

2004

Annual Report
& audited financial statements

GPS RUGBY



The Gallopers

*The GPS Club exists to promote and foster excellence and enjoyment in the
"running game" of Rugby football*

*And, in so doing, assist the progress of members
along the broader pathway of life.*

*In pursuit of the mission, we will actively promote the following values:
developing the whole person, respecting individual and group responsibilities,
upholding the standards of a responsible community organisation and catering
for the needs of players at all levels.*

GPS Mission Statement

Honour Board

GPS Club Presidents

Sir Kenneth Fraser
 A. Falk
 C. McCarthy
 W. Scott
 R.A. Nicol 1950-57
 H. Edwards
 W. Boyd 1964-70
 A. Flynn 1970-72
 D. Lacy-Jones 1973-78
 W. Bligh 1979-81
 R.S. Roberts 1982-83
 L.G. Jones 1984-86
 A.R. Taylor 1987-89
 R.J. Thomson 1990-98
 P.J. McGahan 1999-2002
 P.L. Reid 2003-

**Australian
Representatives**

L.S. Lewis 1931/34/36
 J.B.T. Doneley 1934
 W.P.J. Ide 1938
 B.D. Oxlade 1938
 W.J. McLean 1939/46-48
 J.R. McLean 1946
 E.G. Broad 1947-49
 K.C. Winning 1947-48/51
 A. Ware 1949
 D.I. McMillan 1950
 P.D. Thompson 1950
 C.J. Primmer 1951
 G.G. Jones 1952-56
 G.R. Horsley 1953-54
 B.A. Wright 1955
 A.F.M. Boyd 1958
 O. F. Edwards 1961
 P.D. Perrin 1962
 D.S. Rathie 1971-72
 C.M. Carberry 1973-76/81-82
 D.W. Hillhouse 1975-76/83
 G. G. Shambrook 1976
 D. Codey 1984-86
 A.G. Herbert 1987/89-93
 R. Constable 1993-94
 D. Herbert 1994-2002
 B. Tune 1996-2002
 M.J. Cockbain 1997-2003
 D. Heenan 2003

**Queensland
Representatives
1930-1949**

J.O. East 1931/33/34
 F.M. Nicholson
 1931/33/35/36
 L.S. Lewis 1932-37
 J. Williams 1932
 R. Gregory 1932
 J.B. Doneley 1932-34
 L.J. East 1933
 J. Callaghan 1933
 M.D. Cullen 1933
 C.H. Smith 1933
 M. Muller 1934
 P.L. Dixon 1934-36
 W.N. Douglas 1937
 R.H. Bently 1937
 C.R. Hockings 1937

W.J. Ide 1938/39
 G. Denman 1938
 W.M. McLean 1939/46/47
 A. Ware 1945-47
 R. Fay 1945
 A.K. Winning 1945-47/50
 J. Kirk 1946-47
 J. McLean 1946-47
 R. Proctor 1946
 E.G. Broad 1947-49
 J. Irwin 1947
 P. Thompson 1948-50
 I. McMillan 1949-50

1950-69

I. Nichol 1950
 R. Colbert 1950-51
 P. Robinson 1950-51/55
 G.G. Jones 1951
 J. Raff 1951
 G. Marles 1951-52
 B. Menkens 1952
 B.R. Mills 1952-53
 G.R. Horsley 1952-55
 R. Freudenberg 1953
 J. Greene 1953
 B. Wright 1954-56/59-61
 G. Newton 1955
 F. Thompson 1955-56
 R.M. Shaw 1956-57
 K. Brasch 1956-57
 J. Paskins 1956-57
 J. R. Harris 1957
 R. Swann 1957-58
 J. Gilbert 1957
 A. Boyd 1958-60
 B.W. Boyd 1959
 D. Rylance 1960
 T. Carew 1960-64/66
 J. Carson 1961
 O. Edwards 1961-63/67
 D.B. Clark 1961-64/66-69/71
 P. Perrin 1962
 B. Egan 1962
 W. Gunn 1963-64
 J.A. Dagleish 1960/63/65
 J. Duff 1963
 G. Golding 1963-64
 D. Latter 1964-65
 D. Whittle 1964
 D. Taylor 1964
 W. Reilly 1964
 B.J. Munro 1964
 E.A. Kann 1966-68
 L.M. Nutt 1967
 A. White 1969

1970-90

P. McBaron 1970
 L.J. Graham 1970-74
 I.D. Clark 1971-73/80
 D. Rathie 1971-2/77
 D. Withers 1971-73
 M. Jack 1972-73
 C.K. Smith 1972
 P. Bissett 1973
 G. Shambrook 1974-77
 D. Hillhouse 1975-78/83
 G. Brand 1975-80

J. Johanssen 1975
 D. Regeling 1975-78
 R. Hayes 1977
 A. Austin 1981
 C. Carberry 1981
 M. Arnold 1982
 T. Coker 1983-84
 M. Phillips 1983-85
 A. Dick 1984
 D. Codey 1984-86
 A. Herbert 1986-94
 D. Phillips 1986-87
 D. Reidy 1987
 I. Siganiyavi 1989-90

1990-2004

D. Herbert 1993-2003
 M. Murray 1993-2000
 M. Ware 1994
 R. Constable 1994-96
 J. Reilly 1994-95
 B. Tune 1995-2003
 C. Knapp 1995-98
 M. Cockbain 1995-2003
 M. Flanagan 1996
 A. Coombe 1996
 B. Cockbain 1996-98
 T. McVerry 2000-4
 D. Heenan 2000, 03-4
 A. Mathison 2001-4
 P. Warwick 2001-2
 B. Wakely 2002-3
 M. Tabrett 2002-3
 A. Farley 2002
 Tim Atkinson 2003-4
 J. Pelesasa 2004
 A. Scott 2004

ACT Brumbies

T. Atkinson 2002

**Women's
Queensland**

W. Coe 2000

500 Club Games

R.J. Thomson (723)

200 First Grade Games

D.B. Clark 1966
 E.A. Kann 1970
 I.D. Clark 1975
 R.J. Thomson 1975
 R. Nerichow 1977

200 Club Games

I.R. Colquhoun
 D.J. Park
 R. Mortimer
 T. Jesser
 D. Stevenson
 J. Garde
 L.G. Jones
 R.S. Roberts
 L.J. Graham
 M. Arnold
 K. Bolton

100 First Grade Games

T. Carew 1964

O.F. Edwards 1966
 J.A. Dagleish 1967
 D. Latter 1969
 P. McBaron 1973
 G. Brand 1979
 A. Austin 1982
 K. Bolton 1985
 D. Phillips 1989
 L. Tuqiri 1989
 J. Taylor 1992
 M. Jensen 1993
 A. Herberts 1994
 J. Reilly 1996
 J. Moss 2001

GPS Club Captains

J. Duff 1964
 G.G. Whittle 1965-66
 D.B. Clark 1967-69
 E. Kann 1970-73
 L.J. Graham 1974-75
 R.J. Thomson 1976
 G. Shambrook 1977
 D. Burrows 1978
 R. Nerichow 1979-80
 B. Barnhill 1981
 M. Oberhardt 1982
 R.J. Thomson 1983
 M. Phillips 1984
 K. Bolton 1985-86
 D. Phillips 1987
 M. Frisby 1988
 L. DiClemente 1989
 A. Herbert 1990-92
 G. Harris 1993-94
 J. Reilly 1995-96
 M. Murray 1997-98
 T. Forno 1999
 J. Steel 2000
 P. Farmer 2001
 A. Smith 2002
 J. Moss 2003
 C. Wright 2004

2004 OFFICE BEARERS

Patron:	Dudley Dick
President:	Paul Reid
Honorary Treasurer:	Rob Ferguson
Honorary Secretary:	Paul McGahan
Management Committee:	President, Treasurer, Secretary, Ron Cervetto, Kevin Hoare, John Sexton, Tim Ferguson, Peter Garbett, Phil Perkins
General Manager:	Rod Torkington
Development Officer:	Chris Lane
Club Coaches:	Premier Grade: Michael Heenan/ Marcus Riley 1st Grade: Paul Garner / Mark Easton 2nd Grade: George Twohill 3rd Grade: Stephen Smith 4th Grade: Scott Lavaring Colts Squad: Alex Pope / Steve Calder Colts I: Chris Lane / Justin Barlow (part season) Colts II: Terry Donovan / Tim Ferguson Colts III: Darren Kayrooz / Daniel Tasker
Club Selector:	George Bickerstaff
Club Captain:	Chris Wright
Life Members:	C.J. Kaus, R.A. Nicol, K. Percy, M.R. Williams, G.C. Jones, G.R. Horsley, I.R. Colquhoun, A. Flynn, R.J. Park, R.S. Roberts, D.J.A. Clark, R.J. Thomson, B. Loel, N.A. Burrows, W. Bligh, G. Bickerstaff, R. Torkington, A. Taylor, G. Rylance
Ground Life Members:	G. Walker, I.H. Fraser, R.A. Duus, D. Rylance, R.J. Thomson, A. Edwards, B. Loel, A.R. Roberts, R.W. Bligh, K.G. Aaron, R. Farquhar, L.G. Jones, I. Robertson, Dr K. Woodhead, B. Coombes, N.A. Burrows, D. O'Reilly, D. Stevenson, B.G.S. Schooley, R.A. Anderson, P.J. Short, R.S. Roberts, J. Madden, Judge B.M. McLoughlin, G.G. Shambrook, D. Withers, D.J. Boucher, G. Rylance, R.A. Bernays, Dr C.J. Osborne R. Mortimer, E.A. Kann, D. Squires, J.B. Young, A. Carew, G. Ferguson, B. Sakzewski, O. Maynes, I.D. Clark, C. Carberry, L.J. Graham, D. Dick, M. Arnold
QRU Office Bearers:	QRU Board: R. Thomson QRU Vice President: P. McGahan Delegates: W. Bligh, P. Reid QRU Judiciary: W Bligh QRU Judicial Appeals Committee: A R Taylor
Auditor:	J. Amos

