



King's Old Boys' Rugby Club

# 2015 Annual Report

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## President's Overview

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The season of 2015 was my first year as Club President, after Toby Buchanan decided to pass on the reins following several years in the position. I would like to start by thanking Toby for his great leadership and commitment in his time as President and for his valuable guidance as a committee member in my inaugural year.

Following the selection of the committee late last year there were many components of the upcoming season that had to be addressed immediately. The main focuses were recruitment, sponsorship and rebuilding the club culture.

As a way to improve the club culture our first move was to conduct repairs on the clubhouse, known as the 'shack'. Working bee sessions were held during the off-season and with the help of clubman/builder Lachlan Girling-Butler a new wooden deck was built, a serving platform was constructed and a new paint job was applied to the house. Unfortunately for us, through a combination of bad luck, poor timing and bad weather we only had two homes throughout the entire season so the benefits gained from the shack upgrade were minimal.

Aside from the shack a major goal was to bring the club closer together which I think was definitely achieved. There were a number new faces in the club this year that seemed to fit in straight away, immediately felt as home with the other players. The events that were organised at the AYH as well as the 'Back to White' gala day were all huge successes and you could really sense the camaraderie amongst the teams. This is a huge aspect of the club and ensuring the players are enjoying themselves creates a great base to build the club from for next year.

Sponsorship was another focus and once again we had a considerable amount of success in this area. Thanks must go out to the Old Boys Union for their ongoing support year in, year out. They have continued to not only provide financial support, but also guidance for the club and have helped us to maintain our close connection to the King's School. We also managed to keep the AYH as our sponsor pub for a second successive year. With close proximity to our training ground and a friendly, casual atmosphere, the AYH provided an exceptional social base for the club that was always very accommodating. Additionally, we received support from Inlogik, who has a close connection to the club through the Crane family. Aside from this we had a number of private sponsors who subsidised various services and products for the year.

The final focus for the season was recruitment, which is where we fell short this season. This was really the main concern that led to other issues throughout the season. At the beginning, we saw significant numbers. The turnout to pre-season training was fantastic with strong commitment from returning players and a lot of promise arising from new ones that came along. We had six coaches locked in for the season to help with the teams, which



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helped to build some structure as we headed into the season opener. Our start to the season saw us field four full strength teams for the first time in a long time. It was in these initial games though that we saw an unusually high number of injuries (many of which were season ending). This not only severely depleted our playing numbers for the season but stemmed our ability to progress on the field. Towards the later stage in the season the problem became quite severe with numerous people having to double up and play two or even three games. When preparing for the season of 2016, this will no doubt be a primary focus for the committee.

This season didn't produce strong results for the club. Our fourth grade team managed to win the Premiership, which was a well-deserved effort by the team after many years stuck as runner's up. Aside from 4<sup>th</sup> grade however, the other grade teams enjoyed little success in their respective seasons. This poses a great issue to be addressed and efforts must be taken turn this around next year.

Big thanks to my committee this year and all the coaches for the assistance in helping with this season. A lot of hard work to come in order to turn this around so looking forward to getting stuck in for next season!

Kind Regards,

Brendan Davis  
President  
King's Old Boys' Rugby Club



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## Club Captain's Annual Report

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Season 2015 for KOBs RUFC was up and down, on and off the field. Success was hard to come by in the higher grades due to ever dwindling numbers in response to a plethora of injuries and extended absences. Nonetheless, socially, KOBs was the strongest it had been for a number of seasons.

After a strong pre-season hopes were high for a strong showing come the season proper, unfortunately with results not going our way numbers soon dropped off but it was the aforementioned injuries that really dealt the club a massive blow/s – as discussed, it only take 3 or 4 injuries in the top few grades to resonate through all grades. I think a professional relationship with a physiotherapy practice in the coming year will allow any such injuries to be adequately treated to help keep time on the sidelines to a minimum instead of players being hesitant to seek help.

Looking at the social aspect now, myself and Toby organised a social calendar early on in the season to ensure attendance was always going to be on the higher side and with the exception of Preso day (the nature of which is hard to organise too far in advance) each social event was very well attended and spirits were always high.

I would be (quietly) confident in assuming that the club did not run at a loss across all the social events, which considering the numbers for the last two seasons AND the lack of home BBQs this year is a big turn-around. Thanks go to Mark Butler for undertaking inventory on equipment and supplies to make sure funds were spent more efficiently.

