



**King's Old Boys' Rugby Club**

## **2009 Annual Report**

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## President's Overview

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Whilst our on field results in 2009 were perhaps not what we had originally intended them to be as we launched ourselves into the premier division of Subbies rugby, as a club and as individuals we can look back on the year with much satisfaction and pride in our efforts. Making the step to the highest level was never going to be easy, but in true KOB's fashion we rallied and gave it a red hot go, earning the respect of the clubs we played against. We weren't that far off the mark and the club should look back on the year with a sense of fondness and learn from the experience, enabling us to bounce straight back into the top division in 2011.

Throughout the year we maintained our traditional events, but we also introduced some new initiatives that were pleasing in terms of the results they achieved, what they represented and how they demonstrated the spirit of this club – notably developing a strategic relationship with the UTS Union, which sees anyone who approaches them to play rugby directed down to our club. The club also performed very well financially and is able to post a very strong result (see Treasurer's report) in one of the toughest economic climates faced in living memory. The support and loyalty of our sponsors cannot be under estimated here and we are thankful to them. Of course, the club cannot survive without its army of volunteers and to all those that came together to make it all happen, I thank each and every one of you.

Season 2009 started way back in early February with pre-season training at Rushcutters Bay Park. This was reasonably well attended as we looked forward to the season with much optimism. The now traditional tour to Orange during March was a success for the club and we took two teams (a grade and a colt's team) on tour. As the season got underway we were straight into our Ladies Day at Centennial Park, with a good crowd in attendance which witnessed the first showing of the highly anticipated pink stripe worn by first grade – more on that later. ANZAC day fell on a Saturday this year and as we were playing at Campbelltown, a bus trip was organised which was certainly a success, judging from the stories that were told the following week at training. Importantly, both clubs acknowledged the significance of the day by holding a minute's silence before first grade kick off.

This year also saw the club hold a cocktail party for the first time in many years at Kit & Kaboodle in King's Cross. The night was attended by about 160 revellers who had a great night. Our fine reputation for holding classy and entertaining events remains strong off the back of this success. We also for the first time nominated a charity to support throughout the season. We selected the National Breast Cancer Foundation to support and did this actively by providing a link off our website for people to make donations, sold merchandise, changed our first grade stripe to pink for two games, as well as holding a dedicated Breast Cancer Awareness match versus Knox Old Boys'. Unfortunately the weather was terrible but the spirit was strong, with the club raising well over \$2,000 for the charity over the course of the year.



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Other highlights that come to mind involve the players. Some wonderfully entertaining team dinners were held throughout the season and watching the teams grow in skill and certain players develop their talents gave much satisfaction to all each weekend. Of course, our presentation day held at the end of the season is always a great occasion and those who excelled throughout the year were duly rewarded. Special mention should also go to our first grade skipper, Mark Wilkinson, who not only played for the NSW Suburban Rugby team in 2009, but who was also a finalist for the Kentwell Medal.

Rugby clubs don't run themselves. There are many, many hours of time put into them behind the scenes that unfortunately goes largely un-noticed by the masses. However, those that contribute these hours do it not for the glory or the recognition – they do it because they care and they want to see others enjoy themselves and that sense of satisfaction is how they are repaid. Regardless, it is important to acknowledge the efforts of those who have contributed to making the club the success it is. There are of course more that have contributed than I can list here, so to those who I haven't acknowledged, please know it wasn't because your efforts are not appreciated, but rather a restriction on space in this report! The same goes for our band of supporters who turn up each week to watch families and friends – thank you for that support and know that it means a lot to the club.

Our executive committee worked tirelessly from the end of season 2008 in preparing the club for this season. To these gents I say my most heartfelt thanks for your time, efforts and patience.

Steve Glossop (Vice President) – Steve did such a wonderful job this year and thoroughly deserved to be awarded the Doc Harris trophy for his efforts. Steve coached 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, coordinated the team lists each week, coordinated the BBQ each home game along with largely organising the cocktail party and ladies day. This monumental workload was managed expertly and we are indebted to the service provided by Steve. He also found the time to play yet another season at 10 for third grade!

Tom McFadyen (Secretary) – Tom continued to give so much to the club in 2009. He always performed his tasks diligently and represented the club with distinction. He largely coordinated and organised the Breast Cancer match and spoke eloquently and from the heart on the subject at the fixture. Tom had an excellent year in second grade and all your efforts are much appreciated.

Ben Russell (Registrar) – Ben is our Mr Reliable. Without fuss, without fanfare, he goes about his work studiously and is a real behind the scenes contributor. The Registrar's role is a difficult and often thankless task and we are lucky to have the services of Ben to make it happen for us. This old prop just keeps on giving and also enjoyed a good year on the field, propping up the second and third grade packs.

Matt Bonser (Treasurer) – Matt has been our treasurer for 4 years now. The turnaround in recent years of the clubs finances and the degree of reporting we have which allows us to plan for the clubs future sits comfortably on Matt's shoulders. His



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diligence and persistence are most admirable and the club is in a much stronger position for his efforts. As the clubs ultimate reserve prop, Matt probably managed a game in every grade except one's in 2009!

Campbell Rogers (Club Captain) – Campbell had a great year in 2009. Leading the club not only in a social context but also out on the field, his enthusiasm (and laugh) is infectious throughout the club. Campbell had a hand in everything this year too. He was active in all of our events and responsible for coordinating the meat raffle each Friday night at the Oak. As Campbell steps down from the role at the end of this year, we thank him for all his efforts and for the way he supported and represented the club.

