	Baxter, Lucas	0	9
N002360	Butcher, Tim	4	9
N006642	Scott, Ben	5	14
N002361	Weir, Simon	1	12
N006314	Vaughan, James	6	9
N002354	Roach, Liam	12	11
N002987	Martin, Tyler	16	11
N002351	Hahn, Robert	11	13
N002990	Roach, Aidan	11	8
N006088	Boyle, Ashley	11	12
N002350	Pavey, Julian	3	11
N002356	Reid, Tristan	1	13
N004836	Watkinson, Chad	2	4
N004771	Hahn, Patrick	1	2
N002990	Roach, Aidan	0	1

MSJ		Goals	Played
N004738	Baxter, Blair	0	10
N004752	Corry, Jack	2	12
N004771	Hahn, Patrick	13	13
N008726	Hayes, Thomas	0	9
N009116	Johansson, Oskar	3	8
N004782	Johnston, Sam	1	7
N004788	Long, Patrick	0	12
N004789	Lorraine, William	1	5
N006640	O'Sullivan, Blake	0	11
N004805	Parker, Bradley	0	7
N008584	Schumacher, Ben	2	11
N007722	Sculthorpe, Jacob	2	13
N004837	Watkinson, Blake	0	10
N004836	Watkinson, Chad	39	13
N008586	Windon, Kieron	0	7

Player Statistics

L2		Goals	Played
N002428	Sieff, Ashley	0	1
N008608	Buzo, Eva	13	15
N007657	McGinty, Fiona	15	15
N000877	Eddington, Amelia	3	15
N002254	Dill Macky, Sarah	1	12
N002362	Douglas, Lyndal	2	11
N001012	Yep, Malinda	2	9
N002032	Gray, Danielle	2	13
N000549	Gofers, Allira	20	13
N002342	Murphy, Nicola	2	14
N002343	Salmon, Kiara	3	13
N000627	Clancy, Rochelle	4	10
N000391	Farrell, Emma	0	7
N001988	White, Belinda	1	5
N002333	Gough, Ineke	0	7
N002336	Mumford, Jessica	0	2
N004797	McGraw, Kate	0	1
N006068	Mirabito, Elise	1	1
N001989	White, Danielle	0	1
N004829	Tibbertsma, Johanna	0	1
N006315	Horton, Katharine	0	1

L5		Goals	Played
N000764	Tuite, Wendy	7	14
N000756	Fitzpatrick, Karren	7	18
N001029	Reid, Jill	3	19
N000765	Ullio, Annalisa	0	18
N008601	De Carli, Claudia	4	19
N002347	Van Der Ley, Jaime-Lee	5	19
N000762	Sharrock, Sue	20	17
N007686	Cowmey, Kathleen	0	4
N002344	Palmer, Emma	0	2
N001779	Menday, Rachel	0	1
N000753	Douglas, Clare	1	15
N004829	Tibbertsma, Johanna	1	2
N002363	Wrigley, Mikala	11	14
N008776	Van Doornik, Yolanda	4	8
N000754	Farrington, Meg	13	16
N008973	Collie, Debbie	15	14

L3		Goals	Played
N002428	Sieff, Ashley	0	8
N002328	Cipriani, Lora	18	13
N004761	Ellis, Lauren	0	1
N001779	Menday, Rachel	0	9
N000765	Ullio, Annalisa	0	3
N002346	Corry, Sarah	5	13
N002248	Cowmey, Erin	0	7
N008601	De Carli, Claudia	0	1
N007660	Palmer, Alice	0	1
N008608	Buzo, Eva	1	1
N000877	Eddington, Amelia	0	1
N002344	Palmer, Emma	1	6
N002336	Mumford, Jessica	2	7
N001988	White, Belinda	1	4
N002333	Gough, Ineke	0	6
N004829	Tibbertsma, Johanna	1	3
N006315	Horton, Katharine	0	3
N003917	Cowley, Alexandria	0	3
N004812	Reid, Serena	0	3
N004808	Pittorino, Ellen	1	6
N000391	Farrell, Emma	0	3
N004797	McGraw, Kate	1	5
N008776	Van Doornik, Yolanda	0	1
N002370	Sheldrick, Eloise	0	1
N003900	Boyle, Devon	1	2
N004778	Horton, Rachel	0	2
N004818	Sheldrick, Beatrix	0	1
N007659	Fogarty, Genevieve	0	3
N006068	Mirabito, Elise	1	5
N002335	Coy, Becky	0	1
N001029	Reid, Jill	0	1
N002363	Wrigley, Mikala	0	1
N002347	Van Der Ley, Jaime-Lee	0	1
N000754	Farrington, Meg	0	1
N000753	Douglas, Clare	0	1
N001989	White, Danielle		4
N000130	Swift, Olivia		2