With 'The Shack' now being rehabilitated, albeit at a slightly inflated cost, it will now see it in good stead for a variety of uses in the coming years and allow us to focus on spending funds on other aspects of the club (Website, recruitment marketing, equipment). This was a great project to kick the season off, with a good number of the club lending a helping hand. Big thanks to the Ponds for supply of paint and painting bits and pieces.

Back To The White day was again a great success with plenty of numbers attending and keeping within the green financially. Greater emphasis should be put on this event next season to encourage more WAGs, supporters, OLD Old boys, members of the school and more of the opposition supporters to attend.

All the other social events (Boat race, trivia night etc...) tended to go without any major issues and led to a great spirit among clubmen and women despite results being few and far between on the pitch.

The heart of the club is well and truly there and is a major incentive for new faces to join the club.

2015 was a trying time for most in the committee with the combination of club duties and 'domestic duties' compounding stresses. Despite this, I feel this particular group has done extremely well this season – all things considered. Similar to on the pitch – success comes with consistency and it would be my hope that the core group remains in seasons to come.



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Thanks go to everyone for their support, in particular Toby for showing me the ropes.

All the best for the festive season, see you all in the New Year!!

Ned Jeffries  
Club Captain  
King's Old Boys Rugby Club

### **End of Season Awards**

**Doc Harris: Brendon Boulos**

**Most improved player: Ryan Davis**

**Rookie of the Year: Jordan Thomas**

**Coach of the Year: Alan Metcalfe**

**Club Personality: Sam Shumack**

**Bundy Big Hit: Braden Hall**



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

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The 2015 season was a very difficult season for KOBS. There were a number of season ending injuries to key players in all grades and retirement or relocation of players from last years first and second grade teams also took its toll.

As the season got into full swing a lack of players became an issue each week. I would like to thank the players who backed up each week and at times played a number of games every weekend.

Thanks Brendan for captaining the team and congratulations to Brendan and Scott for taking out the team awards.

For KOBS to change the lack of players and become competitive in 2016 and beyond, the club needs to address the following issues:

1. Rehabilitation of injured players whether it be medical or financial assistant so we can get these players back on the paddock sooner rather than later.
2. Commitment from registered players to be available for selection for all fourteen games of the season.
3. Split training for KOBS to allow a training venue in Western Sydney for players who live and work in this area. There are TKS Old Boys and their mates playing for other clubs who may relocate back to KOBS if we have facilities in Western Sydney. This facility should run in addition to our current facilities at Wentworth Park.

Finally, congratulations must go out to the fourth grade side for winning the fourth grade grand final and thank you to Alan Lott, Mark Butler, Tim Templeman, Con and Alan for their coaching support in 2015.

Thanks for the opportunity to coach 1<sup>st</sup> grade in 2015.

Rohan Cranney  
First Grade Coach  
King's Old Boys Rugby Club

**Best & Fairest: Scott Templeman**  
**Player's Player: Brendan Davis**



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

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As I pondered on how to summarise the 2015 season for the “Mighty Seconds” I decided to use the format from a rugby newsletter I receive, “Blood & Mud”. Keep your eyes trained.

We entered the 2015 season back in ..... I can't remember .... too much red wine has flowed since then ..... all the pre-season nonsense was done with ..... we had a pre-season didn't we (bloody red wine)? ..... warm-ups, squad conjecture and the endless interminable emails from sponsors and newbie coaches came to an end and an actual game was about to happen.

Hold it ... lets back track ... I got ahead of myself; I remember now we had a pre-season, I was the seconds coach.

I came along with my brand spanking new rugby coaching accreditation, files and folders, subscriptions to every rugby-training site you could think off and a grand plan to train the seconds as they should be .... like All Blacks. It was apparent that my sudden ability to translate my vast rugby knowledge of 25 years ago into contemporary rugby speak astonished and bedazzled not only myself, but everyone I could tackle to ground and lecture, I was good.

I am sure the 55 promising players we had turn up to our first combined session with the greyhounds (those little buggers are fast, mental note ... replace the outside backs with grey hounds), thought the same thing regarding my vast technical knowledge and ability. Certainly the 7.5 potential players that turned up for the next combined session thought so.

As I do not have a “Cavillesque” ability to remember names, dates, games, pitch softness, weather and wind direction during games, the PSI of the game ball, the refs girlfriend and who we were actually playing, I shall talk in general terms about the SHIT, the GOOD and the UGLY.

### **The SHIT:**

We got beat a few times.

### **The GOOD:**

Leviathan tight forwards, bearded lumberjacks included, who used the most recent algorithms that Stephen Hawking had to scrummage lesser opposition into black holes. Threatening to ruck old SH whilst he was in his wheel chair was probably not the most convivial way to get those algorithms ... but it worked.



