



# Eastern Suburbs District Rugby League Football Club

# 2015 ANNUAL REPORT

82ND ANNUAL REPORT & FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2015





## NOTICE OF MEETING



# Eighty-Second Annual General Meeting

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the eighty-second Annual General Meeting of the Eastern Suburbs District Rugby League Football Club Inc., A.B.N 62 765 391 352 will be held in the Club Auditorium of the Eastern Suburbs Leagues Club, Main Avenue, Coorparoo on Sunday 8 November 2015, commencing at 11am.

### AGENDA

1. Apologies.
2. Confirmation of Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting held on 10 November 2014.
3. Business arising from the minutes.
4. Correspondence
5. Annual Report for adoption
  - a. Chairman,
  - b. Independent Audit Report and Financial Statements
6. Election of Officers
7. Notices of Motion
8. General Business
9. 2016 Annual General Meeting

### JUNIOR DIVISION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Eastern Suburbs District Rugby League Football Club Inc. – Junior Division, A.B.N 33 900 286 710 will be held at the WJ Scott Park, Harold Street, Holland Park on Saturday 7 November 2015, commencing at 11am.







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# OUR CLUB

## MISSION

To be Queensland's best rugby league club - financially and structurally stable, producing a culture of professionalism and success that is reflected on the field and sets the benchmark in the sport.

## HEADQUARTERS

### SENIOR DIVISION

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### JUNIOR DIVISION

WJ Scott Park  
Rita and Harold Streets,  
Holland Park, Brisbane  
PO Box 14  
Holland Park Qld. 4121  
ABN: 33 900 286 710

## 2015 OFFICE BEARERS

### Patron

### Patron - Junior Division

### President

Brian Smart

Cr Ian McKenzie

Keith Phillips

### Senior Vice President

### Executive Officer

Wayne Adams

Des Morris

## 2015 EXECUTIVE AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES

### Management Committee

Keith Phillips	Chair
Wayne Adams	Deputy Chair
Darryl Bogan	
Kay Creedy	
Michael Harvey	
Michael Hendy	
Greg McDonald	Junior Delegate
Des Morris	Executive Officer
Brian Navybox	Junior Delegate
Wally Reynolds <sup>1</sup>	
Chris Tanzer	
Brian Torpy	

### Executive Committee

Keith Phillips	Chair
Wayne Adams	Deputy Chair
Darryl Bogan	
Kay Creedy	
Des Morris	Executive Officer
Michael Hendy	

<sup>1</sup> Denotes Deceased

# 2015 COACHING AND SUPPORT STAFF

Note – All coaching and support staff listed above are financial members of the Club.

## Selectors

Des Morris	Chair
Craig Ingebrigtsen	Coach – Intrust Super Cup (First Grade)
Jason Di Lizio	Coach – BRL A Grade (Reserve Grade)
Matthew Church	Coach – FOGS U20 (Colts)

## Intrust Super Cup (First Grade)

Craig Ingebrigtsen – Head Coach  
Scott Sipple – Assistant Coach  
Ben King – Assistant Coach  
Mark Shipway – Defensive Coach  
Doug Graydon – Manager  
Andrew Ross – Manager

## BRL A Grade

Jason Di Lizio - Coach  
Joe Taylor – Assistant Coach  
Greg Hines - Manager  
Jermaine Sipple - Trainer

## FOGS U20

Matt Church – Coach  
Gavin Payne – Assistant Coach  
Robert Brown – Manager  
Wayne Daunt – Trainer  
Daniel Exintaris - Trainer

## Mal Meninga (U18 Grade)

Andrew Barr – Coach  
Steve Cameron – Assistant Coach  
Peter Sullings – Manager  
Peter Elmore – Trainer  
Ken Gittens - Trainer

## Cyril Connell (U16 Grade)

Ian Gough – Coach  
Paul Nieuwenhuyzen – Assistant Coach  
Peter Blackadder – Manager  
Craig Teevan - Trainer  
Joshua Gough - Trainer

## Junior Representatives

Wayne Adams – Coordinator  
Shannon Fish – Strength & Conditioning  
Laurie Ferguson – FAO

## Conditioning Coaches

Shannon Fish – Head S&C Coach  
Jermaine Sipple – Rehab Coach  
Steve Peoples – Video Analysis

## Sports Medicine Trainers

Matt Williamson – Head Sports Trainer  
Sandi Chandler – Sports Trainer  
Jenny Stein – Sports Trainer  
Krissah-Lee Lonsdale – Sports Trainer  
Lisa Ambler – Sports Trainer

## Medical Officers

Dr Steven Walsh  
Dr Chris Ioannou

## Physiotherapist

Rachel Doutreband  
Cody Wesseling

## Game Day Steward

Michael Hendy  
Brian Torpy

## Off-Field Staff Co-Ordinator

Greg Eaton



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# OUR MEMBERS

## LIFE MEMBERS

Ames, M.C	Conroy, L <sup>1</sup>	Johnson, K.J.F <sup>1</sup>	Neave, S <sup>1</sup>	Sparks, A.J <sup>1</sup>
Andersen, G.P	Conroy, R <sup>1</sup>	Kahler, C <sup>1</sup>	O'Brien, J.P	Sully, S.F
Atkin, J.H <sup>1</sup>	Conroy, Mrs V	Kells, I.D	Parnwell, A.J <sup>1</sup>	Theodoros, Dr S
Austin, G	Cooper, K.R	Lang, J	Payne, G	Torpy, B.T
Baker, J	Cornish, G <sup>1</sup>	Lawrence, A <sup>1</sup>	Pearse, R.R <sup>1</sup>	Troyahn, E
Batch, M	Cripps, E <sup>1</sup>	Loth, J.A <sup>1</sup>	Phillips, K	Verrenkamp, L.E <sup>1</sup>
Bauman, B	Crutchfield, L.T <sup>1</sup>	Mahoney, R	Poynton, R <sup>1</sup>	Wadsworth, G.D <sup>1</sup>
Baynham, G	DeHayr, D.T <sup>1</sup>	Mason, A.C <sup>1</sup>	Reynolds, W <sup>1</sup>	Walsh, C <sup>1</sup>
Beal, G	Drysdale, T.A <sup>1</sup>	Mason, L.W	Robertson, W <sup>1</sup>	Ward, R.L
Bennett, G.E <sup>1</sup>	Duell, A <sup>1</sup>	McCartney, J.F <sup>1</sup>	Rogers, K.E	Welch, A.G <sup>1</sup>
Besgrove, B	Garvie, A <sup>1</sup>	McGrath, P.D	Rose, R	West, N <sup>1</sup>
Blair, A.K <sup>1</sup>	Graydon, D	McInnes, D <sup>1</sup>	Ryrie, J.D <sup>1</sup>	Wheatley, N
Braun, R	Green, C.T <sup>1</sup>	McInnes, H <sup>1</sup>	Sheppard, H.C <sup>1</sup>	Wright, N <sup>1</sup>
Brimelow, Mrs V	Grieshaber, R	Milne, N <sup>1</sup>	Sheppard, J.R	Young, N.G <sup>1</sup>
Chadwick, H.T <sup>1</sup>	Hopp, F <sup>1</sup>	Morris, D.J	Smart, B	
Conomos, Dr N	Hendy, M	Mullins, M <sup>1</sup>	Smart, Mrs E.F	
Conroy, G	Isaacs, R.R	Murphy, J <sup>1</sup>	Smith, R.G (Bob)	

## 2015 PLAYING MEMBERS

Artemi, Andrew	Everett, Joshua	Kai, Michael	Price, Thomas	Taylor-Hinds, Jon
Austin, Whetu	Faataape, Toa	Kaufmann, Isaac	Puna, John	Teevan, Jacob
Bayes, Lachlan	Faingaa, Siaosi	Kaufusi, Felise	Ratulolo Dabea, Timoci	Torpy, Cameron
Bell, Kevin	Fonua, Mahe	Kennar, Richie	Reid, Mackenzie	Treleaven, Mitchell
Bielefeld, Sam	Foster, Jake	Lee, Aiden	Richards, Matthew	Tualau, Francis
Brandon, George	Freeman, Griffin	Leota, Riley	Robertson, Cameron	Tyson, Liam
Braun, Reece	Gafa, Shaquille	Little, Ashley	Romelo, Joel	Veivers, Mitchell
Britt, Dean	Gee, Joshua	Malone, Donald	Sami, Phillip	Volkanovski, Michael
Burchell, Charlie	Ghabilina, Shadrach	McBride, William	Sami, Tristan	Walters, Billy
Buresse, Lui	Giess, Grant <sup>1</sup>	McDonald, Liam	Samoa, Tui	Warr, Brentt
Butterfield, Tommy	Giess, Troy	McGrath, Reece	Sandow, Daniel	Watson, Jack
Cameron, Ryan	Gittins, Joel	McGuren, Ty	Schafer, Jaidon	Welch, Christian
Carroll, Jayden	Hargreaves, Jake	Munster, Cameron	Schaffer, Jack	Weston, Dayne
Cocker, Sam	Hatfield, Kurt	Neumann, Shane	Sekoa, Sunny	Whap, Christopher
Craft, Dwayne	Hogan, Dane	Nolan, Jarrad	Seve, Maeli	Wilson, Heath
Crockett, Hayden	Horwood, Brenton	Nona, Shaun	Shepherd, Adrian	Zgrajewski, Matthew
Downey, Brandon	Ingersole, Thomas	Ostwald, Chris	Sione, Keresoma	
Duffie, Matthew	Joass, Jack	Peni, Foisa	Smith, Nathan	
Ellia-Niukore, Leon	Jones, Kyle	Perese, Jordan	Stephensen, Kevin	
Elmore, Jacob	Jordan, Dale	Pitman, Mathew	Tautali, Eddie	