In addition to the executive committee, there were also other committee members who contributed in many ways, often acting as assistants to the gents listed above. To these guys, many thanks for your strong contributions and for being the driving force behind the operation. We quite simply could not have done it without you: Toby Buchanan, Tim Chapman, Matt Edwards, Josh Moule and Dean Noordeloos.

In 2009 we were fortunate to secure the services of several new coaches. It was always going to be a difficult task for these gents to come in and produce immediate results, but I think they did a great job and we are certainly thankful for their service.

1<sup>st</sup> grade – Mike Blacker (forwards) and Chris Hatfield (backs)

2<sup>nd</sup> grade – Ben Matters (forwards, coach of the year) and Andy Fairfull (backs)

3<sup>rd</sup> grade – Steve Glossop

4<sup>th</sup> grade / 5<sup>th</sup> grade – Dan Cassin, Tim Chapman and Brent Rackyleft

Colts – Pat Cunningham (forwards) and Richard Weekes (backs)

It's also an appropriate time to acknowledge the service that has been provided by our Patron and Colts coach, Richard Weekes. 2009 represented 30 years of involvement from Richard with King's Old Boys. During his life with KOB's he has been (amongst other things) 1<sup>st</sup> grade captain, President, club coach, 1<sup>st</sup> grade coach, colts coach and friend to countless members of our club. Every club has its legend and Richard is one of ours. His efforts over so many years are an inspiration to many and we are so grateful for his contributions.

Of course, even with all these great blokes on board, it still requires the support of our generous sponsors to make it happen. Be it their financial support, or their generosity in many other forms, they are a critical part of our life as a club and we are indebted to them:

AFP – Australian Film and Pipe (Andy Fairfull)

Domain physiotherapy (Emma Gillingham)



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Eco Projects (Julian Ashmore)

Fine Wine Fine Food (Ben Malouf)

Fox Symes Recruitment (Brett Chisolm)

Front Row Media (Nick Sergeant)

Garrod's Lane (Calvin Rogers)

Rhinodotcom (Charles Mason)

Stephen Edwards Constructions (Matt Edwards)

The Chiropractor (Andrew Stevenson)

The King's School (Dr Timothy Hawkes, Peter Phipps and the groundsman Tony Janson)

The King's School Old Boys' Union (Grant Bonner)

The Rogers Group (Catriona Rogers)

UTS Union (Aimee Purcell)

Vision Finance (Dave Lennox and Matt Ivers)

Season 2009 was hard work, enjoyable, frustrating at times, educational and character building all rolled into one. I think this is in many ways what rugby is all about. Importantly though, it's about the friendships that are developed and the character shown by club members that defines who we are and what we are all about. I'm proud to be associated with this club, what it stands for, and together what we achieve. As we look forward to season 2010, I wish you and you families all the best for the festive season and we're certainly looking forward to seeing you again at the club next year.

Peter Whittington  
President



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## Club Captain's Annual Report

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2009 would prove to be a real learning curve for the King's Old Boys' Rugby Club. Stepping up to 1<sup>st</sup> Division for the first time in 30-odd years was going to be a real challenge both on and off the field. All in all I think the club can be very proud of their achievements in 2009, even though we will be back in 2<sup>nd</sup> Division for the 2010 season.

As with previous years 2009 was off to a slow start. The Pre-Season was interrupted to say the least, and with the overlapping of Summer and Winter Sports it was tough to find any momentum heading into Round 1 which was going to be a real test in its self, against the 3 time defending Kentwell Cup Champions, Drummoyne.

We had a good early trial against Forest, before venturing to the Orange 10's in March to defend our Plate title. As in previous years, the weekend was off to a great start with half the team heading up to Orange on the Friday afternoon to "bond" and the other half attending the annual Gents Ball held in Sydney. Kobbies were represented this year by two sides. One group - predominantly 2008 Colties - and the other full of the older blokes. It was going to be a slow start, which was highlighted by a couple of the guys having not been home the previous night, arriving in their tuxedo without any rugby gear and those more interested in stopping in Lithgow for a few beers and a punt on the horses than playing footy. But by the time the first game had started we had a full complement of players and were ready to play! Unfortunately we didn't return to Sydney with any silverware.

After the Orange festivities it was down to serious business with only 1 trial (v Old Iggies) remaining before the Round 1 opener against Drummoyne. Old Iggies proved to be a tough hit-out as we were competitive in most grades, however we were not certain as to how much of a step up the 1<sup>st</sup> Division competition would be for the club in 2009. Round 1 would answer that question.

Our season was under way against the Subbies Rugby heavyweights (literally) and Kobbies was competitive on the opening day with a massive win in Colts, competitive losses in 1's, 3's, 4's and 5's. The highlight of the day was without doubt the win in 2's. After Round 1 there was a lot of quiet confidence that Kobbies could be a force in 1<sup>st</sup> Division Rugby. The 2009 season was underway.

Our annual Ladies Day was earlier than usual this year. We were back at Centennial Park taking on Forest. It was a great day and a big thank you to the committee for all the work they put in to make sure the day went off without a problem. Kobbies 1<sup>st</sup> Grade also unveiled their new Pink Breast Cancer Jerseys that would be a feature of the day. Today was also the launch of our Breast Cancer Awareness month that would encompass a 6 week advertising campaign, culminating in the Breast Cancer Day on May 31 at Woollahra. Even though the weather was against us in May, the club was proud to raise \$1,360 for the National Breast Cancer Foundation, which is



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a very important cause and a cause that has affected many of us in different ways over the years.

The first half of the season was a learning curve for the club. Consistency was the main culprit and the need to play well for the full 80 minutes found us losing many games that the club was very capable of winning. Throughout the grades, we had some good wins in the first half of the season but were not capitalising on our opportunities, which saw the club languishing in last place on the Club Championship table at the halfway mark in the season.