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Combine this with a couple of props who have the art of cheating down pat and it could have been an All Black tight 5 (just put up with the AB references and stop moaning and groaning)

An intermittent hooker /flanker (who had a donkey as a mate in a world war) played as a tenacious doormat cutting down any ankle that came his way.

Pommy loose forward graduates littered the field chasing down the opposition like Usain Bolt with cries of "Tally Ho" and "Freedom!!!!" .... sorry no that was Mel Gibson (he couldn't get a guernsey).

No. 8's demonstrating wheels, carries and offloads and why proper, old-fashioned loose-forward skills should not be lost in the relentless modern demand for the game.

Snipping halfbacks who could leg trip with the best of them, pass the ball into off side loosies, yell at the ref with the best of them in 5 languages (mandarin sounded best) and play offside for 70 minutes.

Five eights who could sling passes to the beer tent, side step in mid-air and kick balls into basket sized spaces all while they were asleep on the field and dreaming of the surf at Piha in New Zealand (yes another reference)

Imported Spanish centres cutting the opposition into mid field pieces and tackling fully grown Samoans to the ground and listening to the air hiss out of them as those Spanish shoulders hit them right in the old kava soft spot.

Outside backs with the tightest shorts, best coiffured hair and the ability to run with a ball in one hand and a mirror in the other. Just a note OB's scoring is related to on field activity and not the bevy of ladies on the sideline, particularly not the opposition WAGS.

### **The UGLY**

All our Referees.

### **The SERIOUS BIT**

I have to admit I got more than I expected personally out of the season. A great bunch of core blokes who more often than not played three games on a Saturday and trained their hearts out when they could. The club has a lot to offer when you have guys like Alejandro just quietly turning up with his wife and little fellow, week after week and playing like a 20 year old.



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A mind sapping amount injuries was devastating for all grades and players and it is a real reflection of the ethos of the club in how hard those that came back from injury and those that filled the gaps tried, and how the club rallied to keep going.

Congrats to fourth grade and Alan, well deserved.

I'd also like to thank Tim Templeman who was a great support and despite my "master coach" class (that is class not arse) we remain friends.

Unfortunately work commitments next year mean I won't be in Sydney much so will not be able to avail you all of my vast rugby knowledge as a coach again.

I am really looking forward to 2016 and seeing what KOB's produces ... and also hanging my huge AB flag at all home games ☺

Ka Mate.

Mark Butler  
Second Grade Coach  
King's Old Boys Rugby Club

**Best and Fairest: Brendan Gow**  
**Player's Player: Alehandro Tarelli**



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

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Not a season to remember, with the logistics of putting a team on the paddock one of pot luck each Saturday and enough to bring on stress breakdowns for coaching staff.

Thank you to the stalwarts of the team each and every week, Dean Noordeloos, James Ramsey, Lachie Ennis, Adam Baker and Blaine (Pagey) Charlton, putting their bodies on the line. The find of the season was a guy who fronted up at the game against Hawkesbury Valley and asked if we needed any bench players, Stan the man instantly became our full back and showed us how to play a running game.

A big thank you to the guys in 4<sup>th</sup> grade for doubling up each week and ensuring we could get a team on the field. Must also thank the legends of KOB's rugby, Glossie, Whitto, Frewie, Tim Rogers, Dan Bligh, Glenn Ling, Josh Moule and the Kelley brothers, etc. for helping out during season. Not to mention those first graders who helped make up numbers from time to time. I think Liam Miners had a ball playing on the wing.

Without having a settled team it was hard to put together any form of preparation through training and/or cultivating any co-ordinated teamwork. We only won one game all season with the combination of Stan the Man at Full Back and Dan Bligh at Outside Centre cutting up the Epping defence just a shame that we were unable to do this more often. Back to White day proved another strong chance for a win and after leading for most of the match we were beaten in the dying minutes of the game.

A number of other games during the season were also fairly close indicating the commitment of KOBs players to give of their utmost in dire circumstances.

To Rohan Cranney, Allan Lott, Mark Butler, Tim Templeman and Alan Metcalfe, thank you guys for the coaching support throughout the year.  
A very big thank you to Jordan Pond for his assistance during the season.

Con Noordeloos  
Third Grade Coach  
King's Old Boys Rugby Club

**Best & Fairest: Dean Noordeloos**  
**Player's Player: Josh Moule**



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

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The 4<sup>th</sup> Grade side had a slow start with a less than perfect pre-season, some players seemingly unaware that the competition had started. By week 5, with a full squad things had changed and the team had found their mojo defeating a previously undefeated UWS side 47-7.

