



I am pleased to present the 2022 Annual report for the Bond University Rugby Club (Bond University RC). This is my 8th and Final Annual report as I step down as President at the end of the year.

When one takes on a role such as this, the objective has to be to leave the club in a much better position than when you took it over. The key to ensuring that this happens, is to have top class people on the board and to this end I would like to thank my fellow board members for their support over the years. Not only did we focus on improving the relationship with the local schools and Gold Coast Districts Rugby Union, we established the Brailsford-Brown cup to foster rivalry between the two universities and we made a strategic decision to put substantial resources into woman's rugby. To this end, Selena Tranter, a female dual international of indigenous heritage, was appointed to the board to assist with the implementation of this strategy with outstanding results. COVID stress tested the very fabric of our club, and it was amazing to see the response during these trying times. Everyone clearly cared for each other especially those who were doing it tough as a result of injury or the pandemic and which is the unbreakable bond that makes us all proud to be a member of this rugby club and to be called a Bondi. While Bob Gordon and Terry Jackman were unwavering in their determination to establish a third-grade side which has proven to be the backbone of our club it must be said that the building of our clubhouse was monumental in the history of the club as it gave us a home to be proud of. The Bond Rugby community stepped up financially and with the support of the University, who matched members dollar for dollar, we built our magnificent clubhouse and created our home. The adding of considerable resources to our colts' program for young aspirant players helped us to create an inclusive club for both men and woman to play both sevens and fifteens. All this could not have happened without the dedication of the club executive, the players, the managers, the coaches, the physios, the sponsors, the referees and especially, all their partners who put up with the long hours that we all put into our club to make it the successful and competitive club that it is. This season the preparation and conditioning was world class and on the back of the Club's most successful year in 2021, we are disappointed to have had only 2 teams in the Premier Finals series in 2022 but this was over shadowed by our successes as outlined below:

CLUB PERFORMANCE SUMMARY

1st Grade Men: 5th

1st Grade Women: 2022 Premiers

2nd Grade Men: Final's 4th

3rd Grade Men: 7th

Colts 1: Final's 6th

Colts 2: Final's 5th

Women's 7s: National Women's University 7s Champions, QLD Club State Champions

Men's 7s: Fiji 7s winners, ECP GC7s Champions, QLD Club State Championship runner up

Coomera Crushers Women: 2022 Premiers

Continuing our support for the growth of the game in Southeast Queensland Bond University RC had >>> dual registered players with GCDRU Clubs, the majority of these being in the women's and Colts programs again in 2022.

Bond University RC had 279 Registrations, including 209 Men's senior players, 68 Women's senior players, 24 Women's AON7s players, 50 staff and as well as many volunteers. I am proud also to acknowledge that more than 50 of these player registrations were Bond University Students which is important for our long-term strategic engagement plan.



REPRESENTATIVE PLAYERS

We are proud to acknowledge our representative players

Wallabies: James Slipper, Cayden Neville

Wallaroos: Maddison Schuck

Junior Wallabies: Harrison Usher, Dylan Loader

Super Rugby: Alex Mafi, Zane Nonggorr, Angus Blyth, Spencer Jeans, Wilson Blyth, George Blake, Joey Fittock, Jack Winchester (Force), James Slipper (Brumbies), Tui Samusamuvodre (Drua), Jo Tomane (Drua)

QLD Super W: Lucy Lockhart, Caity Costello, Madi Schuck, Melanie Wilkes, Sophie Holyman, Grace Qaranivalu, Tasmin Sheppard, Skyla Adams, Imogen Hei.

Men's QLD President's XV: Levi Samuela, Connor Pritchard, Jake Upfield, Dan Boardman, Rhys Sherriff, Tyler Campbell, Joey Fittock,

Men's Reds Academy: Wilson Blyth, Carson Patu, Harrison Usher

Men's QLD u19s: Harrison Usher, Dylan Loader

Commonwealth Games Gold medallists: Maddison Levi, Charlotte Caslick, Teagen Levi

Australian women's National 7s Series winners: Teagan Levi, Maddison Levi, Charlotte Caslick

Australian Youth 7s: Ava Wereta, Amahlia Hala, Dianne Waight

Women's QAS Academy: Faythe Manera, Georgia Sims.

SPONSORS

I would like to acknowledge our major Sponsors, Land Rover Gold Coast, Kennards Hire, ECP Asset Management and Morgan's Financial Surfers Paradise. All considerable contributors and supporters of our Club. I would also like to acknowledge Webninja, QLDBCCC, 90.9 SeaFM, Cutter & Buck, ASAP Mobile Mechanics, Maries pizza, Tyrepower Varsity Lakes, Airey Electrical, BBC Digital, Mikes Kitchen, MBA Lawyers, Mitchell Accountants, and Zone Planning for their support in 2022. We proudly support 10c Tom, Donate Life, and Marcus Mission in our community and sponsor the Gold Coast Districts Rugby Cyclones Program and 1st Fives Rugby.

I would like to thank our Phoenix Club members for their donation to a very worthy cause supporting the mental and physical health of the players in the Club, our Rugby Board, Bond University, and the Rugby Staff. I would like to thank Terry Jackman AM, and John Eales AM, who support and enable the opportunity for a selected player, annually, to study and play rugby at Bond University under the prestigious John Eales Rugby Excellence Scholarship.

EVENTS

We were proud to host the Wallaroos at various times during the year including their pre RWC camp. We also hosted Fiji v Japan and Japan v Wallaroos Women's international fixtures at Bond. Our Ladies Day, Indigenous Round, Past Players Day, and our season launch were all supported well and 230 people attended our Gala presentation night at The Star to celebrate the Club's 2022 achievements. The ECP Gold Coast 7s, in its 2nd year back on the Gold Coast has also been included in the Women's QLD State Championship Series, culminating in the QLD State Club Championships in Noosa in November.

EXTERNAL ENGAGEMENT

Through continued investment in our Communication plans, the Club increased its social media again in 2022 by 622%, and we attracted an increase in new followers, up by 575%.

I wish incoming president Heath Hill and the Rugby Club all the best in 2023 and I will remain a supporter of the Bond University Rugby Club,



Dr Manny Pohl AM
President
Bond University Rugby