New Life Member - Graham Rylance

The 2003 AGM voted unanimously to bestow Life Membership on **Graham Rylance**, in recognition of his long and meritorious service to the club, which had to that time included:

Club Secretary 1958-59, 1963-64, 1974-75

Hon Registrar 1964-65

1st Grade Manager 2002-3

2nd Grade Manager 2002

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Fellow club members, I have much pleasure in submitting for your consideration the President's Annual Report of the GPS Old Boys Rugby Union Club Inc for season 2004.

Acknowledgments

In this, my second year as GPS President, I am encouraged by a new feeling of energy around Yoku Road.

The omens are good: new people are standing up to be counted, there is a generally positive vibe among the players, the level of co-operation with the Ashgrove-GPS Juniors looks set to reach new heights and financially we are better off than some other clubs in Brisbane.

These things don't happen by accident. I as President and you as club members are fortunate to have a committed, hard-working management committee, talented and equally dedicated and hardworking coaches and managers, and many other helpers working away generally unheralded behind the scenes.

We're also fortunate to have as our general manager **Rod Torkington**, who keeps on keeping on while others in that role in other clubs fall by the wayside.

Our Development Officer **Chris Lane** has hit his straps this year, seemingly spending eight days a week in the service of Jeeps Rugby as coach of several colts and junior teams, and as chief recruiter and junior development officer for the Jeeps family in general. We'll have even more for him to do next year.

Your Management Committee had an injection of new blood this year and was the better for it. We were forced to function without a fulltime Club Secretary but **Paul McGahan** donned this hat as appropriate along with the others he wore - QRU Vice President and member of the GPS Rugby management group.

Based on our strategic planning initiative of last year we again had a system of portfolio responsibilities under which the club's business was to be organised and conducted. It again didn't work entirely the way we'd hoped but we will persist next year and try again to get it right.

The primary business of any rugby club is, as always, actually playing football, and it was here that we concentrated most of our resources. **Peter Garbett** chaired the GPS Rugby Portfolio and was assisted by **Paul McGahan** and **John Sexton**, and latterly by **Tim Ferguson**. Both Peter and Tim were welcome new additions to the management committee this year and will be back next year. Tim will take over as chairman of this group in 2005.

The second most important portfolio, Treasurer, was still vacant after the AGM last year, but thankfully **Rob Ferguson** answered our pleas and took on that vital role - and did it damned well. He was immediately on a steep learning curve and it didn't take him long to realise what he'd gotten himself in for. But with the valuable assistance of **Kathy Colwell** in helping Rob get the accounts and budgeting process in order we now have a more solid basis on which to plan our future.

Another new recruit to the group - a late addition who also must have rued the day he said yes to our blandishments - was **Phil Perkins**. Phil threw himself into the somewhat neglected role of managing grant applications and has also been one of the prime movers with **John Richards** of the Ashgrove-GPS Juniors in the meticulous planning of the outdoor kitchen project. Thankfully Phil will also be back again next year.

Business commitments prevented **Ron Cervetto** and **Kevin Hoare** from taking active roles in the running of the management committee, but Kevin was again a major sponsor and source of advice and support on the marketing and sponsorship front. Both have stepped down from their committee roles but Kevin will be back as a sponsor next year.

It's fair to say that we were left a bit shorthanded on the management committee this year and some things did suffer as a result. You may have noticed there were no club photos this year, for instance.

It's depressing to note that Peter Garbett is the only member of the 2004 management group to have played previously with the club. This indicates we have a serious problem in recruiting from the huge reservoir of former players out there. I would like to think that this shortcoming can be rectified in the not too distant future.

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Last week some of you may have attended a strategic issues meeting here at the club, at which some of the challenges and opportunities facing the club were raised and discussed. One of our shortcomings was on communication, and given that this was my other portfolio I have to enter a guilty plea here. The frequency of website and newsletter updates needs to be lifted.

Other shortcomings were also raised, but unfortunately they were not always accompanied by offers of help. Some stood up to be counted: our Club patron **Dudley Dick**, has put thousands of dollars into this club as a sponsor and is now offering to initiate a Patron's Club, to harness the energies and resources of the vast army of former Jeeps players out there.

Others who also stood up to be counted this year included the wonderful **Gerry Barlow** and her canteen helpers, who again served up the best value steakburgers in Brisbane, and **Chris Stewart**, who kept the Glue Factory ticking over on home game days.

At the start of the year the colts got together under the guidance of **Greg Geraghty** and **Rob Ferguson** to paint the gym and office. We'll be delighted to welcome Greg to the Management Committee in 2005.

Peter Garbett and other members of the management committee got a Thursday night sausage sizzle going after training, to improve interaction between grades and colts.

I would also like to thank the Players' Social Committee, an ad hoc group who organised the Annual Dinner (which proved popular despite one false start) and other special events during the year. This is a foundation we can build on, and those who were critical of some of the decisions made could usefully spend their time contributing to decisions rather than sitting back and bagging the efforts of others.

May I take this opportunity now to thank those who co-operated this year in modifying the lyrics of the Jeeps victory song, when it became clear that it could not continue in its previous form. I know old habits are hard to break, and the argument was put by some - usually anonymously on the website message board - that the song was part of some allegedly glorious Jeeps tradition. However common sense eventually prevailed. I remain of the view that we need a completely new club song, that reflects where we are and who we are now.

But to return to acknowledging those who made an enormous contribution: our coaches and managers who put in hundreds of hours for the sake of Jeeps Rugby.

Mick Heenan and **Marcus Riley** had to cope with a tough season for injuries but remained positive and smiling. We're thankful that both will be back next year.

Paul Garner and **Mark Easton** were our new Reserve Grade coaches and quickly learned that this is probably the hardest coaching job in the club when injuries hit higher up. Third and fourth grade suffered worse than most from player losses, with the experienced and laconic **George Twohill** - who's seen it all before, but perhaps not as bad as this - and enthusiastic newcomer **Steve Smith** both having to do frantic ringarounds on match morning to be sure of fielding a team. The situation was not helped by the competition structure which obliged us to play 5th grade as part of the main competition, and sometimes split up Premier and Reserve grade from the others. That will not be the case in 2005, when Premier will be a standalone competition.

Congratulations to **Scott Lavaring** and **Tony Mahoney** on getting their team to the finals. Fifth grade at times seemed to have more players than the rest of the club combined, which caused tensions higher up when the going got tough. But the 5ths frequently helped out by playing multiple games in the one day, which at least improved their level of fitness for the finals.

In Colts, **Chris Lane** and **Justin Barlow** began the year as Colts I coaches, under the guiding hands of **Alex Pope** and **Steve Calder**. Unfortunately study and work pressures meant that Justin had to stand aside midway through the season, but his support was always there and his was a welcome face in the dressing room after the grand final, was won 31-24 by an excellent Brothers side. Chris had ensured that his side was well prepared for the match and there were no excuses afterwards.

Terry Donovan took charge of Colts II, with assistance from Tim Ferguson and got them to the semis, while **Darren Kayrooz** and **Daniel Tasker** got the 3rds to the Grand Final, only to stumble at the final hurdle.

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Given that colts three had to forfeit the first game of the season through lack of numbers and Premier Colts had a lot of injury problems to deal with, it was a sterling effort by both to make it through to the final challenge.

Our club selector **George Bickerstaff** was at most training sessions and grade games keeping track of who was available and the club could not have functioned without the efforts of team managers **Simon Mammino, Tim Conroy, Joe Anderson, Graham Rylance, Tony Mahoney, Tim Ferguson and Garry Dean**.

GPS Rugby

Jeeps was delighted to see the selection of prop **Anthony Mathison** in the Australia A Squad for the French leg of the end of season northern tour, a fitting reward for persistence by "Bull" in his performances for Queensland and GPS. Hopefully he can now make the next step and force his way into the Wallaby squad.

Congratulations also to Jeeps' other Reds representatives, **Tim Atkinson, Junior Pelesasa, Tom McVerry, Angus Scott** and **Donovan Slade** (Old A) and our best wishes to Wallaby and Reds representatives **Dan Heenan** and **Ben Tune** on their expected return from injury in 2005. We bade a sad farewell to Queensland prop **Angus Scott** during the season when he decided to return home to country NSW after being released by the Reds.

