



## President's Report 2009

<b>President:</b>	Mark Stanton
<b>Vice President:</b>	Alan Rhodes
<b>Secretary:</b>	Justin Sharp
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Russell Cole
<b>Registrar:</b>	Ian Halligan
<b>Immediate Past President:</b>	David Hine
<b>Committee:</b>	Alan McLoughlin, Annie and Mark Keech, Brett Greene, Brett Richter, Andrew Bryant, Ross McLennan, Steve Ferrier, Danny O'Reilly, Tony Barrett, Michael Barlow, Karen Nichols

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### Introduction:

Well, one year ago the five unsuspecting people in front of you today found themselves elected to the management committee of Brothers Junior Rugby Club. Between us we had very little experience in the administration of a football club – in fact, Justin, Ian and Russell had not attended one committee meeting at Brothers between them and myself only a handful.

Thanks to the very generous support of Immediate Past President, Dave Hine and his management committee, and under the guidance of my ever reliable deputy in Alan Rhodes, WE MADE IT!

I'm not saying for a moment that we didn't make mistakes or that we didn't upset plenty of people along the way (something I never realized I was so adept at!), but I am proud to say that, a year on, the club is still here and still going strong. I am particularly proud of our financial performance which Russell will run through in his Treasurer's report.

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### Highlights for the Year:

- 47 Teams, 696 players (up 13%);
- For the sixth consecutive year we have achieved growth in player numbers;
- 28 Representative players:
- I believe we achieved our major goal - our kids' enjoyment of their rugby and the continued development of their skills and self esteem;
- We have seen a significant improvement in profitability, in particular, our trading operations this year resulted in a \$30k profit;
- Highly successful new fund raising event in 'Casino Royale' was launched which not only generated a healthy profit but was a wonderful club event which I believe made everyone who attended really feel part of their club and was a great morale booster;

- Clubhouse improvements included a new retractable awning over our eastern deck and a new BBQ area with hot and cold running water, a fridge and bain marie. My thanks to Ross McLennan for his generous support of this initiative;
- We have developed a close working relationship with the senior club and the Director of Coaching Zane Hilton, to transition players to Colts.
- A Master Plan proposal for the redevelopment of Crosby Park has been prepared and lodged with BCC to address a critical ground shortage.
- A contract has been awarded to undertake a major upgrade of our website with the focus on improved communications including full interactivity for members and sponsors
- Losing a Committee member rarely makes the highlights of the year but I'm very pleased to announce that Karen Nichols has left the committee to take up the role of Admin Assistant. I am sure her strong organisation skills will shine through everything we do next year, in particular, the communications with our families through our new website.

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### **Lowlights for the Year:**

- Overall football results relatively disappointing with many teams stumbling at the final hurdle – we certainly achieved the result of the club with the most Runners-up this season.
- Financially, grants and sponsorship down (in part due to GFC) impacting an otherwise excellent result
- Communication process (email trees) proved to be laborious and unreliable
- Occasional difficulty in getting parents to rosters on time and in good humour!!

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### **Congratulations To:**

- Club Person of the Year: Damian Kelly
- President's Award : Alan McLoughlin
- Team of the Year: Under 16 – Premiers Div. M2
- Best Team Performances
  - a. Under 14 White – Runners Up Div 1
  - b. Under 11 Red – Runners UP Div 1
  - c. Under 11 Blue – Runners Up Div 4
  - d. Under 9 White – Runners Up
  - e. Under 9 Black – Runners Up
  - f. Under 9 Gold – Runners Up
  - g. Under 8 Black – Premiers
  - h. Under 8 White – Runners Up
  - i. Under 8 Silver - Runners Up

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### **Thanks To:**

- Our committee who has worked hard and most importantly continues to “walk the talk” and achieve all the goals we set ourselves at the beginning of the year. Their combined efforts can only be described as exceptional;
- I would like to specifically acknowledge the contribution Alan Rhodes has made. Alan is stepping down as Vice President at tonight's meeting and his time, efforts, experience and counsel have been invaluable to me and the management committee. Alan's business, Printpoint, have also been very supportive sponsors over an extended period. Alan, on behalf of the club, thank you for a wonderful contribution;

- The other long term committee member I would like to acknowledge is Brett Greene. Brett has played an active role particularly in attracting and caring for our sponsors over the last 9 years. Even though he steps down from the committee from tonight, he continues to offer artwork and design services, something that is so important in today's competitive world. Brett, your efforts are very much appreciated;
- I would like to thank our Major Sponsors Next Byte and Fone Zone and all other valued sponsors who continue to support the Club in a myriad of ways;
- Our Coaches, Managers, Referees and parents for their enthusiastic efforts and consistent participation in all Club activities that helps make it all possible.
- Our players, for the sportsmanship and Club spirit they have consistently displayed every weekend, and most of all for the joy they bring us all in watching them play this wonderful game in the spirit it should be.

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### **What Lies Ahead for Our Club:**

- To continue to work closely with our Senior Club to ensure a clear rugby career path to our senior and elite levels is further enhanced and improved;
- Continue to up-skill our volunteer referees and encourage and support more participation in this important role, particularly from our teenage players;
- Continue to up-skill our volunteer coaches with the support of our Coaching Development Coordinators and externally sourced expertise;
- Improved communications via new state of the art website
- Continue to deliver a Junior Rugby Club environment that our parents, players and families value and enthusiastically support.

Finally, a sincere thank you to all BJRU Affiliated Clubs, their Presidents & Committees, members and players for yet another great year in Brisbane Junior Rugby.

Mark Stanton  
**President**  
10th December 2010