## 2015 GENERAL MEMBERS

Braun, Neridah	Faatape, Shane	Heuston, Warren	McGuren, Steve	Rachow, Kym
Bray, Karina	Fitzgerald, Peter	Hodge, Gordon	McKenzie, Scott	Reed, Robert
Bray, Kim	Ford, Bernie	Horton, Phillip	Molloy, Dennis	Roddick, Kevin
Brimelow, Col	Fritz, Adam	Kohlhase, Natasha	Molloy, Kerry	Spiegel, Leanne
Burchell, Jamie	Fyfe, Jeff	Lau, Chris	Navybox, Brian	Vaseo, Julie
Butler, Karen	Gardiner, Phil	Lau, Sharon	Neave, Andrew	Vaseo, Simon
Butler, Shane	Gauci, Henry	Logan, Col	Phillips, Debra	Warren, Andrew
Childs, Rowena	Geldard, Anthony	Love, Nathan	Phillips, Jared	Warren, Margaret
Cotterill, Rob	Gough, Joshua	MacDonald, Greg	Pratt, Damien	Welch, John
Crosby, Bruce	Grego, James	Michael Maclean	Preradovic, Milena	White, Geoffrey
Durham, Kenneth	Hannan, Peter	Marment, Deslyn	Profke, Rodney	Williams, Gerard
Evans, Michael	Heuston, Thelma	McDougall, Rob	Quin, Mick	Wylie, Eddie

<sup>1</sup> Denotes Deceased



# PRESIDENT & EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Ladies and Gentlemen,

This year we have decided to do a joint President's and CEO report for the Annual Report. This will hopefully free up some room for more articles.

The 2015 Rugby League season was a year that challenged the Easts Tigers to its core, both on and off the field in all grades.

We started the pre-season with an excellent trip to Melbourne for our top 20 players. This was to play and honour our commitment to the Melbourne Storm and the game was held at their home ground, Goshes' Paddock next to AAMI Stadium. While we were well beaten by a much fitter and better credentialed Melbourne team, it was an excellent opportunity to see how our new recruits and fringe players would perform at the next level. It proved to be a successful trial as a whole, strengthening the relationship between the two clubs.

We also had another group travel to Longreach under new B.R.L. A Grade coach Jason Di Lizio. After the previous year's success they once again rose to the challenge of seven's football managing to claim the trophy. The team was able to gain some understanding of the preparation and travel routines that are expected once reaching the level of the Intrust Super Cup squad.

The Queensland Rugby League in their wisdom scrapped the Fogs A Grade competition at the end of last season, requiring the formation of a new Brisbane Rugby League A Grade competition to be run by the South East Division. The former competition which had 6 local teams involved, was expanded to 10 teams with most Brisbane based Intrust clubs having two feeder teams for their Intrust Super Cup side. The 4 new teams in the expanded competition came from Brisbane Second Division clubs, which had decided to enter the new competition to strengthen their clubs by playing at this higher level.

Brisbane Rugby League promoted the new A Grade competition to be much stronger than in preceding years. In the long term we believe that this will be the case and have been the leader in supporting this move. Last year we teamed up with Carina to field a second side in the Fogs A Grade competition to help get this process started and we are hopeful that this competition will progress into a more even competition. When all clubs compete on an equal footing by supplying two teams into the competition.

## INTRUST SUPER CUP

With the pre-season behind us, we started on our 2015 journey with a home game against last season Grand Final victors the Northern Pride. This resulted in a positive start to the season for the club, as we were able to come away with a victory.

After our first win we had an up and down season with varied results however managed to maintain our place in the top half of the draw, until we as a club had our biggest loss on our Bye weekend. On the 6<sup>th</sup> of June the Club suffered our greatest loss of the season when one of our leading players Grant Giess passed away. Grant's passing was a very sad day for his mother Karen, father Keith, brother Troy, Troy's partner Lucy, Grant's girlfriend Hayley as well as to all those at the club who knew Grant. Our thoughts and prayers will be with Karen, Keith, Troy, Lucy and Hayley forever as we have all lost a son, brother, friend and mate. He was respected and cared for by many and will forever be in our hearts. R.I.P. "G.G."

After that tragedy the players and coaching staff steeled themselves for some great performances to win some really tough games. They fought through some tough times to finish fifth on the Premiership Ladder. Eventually the team finished fourth after defeating Wynnum Manly in a knock out Semi Final at Kougari Oval before going down to the eventual Intrust Super Cup Premiers and National State Champions the Ipswich Jets at their home ground in Ipswich.

## BRISBANE RUGBY LEAGUE A GRADE

Our Brisbane Rugby League (BRL) A Grade team made it all the way to the Preliminary Final against Wynnum Manly at Wynnum only to be beaten in golden point extra time. We as a Club can be pleased with their results under new coach, Jason Di Lizio who has done a great job in keeping the team focussed during a trying year for the Club.

## FOGS COLTS

The Fogs Colts competition was one that we struggled to gain momentum in this season, with a spate of injuries to a number of players partaking in their first season of senior football. It was to be a difficult season for new coach Matt Church who was ably supported by Gavin Payne as his assistant coach. In addition to the spate of injuries, the draw had us playing the eventual Premiers, the Burleigh Bears three times with two of these encounters occurring in the first half of the season. This made it difficult for the team to gain confidence and momentum early in the season, but we have high hopes for several of these players to be better in 2016. We are confident Matt Church will develop into a fine coach so whilst we didn't make the finals, we know we can be better next season.

## JUNIOR REPRESENTATIVES

With our Mal Meninga squad we were very pleased to see the hard work of Coach Andrew Barr and his assistant Steve Cameron get rewarded. The team managed to finish the regular season in first place and went on to play in the Grand Final. They led until the last couple of minutes and were unfortunately beaten by the Townville Stingers. It was a great effort by all concerned and they must be congratulated for their achievements and the Club is very proud of the squad's.

Whilst the Meninga team was always thought to be a figure in the finals, our Cyril Connell squad performed well above expectation by finishing equal fourth in Pool A. Coach Ian Gough and his assistant Paul Nieuwenhuyzen should be very pleased with the way the squad played and performed throughout the series.

This year the club made the finals of the Intrust, BRL A Grade and Meninga competitions. It was a difficult year for the club in many ways but we are buoyed by the strength of character that we see in our players and coaching staff. We are looking forward to improved success in the coming year. The development of players into young men is paramount to the success of the club going forward. Congratulations to all of our coaches and support staff for another successful year.

The 2015 Head Coach, Craig Ingebrigtsen, has resigned from his position with the Club. We wish him all the best in his new role with the Melbourne Storm as a welfare officer for the NYC20's and as head coach of the Sunshine Coast Falcons. The Club would also like to thank him for his efforts and success at the East Tigers.

For 2016 the club has appointment of Scott Sipple as our Head Intrust Super Cup Coach. Scott, a 200 game veteran player at the Tigers has earned his position in the top job, due to his success as Fogs A Grade coach in 2012, 2013 and 2014 coaching the side to three consecutive premierships titles. He was also entrusted as the Intrust Super Cup Assistant in 2015.

## PRESENTATION NIGHT

With the conclusion of the season, the club's Presentation night is the player's night of nights to celebrate their achievements for the season. This year the club with the generous efforts of Debbie, Jackie and others have again turned on a special formal night for our players and their partners.

The following is only short list of Special award winners on the night, the full list can be found in the 2015 award winners section of this report.

On the night Matt Zgrajewski was recognised for his achievement of playing 100 Intrust Super Cup games for the Easts Tigers. Matt now joins an elite group of players that have reached this milestone and becomes the latest member of our Centurions Club.