Four colts players, **Martin Perkins** (Queensland and Australian Under 19), **Pat O'Connor, Peter Stevenson** and **Sean Graham** (Queensland Under 19) made it to senior representative honours.

This time last year we announced the signing of the GPS-Murrumba alliance to promote closer co-operation between the member clubs and broaden the Jeeps footprint to the southern edge of the Sunshine Coast.

The GPS-Murrumba Alliance is all about securing the long term survival of Jeeps Rugby. Clubs in the alliance region will field over 1,000 juniors next season, making us by far the largest rugby nursery in Brisbane.

The first public manifestation of that partnership agreement was to play our Premier Division home round against Norths at Caboolture. We will play a Premier Rugby match at Albany Creek-GPS in 2005, once their new clubhouse and dressing rooms are completed.

We'll also be putting more planning and effort next year into making the alliance work and into junior development in association with the alliance clubs and our own junior affiliates, Ashgrove-GPS and Albany Creek-GPS.

At the other end of the rugby player assembly line, we will also have a new Golden Oldies team operating out of Yoku Road in 2005 - "The Golden Gallopers" (or perhaps it should be the "Glue Factory XV"!)

The club looks forward to the exciting prospect of an expanded Premier Rugby competition in 2005 and a return to a more user-friendly competition structure for colts and grades.

Sponsorship

Kevin Hoare was again pivotal in Jeeps' retaining Nundah Mitsubishi as our Principal Sponsor in 2004, supplementing that with a contribution from his own company Fastway Couriers. We are delighted that both will be aboard again in 2005, but I can't stress enough how important is to support those who support your club. Sponsorship is a business arrangement and we need to give our sponsors our business.

We farewelled The Gap Tavern as a key sponsor in 2004. While we were sad to see them make that decision we are grateful for the many years of support we received from them.

Queensland Rugby sponsors Bank of Queensland, XXXX, Bartercard and Triple M, were again enthusiastic supporters of grassroots rugby and in 2004 we also welcomed the arrival of Telstra.

Jeeps also again benefited hugely from contributions from Bowser & Lever, Naturform, Brisbane Ice Sales, Ashgrove Air, Divine Flowers, Ferguson Betts, Hendra Hardware, Rapid Copy, Southcorp Wines,

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Stocks Appliances, Ultimate Buildings, Willman Concreting Service and World Rugby Specialists (KooGa). We thank them and urge you to favour them with your custom if you have the opportunity.

Ashgrove-GPS and Albany Creek-GPS

A change of management of the **Ashgrove-GPS** junior club promises a new era of closer co-operation between the senior and junior clubs to advance the overall cause of Jeeps Rugby. The enthusiasm of the new junior committee under President John Stubbings is a joy to behold and we look forward to working with them.

As a joint seniors-juniors project, planning is well advanced on a lockable outdoor kitchen on the brick paved area behind the scoreboard which will have a built-in barbecue and chip cookers. Hopefully before next season we can say farewell to the chore of lugging not-very-portable barbecues in and out of the dressing rooms. Our thanks to **Michael O'Kelly** of Ultimate Buildings for agreeing to undertake the job.

The **Albany Creek Brumbies** remain hugely loyal to Jeeps and their junior numbers have grown significantly this year. My congratulations to **Steve Taylor** and his team on another successful year and commiserations on the disaster that befell them when their canteen was gutted by fire. This should be replaced by a new, larger building in 2005, when we will help them celebrate by playing a Premier Grade game there.

Coaching Mentors in 2005

Alex Pope was the worthy winner of the Walter Boyd Memorial Trophy as Best Club Man for 2004. An award at GPS Old Boys Rugby Club represents an interesting signpost in Alex's rugby life. He is a former Brothers, Queensland and Australia player (a long, long, long time ago), but has put his heart and soul into development of this club for the past couple of years.

His association with the club, like so many of us, stems from being a parent in the Ashgrove-GPS Juniors. At Under 16 level he and his brother-in-law **Steve Calder** took the boys on a memorable camp to Barry Honan's Gold Coast Football carnival.

From all accounts Alex and Steve had a better time than the boys and they both have been involved with coaching at Jeeps ever since.

After being involved with the Colts for the past two years, in 2005 Alex and Steve will take on the roles of coaching mentors in colts and grades, Alex as Colts Director and Steve as Grades Coaching Manager. Alex will continue the role of coaching overseer he was successful at during 2004, while Steve will help sharpen the focus of the coaching and player management effort in grades. Steve will not coach the players, but he will be available to bring his vast experience in coaching to the aid of the appointed coaches.

Conclusion

I referred earlier to last week's strategic issues meeting. This was an initiative of Rob Ferguson and the committee which was borne out of a desire to get more people involved and a frustration that we did not have the resources, physical or financial, to do all that we wanted to do.

Alex Pope steered the evening along and put in a lot of effort to hammer the conclusions and recommendations into some sort of shape. I hope that all this does not come to nought and I implore members to consider the challenges and contribute their time and efforts where they can.

Fellow members, the future of your club is sound. We are largely debt-free, we have a strong player base, we have a strategy for future growth and we play on one of the better sporting complexes around Brisbane. But things don't stay the same forever, and I encourage you to do what you can to contribute your ideas, energy, expertise, time and support to the Gallopers' cause in 2005 and beyond.

Paul Reid
GPS President

TEAM REPORTS

2004 Premier Grade

Season 2004 started well, fell into a slump and finished with a bang. After a reasonable first round which saw us lying fourth and expecting to climb higher after the return of our representative players, we dug ourselves a large hole and only extricated ourselves when, for us at least, it was too late. The last game against the second placed Brothers at Crosby Park provided a snapshot of what might have been.

On the bright side, our injury woes provided opportunities for the next generation at GPS to shine. **Peter Stevenson** in particular continued his good form in Colts with exceptional performances against Wests and Souths. Peter was subsequently picked for Qld U'19 and has been selected to train with the Reds College. **Brendan Stanley, Pat O'Connor, Liam Ferguson** and **Byron Roberts** all had significant time in Premier Grade and, together with a number of other bright prospects to emerge in Colts this year, showed that they will have an impact in 2005 and beyond.

Particular mention and congratulations must go to some of the players who consistently performed well this season. Captain **Steve Miller** had an outstanding season and was justly rewarded with the Best and Fairest trophy. **Tom Couper**, having his first season of grades football (and second season of rugby union) showed enormous potential until a shoulder injury ended his season prematurely. **Mark Benedick** was the only player to play every game in Premier grade and his consistency was rewarded with the Best Back trophy. **Donovan Slade** managed to excel despite a procession of different centre partners and positional changes.

Our representative players had a mixed year. **Anthony Mathison** broke through to be a regular starter for the Reds in the Super 12 this year and his consistent performances were rewarded with selection for Australia A for the tour to France. **Daniel Heenan, Tom McVerry, Tim Atkinson** and **Junior Pelesasa** all suffered significant disruption due to various ailments which restricted their appearances for the Reds and for GPS. All are training hard for the coming season and we wish them every success in 2005.

I'd like to thank all of the many people who contributed to the running of the team this year, and I will mention only a few. **Marcus Riley**, our backs coach, contributed enormously to the team through a combination of his tremendous instinct and intuition for the game and the high standards he set at training. **Nathan Stewart** did an exceptional job as the strength and conditioning coach and we are fortunate to retain his services for the coming year. **Katrina Eastlea**, our physiotherapist, had a trying year dealing with the terrible injury toll but managed to retain her good humour. We wish her well in her travels. Special thanks for the generous and dedicated support of Team Mammino, our team managers, otherwise known as **Simon Mammino (c), Joe Anderson, Tim Conroy, Ben McGahan** and **Michele Bennie**, without whom we would simply have been unable to function with any degree of professionalism.

Reserve grade coaches **Paul Garner** and **Mark Easton** had a terrible run of injuries but managed to stay upbeat and supportive throughout the season. **George Twohill** and **Steve Smith** also felt the flow on effects acutely in the lower grades but again, remained extremely supportive and positive. My congratulations to **Scott Lavaring** and **Tony Mahoney** for once more guiding fifth grade to the finals.

Finally, thanks also to Paul Reid and the GPS Committee for their encouragement and enthusiasm in 2004. There has been a renewed focus and energy within the committee in recent times which can only benefit the club.

Mick Heenan
Head Coach

The Premier Season - Game by Game

Round 1 Norths-QUT 6 GPS 48

Round 2 Sunnybank 40 GPS 28

Sunnybank scored six tries to four to win their home game against the Gallopers 40-28, gaining revenge for their loss to Jeeps in the pre-season competition.

The Dragons got off to a flying start with three unanswered tries before the Gallopers finally got into the game. But each time Jeeps managed to close the gap the Dragons reopened it again, eventually breaking clear near the end to win convincingly.

A turning point in the game came late in the first half when Sunnybank hooker Ole Avei looked to have knocked on when he dropped a high kick. However the referee saw it differently and ruled play-on. The resulting counter attack led to a Sunnybank try that gave them a 29-21 lead at halftime.

