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Annual Report 2019

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SEASON AT A GLANCE

Growth in Social Media:

 **15.2%**  **63%**  **18.7%**

Increase in participation Women: **3.6%**

Increase in participation Juniors: **4.5%**

Live Stream Minutes viewed 2020: **531,226**

10 State Representative Programs

Gold Blooded Tour through Coober Pedy,
Port Augusta, Barossa Valley,
Adelaide, Mt Gambier

NRC Melbourne Rising v NSW Country

NRCII Tournament with 5 visiting states

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Mission Statement

To ignite passion, build character and create an inclusive South Australian Rugby Community.
We will engage and inspire people, support clubs, engage communities and develop rugby players.



President's Report Mike von Berg

Sometimes in the rugby world we are driven exclusively by KPI's, financial performances, membership, win/loss ratio and premierships. These are all important but in looking at our game in SA overall as a minor sport in an AFL dominated market there is so much more that we should measure ourselves in and I am delighted how the Board, the Staff and the Rugby Community has committed to working together as a team in addressing mental health issues which has sadly resulted in young people taking their own lives.

This is not just a rugby issue.

It is a national issue but if we in our community, can do everything that we can, to be there for anyone that may be struggling and a shoulder to lean on, that will be a major achievement.

Being open and transparent in admitting to a brother or sister in rugby that you have a problem is not a sign of weakness. It is a sign of enormous character and courage and having someone with empathy and understanding to talk to is in many cases lifesaving.

Losing the opportunity to host a Bledisloe Cup at Adelaide Oval due to the State Government withdrawing their support was extremely disappointing

and, in my view, somewhat very short sighted. The economic impact for the State due to international and domestic visitors, the overnight stays, trips outside of Adelaide, food and beverages (rugby crowds are very healthy imbibers) and the international TV and cable viewership's is in the hundreds of millions around the world. What a wonderful opportunity lost to tell the world that we are open for business, considering the tragic bushfires we are desperate for tourists. But invariably from something negative, something positive may come out of it where we just need to help ourselves and come up with some creative and stimulating rugby ideas and your Board will be addressing these ideas in the coming months.

I really need to give a plug to the hundreds of volunteers who work tirelessly sometimes for little thanks in helping us to run the game in SA. Without you and all that you do we could not manage to run our great game. I was really touched by the Chairman's comments and that of his son playing for a junior team at University Club getting belted every week. Not only the players perhaps feeling low but what about the parents, coaches, trainers, medics and club supporters all feeling a bit down week to week, but there they are, on the field, every Saturday, having another crack, and crack it they will because of that heart and spirit that lies within. This young man stated when questioned that: 'In a rugby team I feel like I matter', a wonderful sentiment but I would go one step further in that in rugby "everyone matters" and that is what should drive our game in this State. We may not be able to compete with the major States on the field, but we can certainly compete off the field in having an inclusive, respectful, warm and accepting culture where everyone does really matter, and we care. That is the values driven culture that we are all committed to and I wish you all the very best for the coming season.



Chairman's Report Justin Courtney

This is my second year as the Chairman of the Union. For the Annual Report I am providing an abridged version of a speech I gave at the Members' Meeting at Rugby Australia in November of last year.

As some of you may be aware, we were informed recently that our bid to host the 2021 Bledisloe Cup at Adelaide Oval is unfortunately not being presently supported by the State Government. This was bitterly disappointing given the work that had been put into the bid.

Therefore, growing the game in South Australia in this environment and without high level rugby content remains a challenge. Most locals, including those in government do not differentiate between rugby league and rugby union and think the fact that Adelaide Oval is hosting a State of Origin game next year answers everything.

Adelaide is an overwhelmingly AFL state but we are making progress. Our participation rates are up, particularly in juniors and in women's rugby which has recorded strong growth.

Secondly, we need to acknowledge that another challenge is that we remain the South Australian Rugby Union in name only. There is no competition outside of greater Adelaide, we have a

team located in the Barossa Valley but there is no competition of any kind in rural South Australia and addressing this is a long-term challenge. There is a tyranny of distance and bringing the game into rural South Australia will require probably utilising alternative forms of the game rather than trying to incorporate teams into the existing competition. Even closer to Adelaide, Mount Barker is Australia's fastest growing inland city with a catchment of over 300,000 people but there is no rugby offering there. The challenge is whether forming a club in that location will detract from other clubs' efforts to tap into that growth.