There were some pleasing results that had most of us confident that we could turn our season around in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Round. 1<sup>st</sup> Grade and Colts were the teams that were showing real promise rounding the turn. After 6 losses to start the season, 1<sup>st</sup> Grade had beaten Mosman at their home ground 13-0 in Round 7 and with a last minute loss in the Breast Cancer Awareness Challenge to eventual Kentwell Cup Champions, Knox Old Boys there was a quiet confidence growing within the squad. Colts on the other hand had 3 wins, as well as a draw against the eventual Barbour Cup Champions, Knox Old Boys; they were poised to make a surge towards the finals.

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade were unlucky to say the least with no less than 5 losses (within 5pts) and a draw, it could have been a very different season for the boys. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade all showed glimpses of what might have been but finished in the bottom half of their competitions. A big thank you to all the boys who filled in when we needed extra players each week. We had to field an extra team this year in 1<sup>st</sup> Div which is not easy at all. We only forfeited once which is a credit to the guys for all the work that they put in during the season.

After an early hick-up with the Annual Cocktail Party, we celebrated in style at the KitandKaboodle in the Cross. The night was attended by some 160 people and a great night was had by all, with many amusing stories to tell for weeks to come (not mentioning any names of course). As always these nights don't just happen and a big thank you must go to Steve Glossop and the Social Committee for planning this event.

In 2010, we return to 2<sup>nd</sup> Division rugby which should be exciting. Kobbies is still a very strong club in Suburban Rugby and playing in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Division competition is still no mean feat.

Enjoy your summer boys and we look forward to getting together again for pre-season in early February. There is lots to do between now and then, but 2010 looms as a great year for the club as we work for promotion back to 1<sup>st</sup> Division in 2011.

Campbell Rogers  
Club Captain



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# 1<sup>ST</sup> Grade Annual Report

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From Mike Blacker:

If only the season started six weeks later or we had won an extra game! History and the 2009 Kentwell Cup might have been in different hands.

When we came together at the start of the season as the 1<sup>st</sup> grade squad - albeit players were still rowing surf boats, riding horses and finishing their summer activities - it took me some time to understand the vagaries of Subbies and the culture of Kings Old Boys.

We set a task to run mid field in our first season as a 1<sup>st</sup> grade Kentwell Cup team playing against (semi professional) clubs with a different culture and mentality. Our task was achieved and history will show that we were the only Club that defeated the four semi finalists for 2009 and the ultimate winners (Knox Old Boys).

At round 7 we were 0 wins and 6 losses. If the success of the season is then judged on the remainder of the season and our results; we played a semi final every weekend. Coming home with a run of 9 wins out of 11 games.

I will not name individuals; however, it was an absolute pleasure to be involved with the players whose character was challenged weekly. I will leave the backs report to Chris – see attached at end of this report.

Highlights for me were in no particular order, beating Knox at home on their Gala day; beating St Pat's at Rawson Oval (our wash out game), if we reflect back to that game the personnel was made up of 1's, 2's and Colts, who probably played the best game of the season. It was an outstanding achievement showing the camaraderie between the player groups. Watching Drummoyne "spit the dummy" after we beat them at Kings; and the rest.

Special mention though must be made about our Captain, Wilko and his selection in the NSW Suburban side.

Who said I wouldn't mention everybody? While composing this report my memory starts to reflect on the season and therefore let's go!

Charlie Pembroke, great season, punches above his weight and can go a lot further.

Dave Haydon, the best player in the Club, I hope he rides horses as well as he plays Rugby.

Sammy Newsome and Jimmy Mathers, when they played we weren't beaten.





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Locks, forget how many, was like a revolving door, but special mention to Toby Buchanan and Simon Backman – who lives to play the game.

There was not a better front row in the competition, the Rogers twins (Different parents) and Wilko.

Did we have a great season???? Yes we did. Can the Club improve?? Yes you can.

Consideration for two nights a week training, noting I was at a seminar presented by Chris Hickey on mental toughness just last week. His closing remarks were that if he gets the Waratahs in February the season is over! Conditioning for next year starts now in your own way.

My thanks to the Committee and all the coaching staff, especially Ben Matters and Andy Fairfull, who lost half their team weekly to 1st grade; the support of Richard Weekes; a great season!

Mike Blacker (Blackers)  
1<sup>st</sup> Grade Coach 2009

From Chris Hatfield:

Overall, a very pleasing year for the 1st grade backs. After the disruptions of the earlier rounds, I don't think there was a better backline defensively in the Division from Round 6 onwards. Lachy Rogers led the backs with great leadership and his second half especially good, highlighted by his kicking game and option taking.

Tom Watson was really the standout in attack this year. Whist he spent more time getting strapped than any other player. His hole running and ability to break tackles really was unmatched this year. Our other centre, Andrew Robertson played 1 week then missed the next 4 but when he did play he was a strong runner and will only improve the more games he gets under his belt.



One thing we had in abundance were players that could handle 10, and Mitch Baker is a very rare talent for his age. His goal kicking won many games for the team and I don't think this could be underestimated! He is a very composed footballer and handled the role of 15 brilliantly and his kicking game was accurate all year as well as the ability to run into first receiver. He developed a good combination with Lachy.



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James Strang really established himself after a few rounds as the clubs best 9. Defensively he plays like another forward and his passing game was first class.

Isaac Carey came in for the later rounds and played very well for still only being a colt and should he stay with the club will definitely be playing a lot more first grade.

Matt Edwards and Alex Nicholson both had disruptive seasons with injuries but both really made a difference when they played. Having not too many specialist wingers many players had to be slotted in, Henry Bradley scored many a barnstorming try and thanks to Henry Hoskins, Richard Gel, Dan McCulloch, any even Gus Watson who pulled on the 11, 14 jerseys at some point.