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Jeeps did not help their own cause by pushing passes and trying to do too much when their attack was well covered, rather than keeping it tight until better opportunities presented themselves. The Jeeps scrum was also put under pressure in the second half, until stabilised by replacement prop Paul Biddulph.

The Bank's pace out wide and strong back row gave Jeeps plenty to do in defence, although Dave "Homer" Atkinson put an effective halt to one strong charge by Dragons No 8 Rob Piutau.

Flankers Brendan Sexton and team captain Steve Miller scavenged effectively in the back row and 2003 Colt Luke Bolster held his ground in the front row.

Jeeps' tries came from Sexton, Peter Loli (2) and Sam Thies, while Shane Arnold kicked flawlessly to add four conversions.

The Jeeps team was: Sam Thies, Dave Atkinson, Peter Loli, Donovan Slade, Chris Wright, Mark Bennedick, Shane Arnold, Tom Couper, Brendan Sexton, Steve Miller (c), Geoff Ingram, Seamus Gay, Brendan Stanley, Ben Stewart, Luke Bolster. Replacement players were Glen Kuhn, Ben L'Estrange, Paul Biddulph, Simon Brabin and Tim Sheppard.

Round 3 GPS 12 Gold Coast 22

It wasn't pretty but it was tough when Jeeps met the Gold Coast at home in round one of the Telstra premiership at Ashgrove, losing 22-12 in a hard fought encounter.

The Gold Coast jumped to a 14-0 lead late in the first half after the two sides had arm-wrestled at nil-all for the first 30 minutes, before Sam Thies at fly half darted through the pack to drag one back and make the score 14-7 at halftime.

Jeeps came back to 14-12 in the second half thanks to an opportunistic try by an alert Brendan Sexton off a misdirected Breakers lineout, but Shane Arnold's conversion attempt was astray.

The Gold Coast broke away with a try and a drop goal to seal the match late in the second half.

For Jeeps, captain Steve Miller was the Gallopers' player of the match.

Round 4 GPS 13 Wests 8

Jeeps held out a desperate assault by Wests in the closing stages to win the Hammond-Taylor Challenge 13-8 in front of one of the best crowds seen at Ashgrove in recent seasons.

With both Jeeps and Wests enriched by the return of most of their Reds players, including Wallaby Chris Latham, the "Ladies Day" crowd was treated to an often dramatic match that was in doubt right to the final whistle.

The Dogs felt aggrieved when halfback Damien Hoo appeared to plant the ball over the line seconds from fulltime, only to be pulled back by the referee who ordered a scrum with a Wests feed.

But both sides had had their chances during the match only to be denied by last gasp defence or the final pass going astray.

Jeeps opened the scoring when new signing Junior Pelesasa powered through for a try from outside centre which was converted by Shane Arnold. His opposite number Mike Swenson dragged one back but the conversion failed and Jeeps retained the lead at the break.

There was little to separate the sides in the second half except for two Arnold penalties to Wests' one that eventually decided the winning margin.

Reds prop Anthony Mathison celebrated his 50th Premier Grade match with the Gallopers and was a welcome addition to the Jeeps ranks, along with fellow Reds Tim Atkinson, Tom McVerry and new recruit Angus Scott in the front row, who was named Premier's Bundy Rum Player of the Day.

Jeeps captain Steve Miller later accepted the Hammond-Taylor shield from Alby Taylor, only the second time Jeeps has won it in five years.

However the win was soured for Jeeps by serious leg injuries to McVerry, fullback Sam Thies and hooker Ben Stewart.

The presence of the big name players in such close proximity was a huge hit with the kids, and the players good-naturedly signed autographs and posed for photographs with their young fans after the match.

Round 5 University 18 GPS 12

Had the dominant scrum and a clever thief in the lineout, but couldn't get over the top of University, losing 18-12 in their first round match at St Lucia.

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With Reds props Anthony Mathison and Angus Scott up front, the Jeeps scrum had the Uni pack on roller skates in the first half, forcing the students to turn down the scrum option after crooked lineout throws and to scramble to get the ball away on their own feed.

Jeeps was first to score when a Uni kick went straight into the arms of Mark Bennedick, who ran 50m to score under the posts. But Uni struck back with an unconverted try from a lineout catch and drive, then went to the halftime break 8-7 up after adding a penalty goal.

The Uni scrum improved in the second half but Jeeps' Geoff Ingram made their life difficult in the lineout, snaffling two Uni throws despite being up against Reds lock Rudi Vedelago.

"Ringo" is arguably one of the best lineout forwards in the air currently playing in the Brisbane competition, and is back to his best after a 2003 season dogged by injury.

University struck first in the second half with a converted try from a backline overlap. Jeeps came back to within three points when a lineout win was driven over in the corner for a try to Brendan Sexton, but Uni sealed the game with a second penalty goal.

Round 6 Easts 21 GPS 34

Jeeps left Bottomley with a valuable win after scoring four tries to three in a 34-21 victory over Easts that kept them in touch with the top four.

Jeeps normally do it tough against the Tigers anywhere they play and this time was no exception, but in the end the bounce favoured the Gallopers who owed their away victory to two pieces of Tim Atkinson brilliance late in the game.

Tom Couper had opened the scoring early in the piece when he scored from a typically strong run in the first five minutes, his try converted by Shane Arnold. But Easts cut back the lead with two penalty goals, after Jeeps' backchatting and offside play earned a string of penalties from the visiting Kiwi referee, then Easts posted an unconverted try to take the lead for the first time.

Jeeps regained the lead when captain Steve Miller drove over, Arnold converted then added a penalty goal to put the Gallopers out to 20-11.

After having the dominant lineout against University last week this time around the Gallopers were given a bath, struggling to winning their own ball and giving Easts the possession they needed to keep them in the game. The lineout organisation deteriorated further when inspirational skipper Miller suffered a bad rib injury but battled on, with Easts fighting back with another try, luckily also unconverted.

But with the game still in the balance at 20-16, Atkinson found space and sliced through, chipping ahead at full speed and reclaiming the bounce to score under the posts and give Arnold the easiest of conversions.

That try finally allowed Miller to call it quits for the day after a valiant effort but the Tigers kept coming and scored again to come back to 27-21, only a converted try from a much-needed win and with enough ball and enthusiasm to claim it.

Instead it was Atkinson, not long back from London and the International Sevens and who had switched to halfback when Arnold went off, who seized an opportunity to dart through a rare opening in the Easts defence and again chipped ahead. This time the kick was fielded by Easts fullback David Lucas, an impressive performer for the Tigers, but his clearing kick was weak and landed in the arms of Donovan Slade, who made a strong run down the line and got the ball inside to former Easts centre Junior Pelesasa, another standout for the Gallopers, who beat the last defenders to come around with a victorious arm in the air and score the bonus point try. Glen Kuhn added the extras to make the final score 34-21.

Round 8 GPS 39 Brothers 19

Jeeps finished the first round of Telstra Premier Rugby on a high after beating Brothers 39-19 and scoring six tries to one in the process. The Colts recorded a clean sweep to all be now in the top four of their respective competitions and the lower grades also did well.

The Gallopers were missing three players to representative commitments but did welcome back Tim Heenan from a covert mission in France and Club Captain Chris Wright returning from injury. Brothers were also depleted by injury and rep selections but had swept all before them in the opening rounds and were keen to cement their place in the top four.

Jeeps' coaches Mick Heenan and Marcus Riley had improvised in their team selection by moving Dave Atkinson to inside centre, and the experiment paid off early when "Homer" made a bust and offloaded to wing Peter Loli who posted the first of his two tries, this converted by Shane Arnold. The Gallopers were

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in again soon after when team captain Donovan Slade was put into space and outpaced the defence to score.

A driveover try by young hooker Jim Graham helped take the score to 22-6 in favour of the Gallopers at halftime after fullback Glen Kuhn had taken over the kicking duties from an injured Arnold and added a penalty and a conversion

Brothers began to claw their way back in the second half with a series of penalty goals but with "Horse" Heenan delivering some determined drives around the ruck and he and Geoff Ingram dominating in the lineouts the Gallopers had the momentum and possession they needed to unleash their backline, with Jeeps' Bundy man of the match Kuhn weaving his way through for a try then Loli delighting the Old Gallopers' "glue factory" on the far side by palming off his opposing winger and strolling over in the corner.

Replacement backrower Ben L'Estrange completed the scoring for Jeeps by back up to take a pass on the line and post the Gallopers' sixth try. With the match well won at 39-12 the defence eased off enough to allow Brothers replacement Amenia Tuibua in for a consolation try.

Round 9 GPS 51 Norths-QUT 7

Five tries to Junior Pelesasa helped Jeeps to a 51-7 win over a stubborn Norths-QUT when the Gallopers took Premier Rugby to the Murrumba region in support of its new development alliance, on a day when the Gallopers were successful in every game they contested.

