



PRESIDENT REPORT FOR 2017

The 2017 season started with a new registration system introduced by Sydney Juniors Rugby Union. The pre-season was quite difficult as Try rugby and training were cancelled due to bad weather and field closures. This season saw Wests Juniors return to using St Lukes fields 2 and 3 after the restoration was completed by Westconnex.

The Minis competition continued to be successful in 2017. We fielded 9 teams from U6 to U9 and training for the minis moved to St Lukes North on a Wednesday night. Again in 2017 the U8s and 9s participated in the Chatswood Challenge Cup Gala Day and the U9s travelled to Boronia to play in the Dufficy Cup.

The Juniors home games during the season were played on St Lukes North. This field is of exceptional quality created by Canada Bay Council and Wests Juniors were the envy of all other visiting clubs. Unfortunately, the facilities were not completed in time for the beginning of the season and we needed to use a temporary canteen and change rooms. In 2018 we will have not only a high quality field but also new facilities as they are near completion.

Wests had 6 junior teams in the Sydney Juniors Rugby Union competition for 2017. Although we didn't have teams in all age groups this year we are very slowly closing the gaps and we had good numbers for the age groups we did field.

Three of our teams U10, U11 and U12A's were successful during the season and made it to the semi finals. The U10's went on to win the plate final and the U11's who have made it to the finals two years running put on a strong performance but unfortunately went down to Blacktown who proved stronger on the day. This year Wests successfully hosted the Semi finals and U15's Finals for Sydney Junior Rugby Union 2017 season, these were held on St Lukes fields 2 and 3.

In 2015 Wests Juniors Girls Rugby was created and they have gone from strength to strength ever since. This season the girls fielded U12, U14, U16, U18 teams in the SJRU sizzling sevens competition on a Saturday night. The girls were very successful and put in strong performances across all three waves. This year the girls also competed at State Champs, Bowral 7's and Trans Tasman 7's. Again they were successful and dominated all 3 competitions.

In 2017 we teamed up with CSP and provided holiday camps for Wests Juniors players, we will continue to work with CSP in 2018 to provide holiday camps at no cost to our players. This year Wests have introduced a new club logo which is more child friendly and something the kids can identify with. Later in the year we will unveil our new gear store online and website.

It has been a great honour to lead Wests Juniors over the past two years and I look forward to being apart of this great club for many years to come.