

## 2020 SEASON (COVID SEASON)

Season 2020 began with high expectations by the Club following a successful 2019 season. Pre-season training implemented by new 1<sup>st</sup> grade coach Todd Lowrie and new Strength and Condition coach Bruce Gulliver was well received by the players with the benefits visibly apparent. The atmosphere at training demonstrated that the Club culture about people who want to be “about” the Club was apparent. Where players want to play and improve performance to share in success.

The advent of the COVID 19 pandemic in March delayed the start of the competition until July when the proposed competition was reduced to an amateur status.

The new structured competitions were made up of ten rounds with a shortened semi final series. The amateur status of the competition saw some senior players decline to play which opened-up opportunities for a number- of our “emerging Rosella” players to enhance their chances of playing in the top grades.

The senior players who continued to play in the amateur competition for the Club demonstrated their loyalty and commitment to our culture. The rewarding of players for their performance at training and in games by the selection process adopted by the coaches was a pleasing innovation. The achievements of the Club this season is remarkable given the restrictions imposed by the COVID19 pandemic.

Congratulations to Reserve grade coaches Laurie “Sparra” Clifton and James Huff for their dedicated efforts in winning the minor and major premierships for 2020. I wish you both well in your new ventures in season 2021.

Some of the challenges this season have been unprecedented for coaching and administration issues. The efforts of Todd Lowrie and Russell Petrie in their first season in the top positions of the Club have been outstanding. Your attention to detail and process was remarkable.

A special thank you to committee man James Wilson for his professional approach to the management and guidance of our subsidiary and junior clubs this season. Congratulations to Noel Tupou and Mathew Casserly on your Life membership after playing 120 grade games with the Club.

The Soul Café once again operated our home game canteen and we are thankful for their efforts and the work they perform in the community. We look forward to an ongoing association. The Senior club is grateful to all those involved in the voluntary management of our West clubs and look forward to your continued support.

Wayne M Hore  
President

## Points Analysis - 2020

<u>West</u>						
<u>Versus:</u>						
<u>1<sup>st</sup> Round</u>	<u>First Grade</u>	<u>Reserves</u>	<u>Under 19's</u>	<u>League Tag</u>	<u>Open Grade</u>	
Lakes (a)	W 20 – 10	W 16 – 8	W 18 – 4	W 26 – 10	Aberglasslyn	L – Forfeit
Wyong (a)	L 4 – 8	L 10 – 8	W 18 – 6	L Forfeit	Fingal Bay	L 2 – 10
Cessnock (a)	L 18 – 22	W 42 – 8	W 20 – 14 (Macquarie )	W 56 – 4	Walls-Mary	L 34 – 20
Central (h)	W 24 – 20	W 36 – 6	L 0 – 10	W 6 – 4	Dudley	L 14 – 40
Maitland (a)	W 30 – 10	W Forfeit	L 4 – 16	L 0 – 6	Glendale	L 10 – 22
South (h)	L 18 – 22	L 10 – 18	L 10 – 24	L 10 – 24	Nthn Lakes	L 22 – 32
Kurri (a)	W – BYE	W 18 – 12	W. 22 – 18	W 50 – 0	Dora Creek	L 15 – 29
Central (a)	W 10 – 6	W BYE	W BYE	W BYE	W Wallsend	L 22 – 72
<u>2nd Round</u>	<u>First Grade</u>	<u>Reserves</u>	<u>Under 19's</u>	<u>League Tag</u>	<u>Open Grade</u>	
Lakes (h)	W 19 – 18	W BYE	L 12 – 18	W Forfeit	Beresfield	L 28 – 14
Wyong (h)	W 18 – 12	W 28 – 6	W 28 – 16	W BYE	Fingal Bay	L 12 – 22
Kurri (h)	W – BYE	W 26 – 0	W 10 – 6	W Forfeit	University	W 50 – 22
<u>Elim Semi</u>						
Cessnock	L 14 – 38					
South				L 4 – 18		
Dora Creek						L 8 – 48
<u>Qual Semi</u>						
<u>Minor Semi</u>						
South		W 13 – 12				
<u>Major Semi</u>						
<u>Prelim Final</u>						
<u>Grand Final</u>						
(Maitland Sports Ground)		Wyong W 13 – 12				