The Club Person of the Year award this year was awarded to Mike Hendy for his diligence and total involvement as a volunteer at the club in the 2015 season. Mike on the night was also presented with his Life Membership Badge which was equally fitting, due to his high level of involvement since coming on board as a member of our club.

The Patrons Trophy for Best & Fairest player in first grade went to Tommy Butterfield.

On the night he also won Most Consistent Forward from the Easts Past Players & Officials Association and the McGrath Family Players Player Award. Tommy capped off a fabulous year for himself by being selected in the Queensland Residents team.

The last and most prestigious award for the night was the Loth Medal. It is presented to the player that displays all the following qualities, "Football Ability, Dedication, Club Interest and the Will to Win." Winner this year was Liam McDonald, a worthy recipient of the club's highest playing honour.

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- Glen Rohrig - Rohrig Pty Ltd

Thank you to all of our sponsors and supporters for their continued support and wish all a Merry Christmas as we look forward to future success in 2016 at the newly named Suzuki Stadium Langlands Park.

Late in the season the club lost long time committee and Life Member *Wally Reynolds*. Wally was also secretary of the Past Player's and Official Association. He will be sadly missed by everyone at the club and our thoughts and prayers go out to his family. Also during the season the club lost Life Members Roy Ward and Alan Mason our thoughts and prayers also go to their families.

A special thank you goes to Debra Phillips, Deslyn Marment and their team that took on the year's canteen duties for 2015. It was a big job to take over after Vivienne Conroy had done the job for quite some time. Their team however was up to the challenge and did themselves proud in a year where the draw was not kind to the club.

With Life Member and Committeeman Ian Kells not available due to health issues, it was great to see an effort by all on the committee to step in handle the game day duties without too much fuss. We thank Wayne Adams and Brian Torpy for their outstanding efforts in the PA Box. Also to Brian Torpy and Mike Hendy who shared the official duties on game day and Greg Eaton who was our game day co-ordinator. Also thank you to Michael and Brent Harvey who handled the can bar and to anyone else who assisted on big game days.

To all our coaching, off field staff and team managers we thank them also for their diligence and efforts in making the club so effective and enjoyable throughout the season.

In addition to Craig we also thank Debbie Ingebrigtsen for her total support of the Club and involvement on game days, charity days as well as her commitment to ensuring the player's wives and partners were included in all activities at the Club. Thank you to Jackie Eaton and Debbie who made our Annual Presentation Night a very special occasion for all involved with the Club.

Thank you to Kay Creedy and Fay Morris for your involvement and hard work in promoting the club through the Tiger's Den merchandise shop. The Tiger's Den allows supporters to show their support for the Club in a variety of ways. This includes keeping the younger ones involved with the Tigers Cub's Club.

Thank you to Daryl, Andrew and Kellie Bogan for their roles in Tiger TV productions. Thank you to those personalities who are also involved in the production of Tiger TV. This includes Matt Crowhurst, James Cheeseman, Michael Higginson and Troy Robins. To Melinda Dimond as well for her constant updated reports to our Facebook & Twitter accounts along with the regular game day photos. The media coverage we generate through Tiger TV and social media makes us the envy of most clubs in the competition.

A final thank you to our Club Captain Matt Zgrajewski, Intrust Super Cup Captain Dane Hogan, all the players, the committee and all involved for their efforts in making the Easts Tigers the club that we are.

Merry Christmas to all and see you at the football in 2016.

**Keith Phillips**  
*President*  
Eastern Suburbs D.R.L.F.C.

**Des Morris**  
*Executive Officer.*  
Eastern Suburbs D.R.L.F.C.



# 2015 YEAR HIGHLIGHTS

## 2015 CENTURIONS

Matthew Zgrajewski

## 2015 QUEENSLAND RESIDENTS

Tommy Butterfield

Shaun Nona

## 2015 QUEENSLAND RANGERS REPRESENTATIVES

Whetu Austin

Billy Walters

Mark Shipway - Coach

## 2015 PATRON'S TROPHY BEST AND FAIREST

Tommy Butterfield

## 2015 LOTH MEDAL WINNER

Liam McDonald

## 2015 MAL MENINGA CUP RUNNERS-UP

# 2015 AWARD WINNERS

## Award

## 2015 Winner

### CLUB AWARDS

#### The Loth Medal

*The Loth Medal is the most prestigious award a player can win. The medal is presented to the player outstanding ability, dedication, will to win, conduct and integrity.*

Liam McDonald

#### Patron's Trophy for Best and Fairest in Intrust Super Cup

Tommy Butterfield

#### Club Person of the Year

Mike Hendy

#### Cook Family Encouragement Award

*Presented to the player most likely to succeed at a higher level.*

Brandon Downey

### INTRUST SUPER CUP AWARDS

#### Intrust Super Cup – Most Serviceable Player

Billy Walters

#### Intrust Super Cup – Best Back

Shane Neumann

#### Intrust Super Cup – Best Forward

Troy Giess

#### McGrath Family Award for the Players' Player in Intrust Super Cup

Tommy Butterfield

#### Past Players and Officials Award for Most Consistent Back

Donald Malone

#### Past Players and Officials Award for Most Consistent Forward

Tommy Butterfield

### BRL A GRADE AWARDS

#### BRL A Grade – Best and Fairest

Tom Ingersole

#### BRL A Grade – Most Serviceable Player

Mackenzie Reid

#### BRL A Grade – Best Back

Maeli Seve

#### BRL A Grade – Best Forward

Dwayne Craft

#### Ed Wylie Award for the Players' Player

Sam Bielefeld



*Tommy Butterfield accepts the 2015 Patron's Trophy from Club Patron Brian Smart.*

## FOGS COLTS AWARDS

FOGS Colts – Best and Fairest

Cameron Robertson

FOGS Colts – Most Serviceable Player

Jack Schaffer

FOGS Colts – Best Back

Joshua Gee

FOGS Colts – Best Forward

Chris Ostwald

**Terry Creedy Memorial Award Players' Player**

Jack Schaffer

*This award is awarded in memory of Terry Creedy, who played for the Tigers from 1968 to 1975.*

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## JUNIOR AWARDS

### CYRIL CONNELL CUP (U16)

Len Conroy Award Best & Fairest

Zac Teevan

*The award is in honour of the life member Len Conroy, a life-long steward of the Club. A selfless worker, Len donated countless hours of his time to junior development.*

### MAL MENINGA CUP (U18)

The Tamaz Heugh Memorial Trophy Best & Fairest

Cameron Torpy

*The award is in honour of former U18 player Tamaz Heugh who unfortunately passed away in his teens. The trophy is presented to the Mal Meninga U18 Players' Player*

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## MARK FYFE MEMORIAL AWARD

*The Mark Fyfe Memorial Award is presented to players most likely to succeed in enior football from our Junior Division and affiliated clubs.*

ESDRLFC – Junior Division

Reece Braun

Carina JRLFC

Bailey Bartley

Saint Brendan's JRLFC

Jakob Cerneka

Mount Gravatt JRLFC

Jaykhim Coorey

Springwood JRLFC

Luke Bellamy



2015 ISC Award Winners – Billy Walters, Tommy Butterfield, Shane Neumann, Troy Giess and Donald Malone.



# INTRUST SUPER CUP

The season was always going to be a challenge with the Intrust Super Cup side making the Grand Final in both 2013 and 2014, to again be a contender in 2015.

With only a small number of new player signings, including Jake Foster, a well-credentialed back-rower from the Canberra Raiders system, Brenton Horwood from the Newcastle competition, and Joel Romelo from Melbourne Storm, we were confident our squad would again be competitive.

After a good start against the 2014 premiers, the Northern Pride, we struggled to be consistent over the next few weeks and not consolidating on our good start.

Players were adjusting to the increase in the quality of the competition and like most rival clubs striving to gain momentum. The PNG Hunters in their second season were more competitive, whilst the Townsville Blackhawks were also super competitive and would be a real threat to win the competition.

The introduction of the new BRL competition led a number of players who were on the verge of Intrust Super Cup (ISC) promotion to consider their playing future, and like most clubs, we had a number of players seeking an opportunities to play ISC and improve their football. We, as a Club, did not want to stand in the way of their progress and agreed to release Jack Joass to the Souths-Logan Magpies and Liam Tyson to the Norths Devils, with both making their Intrust Super Cup debuts. At that stage of the season we had plenty of depth and these both Jack and Liam had earned the opportunity to play ISC.

Joel Romelo also had some difficulties and was unavailable for selection, which also put a further burden on the team as they struggled for consistency early in the season.

When the representative season came around, it was great to finally see our hooker Tommy Butterfield recognised with his selection in the Queensland Resident's team, along with new half Shaun Nona.