Thirdly, in respect of challenges I can provide you with numbers. We have 10 clubs, more than 2,000 players, 10% growth in junior numbers, 50% growth in the female game in the past two years. The main number that challenges us is the number 'five'. This is the number of individuals, from our relatively small community, who took their own lives last year, mostly at or around this time. This situation has created our greatest challenge. Therefore, while I will say that if we lose the Bledisloe it is bitterly disappointing, but it is not a tragedy. Losing any one of those five members of our community was a tragedy.

These events caused us, as a Board and as a Union, to consider both our response and our role. What became clear to us is that we, as a Union, are not so much in the sporting area as in the well-being area. That is, we provide the environment where people choose to spend their recreation time. Providing that environment and making that environment the best it can be is our main challenge. We made the decision to be a values'-based organisation and that these values will be our point of difference with all other codes.

The opportunity from this, is for us to embrace this well-being space and emphasise our values to both grow the game and provide its participants with the resilience and support needed to deal with modern life and its challenges.

It is often heard that something is or is not 'very rugby'. I heard it said, in a positive

fashion, in respect of the Canadian team staying after the World Cup to assist in cleaning up from the typhoon.

I also heard it said, in a negative way, in an anecdote given by Rod McQueen who was in Adelaide, in recalling how the English Union in the late 1990s would not allow the away team to train at Twickenham while the English team could and how the home dressing room was twice the size of the away dressing room. Rod shook his head at this and described it as 'not very rugby'.

We therefore feel that something being rugby is being both inclusive and supportive. This became central in our response to the challenge of mental health facing us. At a recent forum on mental health in sport in Adelaide,

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rugby union was the most represented sport in attendance.

We have committed a substantial part of our budget to addressing the issue of mental health and have decided that we need to lead the way in respect of this and blaze our own path, for others to follow. We are funding the training of people to recognise the signs and mentor others within the club environment.

We believe that this values'-based emphasis will assist us in continuing to grow the game, particularly at junior level and amongst females. There are ten main clubs and of these eight have female teams.

My favourite game of the year however was the local Under 12 Grand Final. It was played between the Minor

Premiers, Old Collegians and runner up, Brighton. At half-time it was 21-0 to Old Collegians, at full time it was 21 all. It was announced there would be five minutes of extra time and if the scores were then level the trophy would go to Old Collegians as they had finished top of the table. Brighton threw the proverbial kitchen sink at them but could not score. The final act was an attempted drop goal that went just wide. At the end of the game there was elation on one side and despair on the other. I went over to the losing coach who was someone I used to play with and offered my condolences. He simply grinned ruefully and said: 'No issue with it, those are the rules and they deserve it, they finished top.' With that he went off to console his team. I thought it was a wonderful lesson in dealing with adversity and his team will be the better for it. Harnessing those values to create resilience in the face of adversity is a great opportunity.

Lastly, in terms of highlights I can offer three.

South Australia provided a home-grown Wallaroo in the form of Eva Karpani this year. She joins Ted Fidock as a local who has represented their country at the highest level in our game. Ted was a Wallaby in 1953.

Secondly, it was announced this year that next season the Adelaide University Sharks will come into being and compete in third grade. This is Adelaide's first gay inclusive rugby team and it made front page news when this was announced.

Finally, a personal anecdote. After years of trying other sports I finally convinced my son, who is 13, to try rugby. We went to our local club which is growing but traditionally struggles for numbers. They seldom had a full team and lost every game. Some weeks they coped cricket score type hidings. It was therefore with some trepidation that I asked him if he thought he would play next year. Without hesitation, he replied: 'Definitely'. I was equal parts surprised and delighted and asked why. His answer was that: 'In a rugby team I feel like I matter.' He then added: 'Also, I think that rugby people are the nicest people I have ever met.'



CEO's Report Carl Jones

Rugby Union SA has had another successful year, increasing our overall playing numbers for the second consecutive year. Managing to maintain and slightly increase our female players whilst growing our Juniors by 4.5%, which is against the trend of other states. Congratulations to all our community hard working volunteers in achieving this.