Overall it was a very good season. No matter who we had in the side, the defence always set the platform and there was always a good spirit amongst the backs and the attack definitely improved as the year went on as the combinations improved. If this group of players stays together there is no reason why 1st grade won't win 2nd Division next year and this will only help a promotion push.

Chris Hatfield  
1<sup>st</sup> Grade Coach 2009



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## 2<sup>ND</sup> Grade Annual Report

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2<sup>nd</sup> grade rugby is all about doing the best you can, achieving common goals and in the spirit of Kings Old Boys Rugby having fun with mates.

A new coaching team of Ben Matters and Andy Fairfull took hold of the reins for 2009. New ideas brought new energy and the men showed that on the field.

The year promised to be a challenge with the club moving up divisions to play for the first time in the premier suburban competition, the Kentwell Cup. It was evident from the first training session that the players were as keen as the coaches to show their skill and passion on the football park.

Moving up divisions was always going to bring new challenges especially from a coaching perspective. Not knowing the style of play that your opponents would throw at you makes the job of preparing the team every bit harder.

Second grade, though, had a simple game plan from the first week knowing full well that they would not be fielding the same men throughout the year. The game plan had to be simple, one that could be taught to new players entering the team, and one that also could be altered quickly at any time. Kick to the corners, control our ball and then move the ball wide.

Although the second grade side did not make the finals series we made a lasting impression on the 1<sup>st</sup> division clubs. Throughout the year there were 7 games that were lost by less than 10 points, a heartbreaking statistic. This indicates that the second grade team was right on the money and with a little luck could have finished with a spot in the finals. Evidently luck was not on our side. Consequently we need to reflect as a team and take away the positives.

The team played with passion, energy and at all times with true spirit. The men carried themselves like true Kingsmen, no matter what the scoreboard read.



Special mention must go to a few men who excelled throughout the year and who had a big influence in the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade team. Mitchell Baker, a colt who decided to play grade, started his season as a 2<sup>nd</sup> grade fly half. We didn't see him play another game as he excelled in first grade and promises to be a player of the future.

Toby Buchanan was the standout player of the team throughout the best part of the year, strong running and a great leader. Toby being promoted to first grade then held his spot up there. This is a true reflection of what hard work, commitment, and



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dedication will bring. Congratulations Toby!

Henry Bradley started the year in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade as well, moving from wing to the centres. Henry's try scoring capabilities were evident from the first game.

Players who were the glue that held the team together were the players that were there week in week out putting in 100%. Josh Moule, Tom Mannix, Tom McFadyen, Jeff Mills, James Dellow, Richard Gell, and Jeremy Wood all played 90% of the games for the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade team throughout the year. Being a 2<sup>nd</sup> grade team you have to expect players coming up and going down grades. This group of players would turn up week in week out and played their hearts out every game.

To all the players who played in the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade team throughout the year, thank you, for a stellar year. To all the players who moved from 2<sup>nd</sup> grade into 1<sup>st</sup> grade, congratulations. To all the reserves who sat on the bench, who ran water and sent messages out on the field, we as coaches applaud you. A successful club is built by people such as you who are willing to go that extra mile.

A final thank you to the committee for selecting us as coaches. We have had a truly enjoyable year and look forward to 2010.

Ben Matters and Andy Fairfull  
2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Coaches 2009



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## 3<sup>RD</sup> Grade Annual Report

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The Thirsty Thirds entered 2009 having played in the past 4 grand finals having won 3 of these. That was always going to be a tough record to uphold with the step up to Division 1 adding to the task.

The stats show exactly that with 6 wins and a draw from the 18 games and only a wooden spoon to show for our efforts.

The finishing position does not fairly reflect the quality of the season or the effort put in, especially given the disruption to the team from a myriad of injuries throughout the season in first and second grade. In fact of the 80 or so players that pulled on a 3<sup>rd</sup> grade jumper this year only 5 of us managed to start in more than 10 games (Matt Filicamo, Nick Sergent, Calvin Rogers, Alex Hammond and myself).

In looking at where we went wrong this year I kept coming back to the following points –

- Constant injuries from above saw significant disruptions to the team each week.
- Julian “Boggy” Ashmore breaking his wrist (rumoured to have occurred in a vigorous 2 up spin during the ANZAC Day pub crawl) had a huge impact on the team. As much as I hate to say it the team did miss his aggression from the back of the scrum and his ‘mischievous’ work at the breakdown. We are all hoping he will keep playing through his upcoming 40<sup>th</sup> birthday.
- A constantly disappointing turnout at training through the year.
- The inability (due to reluctance) of the captain/coach to convince certain key players that they really only wanted stay in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and that 2<sup>nd</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup> grade are not worth it.

But enough of the negatives, the key reason we are playing rugby for KOB's is to have a good time with a good bunch of blokes and that we did.

Some of the positive on the field –

- Nick Sergeant's consistent good form. Serge made his KOB's debut back in 1994 – Tim Rea who played a few games for us this year was only 4 years old back then! I have only played with Serge for the past 6 or so seasons, and in that time I am yet to see a noticeable decline in the standard of his play. In fact I thought that this was Serge's best year since 2002! He dominated at the scrum and in defence, contributed strongly at the ruck and even managed to top the third grade try scoring tally with 4 tries.