The Club was dealt a major blow with the passing of Grant Giess on our Bye weekend. It was with outstanding courage and resilience; this group remained focussed as they played their way to another Finals series.

Troy Giess was inspirational with his performances throughout the season, clearly his best year with the Club. Mathew Pitman had a sporadic season after a late start midway through the season, returning from an injury from last season. Captain Dane Hogan and prop-forward Liam McDonald also gave their all and were setting the platform for the team, until Dane sustained a season ending injury against the Central Queensland Capras.

Brentt Warr really stepped-up when selected in ISC and improved noticeably in his first regular season as an ISC half-back, whilst young outside backs Michael Kai and Brandon Downey proved that they are not out of place in the ISC competition. Billy Walters also proved a valuable asset as the season progressed with his spark and ability to lift the game when he came on from the interchange bench.

With much of our time spent on the road during the last eight weeks of the competition added to the difficulties the team endured during the season, we as a Club are very proud of the performance of the team over the recent years and are confident of them once again being a force to be reckoned in the next few years.

At the time of this report, the Club is pleased to have retained most of the playing group and we look forward to a promising year in 2016.

# EASTS TIGERS 2015

## Intrust Super Cup Semi-Finalists

**EASTS LEAGUES CLUB**  
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**Back:** Felise Kaufusi, Shaun Nona, Mahe Fonua, Brandon Downey, Jake Foster, Matthew Zgrajewski, Maeli Seve, Kevin Stephensen, Isaac Kaufmann, Dayne Weston, Francis Tualay  
**Third row (L-R):** Whetu Austin, Folsa Peni, Eddie Tautali, Brenton Horwood, Michael Kai, Brent Warr, Dwayne Craft, Liam McDonald, Mathew Pitman  
**Second row:** Des Morris (CEO), Greg Eaton (Club Co-ordinator), Andrew Ross (Manager), Ben King (Assistant Coach), Scott Sipple (Assistant Coach), Stephen Peoples (Statistician), Krissah-Lee Lonsdale (Trainer), Matthew Williamson (Head Trainer), Mark Shipway (Assistant Coach), Keith Phillips (President)  
**Front row:** Tom Price, Billy Walters, Dane Hogan (Captain), Craig Ingebrigtsen (Coach), Tommy Butterfield, Shane Neumann, Jake Hargreaves  
**Absent:** Dean Britt, Matt Duffie, Grant Giess, Troy Giess, Richie Kennar, Donald Malone, Cameron Munster, Christian Welch, Doug Graydon (Manager)

# BRISBANE RUGBY LEAGUE (BRL) A GRADE

For the BRL A Grade team it was always going to be a tough “gig” for the both the players and new coach.

Scott Sipple has owned the Fogs A Grade competition, winning the competition three years in a row from 2012 to 2014. This outstanding result has now earned him the Intrust Super Cup coaching position with the Club in 2016.

Jason Di Lizio took the reins as the new coach of the BRL A Grade team and the Club had lost several players of note, who had been a big part of the past three premierships, including captain Luke Lavelle, prop-forward Liufau Hala and centre Jacob Paul. However, a determined Jason took on the role with his assistant Joe Taylor and together they worked their way into making it a very good season for the team.

Whilst the new BRL A Grade competition had its teething problems and a few of the players decided to chase their dreams with other ISC clubs, Jason and Joe worked on building a competitive team. The side rose above the challenges which the new competition presented and only narrowly missed another grand final appearance when beaten in extra time in the preliminary final at Wynnum.

Jason and Joe should be very proud of what they achieved, as we are of the team’s performance throughout the season. Players who stood out were captain Tom Ingersole, a great competitor and whole hearted player that gives his all every game; Maeli Seve who can win you a game with his ability and effort; back-rower Dwayne Craft who is capable of playing regular first grade; and the effervescent utility Mackenzie Reid who has come so far in the past 12 months as he adjusts to senior football.

Congratulations to both Jason and Joe on a job well done, and to all those other involved in a great team effort.



# EASTS TIGERS 2015

## BRL A-GRADE Semi-Finalists

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Back Row (Left to Right): John Puna, Brandon Downey, Maeli Seve, Leon Ellia, Whetu Austin, Griffin Freeman  
 Third Row: Kurt Hatfield, Tom Price, Jake Hargreaves, Brenton Horwood, Sam Blelefeld, Brent Warr, Brandon George, Tom Ingersole  
 Second Row: Des Morris (CEO), Greg Hines (Team Manager), Joe Taylor (Asst.Coach), Matt Williamson (Trainer), Krissah-Lee Lonsdale (Trainer), Greg Eaton (Club Co-ordinator), Keith Phillips (President)  
 Front Row (L-R): Chris Ostwald, Jayden Carroll, Bill Walters, Jason Di Lizio (Coach), Dwayne Craft, Josh Everett, Nathan Smith

## 2015 RESULTS

Round 1 - Gaters 14 def Easts Tigers 12  
 Round 2 - Easts Tigers 26 def Wynnum Manly Redland City Seagulls 22  
 Round 3 - Easts Tigers 40 def Normanby Hounds 8  
 Round 4 - Easts Tigers 22 def Redcliffe 18  
 Round 5 - Easts Tigers 27 def West Brisbane Panthers 26  
 Round 6 - Easts Tigers 50 def Valley Diehards 22  
 Round 7 - Easts Tigers 20 drew Carina Tigers 20  
 Round 8 - Logan Brothers 30 def Easts Tigers 24  
 Round 9 - Ipswich Jets 24 def Easts Tigers 22  
 Round 10 - Easts Tigers 28 def Gaters 25  
 Round 11 - Wynnum Manly Redland City Seagulls 52 def Easts Tigers 4  
 Round 12 - Easts Tigers 58 def Normanby Hounds 14  
 Round 13 - Redcliffe Dolphins 20 def Easts Tigers 14  
 Round 14 - West Brisbane Panthers 21 def Easts Tigers 14  
 Round 15 - Easts Tigers 52 def Valley Diehards 24  
 Round 16 - Easts Tigers 36 def Carina Tigers 0  
 Round 17 - Easts Tigers 46 def Logan Brothers 6  
 Round 18 - Easts Tigers 40 def Ipswich Jets 30

## LADDER AT THE END OF 18 ROUNDS

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	Pts	For	Agst	+ / -
1	Wynnum Manly Redland City Seagulls	18	14	0	4	28	635	402	233
2	Ipswich Jets	18	14	0	4	28	561	353	208
3	<b>Easts Tigers</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>535</b>	<b>376</b>	<b>159</b>
4	Redcliffe Dolphins	18	11	0	7	22	590	383	207
5	Gaters	18	10	0	8	20	408	446	-38
6	West Brisbane Panthers	18	9	0	9	18	517	447	70
7	Logan Brothers	18	9	0	9	18	508	521	-13
8	Carina	18	5	1	12	11	398	594	-196
9	Valleys Diehards	18	4	0	14	8	468	670	-202
10	Normanby Hounds	18	2	0	16	4	268	696	-428

## FINALS SERIES

**Week 1 Finals** – Easts Tigers 28 defeated West Brisbane Panthers 18 at Tapout Energy Stadium

**Week 2 Finals** – Wynnum Manly Redland City Seagulls 30 defeated Easts Tigers 28 in extra time at BMD Kougari Oval.



# EASTS TIGERS 2015

## FOGS COLTS

**East's Leagues Club**  
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Back Row (Left to Right): Shaquille Gafa, Lui Burese, Michael Volkanovski, Joel Gittens, Heath Wilson, Jack Schaffer, Riley Leota, Jon Taylor-Hinds  
 Third Row: Luke Swift, Kyle Jones, Toa Faataape, Reece Braun, Cameron Robertson, Lachlan Baynes, Joshua Gee, Ty McGuren, Cameron Torpy  
 Second Row: Des Morris (CEO), Ian Gough, Wayne Daut (Trainer), Daniel Exintaris (Trainer), Krissah-Lee Lonsdale (Trainer), Gavin Payne (Asst Coach), Greg Eaton (Club Co-ordinator), Keith Phillips (President)  
 Front Row: Jake Hargreaves, Jordan Perese, Matthew Richards, Chris Ostwald, Matthew Church (Coach), Jake Elmore, Ryan Cameron, Jacob Teevan, Sunny Sekoa  
 Absent: Robert Brown (Manager)

# FOGS COLTS CHALLENGE (UNDER 20'S)

With most of the playing group in their first full season in this grade, it was always going to take time for everyone to get on the same page. The transition from junior systems into the senior system proved quite a leap for a majority of the new comers.