Player Statistics

LJA		Goals	Played
N004829	Tibbertsma, Johanna	2	13
N002254	Dill Macky, Sarah	2	11
N002336	Mumford, Jessica	4	11
N002342	Murphy, Nicola	8	9
N001989	White, Danielle	0	4
N001988	White, Belinda	4	13
N003917	Cowley, Alexandria	3	12
N006315	Horton, Katharine	0	9
N002333	Gough, Ineke	1	12
N000391	Farrell, Emma	0	5
N002343	Salmon, Kiara	6	9
N006068	Mirabito, Elise	0	7
N007659	Fogarty, Genevieve	0	3
N004797	McGraw, Kate	0	2
N003900	Boyle, Devon	0	1
N004812	Reid, Serena	0	3
N004808	Pittorino, Ellen	0	3

LJB		Goals	Played
N008607	Williams, Zara	0	8
N002334	Morrison, Nicola	2	6
N006318	Ireland, Elise	6	10
N002337	Poletto, Gabriella	0	8
N001778	Menday, Jackie	1	6
N004797	McGraw, Kate	0	1
N006068	Mirabito, Elise	0	1
N002335	Coy, Becky	6	11
N008604	Richardson, Thea	3	9
N004800	Murphy, Kate	0	6
N008605	Salmon, Lauren	0	3
N006939	Cowley, Georgia	0	6
N008603	Hughes-Jones, Lucy	3	7
N008602	De Carli, Lara	2	6
N002332	Paine, Sarah Louise	5	2
N002370	Sheldrick, Eloise	1	8
N002340	Tsirekas, Alexandra	3	8
N000130	Swift, Olivia	2	8
N002337	Poletto, Gabriella	1	3
N008600	Browne, Holly	0	1
N007660	Palmer, Alice	0	2
N002337	Poletto, Gabriella	2	1
N004748	Christodoulou, Frances	0	4
N008725	Eldridge, Mikaela	3	3

LSJA		Goals	Played
N004812	Reid, Serena	1	14
N004808	Pittorino, Ellen	17	16
N000391	Farrell, Emma	25	15
N004797	McGraw, Kate	12	14
N001989	White, Danielle	15	12
N006068	Mirabito, Elise	14	14
N004778	Horton, Rachel	3	14
N003900	Boyle, Devon	7	15
N004818	Sheldrick, Beatrix	2	14
N007659	Fogarty, Genevieve	7	16

LSJB		Goals	Played
N004748	Christodoulou, Frances	4	14
N004800	Murphy, Kate	7	13
N004761	Ellis, Lauren	5	15
N004819	Slater, Rebecca	6	16
N008600	Browne, Holly	10	14
N008605	Salmon, Lauren	15	13
N006939	Cowley, Georgia	9	16
N004783	Jones, Nathalie	6	13
N004739	Baxter, Morgan	4	12
N008606	Warwick, Jessica	1	13
N007660	Palmer, Alice	6	12
N008725	Eldridge, Mikaela	10	14
N004842	Wyatt, Rebecca	3	9

Financial Statement

DRUMMOYNE WATER POLO CLUB INC INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT FROM 1ST MAY, 2004 TO 27TH APRIL, 2005

