



OLD COLLEGIANS RUGBY UNION CLUB

Tregenza Times

14th December 2017

OC Christmas Party

Another great afternoon and evening of Old Collegians fellowship was enjoyed last Sunday.

Thank you! to Rob Costanzo, Sue Thewlis, Chrissie Nightingale and Kim Evans who decorated the Clubrooms and to all those attending who produced a fantastic array of goodies to enjoy!

Big thanks once again to the **Man in Red**, it's such a delight to see the faces on the little ones.



OLD COLLEGIANS 80TH YEAR



2017 President's Report : David Pyper

I have the pleasure of welcoming you all to the 2017 AGM of the Old Collegians Rugby Union Football Club. A special welcome to our life members present.

Firstly I would like to thank my fellow committee members for their efforts this year. It is not unusual for committee members to spend upwards of 30 hours a week on club business. I don't need to remind people that this is done voluntarily.

Secondly I would like to thank all the other club members and volunteers who donate their time to the club. The number of hours put in by a broad range of volunteers is exceptional and quite simply the Club would not function without them.

Senior Rugby:

All senior teams (Premier Grade, Reserve Grade, and Women's) qualified for the finals with the Women's team making the Grand Final ultimately going down to a powerful Souths team. Our men's senior teams progressed to the semi-finals. Due to a lack of numbers, we didn't manage to field a senior men's third grade team this year. This will certainly be one of our key focus areas leading into the 2018 season.

Junior Rugby:

Another year of strong junior rugby at Old Collegians. The 2017 season saw us for the 3rd year in a row with juniors in excess of 170 players and thanks to a strong coaching and volunteering group lead by Chris Killick and Corné Arnold our future looks bright. Highlights of the year include our first pre-season Summer Academy with more than 80 registered juniors participating as well as the introduction of our bi-annual U18's tour to NZ, in April '17. We also had 19 of our Old Collegians juniors from U12's – U18's represent South Australia in representative rugby this year. Another season highlight was our ability to field 2 completely separate and competitive U10's teams in the competition this year.

Financial:

A tough year financially, which saw social membership, bar and canteen takings down as well as rising utilities costs. Improvements to the club facilities and the installation of a gym and revamp of the downstairs change rooms as well as the club's first aid facilities have also lead to an increase in expenditure costs. Key areas identified during our end of season review to focus on for season 2018 include the recruitment and retention of our senior playing group, the installation of a new point of sale system to provide improved and up to date financial reporting, across all our income streams, growth in our supporters membership and the facilitation of a more attractive social events calendar, that caters for events across our player and supporter base.

Sponsors and Donors:

Our loyal sponsors remain an important part of the club and all are thanked for their generosity in 2017. Without

sponsors and donors, we would have difficulty maintaining the level of service we provide to members.

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We thank our other donors who wish to remain anonymous, your contributions are appreciated and valued.

House:

This year we remodelled the home change room area under the clubhouse. Walls were knocked through to provide much more usable spaces. There is now a dedicated and equipped gymnasium, treatment room and much improved storage areas. Thanks to all those club members who donated their time and materials to get this work done. A lot of the hard labour being done by the late Ian Walker.

Grounds:

Many thanks to Past President John Denley for looking after the line marking duties and liaising with The Burnside Council. The house and grounds were looking so good Old Collegians were awarded a RUGBY UNION SA trophy for the best kept clubhouse and surrounds.

Communications:

We are currently implementing a new club website thanks to the efforts of Vice president Rob Costanzo. The Face book page for senior men's, women's and juniors works well for individual team communications. This is still an under- utilised communications tool for keeping in touch with our members.

Social

The club tried unsuccessfully at the start of the year to garner interest in a social committee. There were no respondents so 2017 saw less events organised. We have moved to improve in this area for 2018. Rob Costanzo has already met with a new social committee and planning has begun in earnest. The cocktail evening, the ladies day and the NZ fundraising quiz night were very well attended events. A special thank you to all those involved to help make these evenings a huge success as well as our junior and presentation end of season events.

Congratulations to all recipients of trophies and awards throughout the season.