One of the key factors of the team's success was their tenacious defence, which kept opposition points scored against to a meagre 81 points for the season. The team won all but one game all season.

Having a full squad to pick from come semi-final time, the enthusiasm escalated as the team sniffed victory. Waverley were defeated 26-8 in the semi-final. The Grand Final was hard fought but the best team won 11-7 and the monkey was finally off their back.

Special mention must be made to the drivers of the team, Ben and Brendon Boulos and Deano. Without their enthusiasm and leadership I doubt we would have enjoyed the success we did.

Rugby isn't just about the game. It is about friendships formed and a commitment to each other. It is about supporting and encouraging one another irrespective of skill level.

On behalf of the team I would like to thank the committee, other coaches and support staff who gave their time so willingly to the club.

Alan Metcalfe  
Fourth Grade Coach  
King's Old Boys Rugby Club

**Best & Fairest: Derek McCartney**  
**Player's Player: Alex Deane**



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## Financial Overview

Profit & Loss Statement 2015	Year end 30 Sept 15	Year end 30 Sept 14
<b>Income</b>		
Membership fees	\$11,575.00	\$8,526.75
BBQ	\$5294.00	\$9,551.00
Merchandise	\$3,100.00	
Sponsorship	\$18,000.00	\$15,000.00
Cocktail Party	0	\$630.00
Presentation day	0	\$0.00
Wallabies tickets	0	\$11,148.00
Fines	0	\$100.00
Bus trip	0	\$470.00
Other	0	\$0.00
Sale of Shares	0	\$11,693.00
<b>Total revenue</b>	<b>\$37,969.00</b>	<b>\$57,118.75</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Cocktail Party	0	\$1,589.00
Presentation day	\$922.30	\$1,388.50
BBQ	\$5857.10	\$10,714.91
Security	\$254.10	-
Bus hire expenses	\$500	\$1,172.00
Player drinks / dinners	\$462.25	\$210.00
Bank fees	\$140	\$133.00
Paypal fees	0	\$48.25
Insurance	\$7160	\$7,560.00
Player clothing - depreciation	\$7539	\$9,638.50
Playing equipment - depreciation	\$399.67	\$446.00
Registration fees	\$2320	\$3,179.00
NSWSRU affiliation	\$550	\$550.00
ARU Participation Fee	\$2,200	
Training ground	0	\$1,908.00
Physio Wages	\$2510	\$3,070.00
Physio equipment	\$1848.50	\$1112.00
Game day ground fees	\$150	\$294.50
Fines	\$431.72	\$100.00
Rego night	\$126.06	\$940.00
Rookies night	0	\$144.00
Other Recruitment	0	\$60.00
Banners for display at Kingdome	\$23.85	\$0.00
Misc	0	\$235.00
Wallabies tickets	0	\$10,350.00
Accommodation	0	\$700.00
Capital Investment	\$2833.80	\$3,135.00
Coaches Gift	\$150	\$0
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>\$36,378.35</b>	<b>\$58,677.66</b>



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<b>Profit</b>	<b>\$1,590.65</b>	<b>-1,558.91</b>
<b>Depreciation</b>		
Playing equipment depreciated over 3 years		
Player clothing depreciated over 2 years		

<b>Balance Sheet as at 30 Sep 15</b>	
<b>Assets</b>	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$16,801.33
Shareholdings	\$ -
Player clothing	\$16,733.00
Player clothing - accum depreciation	-\$13,233.00
Playing equipment	\$1,077.00
Playing equipment - accum depreciation	-\$677.33
Trade receivables	\$0
Sponsorship receivable	\$3,600
Accounts receivable	\$600
Merchandise receivable	\$ -
Stock on hand	\$ -
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>24,901.00</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>	
Payables	\$2982.00
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 2982.00</b>
<b>Net assets</b>	<b>\$21,919.00</b>



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## Treasurer's report

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2015 was an exciting year to be a part of Rugby. The World Cup drew high levels of excitement across the world and in Australia many groups of families and friends could be heard living through every moment of the Wallabies campaign. The Club too, having undergone a changing of the guard in 2015 with many new faces in its leadership structure, faced the excitement and challenge of turning around a poor fiscal 2014 where the club faced significant revenue problems both in terms of sponsorship and player registration fees. This challenge was made all the more difficult by the imposition by a new "ARU National Participation Fee" which was the topic of much controversy due to NSW Suburban Rugby's quite correct position in opposing the ARU's proposed insurance levy which would have seen clubs like KOBs becoming more and more financially unviable. Owing to some great work from the leadership group as a whole and a committed underbelly of the playing group, the club was able to perform far better financially in 2015 and in many cases on the field, with 4<sup>th</sup> grade taking out the competition.