	<u>2004/05</u>	<u>2003/04</u>	
Operations			
Members Fees	\$28,517.00	\$23,728.00	
Junior Development Fees	\$6,550.00		
School Holiday Camp profit	\$1,272.45	\$971.00	
NSW Water Polo fees	-\$23,315.70	-\$21,695.00	
Equipment Purchases	-\$1,899.16	-\$3,780.00	
Sub Junior Admin fee		-\$2,844.00	
Pool hire	-\$5,738.05	-\$1,674.00	
Junior Rep grants	-\$2,200.00	-\$600.00	
T Shirts & awards	-\$3,568.07	-\$3,899.55	
Junior State/National Champ.	-\$3,633.07	-\$3,105.00	
Coaching Fees	-\$20,300.00	-\$7,500.00	
Bank Fees	-\$187.40	-\$217.00	
Printing & Stationery		-\$1,474.00	
Wingham trip	-\$417.56	-\$550.00	
Junior Disco	-\$250.00	-\$295.00	
Snr Girls Raymond Terrace trip	-\$210.00	-\$430.50	
Other		-\$813.25	-\$24,178.30
Sponsorships		\$19,505.00	
less advertising booklet		-\$2,500.00	\$17,005.00
Parliament House Luncheon net position		\$19,687.26	\$33,684.00
Costume Sales to date	\$2,145.00	\$1,715.00	
less cost of purchase	-\$3,398.33	-\$1,253.33	-\$2,107.00
200 Club		\$650.00	
75th Anniversary T/shirts		-\$3,145.16	
Clubroom			
Bar takings	\$13,606.50	\$10,079.49	
Room Hire	\$4,250.00	\$2,756.00	
Clocks Hire/Recovery	\$3,232.33		
Foxtel hire	-\$314.60		
Electricity & Water	-\$595.66		
Responsible Service of Alcohol courses	-\$550.00		
Food & Bar purchases	-\$9,170.61	-\$9,965.47	
Website hosting	-\$332.00		
Furniture purchase	-\$5,200.00		
Lease to Council		-\$100.00	
Legal fees re lease	-\$1,143.23		
Donation for wake	-\$500.00		
Honour Board		-\$1,485.00	
Band & Karaoke hire	-\$410.00	-\$500.00	
Insurance	-\$653.09		
Carpet & Club Cleaning	-\$397.50	-\$1,066.00	
BBQ purchase & cover	-\$440.00	-\$2,790.09	
Banner purchase	-\$588.50		
Oven purchase	-\$1,200.00		
Safe Purchase		-\$79.00	
Repairs & Maintenance	-\$1,070.38	-\$648.13	-\$3,798.20
Profit for the year to date		<u>\$10,772.47</u>	<u>\$20,605.50</u>
Plus opening bank account balance (30/4/04)		\$57,043.07	\$36,437.57
Closing bank account balance (27/04/05)		<u>\$67,815.54</u>	<u>\$57,043.07</u>
<u>Monies Outstanding as at 31/03/05</u>			
Members fees Summer 04/05	\$640.00		
Luncheon Tickets	\$250.00		
Luncheon Auction	\$14,315.00		
75th Anniversary T/shirts (74 x \$75)	\$5,550.00		
200 Club	\$9,000.00		
	<u>\$29,755.00</u>		
Members fees outstanding Summer 04/05			
Jared Tobin	\$100.00		
Dane Sanders	\$540.00		
	<u>\$640.00</u>		

Michael Corry – member since 1983

Michael Corry joined Drummoyne Water Polo Club (DWPC) in 1983 after realising that his Olympic aspirations could not be achieved as a swimmer. Armed with his ability to swim a sub 60 second for 100 metres Michael joined the many water polo enthusiasts training at Drummoyne pool on Monday and Thursday evening, intent on improving his “water polo” skills.

It soon became evident that although Michael could be relied upon to win the swim up from the Iron Cove end of the pool (the short end,) his water polo skills were those of a rock under water and not a water polo player. He would to the end, refer to his skills as “still under development”.

Without ever proceeding past the club’s lowest grade, it was his presence at post-game analysis that he excelled. His regular injections of humour and wit melded with his kind nature will be remembered by all Club members. He always talked up the positives and the opportunities that lay ahead. Regularly decked out in his red devil gear, Michael would be the anchor of many debates and discussions into the wee hours of Wednesday mornings.

A founding member of the “car park club” Michael was instrumental in the Club’s vision to have their own clubroom at Drummoyne. Many an hour was spent in parking bays #1 and 2 plotting the future of the DWPC clubroom. Once in operation, Michael was one of the select few who had a key to the Clubroom bar. As the nearest resident to the pool Michael would often receive a phone call on Tuesday or Wednesday nights from the last drinkers to lock-up the clubroom. Sneaking out without waking Cathy and the kids, he would arrive asking and, some would say “hoping,” that the remaining members would want a “flemcutter” before locking up.

One got a sense that the “prince of darkness” relied on Tuesday night water polo as a personal escape from his ever-busy schedule of supporting family, other sporting groups and the community at large.

The dental fraternity and the community respected Michael’s ability as a dentist. However few made an appointment to see Michael on the morning after his playing game night. Some would say that water polo assisted Michael’s golf as he chose to recover by playing a round on Wednesday mornings, preferring to exercise on the golf course rather than lounge in the dental chair reading the Sydney Morning Herald, as he was known to do between patients.

After eight hectic seasons as a player and also failing to impress the Olympic selectors, Michael in 1996 turned his talents to coaching, when his daughter Anna took up water polo. Believing he was the appropriate person to teach his daughter the “grapple and tackle” of water polo, his services were accepted as coach of the Drummoyne Under 14 girl’s team. So in conjunction with Les Wark, Michael founded the Drummoyne Junior Water Polo programme, which is now recognised as one of the most successful junior programmes in Australia. Anna, Louisa and Sarah accepted Michael’s continued involvement as coach while Daniel was relieved when Michael made the decision to remain with the junior girls program. Jack also plays with DWPC and it is hoped Liam will carry on the famous Corry tradition.

