



September 2022

Dear FOWRF Member

RE: FRIENDS OF WARRINGAH RUGBY FOUNDATION – 2022 ANNUAL NEWSLETTER

I am writing to you to update you on the progress of the Friends of Warringah Rugby Foundation ("FOWRF") for the 2022 year.

Before I do this, I would like to thank you for your membership of the FOWRF. Your membership of the FOWRF is highly valued and your annual financial contribution helps contribute to the ongoing success of the Rats.

Wasn't it terrific to have a full season in 2022 after two heavily disrupted seasons in 2020 and 2021? There were some mixed results across the Club but it seems like the Rats are in a good position to continue to be a force in the Shute Shield.

Friends of Warringah Rugby Foundation Limited

As you are aware, the FOWRF was reformed in mid-2010. As of October 2022, we have over 50 contributors (the names of each of the FOWRF contributors can be found on the FOWRF website – www.friendsofwarringah.com) and in the last twelve years we have raised over \$700,000. As a reminder:

- The assets of the FOWRF are kept separate from those of the WRC;
- The decision as to the expenditure of the contributions is made independently by the FOWRF Committee and,
- All FOWRF members are welcome to review the financial records, attend any Committee meetings or provide any input or suggestions for future projects or fundraising activities.

The Friends of Warringah Rugby Foundation Limited ACN 119 353 650 (the "Foundation") is established as a fundraising partner of the Australian Sports Foundation ("ASF").

The Foundation is registered with and conducted under the charter of the ASF. The ASF was established by the Australian Government to raise funds through public and corporate donations for the development of sport in Australia. The ASF's listing in the Income Tax Assessment Act (1977) means donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible. Registration with the ASF allows donations to the ASF in support of the Foundation to attract tax deduction.

What has your FOWRF membership contributed in 2022?

The major expenditure for 2022 has been as follows:

- Sponsored the Rats 7s program for 2022;
- Contributed to the cost of game day video services for use by the Coaches and players;
- Purchased training equipment i.e. rugby balls, training bibs, GPS units etc for use by the trainers and players;
- Contributed to the upgrade and maintenance of the Rats gym;



- Contributed to Strength and Conditioning services for the Colts players;
- Made a significant contribution (\$10,000) to the new Rats Rising Program;
- Funded the Warringah Junior representative teams to undergo the Sandhill Warriors training at Palm Beach; and
- Financial assistance to relocate some of the interstate players.



It is our continued intention to prioritise our projects in accordance with what we see as providing the most benefit to WRC across the spectrum from Schools to Juniors to Colts to Grade. We will be happy to receive your suggestions for consideration.

2022 FOWRF Player of the Year

The 2022 FOWRF Player of the Year winner was Rats First Grade Captain, Rory O'Connor. The FOWRF members voted for 13 different individual players which illustrates the wide range of opinions.

Rory is a tremendous leader and was rewarded for another fantastic season with a cheque for \$1,000 to be spent on work/educational/rugby expenses. Previous winners include:

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| 2021 | No winner due to COVID |
| 2020 | Ben Marr and Sam Ward |
| 2019 | Harley Attwater |
| 2018 | Seb Wileman and Dave Feltscheer |



- 2017 Josh Holmes and Jack Tomkins
- 2016 Seb Wileman and Rob Kelly
- 2015 Wayne Borsak

Congratulations to Rory on a fantastic 2022 and we look forward to seeing him at Rat Park again next year!!!

The Annual FOWRF/WRC Lunch

The annual FOWRF/WRC Lunch was held in July 2020 at the Manly Pacific with over 270 attendees.



We were fortunate enough to have premier coaches Ivan Cleary and Darren Coleman as our guest speakers together with a recognition of the 100th derby game against Manly by Scott Fardy and John Hearn. It was a great day. Thank you to everyone who attended.





Friends of Gordon and Grant “Grunter” Andrews Tribute

In 2022, the FOWRF joined forces with the Friends of Gordon (“FOGs”) to pay a special tribute to Rats and Gordon legend, Grant “Grunter” Andrews.





The tribute took place in the FOGs marquee at Chatswood Oval. Grunter played 99 first grade games for Gordon and 149 first grade games for the Rats. A true legend of both clubs.

It was a great day!!! Fantastic company, plenty of food and beverages. A big thank you to FOGS Graeme Hearl and Peter Sherwood for the invitation. A terrific day and a continuation of the on-going relationship between the FOGS and the FOWRF.



2022 Golf Day

The inaugural “Bill Simpson Presidents Cup” golf day was held at Long Reef in May 2022. The Rats hadn’t had a golf day for over a decade and it is hoped that, going forward, this tradition will continue. It was terrific day, despite some inclement weather, and over 80 golfers enjoyed the day followed by lunch at the club.

The winners were Jake and Tom Kauffmann, Tom Martin and Scott Bradley. The winners below with their winning trophy.



FOWRF Box at Rat Park

As you are probably aware, the FOWRF have a corporate box at Rat Park which you are able to utilise. It is envisaged that this will continue for season 2023. The FOWRF box proven to be very popular with FOWRF members and their guests.

New Members

Season 2023 is another important year for the Rats as the Club looks to continue to build on the recent successes. It would be great if we could continue to expand the FOWRF membership further. If you are aware of any friends, other Rats supporters or colleagues that might be interested in joining the FOWRF, please let us know or have them contact one of the FOWRF committee.

Contacts

If you have questions about this newsletter or the operation of the FOWRF, please do not hesitate to contact any of the FOWRF Directors:

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Keep an eye on the FOWRF website for news and updates: www.friendsofwarriingah.com. Look forward to seeing you at Rat Park in 2023!!!

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steve Crawford".

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