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- Jono Rudd's cross field kicking was much improved over the season due to a lot of practice. His coach was then and is still not that sure it is a strategy that will help us win, but it did provide many laughs at the pub!
- George Hoddle's rampaging runs with the ball in hand were great to see – let's hope we see more next season.
- Sam Triggs efforts at avoiding committing himself to any ruck were always enjoyable – especially when he was playing 7. Luckily he made up for it with plenty of attacking brilliance and by bringing the lovely Penny to brighten up the sideline.
- Alex Hammond's begrudging versatility in the pack meant that we were able to field a team on more than one occasion. His punishing defence and ability to drop the ball over the try line always entertained.
- Calvin the red headed Rogers is still yet to be on time for anything in his life. One day he will arrive at a game more than 2 minutes before kick off and surprise us all. Calv was a massive help to 3rds and other grades through the year with some good recruitment and of course his sponsorship via Garrod's Lane.
- The super colties – Tim Moule, Alex Deane, Tim Rea, Angus Lawson, Ed Yabsley, Tom Clifton and many others all stood up and played a couple of games on a Saturday many times over the season. This is much appreciated and will be repaid in beer up at Orange for the tens in March.
- The drifters all fulfilled a difficult role. Whether it was moving between 2nds and 3rds like Ben Russell, Robbie Millner, Nick Mannion, Alex Hammond, Steve Marshal and Jono Rudds or between 3rds and 4ths like Matt Bonser, Alex the Argy, Dave Ronald & Nick Mansfield it is a thankless role but an essential one for the club – thanks boys.
- The front rowers who filled in through all grades in a position where we are always short – thanks to Adam Blogg, Curtis Adams and Grant Kirkby.





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- Lastly to Flicka. He deservedly took out the Best & Fairest and the players' player for the year. Week in week out he took on players 20kg's heavier and measured up very well in defence and attack. Without him we may have only won half on the games that we did – well done mate.
- If you were not mentioned above it is not because I did not value your contribution it is more that I can't think of anything interesting or funny to say about you. Perhaps next year you could follow Hammo's lead.

My off field highlight for the year came at the cocktail party, Alex Hammond stood up when it counted and did the thirsty thirds proud. If you were not there make sure you ask Hammo about his performance.

Gents, thanks for an enjoyable year, perhaps not as successful as we would have liked but that just makes us all a bit hungrier to return to the winners circle in 2010.

Steve Glossop  
Vice President and 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Coach 2009





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# 4<sup>TH</sup> Grade Annual Report

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A report has not been submitted for 4th Grade in 2009.



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## 5<sup>TH</sup> Grade Annual Report

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Overall the season could be described as inconsistent. While not seeing the remarkable turnover of players endured by 4<sup>th</sup> Grade, there was consistent variation in the make-up for much of the season with 61 players rotating through the grade.

Plenty of mates were dragged along to games, and the Boulos brothers were particularly important in making sure we always (one disappointing forfeit against Campbelltown aside) managed to get almost 15 running on at the start.

While we had some good early results – we lost our way the middle of the season. Thankfully we finished with some good results, and a couple of extremely close games (the 2 point loss to Grand Finalists Mosman in round 16 in particular) against finalists suggested that with some earlier consistency we could have given them a decent shake-up.

Dave Smith was an unsurprising and deserving players' player and coaches pick for the end of year silverware. Big thanks also to Ben Boulos, Matty Nunez, Brendon Boulos, Josh Barnett, Lachie Love and Dave Ward who made up the core of the team for much of season. Brendon Boulos also was a huge help organising teams each week, and assisting with selections when I bugged off to NZ for a holiday.

With the move back down into 2<sup>nd</sup> division, the major concern is how to maintain the team playing in Halligans Cup within the larger club structure. If the early training can continue on from the late season enthusiasm, there every chance of resuming the long standing rivalry with Colleagues; and knocking them off.

Tim Chapman  
5<sup>th</sup> Grade Coach 2009



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## U21's (Colts) Annual Report

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*"Well who'd-a-thought; 44- nil to KOBs Colts in game 1 of the 2009 year! This first division lark is just that - a lark and pretty easy really.*

*Let's go to the races at Easter all get smashed, come back for ladies day and deal out another crushing blow - this time to Forrest."*

Well... er yes - WHO WOULD'VE THOUGHT!!

As we collectively found to our chagrin, it actually wasn't as easy as we might of at first thought and probably not such a lark as it first appeared....

2009 high points:

Our 19 all draw in the wet against eventual premiers Knox was a fantastic contest and one which showed what we could do as a side with things going right for us;

Using the full squad during our undefeated run in uni holidays;

Scoring the vast majority of our tries out wide, with Isaac Carey, Simon Wotton and Ben Colless being the teams top try scorers;



Beating Drummoyne, Campbelltown, Beecroft, and St Ignatius mid-season to claw our way back into 5th position and a spot in the semi's if we were good enough;

Watching almost all colts contribute meaningfully to the senior teams throughout the year (sometimes by playing two or more games each week) and particularly during first grade's miracle run towards the end of the season;

Being a part of a fantastic and together group of guys consisting of old and new colties, well led by Will Barber, with Wolfey, Hugh, Isaac, Ben, Tim and others helping out along the way.

That said, after winning the minor premiership and reaching the grand final in 2008, our 7th position on the table in 2009 was not the finish we had aimed for. Contributing factors to our 2009 result:



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The standard is better in division 1 than in division 2 - at the top end, it's not by much, but it is better and there were no easy games through the whole comp.

The ELV's did change the game and it took us (the coaches more than the players) more time than we had, to really get a better handle on what to do where and how to adjust

We did take it too easy too early, and by the time we were fitter and better switched on, a couple of crucial games had got away from us.