Norths were clearly outgunned across the park in Premier Grade but stuck to their task in keeping Jeeps down to a 17-0 lead at halftime. But the weight of possession eventually told and Jeeps galloped away with the match in the second half.

Pelesasa had opened the scoring for Jeeps with a typically powerful run to the line, while Tim Heenan and Seamus Gay added five pointers to the first up conversion by fullback Glen Kuhn.

In the second half the Gallopers made better use of their possession and Pelesasa ran in his next four tries while Heenan made it a double and replacement wing Peter Loli used his strength to score against his old club. Norths fought back briefly in the second half when hooker Ernest Skelton drove over for a try, converted by Kris Burton.

The match was staged by the Gallopers as a promotion for the development alliance with Murrumba/Caboolture and other associated clubs in the Murrumba Alliance, Albany Creek-GPS, Caboolture Juniors and Redcliffe Juniors. The area is a fast growing one and is ripe for development as a rugby region. The GPS-Murrumba Alliance is designed to raise the profile of Rugby and the Gallopers "brand" in the whole region, and provide increased development opportunities and pathways for aspiring players in the region.

Round 10 - GPS 27 Sunnybank 57

Jeeps slumped to a 57-27 loss to Sunnybank in their home ground encounter but retained their place in the top four following some upset results in other games.

The Dragons cleared out in the second half, scoring eight tries to the Gallopers four, by flyhalf Mark Bennedick (2) Tim Atkinson and Peter Loli. Glen Kuhn converted two and added a penalty.

Round 11 - Gold Coast 47 GPS 19

The Gold Coast put a major dent in Jeeps' semi-final aspirations and took themselves to the top of the competition table with a 47-19 win in their match on the Coast. The score was not a true reflection of the difference between the sides as Jeeps were in it until the final 15 minutes, when the score blew out after the Breakers had finally managed to snuff out the Jeeps challenge.

The Breakers had gone to a 20-0 lead in the first half before Jeeps got on the board, courtesy of a break up the middle by inside centre Dave Akinson, whose beautifully timed pass to Donovan Slade led to a try converted by Glen Kuhn right on halftime.

"Homer" Atkinson proved a handful for the Breakers, scoring a try of his own from another midfield bust after halftime, then breaking through again, chip kicking and elbowing club captain Chris Wright out of the way to claim his second five pointer.

With Jeeps now within a converted try and contesting everything, against the bigger Breakers' pack, the game turned when the Breakers kicked a penalty and then had the benefit of a knock-on/knock-back decision to mount a counter-attack that resulted in a try that opened the floodgates.

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Round 12 - Wests 23 GPS 19

Jeeps slipped further out of semi-final contention with a 23-19 loss to Wests at Sylvan Rd, with a red card for Tim Heenan and a bad knee injury to Dave Atkinson making it an even worse afternoon for the Gallopers.

The Gallopers got off to a bad start when their strong opening burst was turned around by Wests and a clearing kick by fullback Adrian West was charged down for a converted try. A penalty goal took Wests to 10-0 in front and another try before halftime had them out to 15-0, with Jeeps unable to convert their attacking raids into points.

Wests got out to 20-0 before Jeeps finally posted their first points, a typically determined effort by Tom Couper, finishing off a succession of forward pick and drives. Donovan Slade's conversion took the score to 20-7 and Jeeps started to lift, with Sam Thies back from injury and directing traffic from fly half after Mark Bennedick left the field.

But the Jeeps fightback faltered when prop Luke Bolster was yellow carded and then Heenan got the red after defending himself in a brawl behind the play that resulted in a Wests prop also being marched.

Another Wests penalty seemingly put the game out of reach but Jeeps finished the stronger, with Couper crossing for a second after backing up and replacement winger Peter Stevenson, a livewire on the right wing, crossed in the dying moments to give the score some respectability and salvage a bonus point.

For Jeeps, Simon Brabin took the field with a recurring shoulder problem but stuck to his last in the tight, Junior Pelesasa was constantly probing out wide and proved a bigger handful when he switched to fly half late in the game, Geoff Ingram was back to his athletic best in the lineouts and Max Hall had another solid performance at halfback.

Round 13 GPS 24 Souths 26

A gutsy second half fightback by the Gallopers wasn't enough to claim a vital win over Souths in their Round 2 Telstra Premier Rugby match at Ashgrove.

The Magpies scored four tries to three in their 26-24 victory, but their failure to convert the extras allowed a determined Gallopers to stay in the game right up to fulltime.

Jeeps opened the scoring when Colts-age fullback Peter Stevenson scored his second try in as many weeks backing up Chris Wright. Donovan Slade converted the try to put Jeeps out to a 7-0 lead. But it was all Souths after that as the Maggies capitalised on some Jeeps errors and indecision to pile on four tries and threaten to run away with the game.

But to their credit Jeeps came back to 20-14 at halftime thanks to a Donovan Slade try, and kept it going in the second half with the try of the match by run-on debut hooker John Kirkman, who weaved his way past several defenders to drive over and bring the Gallopers to 21-23. Jeeps hit the front with a penalty from Jeeps man of the match Mark Bennedick, but Souths struck back with a final penalty and held on to win the match 26-24.

Jeeps showed plenty of character in the match, with Sean Haines winning a callup in the front row and battling manfully until forced off by a neck injury, Paul Biddulph defying his advanced years to play himself to a standstill, 50-game captain Steve Miller leading from the front and No 8 Tom Couper making some damaging bursts until he was forced off injured. Seamus Gay came on for Couper and was another to aim up when it counted.

In the backs Donovan Slade gave as good as he got at inside centre, scrum half Max Hall had another industrious and impressive game, and youngsters Stevenson and Byron Roberts, who came on for an injured Chris Wright, were always looking for opportunities. Another replacement to impress was Jason Hynes, who came on for Slade and picked up where Donovan left off.

Round 14 GPS 7 University 56

Jeeps are finally out of all contention for the final four after succumbing 56-7 to a near faultless University at Ashgrove.

The students had too much speed and firepower for the Gallopers, winning a mountain of possession and using their pace out wide to great effect to post eight tries, four of them coming from Reds flyers Peter Hynes and Drew Mitchell. Uni flyhalf Chris Lyons added to the misery by kicking seven conversions from seven attempts.

Such was Uni's depth that they were able to run Reds halfback Josh Valentine on in the second half as a replacement for first choice half Ben Wakely.

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The main bright spots for Jeeps were the lineouts, where Jeeps' Geoff Ingram (left) again showed his skill in the air, and the match-long determination of Bundy Rum man-of-the-match Junior Pelesasa to break the smothering defence, finally rewarded late in the second half when he barged over for a try. Five eighth Mark Bennedick grows in confidence and ability with every game, scrum half Max Hall was again always on the ball, enterprising colts player Peter Stevenson was always up for the challenge from fullback and wing Adrian West took some punishing knocks but always bounced back - albeit a little more slowly as the game drew to a close.

Despite the scoreline the Gallopers never threw in the towel, but they were simply beaten for size and pace.

Round 15 GPS 22 Easts 40

Easts took revenge for their first round loss to the Gallopers with a 40-22 victory at Ashgrove in the final home game day for Jeeps in 2004.

The first 35 minutes were something of an arm-wrestle until Easts scored their second try right on halftime to lead 12-3 at the break. From there they got away to a match winning 26-3 lead before Jeeps finally began to get some traction, with flyhalf Mark Bennedick charging down a kick to score a try then Jeeps' Bundy man-of-the-match Adrian West scoring a nice try down the right wing, then making the break that led to a clever finish by colt Peter Stevenson.

Round 16 Brothers 31 GPS 43

Jeeps ended Brothers' hopes of a top two finish by beating them 43-31 at Crosby Park, in a repeat of the Gallopers' first round defeat of the old rivals.

Brothers had no answer to the power and pace of Junior Pelesasa and Donovan Slade in the centres, with Jeeps posting a four try bonus point in the first 30 minutes as they left Brothers standing.

The Jeeps forwards more than matched the Brothers eight, with Tom McVerry scoring two of Jeeps' seven tries. Slade also grabbed a brace, while returning halfback Tim Atkinson, Pelesasa and wing Jason Hynes also scored tries. Flyhalf Mark Bennedick kicked four conversions.

Brothers came back late in the game to make the score more respectable but will be ruing the lost opportunity to cement a top two placing.