The club is once again indebted to the fantastic support received from our main sponsors, the Kings Old Boys' Union, our Sponsor pub the Australian Youth Hotel, at which the club enjoyed the wonderful hospitality week in week out, as well as new faces including Inlogik who came on board as our major non-pub sponsor, provided the funds that the club needed to reverse the losses of the previous year. Without the support of these fantastic partners, the club would not have been able to put together the year that we have had and I would like to take this opportunity to thank Inlogik, the AYH and TKSOBU for their ongoing support.

A particularly pleasing area where the club improved financially in 2015 was the revenue from its member registration fees. Collection of fees grew to \$11,575 by Fiscal year end 2015, which represents an increase of nearly 36%. This came down to the fantastic work of Brendan Davis the new president driving the committee to manage its collections better. A special thanks to Mark Butler and the Pond boys who were exceptional in this regard. The other pleasing factor was an increase in sponsorship from \$15,000 to \$18,000, with around \$3,600 left to come in from the AYH and various other sponsors. This represents an increase of 20% at Fiscal year end, which will grow to a 44% increase on 2014 by the end of calendar year 2015. The strength of the partnership that the club has built with the AYH over the past three years once again formed the bedrock of the club's culture and success, while the newly formed partnerships made it an exceptionally good year from a sponsorship perspective. I was particularly pleased to see the whole committee out there attempting to seek out new opportunities and club captain Ned Jeffries in particular drumming up support. All of this makes for great reading leading into the 2016 season, and provides a strong base from which to work.

The shack was also provided with much needed maintenance and repairs owing in large part to the skill of Lachie Butler (as well as the discount he was able to



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secure for the club), and the work ethic of club members who gave up their time to put in the hard yards. Congratulations to all that contributed, it looks fantastic and was well worth the roughly \$2800 which was spent on materials.

In summary, in a year where both revenues and expenses decreased significantly as the club employed a more frugal approach to financial management and significant capital investment was made into the club's facilities, KOBs will finish the year with a cash profit of \$1,590.65 which, once accruals are accounted for will likely increase to a profit of \$2,208.65 for the year ending September 30, 2015.

The club is undoubtedly in a very comfortable financial position and well positioned to tackle the challenges of 2016 and I am excited to see how they are tackled by the club going forward. I would like to wish the incoming committee of 2016 all the best of luck and may the Kingdome forever be our fortress!

Charlie Crane  
Treasurer  
King's Old Boys Rugby Club



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## Registrar's Report

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2015 saw the Kings Old Boys' Rugby Union Football Club (KOBs) have a diverse year, we saw our 4th grade side win their premiership, wet weather changing venues, as well as an array of injuries affect all grades. This has, in different ways, affected putting players in the park each week.

Again this year we endeavoured with the search for new players with varied success. We had the return of some 'old' faces and the welcome sight of a few new ones. 2015 saw KOBs with 118 registered players this being considerably down on 2014 where the club had 144 players registered. It is a continuing dilemma, building toward the numbers of years gone by.

As like 2014 we didn't field a colts side. Recruitment continues to be a concern within the club that is being actively addressed for the upcoming 2016 season. There has been an increase in advertising of the club with flyers being handed to the 'opens' rugby side at the school that will continue next year, increasing our visibility at the school. With the goal of fielding a colts team in 2017 as Suburban Rugby has indicated that it will be a requirement in Division 3.

This past season also saw the implement of the new ARU Rugby Link system. From my own experience and reports from other clubs and the union it has had mixed reviews. Where I said in my last report that the old My Rugby Portal was user friendly, Rugby Link is less so. It still did allow for use on smart devices, however transferring players from other clubs was a little more complicated. The site also was a lot more complicated in general, with far more options and longer convoluted ways to find information that was easily accessible previously.

This year we have continued with the 'rebuilding' of the club, a drop in numbers and a vast array of injuries made fielding fit and competitive sides each week difficult. This year we had another relative 'young' playing roster with the average age of the top 3 grades being in the mid 20's.

With increased enthusiasm to 'hit the ground running' next season coming from the playing group provides a foundation to build a strong 2016 season.

Jordan Pond  
Registrar  
King's Old Boys Rugby Club