We played to defend 5th spot in the last game of the season against St Pat's away and in a tight game, weren't good enough on the day after losing Hugh Campbell with a shoulder, Wolfey for higher grade warm up and Isaac who played 1's



After game 1 we set up a leadership group, voted on by the team and designed to transfer ownership to the players. A good idea, but one that in reality (and as hard as it is for me to acknowledge!), is that it didn't work this time and left things a little short on properly defined responsibilities and accountabilities.

We also set up a private Facebook group designed to share thoughts and ideas about where we were going - again, this didn't really work although I found it very useful and think its worthy of another try in future

Stuff that matters:

What ever is the score at game's end, the stuff that really matters remains the same and is NOT whether we won or lost.

It's mainly about the people;  
Relationships developed and hardened in the midst of battle,  
Courage and defence under fire,  
Fearless attack and conversion of opportunity  
Support for your mates  
Cold beer after the game as memories and tall stories are set up for future years  
Respect for the things that are important - game rules, team rules, ourselves, the opposition, the ref and the support crew

In the stuff that matters we had another great year - thanks to everyone involved and see you in some capacity in 2010.

Richard Weekes and Pat Cunningham  
Colts Coaches 2009



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## Financial Overview

**Kings Old Boys Rugby Club**  
**ABN 83261630527**  
**Balance Sheet as at 31 October 2009**

	Note	Year ending 31 October 2009	Year ending 31 October 2008
<b>Assets</b>			
Cash at bank	6	11,327	3,257
Player clothing	2	19,008	18,485
Player clothing - accum depreciation	2	(13,451)	(14,538)
Playing equipment	1	7,060	6,360
Playing equipment - accum depreciation	1	(5,927)	(3,573)
Prepaid Affiliation fees		0	0
Trade receivables		866	
Sponsorship receivable		0	2,500
Scrum Machine	4	10,000	10,000
Scrum Machine - accum depreciaition	4	(7,500)	(5,000)
Stock on hand		720	0
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>22,104</b>	<b>17,491</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Payables - trophies		0	2,709
Unearned sponsorship revenue		0	5,000
Peter Whittington		0	288
SSRRA		0	25
Unpresented cheques	5	1,425	1,242
Strapping tape		0	867
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>1,425</b>	<b>10,131</b>
<b>Net assets</b>		<b>20,679</b>	<b>7,360</b>
<b>Members' funds</b>			
Prior year accumulated profits		7,360	15,677
Prior year adjustment - 2006 player clothing		0	(8,000)
Accumulated profit / (loss) for the year		13,318	(316)
<b>Total members funds</b>		<b>20,678</b>	<b>7,360</b>



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**Kings Old Boys Rugby Club  
Statement of Income and Expenditure  
Year ending 31 October 2009**

	Year ending 31 October 2009	Year ending 31 October 2008
<b>Income</b>		
Membership fees	22,770	16,480
Bar income	21,062	20,515
Sponsorship revenue	3 34,000	35,740
Functions revenue - Ball	9,501	4,410
Shack of Rogues	2,900	2,700
Interest	10	2
Raffles (L'Day, meat, Garrods)	6,531	0
Merchandise	4,828	0
NBCF Fundraiser	1,295	0
Share trading	9,615	0
Other revenue	775	0
<b>Total revenue</b>	<b>113,287</b>	<b>79,847</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Functions expenses - Ball	8,182	5,410
Shack of Rogues	2,820	3,150
Presentation day	2,110	2,709
Bar expenses	17,233	19,948
Fundraising	1,540	
Bus hire expenses	720	2,440
Laundry	1,862	2,926
Player drinks / dinners	350	0
Bank fees	195	845
Fees adjusting amount	1,548	1,138
Ball adjusting amount	422	221
SOR adjusting amount	110	70
Infrasport GST	0	25
Merchandise adjusting amount	198	0
Silent auction adjusting amount	45	0
Players insurance	12,657	10,548
Playing equipment - depreciation	1 2,353	2,120
Scrum machine - depreciation	4 2,500	2,500
Player clothing - depreciation	2 9,504	9,243
Registration fees	2,665	3,285
Training ground	3,990	4,160
Chiropractor Wages	5,150	3,985
Physio equipment & strapping tape	2,144	2,283
Game day ground fees	650	100
Fines	0	100
Utilities	0	70
Other - miscellaneous	762	1,173
Coaching development	660	
Recruitment	369	211



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SMS	90	79
Rugby Club Memberships	1,635	1,425
Share trading	8,970	0
Banners for display at Kingdome	175	0
Tents for supporters	1,816	0
Fee refunds	770	0
Merchandise	4,479	0
NBCF donation	1,295	0
Total expenses	<b>99,969</b>	<b>80,163</b>
<b>Net profit / (loss) for the period</b>	<b>13,318</b>	<b>(316)</b>

**Depreciation**

Playing equipment depreciated over 3 years

Player clothing depreciated over 2 years

**Notes to the Financial Statements****Note 1 - Playing Equipment**

	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>
Opening	0	4,360	6,360
Accumulated depreciation	0	(1,453)	(3,573)
WDV	0	2,907	2,787
Additions	4,360	2,000	700
Depreciation expense	(1,453)	(2,120)	(2,353)
Closing	4,360	6,360	7,060
Accumulated depreciation	(1,453)	(3,573)	(5,927)
WDV	2,907	2,787	1,133

**Note 2 - Player clothing**

	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>
Opening	0	10,591	18,485
Accumulated depreciation	0	(5,296)	(14,538)
WDV	0	5,296	3,947
Additions	10,591	7,894	11,114
Depreciation expense	(5,296)	(9,243)	(9,504)
Fully written off asset			(10,591)
Depreciation writeback			10,591
Closing	10,591	18,485	19,008
Accumulated depreciation	(5,296)	(14,538)	(13,451)
WDV	5,296	3,947	5,557