GPS "Team of the Year"

As an innovation in 2004, Head Coach Mick Heenan got the entire coaching staff to sit down and select a GPS "Team of the Year", consisting of players from across the grades who were not necessarily the best in the club in their various positions, but were those who - in their own playing context - displayed:

- value to the team in that position
- consistent performance in that position
- skills development over the season
- the potential to develop further in that position

That resulting GPS XV for 2004 team was:

1. Denis Beattie (Colts 2)
2. Chris Karanicolas (5th grade)
3. Anthony Mathison (Premier grade)
4. Sean Graham (Colts 1)
5. Jules Jefferis (Colts 2)
6. Steve Miller (c) (Premier grade)
7. James Park (Colts 2/1)
8. Brett Beauchamp (Colts 3)
9. Tom Sully (Colts 1)
10. Gerard Steel (5th Grade)
11. Byron Roberts (Colts 1)
12. Mike Soo Choon (4th grade)
13. Tim Sheppard (Reserve grade)
14. Cameron Lynch (3rd grade)
15. Peter Stevenson (Colts 1)

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GPS Trophies 2004

Trophy	Winner	Donor
100 Points for Season - 2004	Michael Taylor (147)	Bradley Button
	Gerard Steel (127)	Steve Meehan
Top Try Scorer	Peter Stevenson (16)	Peter McBaron
Best & Fairest (Premier Grade)	Steve Miller	Wren Bligh
Premier Grade - Best Back	Mark Bennedick	George Bickerstaff
Best & Fairest (2nd Grade)	Tim Sheppard	Ken Aaron
2nd Grade - "Determination and Commitment" Award	Max Hall	Ken Bolton
Best & Fairest (3rd Grade)	Karl Andriske	The Friends of Lorraine Moynihan
3rd Grade - Most Valuable Player Award	Rohan Sedgwick	Cr Geraldine Knapp
Best & Fairest (4th Grade)	Sheldon Toto	Paul Reid
4th Grade - "Determination & Commitment" Award	Brent Merrilees	
Best & Fairest (5th Grade)	Chris Karanicolas	Robin Thomson
5th Grade - Best Team Man	Lucas Hanson	The McGahan Family
Best & Fairest (Colts One)	Sean Graham	Alan Taylor
Colts One - Most Consistent Player	Byron Roberts	David Abernethy
Best & Fairest (Colts Two)	Ian Funnell	Frank Jensen
Colts Two - Most Valuable Player Award	Tom L'Estrange	Lloyd Graham
Best & Fairest (Colts Three)	Brett Beauchamp	Bob Armstrong
Colts Three - Most Improved Back Award	Anthony Armstrong	Tony Roberts
BEST JUNIOR CLUBMAN - DAVID BURROWS MEMORIAL TROPHY	Daniel Tasker	
BEST AND FAIREST COLT - ROBERT BURROWS MEMORIAL TROPHY	Sean Graham	
"Spirit of the Colts" Award - BB Loel Trophy	James Park	
BEST CLUB MAN - WALTER BOYD MEMORIAL TROPHY	Alex Pope	
CLUB CAPTAIN - HUMPHREY BERE MEMORIAL TROPHY	Chris Wright	

Player Representative Appearances 2004

Australia A: Anthony Mathison

Australia Under 19: Martin Perkins

Australian Sevens: Paul Warwick (c), Tim Atkinson

Queensland: Angus Scott, Anthony Mathison (Reds Rookie of the Year), Daniel Heenan, Tom McVerry, Tim Atkinson, Junior Pelesasa

Queensland A: Donovan Slade

Queensland Under 19: Martin Perkins, Pat O'Connor, Peter Stevenson, Sean Graham

Australian Deaf Squad: Paul Biddulph

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2004 Best Club Man - Alex Pope

By Rob Ferguson

An award at GPS Old Boys Rugby Club represents an interesting signpost in Alex's rugby life. He is a former Brothers, Queensland and Australia player (a long, long, long time ago), but has put his heart and soul into development of this club for the past couple of years.

His association with the club, like so many of us, stems from being a parent in the Ashgrove – GPS Juniors. As Andrew and his mates progressed through the age groups Alex took a more active interest in their rugby education. He has never suffered from the Pushy Parent syndrome, but when approached has always been happy to help. At Under 16 level he and his brother-in-law Steve Calder took the boys on a memorable camp to Barry Honan's Gold Coast Rugby Carnival. From all accounts Alex and Steve had a better time than the boys and they both have been involved with coaching at Jeeps ever since.

So why was Alex nominated as Club Man? There are any number of good candidates, but Alex was chosen because of the enormous efforts he has made to develop our Colts as a cohesive, happy and successful group. Obviously the boys and their coaches deserve accolades as well, but I am sure that everyone would agree Alex's influence has been so important.

From the very start he has made each boy feel valued as an individual, whether Premier Colts 1 or Colts 2. Every boy had a chance to have a shot at Premier Colts. Reputations meant nothing – performance and attitude at training were the selectors. At the pre-season Colts launch, Alex set out a number of goals for this season. It was notable that the goals were for the entire Colts squad – not just the Premier Colts. The result? All three Colts teams made the finals.

Those who have observed Alex in action over the past few years can attest to the following qualities, which have had such a positive effect on our club

Positive Attitude

Inclusive

Respect for his players

Friendship – Younger at heart than most of his players

Hardworking – Most of his work this year was in the background, encouraging the younger, less experienced Colts

Alex has been an inspiration to all of us who have seen the results he and his hardworking team have produced with the Colts. He instilled club spirit, camaraderie, and a love of Rugby into a group of youngsters that we will hope will enjoy the game for many years to come at GPS Rugby

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GPS Player Statistics 2004 (note: financial players only)

Grades		1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	Total*	Tries	Con	Pen	FG	Total
							1st/All					
Affleck	Stuart				2	19	0/59	1				5
Anderson	Ryan			5	12		0/17					
Andrews	Matthew					15	0/15					
Andriske	Karl			12	1		0/51					
Arnold	Shane	8		1			20/29	1	14	4		45
Atkinson	Timothy	6					76/76	3				15
Atkinson	Dave	12					12/34	4				20
Barden	Daniel					17	0/17	1				5
Benett	Trent				3	20	0/88					
Benedick	Mark	16					20/29	4	8	2		42
Bergin	David				2	16	0/34	1				5
Biddulph	Paul	6	12	2			21/187					
Blinkhoff	Matt				5	19	0/24	1				5
Blow	Anton		6	12			0/28	3	12	1		42
Bolster	Luke	10	5				10/15	3				15
Boucher	Nicholas				1		0/1					
Brabin	Simon	2	4				17/37	1				5
Brunt	Robson		12		1		0/13	4				20
Budge	Benjamin			3			0/3	1				5
Collins	Peter			1	5	20	0/36	8				40
Copland	William	3					3/3					
Couper	Thomas	12					12/12	3				15
Darke	Nicholas		5	7	3		0/15					
Dash	Stephen		4	10	2		0/16	1				5
Davies	Matthew		12	1	1		1/36	2				10
Davis	Peter		5	12	1		0/18					
Fauth	Jody				1	18	0/19	5	1			27
Ferguson	Liam	2					2/2					
Forrest	David		2	16	2		0/20					
Foster	Brendan				4	20	0/24	1				5
Garvey	Dan			1	3	14	0/18	3				15
Gay	Seamus	14	6				27/42	3				15
Geraghty	Mitchell	1					1/1					
Gordon	Ryan					14	0/32	2				10
Graham	James	8	7				8/31	1				5
Grant	Lachlan	1					0/1					
Haines	Sean	3	6	2	1		7/23					
Hall	Maxwell	6	11				6/17					
Hall	Alexander		1	1	5		0/7	3				15
Hanson	Lucas				2	18	0/20	2	2			14
Heenan	Timothy	8					79/81	2				10
Holland	Charles		2	1	1	11	41/73	2	5			20
Hynes	Jason	4					4/4	1				5
Ingram	Geoffrey	15					39/47					
Jackson	James				5	20	0/110	6				30
Jarro	Brad	1					19/43					
Karanicolas	Christopher				1	19	0/20	5				25
Kilpatrick	Tyson				9		0/25					
Kirkman	John	4	10	1			4/15	3				15

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Kuhn	Glen	9	3				32/54	9	9	1		66
Lee	Christopher			13	1		0/14					
L'Estrange	Benjamin	5	8				26/55	4				20
Liddle	Barry				3	12	0/15	3				15
Loli	Peter	9					9/9	7				35
Lynch	Cameron		7	12			0/34	7				35
Macleod	Ryan	1	4	12	3		1/31					
Mahoney	Tony					7	0/35	1				5
Marshall	Ross			10	3		0/27					
Mathison	Anthony	11					60/61					
McGahan	Michael				5	15	0/73	1				5
McKeiver	Daniel				1	15	0/16	1				5
McVerry	Tom	6					62/62	2				10
Melloy	Paul		1	9			0/10					
Merrilees	Glenn		2				0/21		3	1		9
Merrilees	Brent			3	10		0/27					
Miller	Steven	12					54/57	2				10
Moretto	David		4	5			0/9					
Morgan	Samuel		9	1	4		0/14					
O'Connor	Patrick	6					6/6					
Patterson	Luke		1	4	2		20/61					
Pelesasa	Junior	9					9/9	9				45
Porteous	Angus		2	3	7	1	0/68	2				10
Pouli-Lefale	Bradley			2			0/2					
Power	Jonathan			2	1		0/3					
Roberts	Byron	1					1/1					
Roberts	Phillip			4	9		0/13	2				10
Robinson	Todd				7		0/7	1				5
Rowe	Philip		2	1			0/3					
Sargent	Patrick			2	6	19	0/27	1				5
Scott	Angus	6					6/6					
Sedgwick	Rowan		2	15	3		0/79	2				10
Sexton	Brendan	14	3				42/47	4				20
Sexton	Benjamin		5	6			0/24	5				25
Sexton	Luke			5	5		0/67					
Shallcross	Robert			2	4		0/6					
Sheppard	Timothy	6	12			2	6/20	11				55
Sheppard	Ben				2	17	0/34	7				35
Slade	Donovan	12					48/51	8	4			48
Soo Choon	Michael				7		0/7	4				20
Stanfield	Adam		9	8	1		0/35					
Stanley	Brendan	6					6/6					
Steel	Gerard		1	1		15	0/66	9	23	12		127
Steel	Justin			1	2		11/135					
Stevenson	Peter	5					5/5	3				15
Stewart	Ben	7					17/47	1				5
Stirling	Clifford				2	10	0/31	1				5
Stirling	Gerrard				2	12	0/22					
Taylor	Andrew		2	3	4		0/9					
Thies	Sam	6	1				42/75	3				15
Toto	Sheldon		1	10	6		0/17					
Townsley	Adin		5	9			0/14	2				10
Trusselle	Patrick				6		0/6					
Warwick	Adam	1					17/26					