The season started with an impressive victory but was then followed by a series of losses. It quickly became apparent there was a lot of work ahead of us if we were to feature in the finals. The team was frequently able to match most teams for periods of time during games but lacked the experience or direction to close out the tight games.

At the completion of the Meninga Cup competition a number of that squad made the transition to Colts. This injected additional competition into the squad and the playing and training performances started to improve. Around this time the team suffered a number of season ending injuries. Unfortunately, these occurred to some of the more experienced players, which in the long-run proved taxing as the team experienced a number of close losses and two draws. However, the boys continued to work hard and by season's end, just fell short of making the finals by three points on the ladder.

Season 2015 will be regarded by the coaching and playing group as "so close, but yet so far". The upside of the year is that the majority of the group have a second full year of this grade and this is where I believe you see the most advancement in their development.

We would like to thank Coach Matt Church and his assistant Gavin Payne for their tremendous effort in what was a difficult season.

## 2015 RESULTS

Round 1 - Easts Tigers 54 def Toowoomba Clydesdales 16  
 Round 2 - Wynnum Manly Seagulls 28 def Easts Tigers 14  
 Round 3 - Ipswich Jets 34 def Easts Tigers 24  
 Round 4 - Sunshine Coast Falcons 20 def Easts Tigers 16  
 Round 5 - Easts Tigers 38 def Souths Logan Magpies 20  
 Round 6 - Burleigh Bears 50 def Easts Tigers 6  
 Round 7 - Easts Tigers 22 drew Wynnum Manly Seagulls 22  
 Round 8 - Redcliffe Dolphins 38 def Easts Tigers 0  
 Round 9 - Easts Tigers 34 def Souths Logan Magpies 18  
 Round 10 - Burleigh Bears 44 def Easts Tigers 4  
 Round 11 - Easts Tigers 28 def Tweed Heads Seagulls 26  
 Round 12 - Norths Devils 24 def Easts Tigers 22  
 Round 13 - BYE  
 Round 14 - Sunshine Coast Falcons 36 def Easts Tigers 12  
 Round 15 - Burleigh Bears 40 def Easts Tigers 14  
 Round 16 - Easts Tigers 46 def Toowoomba Clydesdales 10  
 Round 17 - Easts Tigers 70 def Ipswich Jets 12  
 Round 18 - Norths Devils 18 def Easts Tigers 12  
 Round 19 - Sunshine Coast Falcons 26 def Easts Tigers 10  
 Round 20 - Easts Tigers 28 def Tweed Heads Seagulls 8  
 Round 21 - Easts Tigers 46 def Toowoomba Clydesdales 24  
 Round 22 - BYE  
 Round 23 - BYE  
 Round 24 - Souths Logan Magpies 26 def Easts Tigers 22  
 Round 25 - Redcliffe Dolphins 32 def Easts Tigers 12

## LADDER AT THE END OF 26 ROUNDS

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	B	Pts	For	Agst	+ / -
1	Burleigh Bears	24	21	1	0	2	47	1022	250	772
2	Redcliffe Dolphins	24	17	0	5	2	38	670	392	278
3	Wynnum Manly Seagulls	24	14	1	7	2	33	616	386	230
4	Norths Devils	24	11	2	9	2	28	586	512	74
5	Souths Logan Magpies	24	11	1	10	2	27	566	650	-84
6	Sunshine Coast Falcons	24	9	2	11	2	24	496	528	-32
7	<b>Easts Tigers</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>538</b>	<b>572</b>	<b>-34</b>
8	Ipswich Jets	24	5	1	16	2	15	410	816	-406
9	Tweed Heads Seagulls	24	4	2	16	2	14	470	800	-330
10	Toowoomba Clydesdales	24	4	0	18	2	12	382	850	-468

# MAL MENINGA CUP (UNDER 18'S)

Easts Mal Meninga side had an impressive season not losing a game and finishing top of the table for the State.

Making the Mal Meninga State Final was the reward for this group of young men who showed everyone how to play entertaining, yet physical football.

Unfortunately, the team fell short in the final to Townsville with a try in the last 2 minutes of a tough yet exciting game.

The squad was made up of a mix of 17 and 18 year old players from Easts Tigers affiliated junior clubs and produced stunning football during the round games. The experience of previous years in both the Cyril Connell and Mal Meninga competitions certainly helped players deal with arduous one day trip to Melbourne for the last round.

The squad worked very hard during a shortened pre-season and quickly developed into a very cohesive group very determined to play really well during the season. The key platform for the team this year was defence and this shone through with the teams' defence being the best in the competition.

Even with a defensive focus, the teams' attack was outstanding and they scored the most points in the competition and had contained the competitions two leading try scorers in Haydyn O'Hara and Philip Sami.

Congratulations to Cameron Torpy and Brodie Croft for being selected in the successful Maroons 18's that played at the MCG.

A number of players successfully emerged in the Colts squad throughout the season. Congratulations to Ryan Cameron, Cameron Torpy, Riley Leota, Heath Wilson, Reece Braun, Jacob Teevan, Jake Elmore and Joel Gittins on making this important transition.

Thanks to Head Coach Andrew Barr, Assistant Coach Steve Cameron and their staff on a very successful season.



# EASTS TIGERS 2015

## U18 Mal Meninga Cup

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Back Row: Reece Braun, Tyson Smith, Daniel Brownbill, Joel Gittins, Haydyn O'Hara, Phillip Sami, Riley Leota, Heath Wilson, Lachlan Barr, Patrick Carrigan, Cameron Torpy  
 Second Row: Des Morris (CEO), Keith Phillips (President), Peter Elmore (Trainer), Tai Cragolini, Daniel Mckellar, Steven Cameron (Asst Coach), Andrew Barr (Coach), Jaiyden Hunt, Jacob Elmore, Laurie Ferguson (FAO), Peter Sullings (Manager)  
 Front Row (L-R): Jayden Carroll, Cassius LeMan, William Murphy, Jacob Teevan, Ryan Cameron, Brodie Croft, Caleb Daunt, Zak Taibi, Nicholas Udowika



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## 2015 RESULTS

Round 1 - Bye

Round 2 - Easts Tigers 23 v North Devils 20

Round 3 - Easts Tigers 56 v Wynnum 10

Round 4 - Easts Tigers 74 v Ipswich 0

Round 5 - Easts Tigers 42 v Gold Coast White 20

Round 6 - Easts Tigers 64 v Souths Logan 12

Round 7 - Easts Tigers 32 v VRL 8

## MAL MENINGA CUP LADDER AT THE END OF 7 ROUNDS

POS	CLUB	P	W	D	L	B	FOR	AGST	+/-
1	Easts Tigers	7	6	0	0	1	291	70	221
2	Norths Devils	7	5	0	1	1	224	99	125
3	Gold Coast Green	7	4	0	2	1	182	77	105
4	Gold Coast White	7	4	0	2	1	199	130	69
5	Wynnum Manly Seagulls	7	2	0	4	1	94	196	-102
6	Ipswich Jets	7	2	0	4	1	112	216	-104
7	Redcliffe Dolphins	7	2	0	4	1	106	214	-108
8	Souths Logan Magpies	7	1	0	5	1	118	202	-84

## FINALS SERIES

**State Semi Final** - Easts Tigers 28 v CQ Capras 22

**State Final** - Easts Tigers 24 v Townsville Stingers 30

# EASTS TIGERS 2015

## CYRIL CONNELL CUP



FRONT ROW: Solomona Faataape; Mahi Tapatei; James Porter; Shaun Hoerler; Zac Teevan (Captain); Bailey Bartley; Matt Condon; Ryan O'Keefe; Robert Tau  
 MIDDLE ROW (Left to Right): Joe Ward; Des Morris (CEO); Keith Phillips (President); Craig Teevan (Trainer); Peter Blackadder (Manager); Ian Gough (Coach); Paul Nieuwenhuyzen (Asst Coach); Joshua Gough (Trainer); Laurie Ferguson (Head Sports Trainer)  
 BACK ROW: Bradley Puri; Cameron Love; Jacob Alick; Jarod Chambers; Fua Maataafa; Brock Richardson; Isaac Ziebath; Elliott Vincent; Trent Payne; Eric Parker

# CYRIL CONNELL CUP (UNDER 16'S)

The Tigers U16 start of their first trial against the Victorian Rugby League under 16 squad in less than convincing fashion.

The young tigers struggled with the speed and physicality of the Victorian side and appeared to be in for a long season.

The old saying of 2 weeks is a long time in football certainly proved true with resounding trial wins against Sunshine Coast Falcons and Wynnum Seagulls. This certainly set the tone for the team who took this form into the competition season and enjoyed a bye in round 1 and 3 wins from the first 4 rounds of the season.