**Note 3 - Sponsorship**

<b>Cash sponsorship</b>	<b>Paid</b>
TKSOBU	8,000
Pub sponsor	9,000
AFP	5,000
Rogers Group	2,000
Stephen Edwards	2,000
FWFF	1,000
FSA Recruitment	1,500
The Chiropractor	3,000
	<u><b>31,500</b></u>
<b>In kind</b>	
Eco Civil	2,500
<b>Total</b>	<u><u><b>34,000</b></u></u>

**Note 4 - Treatment of scrum machine**

01-Nov-06	<b>DR \$</b>	<b>CR \$</b>
Scrum machine	10,000	
Unearned sponsorship		10,000



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31-Oct-07			
Unearned sponsorship	2,500		
Accumulated depreciation - scrum machine	2,500		
Sponsorship revenue		2,500	
Scrum machine		2,500	
31-Oct-08			
Unearned sponsorship	2,500		
Accumulated depreciation - scrum machine	2,500		
Sponsorship revenue		2,500	
Scrum machine		2,500	
31-Oct-09			
Unearned sponsorship	2,500		
Accumulated depreciation - scrum machine	2,500		
Sponsorship revenue		2,500	
Scrum machine		2,500	

**Note 5 - Unpresented cheques**

Account	Date	Payee	Cheque	Amount
Functions expenses - Ball	14-Aug-08	Lauri Harrisberg	001867	90
Functions expenses - Ball	14-Aug-08	michael s mannion	001873	90
Fee refunds	29-Apr-09	Michael Russell	001935	70
		Mr Timothy J		
Cocktail Party	8-Jun-09	Rogers	001950	35
Cocktail Party	8-Jun-09	Neil Kumar	001953	35
Cocktail Party	8-Jun-09	Tim Chapman	001959	35
Cocktail Party	8-Jun-09	Tim Schwilk	001962	35
Cocktail Party	8-Jun-09	Andrew J France	001964	70
Cocktail Party	8-Jun-09	Mr James Reid	001966	35
		Mrs Catriona		
Cocktail Party	8-Jun-09	Rogers	001969	35
Cocktail Party	8-Jun-09	Alexander Nicolson	001970	70
Cocktail Party	3-Jul-09	Mr James Reid	001977	20
Player drinks / dinners	12-Sep-09	Porters Pymont	001989	350
Presentation day	12-Oct-09	Subbies	001994	455
				<u>1,425</u>

**Note 6 - Cash at bank**

ANZ	1,713
Macqarie	<u>9614.55</u>
	<u><u>11,327</u></u>



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## Treasurer's report

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### Overall

In spite of the economic environment FY09 has been a great year for KOBs. Accounting profit increased from a loss of (\$316) in FY08 to a profit of \$13,318. This has all been a direct result of hard work from the committee regarding fundraising and the benefits of the Infraspport system being fully realised for the collection of fees.

### Revenue

Fee collection was budgeted at \$20,000 for FY09 with the actual amount collected being \$22,770. This represents a total increase of \$6,290 from the prior year. This is an excellent improvement and is due to both being closely managed and the realization of the benefits of the Infraspport system in the ease of tracking those who haven't paid.

Sponsorship revenue has held up well given the economic environment. It was only slightly down on budget and is detailed in Note 3. Sponsorship remains a challenge for FY10 and is already a focus of the committee.

The other significant revenue item which is fundraising revenue which has seen over six thousand dollars raised through a combination of the ladies day raffles which raised \$3,200 (budget was \$1,000), meat trays at the Royal Oak on a Friday night & Garrods Lane vouchers being raffled on game day (which combined to raise just under \$2,000 after expenses). This represents a significant effort from a large number of people, especially the committee members who did the Friday night raffles.

Otherwise revenue was generally down, however, so were the associated expenses.

### Expenses

Through careful management expenses have been brought into line with the reductions in revenue. These efforts will need to be replicated in FY10. Laundry, physio wages and equipment, playing equipment and bar expenses were all down on budget which has contributed to the good result.

Player clothing was more than budgeted, however, it is anticipated that this amount will be greatly reduced in FY10.



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## **Shares**

FY09 saw KOBs investing the share market for the first year. Whilst it is only early days, the initial results have been profitable with a pre-commission profit of around \$1,000. This short term investment strategy will be continue in FY10.

Matt Bonser  
Treasurer



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## Registrar's Report

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2009 saw another successful year in terms of registrations. It was our second year using the Infraspport CRM website for registration and payment of fees, which again resulted in a higher percentage of players paying their fees (see treasurer's report), and made the job of registering players with Subbies easier. Online registration with Subbies was moved across from the Interfuse system to the ARU's MyRugby Admin site. This was mostly successful and the few glitches encountered were soon rectified by the ARU.

This year, the Kings Old Boys Rugby Union Club (KOBs) saw 165 registered players between the ages of 17 and 46 run on the field in 6 different grades. This is an average of 27.5 individual players per team. In terms of coaches, 9 individuals took on coaching roles; 1s, 2s and colts each had two dedicated coaches, 3s, 4s and 5s only had one.

The average age of all players within the club was 24.6, with most players once again in the 18-22 and 23-27 year old age brackets, although a few more old heads continued to kick along, as demonstrated in Figure 1 below. Figure 2 shows that as for 2008, the majority of people playing for KOBs resided in the Inner West. The Hills District has this year overtaken the Eastern Suburbs as next most popular Area for KOBs players to live in.

In conclusion, 2009 registrations again ran smoothly. I would like to acknowledge the much appreciated efforts of Tim Chapman, who took on the role of Assistant Registrar, assisting me with the Registrar duties and covering for me when I was away for work as well as Club Secretary Tom McFadyen, who also helped out when I was out of Sydney for work. Thanks Tim and Tom.