While the pundits were unsure of Michael’s ability as a coach (the girls didn’t win a game in the first three seasons,) the girls knew they didn’t have to win to enjoy their water polo. Michael’s inspirational pre game talks will long live in the memories of everyone who had the opportunity to be coached by him. The vision of Michael in his straw hat telling the girls “remember Mr Wark’s first rule of water polo, don’t give up” and “the second rule of water polo don’t pass the ball to someone not looking at you”. When questioned by the players, what happened to Mr Wark – Michael’s response was “he gave up”.

His career as a coach peaked this year; with his beloved 5th Grade Ladies team blasting their opponents out of the water to win their grand final, with champagne water polo. Michael was proud of the girl’s achievement and was involved to the end, coaching the girls. Michael’s final game on pool deck saw the girls seal a spot in the grand final with a resounding 11 – 1 victory. Michael was disappointed that he couldn’t make the Grand Final. He was however a proud coach, after receiving his winner’s medal presented to him by the girl’s team to share their victory just days before his passing.

Michael had a vision to develop the Club’s women’s program. Aside from the success of the Ladies 5th Grade team this season, the junior girls were runners up in the NSW Championships and also made the grand final of the Sydney competition. This season has been a tough but a proud one for Michael, who would prefer all to remember the successes and not dwell on his circumstances. Michael would say, “whatever has to be done, do it”.

Michael’s strong commitment to community activities saw him as a regular on the Club’s touring parties. Never dominating the spotlight, you were always guaranteed of an enjoyable trip if you sat next to him on the bus. From “Roy &

HG" impersonations, to quotes from leading politicians and well-known academics, it was only a matter of time before he referred to someone as a "joke". His wit was unsurpassed.

As a tourist he was one of the best and bravest having taken the DWPC Under 14 girls team on tour to the Mullumbimby Masters. However his most infamous touring moment occurred at the 1989 World Masters on the Gold Coast. He arrived at the Gold Coast with Cathy and the kids all thinking they were having a family holiday. However, on arrival Michael informed the family that he had been selected to represent Drummoyne Water Polo Club in the over 35s.

There were many times when the microphone was Michael's best friend. He was the first to put his hand up to sing, bringing the room to a standstill with his rendition of "Hit the Road Jack", with his back up singers Cathy, Kath & Clare, in hat and sunglasses having a ball.

Throughout his 22 years of involvement with DWPC, Michael had this identifiable love for the Club. He would often refer to DWPC as his "home away from home". Everything he did was for the Club. At the Club's 75th Anniversary lunch held at Parliament House early this year, Michael completed his last chemo treatment in the morning and then tucked himself into his 'bag of fruit'. He was the first to arrive and last to leave.

Michael had the uncanny knack of making people laugh in tough times. This last period was a tough time for Michael but there were no complaints. At the beginning of the season Michael ordered some water polo club gear – a polo shirt, rugby jersey, beanie (to keep his head warm in hospital) and cap. He chose to personalise his items with "painless." Although this was a nickname from way back, it also symbolised his intentions in fighting his illness head on, with courage and dignity.

Michael made Drummoyne Water Polo Club a happy place to visit. His commitment and dedication to the Club cannot be fully represented in words. For Michael was a "true" Clubman, acknowledged in 2003 winning the prestigious Clubman of the Year Award. His love for Water Polo had him on pool deck from Tuesday to Sunday, leaving Monday as his rest day. This was coupled with his swimming commitments in the morning and Drummoyne Swimming Club on Saturdays. Michael certainly got his value out the annual pool pass.

Michael always had a smile, a quick joke, and a kind word. He would talk to anyone and everyone - sometimes with a little shuffle if he felt uneasy. He would do anything to make people happy and keep their spirits high. For Michael nothing was ever an issue. With his aura of calmness along with a quick turn of wit, he was always able to turn a situation of panic to clarity – as many would say, the "painless" touch.

There is not a person in the 75-year history that better represents the Club's values and beliefs than Michael Corry. His commitment to community and family were unparalleled. His belief of sport as participation, personal development, community interaction and achievement were noticed by all that came in contact with him.

Michael valued life as a journey. And when you were in his company, whether it was only for a short time, you had a warm glowing appreciation of that journey, and were thankful to be part of it.

Michael Alan Corry – "Ordinary water polo player, extraordinary person, wonderful husband, father, son and friend. Loved by everyone who knew him".

VALE MICHAEL CORRY