

2019 Season Review

Winning takes talent. To repeat winning takes character. With committed players and leaders who are respected, a winning culture and character will be created and maintained in the Club. This is the challenge for the Club going forward. The culture values embraced by the Club this year created the environment to be successful, with all teams participating in the finals. The first and reserve grade teams were crowned minor and major premiers with the Club securing the “Jewel in the Crown” Mal Woolford Club Champion trophy. This trophy was targeted as a priority and the commitment of the coaches and players in this regard was outstanding.

Talent was also apparent with the winning of a number of individual awards this year. Ryan Walker was named “player of the 1st grade grand final”, Alex Langbridge, “representative player of the year” and Matt Lantry, “coach of the year” by the Newcastle Rugby League for 2019.

Congratulations to our new Life Members Warren Schillings, Chris Stephens and Marj Vosilla. Congratulations also to Clubman of the year, Robin Frew.

The merger of the NSW Rugby League and Country Rugby League will no doubt now improve the overall development and future direction of rugby league in this region and the State. Our Schoolboys and subsidiary clubs, who have once again performed well this season, both on the playing field and in administration can now go forward with confidence and certainty for their future.

Our new head coach for the next two years will be Todd Lowrie. Todd has played at the top level in the NRL for many years and brings with him a wealth of experience that will benefit our established players and emerging junior Rosellas.

The Soul Café has been a welcome addition to our match day operations at home games. The operation of the canteen is beneficial to the football club and also to those in need in our communities. The canteen is operated in a very professional manner and is enjoyed by those who attend the games. The Club looks forward to an ongoing association and relationship with a dedicated Soul Café management.

The retirement this year of our long-serving secretary Neil Scarr and five other long-term and dedicated officials has necessitated succession planning to cover their departures. Geoff Wright, Kerry and Brett Nixon, Robin Frew and Tony Brown are remarkable West stalwarts who I am sure will continue to support the Club into the future. I wish them well in their retirement.

I would be remiss to not acknowledge the significant contributions of Neil Scarr in his roles as administrator, mentor and confidant to all involved in the Club. His vision and application to change has improved the overall performance of our Club and local rugby league in general. Hopefully his talents will not be lost to the rugby league fraternity into the future.

The senior club gratefully acknowledges all those involved in the management and operations of all affiliated clubs in the West family.

Wayne M Hore
President

Points Analysis - 2019

<u>West's Versus:</u>					
<u>1st Round</u>	<u>First Grade</u>	<u>Reserves</u>	<u>Open Grade</u>	<u>Under 19's</u>	<u>League Tag</u>
Lakes (a)	W 46 - 6	W 38 - 6	L 14 - 22	W 10 - 4	W 18 - 0 (Nel Bay)
Kurri (h)	W 38 - 16	W 22 - 12	W 19-18	W 36 - 6	W 26 - 0
Maitland (a)	W 42 - 0	W 58 - 0	W 28 - 4	W 36 - 6	W 18 - 0
South (a)	W 19 - 12	L 0 - 4	W 24 - 6	W 20 - 10	W 2 - 0 (Lakes)
Central (h)	W 30 - 16	W 26 - 12	W 60 - 0	W 20 - 6	W 6 - 0
South (h)	L 12 - 14	W 12 - 8	L 10 - 20	W 42 - 0	L 10 - 12 (Cent)
Cessnock (a)	L 8 - 13	W 32 - 28	W 30 - 0	W 32 - 6	L 0 - 12 (South)
Maitland (h)	W 44 - 10	W 58 - 0	W 30 - 10	W 30 - 0	W 10 - 6 (Cess)
<u>2nd Round</u>	<u>First Grade</u>	<u>Reserves</u>	<u>Open Grade</u>	<u>Under 19's</u>	<u>League Tag</u>
Lakes (h)	W 32 - 6	W 42 - 0	W 8 - 0	W 15 - 10	L 1 - 2
Macquarie (a)	W 32 - 14	W 32 - 6	W 30 - 8	W 28 - 16	W 82 - 0
Central (a)	W 61 - 0	W 52 - 4	W 42 - 10	W 36 - 4	L 10 - 20
South (h)	W 36 - 16	W 46 - 18	D 26 - 26	L 14 - 15	W 24 - 6 (Mait)
Cessnock (h)	W 34 - 10	W 50 - 6	W 62 - 4	L 20 - 22	W 40 - 0
Kurri (a)	W 18 - 8	W 30 - 18	W 36 - 12	W 50 - 4	L 8 - 12
Cessnock (a)	W 57 - 8	W 34 - 6	W 48 - 6	W 38 - 10	W 40 - 0 (Nel Bay)
Macquarie (h)	W 38 - 18	L 22 - 24	W 52 - 6	W 30 = 0	W 72 - 8
<u>Elim Semi</u>					
<u>Qual Semi</u>				Cessnock W 18 - 8	South W 12 - 10
<u>Minor Semi</u>					
<u>Major Semi</u>	Central Kurri	Lakes			Central L 0 - 18
W 50 - 10 W	38 - 10	W 8 - 0	L 12 - 22		
<u>Prelim Final</u>				Cessnock W 30 - 4	South L 14 - 18
<u>Grand Final</u>	Cessnock	South	Maitland	Lakes	
(McDonald Jones)	W 36 - 0	W 18 - 16	L 16 - 20	L 4 - 14	