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West	Adrian	6	10	2	1		6/19	2	11	2		38
Wright	Christopher	7	1				67/84					
Young	Bruce				2	8	13/75	1				5

* Note: Total Premier and all grade appearances as a financial player

		Colts I	Colts II	Colts III	Try	Con	Pen	FG	Points
Ahern	Dan	15	1		3				15
Anderson	Jon	13			1				5
Armstrong	Anthony		4	8	5				25
Aroney	Nick			12	2				10
Batch	James			12	2				10
Beattie	Denis		16						
Beauchamp	Brett		6	9	3				15
Bellamy	Aaron	15	4		5	1			27
Campbell	Luke	6	2		5				25
Carrigan	Benjamin		2	8	3	13	3		50
Clarkson	Benjamin		1	9					
Cronin	Kell		5	11	2	13	1		39
Dean	Shannon	4	3	7	3	3	1		24
Diezmann	Mark		4	10	2				10
Donaldson	Mark	14	1		5				25
Downing	Jonathan	3	8		7				35
Eising	Scott			11					
Ferguson	Liam	10			5				25
Funnell	Iain		12						
Geraghty	Mitchell	18			9				45
Gillespie	Cristopher		2	12	2				10
Graham	Sean	16			7				35
Greben	James			8	1				5
Gurry	Timothy			3					
Hennessy	Will		10	8	3				15
Howard	Tom	4	11		1				5
James	Matthew		1	10	4				20
Jefferis	Julian		13						
King	Cameron	13	1		2				10
L'Estrange	Thomas	2	14		7				35
Litster	Samuel	8	8		2				10
Manfield	Alex		7		1				5
McGregor	James		4	1					
Mead	Cameron	5	6	1	3				15
Moynihan	Daniel		3						
O'Connor	Patrick	8							
O'Connor	Damian			12	1	2			9
O'Donovan	Thomas			7					
Owens	Joshua	9			1				5
Park	James	13	10						
Peters	Matt		15		4	4			28
Phare	Kristoffer		12						
Pope	Andrew	3	15		2	1			12
Pszczoneka	Daniel			1					

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Richards	Alexander			7	1				5
Roberts	Byron	19			12				60
Shepherd	Zac		14	1	1				5
Slade	Julian		7	7	2				10
Solomons	Ryan			12					
Spencer	Sam		4	6					
Stanley	Brendan	13			1				5
Stevenson	Peter	16			13	1			67
Strofield	Alexander	16	5		2				10
Sully	Thomas	19			2				10
Taylor	Patrick		16			19	10		68
Taylor	Michael	18			3	39	18		147
Thomson	James		8	10					
Torkington	Lewis		9		2				10
Warren	Shane		15		2				10
Williams	Christopher		11	6					
Wiltshire	Liam	14							
Zangari	Lachlan		2						

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Treasurers Report 2004

The Club achieved a net profit of \$6,821.90 for 2004, compared to \$26,335.94 in 2003. Although Revenue increased from \$225,334 to \$254,510, Expenditure rose from \$198,998 to \$247,688.

Increases in both can be partly explained by the accounting treatment of functions. In 2003 the net result of \$12,363 from the Pre-Test function was included in Gross Income. In 2004 the Gross proceeds of \$29,055 have been included in income and \$19,086 has been included in expenses. This has the result of inflating Gross Revenue and Expenditure by approximately \$17,000 compared to 2003.

Apart from this discrepancy there was still a greater increase in expenditure than in revenue. The bulk of the increases are in the areas of football expenses. Ground maintenance rose from \$6,247 to \$15,584. Jersey costs rose from \$11,092 to \$19,079. Development, Coaching, Physio, Conditioning rose from \$58,105 to \$71,631.

The declining profit for the Club is a concern if we want to remain a viable premier grade club. It is difficult to plan for expanded facilities if our recurring revenue merely matches recurring expenditure. The Committee has identified some areas of cost cutting but we believe it is in the revenue area that major improvements can be made.

The accounts highlight a number of results of Committee decisions this year.

1. The decision not to charge admission for home games. In 2003 we earned \$5,160 from this source. The decision was taken in a bid to encourage better attendance at games and in recognition that many spectators were only attending Colts or Grades games. The Bar and Food Sales rose to \$49,747 from \$41,524 as some indication that spectators supported the gesture.
2. The Pre-Test Function was not as lucrative as previous years. We believe there are two major reasons. One is the competition for quality speakers and the proliferation of such events. However, the other was a lack of adequate organisation in the marketing and promotion of the event and this has been specifically identified as an issue of future years. The event is important on the GPS calendar and with greater assistance should again be a major earner for the Club.
3. Sponsorship. In 2002 total sponsorship was \$72,075. In 2003, it declined to \$60,837. A significant factor was the loss of the Gap Tavern sponsorship after its purchase by ALH. It is in the area of sponsorship that we have budgeted on and anticipate a big improvement. Our target for 2005 is \$120,000, and we will be seeking the support of Club members in finding potential sponsors. I should also mention here that sponsorship comes in many forms and that many people donate time, skills goods and service. These are very tangible benefits to the club, but do not necessarily appear in our profit and loss statement. On behalf of the club, the Committee thanks all sponsors.
4. Home Games. It is in the area of Home Games that the Committee also sees potential for increased patronage and revenue. Better preparation, theme-based home games, advertising and support from the Junior Club could see a further improvement in bar and food sales.

In summary, 2004 has been a very tough year for the GPS Club financially, but there are considerable grounds for optimism as we look forward to the 2005 season.

I would like to thank Kathy Colwell and Ellen Godfrey for their assistance in attending to the accounting requirements of the Club, Eric C. Butler and Co for their continuing association as our auditors and finally to Rod Torkington, who somehow always managed to pull rabbits out of the hat in regards to our cashflow.

RJ Ferguson
Treasurer

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Preparation of Audited Financial Statements

The GPS committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements.

In the opinion of the committee the financial report as set out on the following pages:

1. Presents fairly the financial position of GPS Old Boys Rugby Union Club Inc. as at 30 September 2004 and its performance for the year ended on that date.
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that GPS Old Boys Rugby Union Club Inc. will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

Paul Reid
President

Rob Ferguson
Hon Treasurer

2004 Audited Accounts of the GPS Rugby Club Inc

GPS Profit & Loss Statement

	2004	2003
	\$	\$
RETAIL SALES		
Bar	42,875.54	31,911.28
Food	6,872.18	9,613.00
Merchandise	550.90	2,242.03
	50,298.62	43,766.31
 LESS: COST OF GOODS SOLD		
Opening Stock		
Bar	0.00	0.00
Merchandise	4,240.00	4,240.00
Food	0.00	0.00
Purchases		
Bar	24,706.43	20,473.80
Merchandise	0.00	0.00
Food	5,685.38	7,772.27
Closing Stock		
Bar	(2,295.81)	0.00
Merchandise	(2,770.00)	(4,240.00)
Food	0.00	0.00
	29,566.00	28,246.07
TOTAL COST OF GOODS SOLD		
	\$ 20,732.62	\$ 15,520.24

	2004	2003
	\$	\$
OTHER INCOME		
Subscriptions		
Player	32,167.70	27,950.88
Member	2,090.00	3,366.91
Team Contributions		
Juniors	0.00	17,430.00
Functions & Fundraising		
Auction Proceeds	(368.19)	0.00
Raffle Proceeds	3,205.82	0.00
Raffles & Doubles	2,567.96	(1,743.63)
Annual Dinner	558.63	(404.82)
Ball	0.00	455.68
Corporate Breakfasts & Lunches	29,055.32	0.00
Great Debate Lunch	0.00	700.00
Pre Test Function	0.00	12,363.84