Unfortunately, the team suffered injuries to key players at a crucial time which resulted in some losses against strong opposition. The team showed some great competitiveness and commitment throughout and were unlucky not to win a couple more games at the back end of the season.

The coaching staff did a great job with this group and recognition must go to the coaching staff led by Ian Gough and assistant coach Paul Nieuwenhuyzen for the work they put into the team.

## 2015 RESULTS

Round 1 - Bye

Round 2 - Easts Tigers 40 v North Devils 16

Round 3 - Easts Tigers 26 v Wynnum 22

Round 4 - Easts Tigers 22 v Ipswich 20

Round 5 - Easts Tigers 6 v Gold Coast White 62

Round 6 - Easts Tigers 6 v Souths Logan 24

Round 7 - Easts Tigers 14 v VRL 16

## CYRIL CONNELL CUP LADDER AT THE END OF 7 ROUNDS

POS	CLUB	P	W	D	L	B	FOR	AGST	+/-
1	Gold Coast White	7	6	0	0	1	210	80	130
2	Souths Logan Magpies	7	6	0	0	1	184	68	116
3	Victorian Rugby League	7	4	0	2	1	154	110	44
4	Gold Coast Green	7	3	0	3	1	179	72	107
5	Ipswich Jets	7	3	0	3	1	164	116	48
6	<b>Easts Tigers</b>	7	3	0	3	1	114	160	-46
7	Norths Devils	7	1	0	5	1	90	153	-63
8	Redcliffe Dolphins	7	1	0	5	1	86	194	-108

# JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT

The junior development program this year involved teams in the under 12, 13, 14, 15 and 17 age groups. These teams were selected from all East affiliate clubs with the under 14, 15 and 17 year teams commencing training sessions in May and the under 12 and 13 teams commence training in September, with sessions conducted by the coaching staff as preparation for games in the September school holidays.

The under 12, 13 and 15 teams played in a round-robin competition against Burleigh Bears and Redcliffe Dolphins at Pizzy Park on the Gold Coast. The under 14 team played a Sunshine Coast development side, whilst the under 17 team played the Melbourne Storm under 16 Academy team at Noosa Pirates Rugby League fields. All teams performed to a high standard and responded well to the coaching that they are exposed to. The under 17's in particular performed well above expectations as most players in the team had played a grand final in the Nev Blair Shield the day before.

I would like to acknowledge all staff that was associated with these teams and in particular the coaching staff for each of the teams:

U12 Chris Lau

U13 Bruce Crosby

U14 Paul Nieuwenhuyzen

U15 Ian Gough

U17 Jim Look and Michael Gunthorpe

I would also like to acknowledge the efforts of Wayne Daunt for coaching assistance and Laurie Ferguson for training support of the development teams throughout the year. Thanks must also go to all players associated with each team for their effort and commitment as part of the development program.

The Eastern-Storm Academy is the pinnacle of the development program for players from South East Queensland where players are recruited from not only Easts Tigers but other regions and clubs in this area. Easts Tigers provided the majority of players for this program which culminated in an in-house trial for selection into the development side which toured New Zealand and Melbourne during the school holidays. The program was headed by the Melbourne Storm Queensland director of coaching and development Mr Matt Adamson. The team performed strongly on the tour with wins against Wellington Development Team 88 - 12 and VRL Development Team 40 - 8. With the Melbourne Storm NYC relocating to the Sunshine Coast, Easts players have been successful in gaining contracts to be part of this team in 2016.



## THE FOLLOWING EASTS PLAYERS WERE PARTICIPANTS IN THE EASTERN STORM ACADEMY IN 2015:

Jacob Elmore  
Caleb Daunt  
Tai Cragolini  
Pat Carrigan

Phil Sami  
Riley Leota  
Eliott Vincent  
Lachlan Foulds

Brodie Croft  
Ryan Cameron  
Zac Taibi  
Joel Gittens

Fua Mataafa  
Jaiyden Hunt



*Easts Tigers players at the Eastern Storm Academy 2015 season launch*

**Wayne Adams**  
*Junior Representative Coordinator*



# 2015 PLAYING RECORDS

Player	All Grades					Intrust Super Cup					BRL A Grade					FOGS Colts				
	Games	Tries	Goals	FG	Points	Games	Tries	Goals	FG	Points	Games	Tries	Goals	FG	Points	Games	Tries	Goals	FG	Points
ARTEMI Andrew	2										2									
AUSTIN Whetu	18	10			40	1					17	10			40					
BAYNES Lachlan	16	4	17		50						1					15	4	17		50
BELL Kevin	1										1									
BIELEFELD Sam	18	5			20						18	5			20					
BRAUN Reece	7		3		6											7		3		6
BRITT Dean	13					13														
BURCHELL Charlie	14	3			12						14	3			12					
BURESE Lui	15	4			16											15	4			16
BUTTERFIELD Tom	25	11			44	25	11			44										
CAMERON Ryan	8	1			4											8	1			4
CARROLL Jayden	13	4	12		40						13	4	12		40					
COCKER Sam	12	9			36											12	9			36
CRAFT Dwayne	20	4			16	4	1			4	16	3			12					
CROCKETT Hayden	3	1			4						3	1			4					
DOWNEY Brandon	21	22	61		210	5	5	1		22	16	17	60		188					
DUFFIE Matt	13	12			48	13	12			48										
ELLIA-NIUKORE Leon	19	8			32						19	8			32					
ELMORE Jacob	12	6			24											12	6			24
EVERETT Joshua	18	5			20						18	5			20					
FA'ATAAPE Toa	2															2				
FAINGAA Siaosi	15	6			24						15	6			24					
FONUUA Mahe	10	6			24	10	6			24										
FOSTER Jake	25	9			36	25	9			36										
FREEMAN Griffin	12										12									
GAFSA Shaquille	15	7			28											15	7			28
GEE Joshua	17	5			20											17	5			20
GEORGE Brandon	20	4			16						20	4			16					
GHABILINA Shab	1										1									
GIESS Grant	6	2			8	6	2			8										
GIESS Troy	23	1			4	23	1			4										
GITTENS Joel	14	10			40											14	10			40
HARGREAVES Jake	21	16			64	1					8	8			32	12	8			32
HATFIELD Kurt	13	3			12						13	3			12					
HOGAN Dane	18	1			4	18	1			4										
HORWOOD Brenton	16					7					9									
INGERSOLE Tom	15	4			16						15	4			16					
JONES Kyle	2															2				
JORDAN Dale	6															6				
KAI Michael	19	8			32	17	8			32	2									
KAUFMANN Isaac	2					2														
KAUFUSI Felise	4	2			8	4	2			8										
KENNER Richard	18	13			52	18	13			52										
LEE Aiden	14	2			8						6	1			4	8	1			4
LEOTA Riley	14	5			20						1					13	5			20
LITTLE Ashley	5	2			8	1					4	2			8					
MALONE Donald	18	9	16		68	18	9	16		68										
McBRIDE William	8		2		4											8		2		4
McDONALD Liam	24	1			4	24	1			4										
McGRATH Reece	1										1									
McGUREN Ty	6															6				
MUNSTER Cameron	7	6			24	7	6			24										
NEUMANN Shane	17	12			48	17	12			48										
NOLAN Jarrad	1										1									
NONA Shaun	23	7	66		160	23	7	66		160										
OSTWALD Chris	24	3			12						3					21	3			12
PENI Foisa	20	2			8	18	2			8	2									
PERESE Jordan	7	2			8											7	2			8
PITMAN Mathew	7					6					1									
PRICE Tom	17	1			4	1					16	1			4					
PUNA John	10	2			8						10	2			8					
RATULOLO DABEA Timoci	7	1			4											7	1			4
REID Mackenzie	19	9	1		38						19	9	1		38					
RICHARDS Matthew	19	2	31		70											19	2	31		70
ROBERTSON Cameron	17	1			4											17	1			4
ROMELO Joel	5					5														
SAMI Phil	2															2				
SAMI Tristan	3															3				
SANDOW Daniel	4	1	4		12											4	1	4		12
SCHAFER Jaidon	5	2			8						1	1			4	4	1			4
SCHAFFER Jack	22	11			44											22	11			44
SEKOA Sunny	8	2			8											8	2			8
SEVE Maeli	19	12			48	8	4			16	11	8			32					
SHEPHERD Adrian	12	2			8						1					11	2			8
SMITH Nathan	17	1			4						17	1			4					

Player	All Grades					Intrust Super Cup					BRL A Grade					FOGS Colts				
	Games	Tries	Goals	FG	Points	Games	Tries	Goals	FG	Points	Games	Tries	Goals	FG	Points	Games	Tries	Goals	FG	Points
STEPHENSEN Kevin	1					1														
TAUTALI Eddie	12	8			32	11	8			32	1									
TAYLOR-HINDS Jon	9	4			16										9	4				16
TEEVAN Jacob	2														2					
TORPY Cameron	7	2			8										7	2				8
TRELEAVEN Mitch	3	2	12		32										3	2	12			32
TUALAU Francis	24	1			4	24	1			4										
TYSON Liam	3	1			4	3	1			4										
VEIVERS Mitch	11	2			8										11	2				8
VOLKANOVSKI Michael	21	3			12										21	3				12
WALTERS Billy	17	3			12	13	1			4	4	2		8						
WARR Brentt	21	3	6	1	25	14	3			12	7		6	1	13					
WATSON Jack	7										1				6					
WELCH Christian	10	1			4	10	1			4										
WESTON Dayne	5	1			4	5	1			4										
WHAP Chris	8														8					
WILSON Heath	10	1			4										10	1				4
ZGRAJEWSKI Matthew	24	1			4	24	1			4										
<b>Total</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>337</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1811</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>682</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>591</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>538</b>

# JUNIOR DIVISION REPORT

2015 being my first year in the role of President, I found things to be a challenge, and also quiet rewarding when looking back at the year.