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President's Report: cont

City of Burnside

Both John Denley and Danny McCartan have continued forging strong relationships with the Council. Old Collegians invited the Mayor and elected members and other council representatives to share in the winning of the RUGBY UNION SA Best House and Grounds award. The Mayor in particular expressed an interest in attending a match in 2018.

The Future

I believe the most pressing issue facing the club is the resurrection of our 3rd Grade team. The 3rd Grade offers the development of junior players reaching senior ranks. It leads to healthy pressure on those players wishing to play in the higher grades and also provides a place for those just wanting to play rugby for Old Collegians.

We are planning and undertaking further renovations and upgrades to the Clubhouse. This will include a new canteen at concourse level rather than having to traipse through the clubhouse as we do at present. We would also like to refurbish the Bar area inside the Clubrooms.

A new Point of Sale system is being implemented. This will provide much improved financial recording that is just not possible with the current package.

In Summary:

Whilst many of our on-field results were not what we are used to I believe the Club has taken obvious steps forward in significantly improving our on field results and club facilities etc. We look forward to your continued involvement and commitment as we head into season 2018.

Training is already underway on Tuesday nights, players raring to go.

David Pyper

President
Old Collegians Rugby Union
Football Club



2018 Committee

At the Annual General Meeting hold on 6th December the following positions were elected unopposed.

President:	Rob Costanzo
Vice-president:	Jarrold Deakin
Secretary:	Susan Thewlis
Treasurer:	Amanda Porteous
Director of Rugby:	Danny McCartan
Director Junior Rugby:	Chris Killick
Senior Registrar:	Simone Linder-Patton
Junior Registrar:	Corné Arnold
Senior Selectors	Doug Mein, Peet Arnold



Club Rooms

Please note that the Club Rooms are now closed on Wednesday evenings until Senior Training commences in February.

An exact date will be advised in the new year.

Social Membership

The Committee is very keen to raise the profile of being a Social Member of Old Collegians Rugby Club and are striving to increase the Social Membership.

New Membership Categories have been introduced with a new fee structure:

Individual	\$65
Family (2 adults + 2 non playing children)	\$100
Business Partners	\$50

Please complete forms on following pages and return to the Secretary: secretary@oldcolls.org.au

Direct payments can be made to OC bank, or provide your credit/debit card details. A receipt will be forwarded to you.

Social Membership Form



Old Collegians Rugby Union Football Club



Social Membership Form 2018

Full Name: Mr, Mrs, Ms, Miss			
Date of Birth:			
Address:			
	Post Code		
Phone:	Home:	Mobile:	
Email:			
Do you wish to receive OC Newsletter via email link	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Membership Fees:	Valid until Annual General Meeting 2018		
Categories: <i>Please tick</i>	Individual	\$ 65	
	Family (Up to 2 adults to 2 Non-playing children)	\$100	
	Additional Children	\$ 25	
	PTO to complete additional members details (birthdates are required)		
	Business Partners	\$ 50	
OC Bank Details	Old Collegians Bank Details NAB BSB 085 005 Account 23823-0040 REF: SS-Your Surname (i.e. SS-Bloggs)		
Your Credit/Debit Card details	Name on Card: Card Number: Expiry date:		
Office Use			
Date Paid			
Payment Method	Cash / Credit/Debit Card / Direct Deposit		
Loyalty Card Date Provided	/ /	Card Number:	

Social Membership Form

Additional Family Members	
Full Name:	
Date of Birth:	
Loyalty Card Number:	
Full Name:	
Date of Birth:	
Loyalty Card Number:	
Full Name:	
Date of Birth:	
Loyalty Card Number:	
Full Name:	
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Old Collegians youngest Social Member

5 week old Master **Hugo Henry WATTS** , son of **Bethany Clark** And Grandson of **Merlyn & Harry Clark**.

Hugo was registered as a social member by Grandpa Harry!

He wasn't quite sure what to make of the ***Man in Red!***



Rugby Union SA News

Congratulations to our boys, winning the final game of the weekend 33-10 against Northern Territory.

Try scorers were [Magnus Illman](#) x3, James Darby x1, Tyrone Smith x1 and Costa Haratsaris converting.

The girls weren't as lucky, but played together well.

Congratulations to [Alice Priestly](#) scoring the only try with the final score being 12-5. Well done girls - see you next year!!



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