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Golf Day	0.00	0.00
Other Fundraisers	0.00	(445.45)
Season Launch	0.00	(312.73)
Donations & Sponsorships		
Donations		
- General	0.00	0.00
- Trophies	0.00	605.00
- Bar Builda	0.00	1,157.20
Sponsors		
- Major	0.00	29,881.91
- Associate	0.00	10,000.00
- Grades & Colts	0.00	0.00
- Bartercard	19,550.00	14,550.00
- Other	41,287.27	12,015.36
Grants		
- QRU	78,499.99	74,120.91
- Other	1,500.00	0.00
Parking & Admission	0.00	5,160.75
Facility Hire	400.00	0.00
Prize Money	7,500.00	0.00
Miscellaneous Income	15,763.21	2,962.22
TOTAL OTHER INCOME	233,777.71	209,814.03
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 254,510.33	\$ 225,334.27

	2004	2003
	\$	\$
EXPENDITURE		
Accounting Fees	168.75	(1,296.50)
Advertising	827.09	1,105.73
Audit Fees	750.00	0.00
Bookkeeping	0.00	630.00
Bank Charges	1,726.59	2,506.88
Bartercard Fees	1,942.05	1,803.28
Cleaning	3,818.98	0.00
Clubhouse Supplies	1,340.31	0.00
Computer Expenses	433.50	(74.57)
Electricity & Gas	3,478.68	0.00
Fees & Permits	704.30	752.60
Functions & Events	19,086.33	0.00
Fundraising Expenses	48.40	0.00
Facility Hire	64.00	0.00
Insurance		
General	1,891.48	4,638.25
Player	15,986.74	15,742.76
Interest paid	1,527.15	1,999.41
Lease Payments - Operating	4,016.52	1,515.75
License Fees	317.70	0.00
Motor Vehicle Expenses	2,991.97	0.00
Printing, Postage & Stationery	2,907.29	1,925.95
Rates & Taxes	5,287.74	3,909.44
Rent	1,409.27	0.00
Maintenance		
Grounds	15,584.18	6,247.28
Building	2,209.18	1,530.94
Other	912.36	1,592.73

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Employment Expenses			
Wages			
- Executives	0.00	37,938.60	
- Bar	0.00	3,728.82	
- Food	0.00	612.60	
- Admin	37,306.50		0.00
- Rugby Mangt	10,800.00		0.00
Office Expenses	0.00	3,088.15	
Security	985.27	200.25	
Subscriptions	50.91		0.00
Sundry Expenses	781.06		0.00
Superannuation	5,822.00	4,336.88	
Telephone & Facsimile	10,892.99		0.00
Affiliations - QRU	2,400.00		0.00
Coaching Expenses	1,980.36		0.00
Equipment & Ground Hire	909.09		0.00
Jerseys & Football Clothing	19,079.91	11,092.59	
Laundry Expenses	2,690.00		0.00
Match Day Expenses	8,027.23	1,914.29	
Medical Supplies	7,289.57		0.00
Photographs & Videos	3,290.00	832.22	
Physiotherapists Fees	2,000.00		0.00
Strappers Fees	1,578.45		0.00
Subcontractors			
General	3,751.00		0.00
Rugby	32,813.67		0.00
	2004	2003	
	\$	\$	
Sundry Rugby Expenses	860.11		0.00
Training Equipment	2,742.56		0.00
Travel & Accommodation	662.73		0.00
Trophy Expenses	1,544.46	1,331.00	
Fuel & Oil	0.00	478.87	
Ashgrove Ground & Building Expenses			
Electricity - No. 1	0.00	4,651.13	
Cleaning & Waste Disposal	0.00	2,749.25	
Football Expenses	0.00	37,802.61	
Hire of Plant & Equipment	0.00	435.99	
Internet Expenses	0.00	742.07	
Loss on Sale of Portable Office	0.00	3,095.00	
Marquee Hire	0.00	903.51	
Signage	0.00		0.00
General Costs	0.00	2,497.84	
Motor Vehicle Expenses	0.00	8,184.98	
Telephone - Office	0.00	7,238.54	
Development Officer's Costs	0.00	20,303.49	
Workers Compensation	0.00	309.72	
TOTAL EXPENSES	247,688.43	198,998.33	
NET PROFIT	\$ 6,821.90	\$ 26,335.94	

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GPS Balance Sheet

ASSETS	2004	2003
Current Assets	\$	\$
Petty Cash	100.00	0.00
Cash at Bank		
Cash at Bank - Acct # 1	5,785.80	(90.84)
Cash at Bank - Acct # 2	(4,805.80)	(4,772.28)
Cash at Bank - Ladies Committee	3.89	254.36
Total Cash at Bank	983.89	(4,608.76)
Burrows Memorial Fund	1,034.69	1,034.69
Bartercard	15,030.01	18,226.19
Total Current Assets	<u>17,148.59</u>	<u>14,652.12</u>
Debtors		
Ashgrove Junior Debtor	0.00	(6,462.62)
Valleys Cricket Club Debtor	4,758.88	1,914.66
Total Debtors	<u>4,758.88</u>	<u>(4,547.96)</u>
Savings Funds		
Trade Debtors	0.00	6.28
Work in Progress		
Bar Builda	0.00	22,529.15
Weights Room	0.00	63,499.03
Rates Credit Account	0.00	3,815.94
Stock on Hand		
Drinks	2,295.81	0.00
Merchandise	2,770.00	4,240.00
Total Savings Funds	<u>5,065.81</u>	<u>94,090.40</u>
Other Assets		
Deposits Paid	740.00	910.00
Total Other Assets	<u>740.00</u>	<u>910.00</u>
Property & Equipment		
Buildings	108,069.49	108,069.49
Building Improvements	104,723.67	14,325.00
Ground Equipment	43,873.84	37,811.38
Rugby Equipment	10,044.50	8,838.00
Furniture & Fittings	49,013.03	46,345.99
Total Property & Equipment	<u>315,724.53</u>	<u>215,389.86</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>343,437.81</u>	<u>320,494.42</u>
LIABILITIES		
Current Liabilities		
Trade Creditors	27,051.35	4,764.97
ATO Creditor	2,124.00	2,269.00
GST Liabilities		
GST Collected	8,320.33	0.00
GST Paid	(5,452.31)	1,398.18
Total Current Liabilities	<u>32,043.37</u>	<u>8,432.15</u>
Non-Current Liabilities		
Bank of QLD 81-396215	9,729.07	15,966.41
Loan - Albany Creek Grounds	3,775.00	9,350.00
Total Non-Current Liabilities	<u>13,504.07</u>	<u>25,316.41</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>45,547.44</u>	<u>33,748.56</u>
NET ASSETS	<u>\$ 297,890.37</u>	<u>\$ 286,745.86</u>
MEMBERS FUNDS		
Members Equity		
A C Dibdin Trophy	300.00	300.00
J R Harris Perpetual Trophy	300.00	300.00
Retained Members Funds	290,468.47	259,809.92
Current Year Surplus/(Deficit)	6,821.90	26,335.94
TOTAL MEMBERS FUNDS	<u>\$ 297,890.37</u>	<u>\$ 286,745.86</u>

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NOTE 1: Statement of Significant Accounting Policies

This financial report is a special purpose financial report prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act Queensland. The committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity.

The financial report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act Queensland and the following Australian Accounting Standards:

AAS 3 Accounting for Income Tax
AAS 5 Materiality
AAS 8 Events Occurring After Reporting Date
AAS 17 Accounting for Leases

No other applicable Accounting Standards, Urgent Issues Group Consensus Views or other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board have been applied.

The financial report is prepared, on a cash basis whereby items are brought into account as money is paid or received, from the records of the association.

The following material accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous period unless otherwise stated, have been adopted in the preparation of this financial report.

(a) Fixed Assets

Leasehold improvements and office equipment are carried at cost less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation.

The depreciable amount of all fixed assets are depreciated over the useful lives of the assets to the association commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use. Leasehold improvements are amortised over the shorter of either the unexpired period of the lease or the estimated useful lives of the improvements.

Scope

We have audited the financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of GPS Old Boys Rugby Union Club Inc. for the year ended 30 September 2004. The committee is responsible for the financial report and has determined that the accounting policies used and described in Note 1 to the financial statements which form part of the financial report, are appropriate to meet the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act Queensland and are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. We have conducted an independent audit of this financial report in order to express an opinion on it to the members of GPS Old Boys Rugby Union Club Inc. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used are appropriate to the needs of the members.

The financial report has been prepared for the purpose of fulfilling the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act Queensland. We disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report or on the financial report to which it relates to any person other than the members, or for any purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

Our audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial report and the evaluation of significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion whether, in all material respects, the financial report is presented fairly in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 so as to present a view which is consistent with our understanding of the Association's financial position, and performance as represented by the results of its operations and its cash flows. These policies do not require the application of all Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements in Australia.

The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

Audit Opinion

In our opinion, the financial report presents fairly subject to the following qualification in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements, the financial position of GPS Old

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Boys Rugby Union Club Inc. as at 30 September 2004 and the results of its operations for the year then ended.

Due to the nature of the income of GPS Old Boys Rugby Union Club Inc. and the limited resources available to the association to implement adequate internal controls over areas such as cash income it is impracticable to verify that all funds due to the Association were received however we have no reason to believe that all monies of the Association were not received and banked.

ERIC C. BUTLER & CO.

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