Our major fundraising raffle for 2015 was a huge success, with such a great prize of airfares and accommodation to the State of Origin in Melbourne, tickets where quickly snapped up. We have also obtained a grant from Liquor and gaming. These funds will enable us to proceed with improvements around the clubhouse and should see the commencement of the new retaining walls at the bottom of the main field with completion in early 2016. Brisbane City council has also installed a 50,000 litre water-tank, which will hopefully see a reduction in our water rates which are a major expense for the club each year.

We had 22 teams from U6s through to U18s this year, with a slight increase in player registration on previous year and hopefully we can continue with the trend again in 2016. We had 3 teams make chairman's trophy, U13 Div 1 Coach Bruce Crosby, U14 Div 1 Coach Josh Gough, and U16 Div 1 Coach Michael Lindeberg, with wins to U14s and U16s and a very hard fought second place for our U13s however a excellent result by all.

End of season found 3 teams making it to the finals, with 2 teams just missing out. U13 Div 1 through to finals, U14 Div 1 to semi finals and U16 where undefeated minor premiers and grand final winner. Our U10s also participated in the Gordon Tallis Challenge Cup in Townsville this event attracts over 50 teams from throughout QLD and our boys were narrowly defeated in the final, great effort from the boys, their coach Nathan Love and coaching staff.

The recipient of the Mark Fyfe Memorial Trophy for 2015 as the player most likely to succeed in senior football was Reece Braun and the Len Conroy Memorial Trophy for Clubman of the year was Chris Lau, Congratulations.

I would like to make special thanks to our club sponsors in 2015

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- Bob Jane Coorparoo- Kevin Lawler
- Isuzu Ute Mount Gravatt -Tony Brown
- Brygen Pest Management
- Ian Kaye
- Cr Ian McKenzie- club patron

A huge thank-you to Easts Leagues Club for their continued support, as well as the Senior Division Management Committee.

East Juniors relies on the support from our volunteers both on and off the field, without them we wouldn't be able to operate and provide a safe and friendly environment for our players, so a big thank-you to our Executives and committee members for their support. To our coaches, managers and on field staff, we sincerely thank you for all your efforts throughout the season.

To our players, I would like to offer my personal congratulation on how hard you trained and how you conducted yourself at home and away games, for the effort you put into each and every game. Also a special thanks to our referees which is one of the toughest and ball boys and girls well done.

Finally with your continued support in 2016, your club will continue to be the great club that it is, I urge everyone to get involved, as these next few years with your children growing up playing sport will become special memories.

**Brian Navybox**  
*Junior Division President*



*2015 Junior Division Club  
Person of the Year Chris Lau with  
Vivienne Conroy and Greg Conroy.*

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## **"Letter to Easts Tigers Board**

The 2015 Melbourne Storm Development Academy which was run through the Storms partnership agreement with the East Tigers Football Club has been viewed as a massive success. This was also the first year the Storm had relocated a full time staff member to assist both East and the sunshine coast Falcons in building a stronger development program, as well as cementing a foot print in the Queensland recruitment marker. Both the East Tigers and Melbourne Storm clubs couldn't be more excited by the results of its Academy.

Melbourne Storm would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the East Tigers staff who gave their personal time to assist the playing group in furthering develop their careers. As well as a massive thanks to Des Morris for his continued support of the program, as this year witnessed a launch of the East Academy inviting mums and dads to an evening at the East club for a meal and an information night.

The squad size at one stage this year grew to 30 members. We were able to recruit players from Gold Coast White and Green, Norths Devils, Toowoomba, Wynnum Manly, Ipswich, Capras and Cutters As well as building continued depth with the local talent from the East Tigers.

The program set out at the start of the year to complete 8 high intensity training sessions with the East Tigers Academy, with a view that the East tigers academy could also join the Sunshine coast Academy each alternate week to add additional sessions to their personal development. There were 2 Camps outlined at the start of the year with all players being asked to attend, the first being in July School holidays (3 day camp) which saw all 58 players from both academy's attend, as well as a final camp in September, this concluded with a under 16 Melbourne Storm Academy game, as well as an under 18 Academy game. This match allowed us to view all academy players as they participated in a game against each other, the performance of all players in this game was excellent, as players were given the opportunity to sharpen their tools in which they'd learnt throughout the year.

The outcome of the year allowed the Storm to select 18 of the Academy's best kids to tour both New Zealand and Melbourne to participate in two games and get a personal experience that the kids will never forget. The squad saw 11 kids picked from the East Academy which won both games on their tour, the first V Wellington 88 - 14 and the second against the Melbourne Storm Victorian Academy 60 - 10. The tour witnessed all the players build strong lasting friendships with each other, as well as a further 3 players from the East Academy gaining contracts for the Storms NYC 2016 program.

In total 12 players have gained contracts for the coming 2016 NYC season, along with 3 further players gaining contracts at other NRL clubs for the 2016 season outside the Melbourne system.

*It's been a massive success for all involved and I personally feel this year's squad has unearthed a number of future NRL stars. To all involved a massive thanks, but most of all a massive thanks to all the mums and dads who have given their heart and soul to their kids, and helping them to achieve their personal goals."*

**Matt Adamson**

Queensland Coaching Director

Melbourne Storm

# CLUB RECORDS

## Premierships

State League Premiers	1982, 1989
State League Runners Up	1983, 1988, 1990, 1997, 2004, 2013, 2014
BRL Premiers	1947, 1950, 1972, 1977, 1978, 1983, 1991
BRL Runners Up	1946, 1948, 1951, 1953, 1968, 1971, 1976, 1992, 1993, 1995, 1997
Club Champions	1947, 1949, 1951, 1977, 1978, 1989, 1991, 1992, 1997, 2004, 2013

Lower Grades	Premiers
Reserve Grade	1940, 1949, 1960, 1970, 1974, 1977, 1991, 1992 1996, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2004, 2005, 2008, 2012, 2013, 2014
Third Grade	1946, 1949, 1965, 1978, 1983, 1988, 1991, 1995, 1996, 1999
Colts Grade	1992, 2009, 2010, 2013
Fourth Grade	1968
Second Division – A Grade	1973, 1974
Second Division – XXXX Premier Grade	2009
Second Division – B Grade	1972, 1975, 1976
Second Division – C Grade	1974
Second Division – U19's	1992
Second Division – U22's	2005
Under 23's	1978
Under 21's	1977, 1980
Under 18's	1981, 1983
Cyril Connell Cup - U16'S	2011

47, 50, 72, 77, 78, 83, 91



# PRESIDENTS AND SECRETARIES

President	Year	Secretary	Year
AG (Taffy) Welch	1933-1955	George Bennett	1933-1935, 1938
Arthur Sparks	1956-1959, 1963-1964	H.M.Dell	1936
Fred McCarthy	1960-1962, 1965	Charlie Kahler	1937
Jack Atkin	1966-1976	Joe Nolan	1939-1940
Ted Verrenkamp	1977-1986	Len Morley	1941
Reg Hansen	1987-1989	M.Herlihy	1941,1945
Shane Richardson	1990-1991, 1993-1994	S.G. McKinnon	1944
Ray McGregor	1992	N.Mullins	1946
Des Morris	1995-2002	W.A.Keys	1947
Graham Andersen	2003-2009	George McGrath	1948
Keith Phillips	2010-Present	Jim Garrigan	1949-1951
		Charlie Walsh	1952-1957
		Bill Munt	1958-1965
		Fred McCarthy	1965
		Tom Drysdale	1966-1973
		Brian Smart	1974-2004
		Darren Smith	2005-2006
		Graham Andersen	2006
		Des Morris	2007 - Present