Ben Russell  
Registrar



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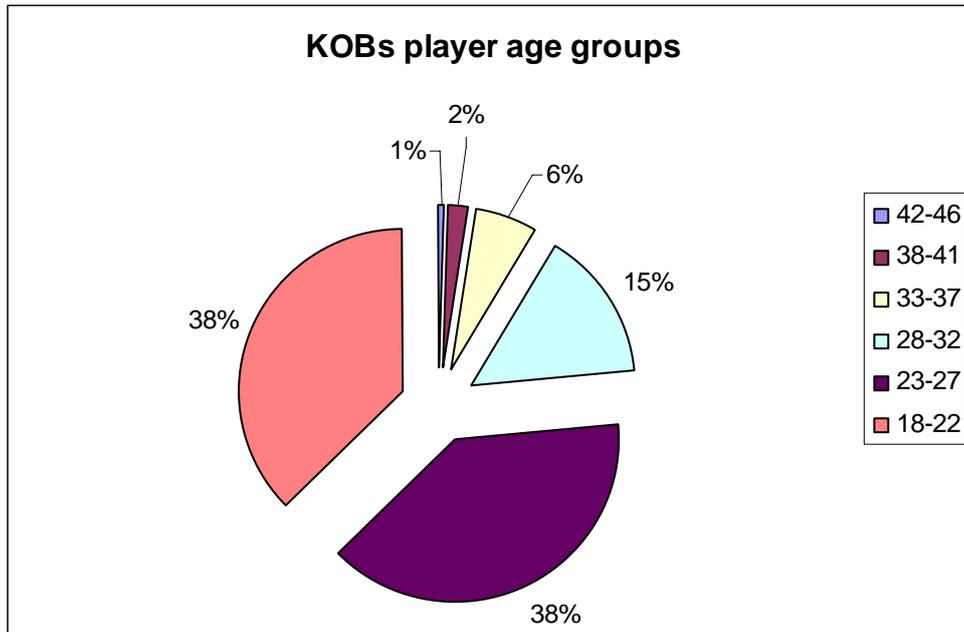


Figure 1: KOB players by age group – 2008.

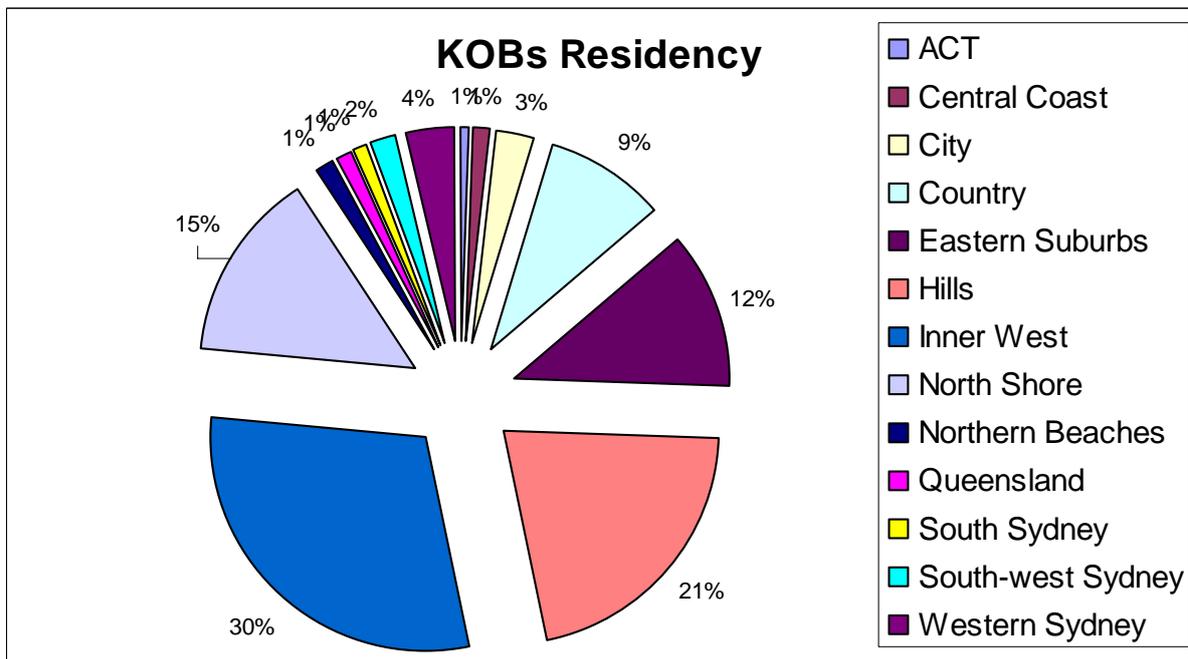


Figure 2: KOBs players by geographic distribution – 2008.



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# Honorary Life Members of King's Old Boys' Rugby Club

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As at 28 November 2009

Grahame Anschau  
Julian Ashmore  
Richard Barron  
Bill Carpenter  
Vin Cox  
Owen Craig  
Andrew Dickinson  
Dieter Fink  
Garth Fletcher  
Andrew France  
Grahame Galloway  
Dr Keith Harris\*  
Jon Hayward  
Tony Houseman  
Matt Ivers  
Richard Jeffery  
Dave Lennox  
Stuart Nix  
Charles Mason  
Paul McGettigan  
Col Oatley  
Stuart Pass  
Alex Rhydderch  
Nick Sergeant  
Ralph Sirmulis  
Dave Vale  
Richard Weekes (Patron)

\* Deceased