*Easts Tigers President - Keith Phillips.*



*Easts Tigers Chief Executive Officer - Des Morris.*

# COACHES – FIRST GRADE

Coach	Seasons	Coach	Seasons
Jack Sargood	1933	Des Morris	1975-1979, 1988-1989
Tom Dolan	1934	John Abbott	1980
Jack Ryrle	1946, 1948	John Lang	1981-1984, 1990-1993
Nev Ryrle	1947, 1949, 1952-1953, 1958-1960	Ross Strudwick	1994
Jack Atkin	1950-1951, 1962-1964	Wayne Lindenberg	1985-1986
Alan Roseneder	1954	Shane McNally	1987
Rob Kille	1954-1955	Gavin Payne	1995-1998
Bert Scaggs	1956-1958	Graham Herlihy	1999-2001
Ken Parry / Jack Atkin	1961	Michael Booth	2002-2007
Clive Churchill	1965-1966	Darren Smith	2008-2009
Sid Clarke	1967	Jason Gainey	2009-2010
Les Geeves	1968-1969	Troy McCarthy	2011-2012
Ted Verrernkamp	1970-1973,1975	Craig Ingebrigtsen	2013 – 2015
Norm Pope	1974		



*Intrust Super Cup Coach Craig Ingebrigtsen address his players following the Tigers 30 -12 win over Wynnum Manly in the 2014 Preliminary Final at Langland's Park.*

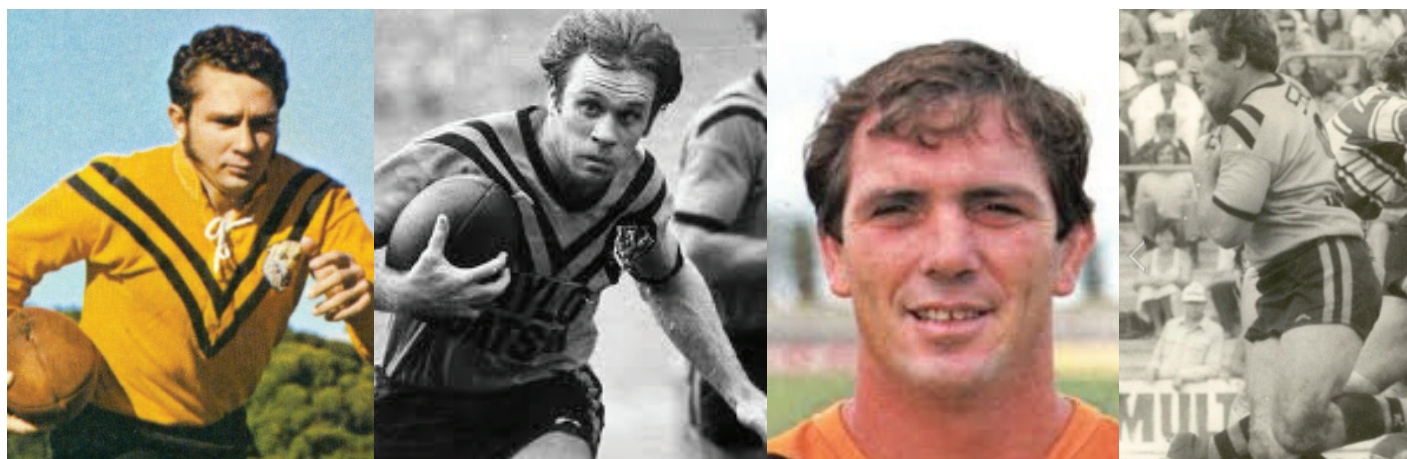
# CENTURIONS

Player	No of Games	Player	No of Games
Des Morris	226	Rod Morris	121
John Lang	200	Andrew Neave	121
Scott Sipple	200	Shane Neumann	121
Scott Neilson	193	Brad Backer	120
Gavin Payne	187	Jeff Denman	120
Colin McCartney	183	Brett McPherson	120
Ian Stains	182	Greg Holben	115
Joe Baker	170	John Callus	111
Alan Currie	164	Cavill Heugh	111
Wade Liddell	163	John Eales	110
Isaac Kaufmann	154	Steven Thorpe	110
Steve Dowden	147	Bruce Crosby	108
Rodger Kuhn	145	Shane McNally	107
Peter Turner	142	Larry Briggins	106
Graham Cotter	140	Kevin Stephensen	105
Matt Lockyer	129	Matthew Zgrajewski	105
Marcus Jensen	125	Nick Muir	104
Marty Allen	123	Jack Ryrie	102
Mark McDonald	121		

# AUSTRALIAN REPRESENTATIVES

The following players represented Australia whilst playing at Eastern Suburbs:

Player	Season	Player	Season
Ron McLennan	1948	John Lang	1973-1975, 1978
Geoff Connell	1967	John Payne	1975
Jeff Denman	1968	Rod Morris	1977-1978



# QUEENSLAND STATE OF ORIGIN REPRESENTATIVES

The following players represented Queensland State of Origin whilst playing at Eastern Suburbs:

Player	Season
Brad Backer	1980, 1981
Colin Scott	1980
Paul Kahn	1982
Greg Holben	1982
Steve Stacey	1983
Gavin Jones	1983
Cavill Heugh	1985, 1986



Queensland 1980 State of Origin team including John Lang, Rod Morris, Brad Backer and Colin Scott.



# QUEENSLAND REPRESENTATIVES

The following players represented Queensland whilst playing at Eastern Suburbs:

Player	Season	Player	Season
Ron McLennan	1947-1949	Darren Smith	1988-1989
Bill Callinan	1948-1949	Darryl Harrison	1988
Bob Kille	1949	Mark McDonald	1989
Len Blaik	1953	Chris Hastings	1989
Paul Pyers	1955,1957	Ken Jackson	1990
John Doyle	1965-1966	Sean Keating	1990
Geoff Connell	1967	Darren Wolens	1990
Jeff Denman	1968	Steve Dowden	1991
John Lang	1971-1976, 1978-1979	Greg Street	1991
Lee Hutchinson	1972-1973	Paul Green	1992
Des Morris	1972-1973, 1976, 1979	Graham Strutton	1995
Jeff Fyfe	1972	Dale Williams	1997
John Eales	1973	Graham Cotter	1997, 2001
Rod Morris	1974-1978	Scott Thorburn	2000
John Payne	1975-1976	George Gatis	2000
Steve Farquhar	1976-1977	Matt Bickerstaff	2000
John Callus	1977	Sime Busby	2002
Wayne Lindenberg	1978-1979,1983	Mark Leafa	2003
Brad Backer	1979-1980	Leigh Coghill	2005
Mark Payne	1979	Matt Lockyer	2006
Alan Power	1980	Luke Branighan	2006
Colin Scott	1980	Cody Walker	2013
Steve Stacey	1981	Tim Glasby	2013
Cavill Heugh	1982-1984	Dane Hogan	2014
Shane McNally	1983	Felise Kaufusi	2014
Trevor Patterson	1983	Tommy Butterfield	2015
Larry Brigginsshaw	1983	Shaun Nona	2015
Gavin Jones	1984		
Ian Stains	1988, 1991		
Mark McIntyre	1988		

2015 Queensland Representatives – Tommy Butterfield and Shaun Nona.



## MOST GAMES IN FIRST GRADE

Player	No of Games	Player	No of Points
Des Morris	226	Shane McNally	871
John Lang	200	Scott Thorburn	648
Scott Sipple	200	Howard Fullarton	512
Scott Neilson	193	Max Henderson	502
Gavin Payne	187	Peter Lobegeiger	432

## LEADING POINTS SCORERS

## LEADING TRY SCORERS

Player	No of Tries	Player	No of Goals
Peter Turner	88	Shane McNally	406
Mark McDonald	70	Howard Fullarton	250
John Callus	68	Scott Thorburn	239
Col McCartney	60	Max Henderson	238
Jeff Denman	59	Peter Lobegeiger	179

## LEADING GOAL KICKERS

## ROTHMAN'S MEDAL / COURIER MAIL MEDAL

Easts Tigers players who have won the competitions best and fairest player.

Player	Position	Season	Award
John Eales	Centre	1973	Rothman's Medal
Jeff Fyfe	Lock	1974	Rothman's Medal
Alan Currie	Lock	1977	Rothman's Medal
Trevor Paterson	Second-Row	1983	Rothman's Medal
Cavill Heugh	Front-Row	1984	Rothman's Medal
Paul Green	Half Back	1993	Rothman's Medal
Scott Thorburn	Half Back	2002	Courier Mail Medal
Cody Walker	Five-Eight	2013	Courier Mail Medal