As well as experiencing some success on the field, we also managed to stay on budget and post another small surplus, future proofing the organisation financially.

The season got off to an early start with the Beach 5s in late February. A good fun start to the season that allowed clubs to compete and socialise with no premiership points on the line.

The 2019 pathways programs were again extensive, with twelve programs, nine of which traveling interstate. The NRC2 competition was hosted in SA for the second consecutive year providing a further opportunity for our Senior State men's team, the Black Falcons, to perform. The SA senior Women's team travelled to Melbourne to take on the Rebels Super W team as well as Tasmania. Congratulations to Tayler Savage who was selected for the

Melbourne Rebels Squad off the back of this program. Congratulations must also be sent to Eva Karpani from Brighton, Taj Heald from Southern Suburbs and Phoebe Lindon-Patton all selected for various Super W teams. During the season, Leesa Kenny on staff was also selected to manage the Australia A team who travelled to Fiji to compete in the Oceania Cup. This provides a great insight into how teams at this higher level function, broadening Leesa's skills and knowledge. We are very proud of the ongoing relationship with the Melbourne Rebels; having access to Dane Haylett-Petty for the Junior Gala day created a wonderful experience for our younger participants as well as parents and coaches, especially in a Rugby World Cup year. This relationship extended to us

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hosting a National Rugby Championship (NRC) match for a second consecutive year, between Melbourne Rising and New South Wales Country.

The season was launched officially in late April with a special guest appearance from Raelene Castle Rugby Australia's Chief Executive. Raelene spoke about Adelaide being the preferred destination for the Bledisloe Cup to be played in 2021. Unfortunately, the SA Government did not support the preference.

The live stream has raised another

notch in the quality of product and is going from strength to strength, a real credit to David Muggleton (Spacequake) and Dave Webb (Commentator). The fact that NITV, CH 44 and Cook Islands TV are showing the footage in a regular timeslot is a great achievement, not only for the standard of the product, but also to the standard of the rugby being played.

Yet again all coaches in South Australia were 100% compliant with Smart Rugby, setting the bar high for the rest of the country. We also had 25 Coaches attend various coaching courses throughout the year.

2019 marks the end of four seasons for me in this role, it's been a privilege and an honour to date. Whilst I feel we are moving in the right direction as a sport, I feel there is more we can do to provide a well-being, fun and safe environment for our participants. Funding has been identified to support this project on an ongoing basis. Moving into 2020, success will be measured differently; Satisfaction of our participants will be measured by end of season survey and Retention will be measured from year to year.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Board for their knowledgeable, mentorship and considerate support, the staff for going above and beyond, the players for enjoying themselves and playing within the laws of the game and most of all the volunteers, without who we would not exist. I request that clubs do support each other in these volunteer roles to avoid burn out and discontent.

Adelaide University

In 2019 Adelaide University Rugby has enjoyed an amazing year of growth and stands well placed moving in to the clubs 88th year. After many years of Junior development, the club welcomed an under 16's team for the first time and finally reached over 100 registered juniors. A successful junior tour to the nations, Capital was organised early in 2019, and provided the club's next generation with an opportunity to play against the best junior clubs from around Canberra. Adelaide University Rugby welcomed many new faces this year, including a Women's team for the first time in over 14 years.

The Women's team has enjoyed an extremely successful season, winning Adelaide University a Women's premiership for the first time since the competitions official commencement and has injected an amazing group of people who are already actively contributing to the club. Through the efforts of Peter Stephen the club has established the Adelaide University Sharks, South Australia's first team to be recognised by International Gay Rugby (IGR) and will be set to compete not only in the local 3rd grade competition, but support players to compete in national and international IGR events such as the Bingham and Purchase Cup. The Sharks program has recruited a number of new players to the game and continues to gain media attention not only as an inclusion initiative, but more broadly for the game of Rugby Union in South Australia.

With many new members, the club has enjoyed a full social calendar and has raised thousands through the Australian Rugby Foundation, and in charity for organisations such as Catherine House and the Black Dog Institute.

An extremely successful year has come to a close, with the induction of three new life members; Jim McMillan, Jarrod Chave and Simon Redfern, recognised for their outstanding contribution to the club over many decades. The club has also received a number of nominations in the Adelaide University 111th Annual Blues Awards 2019 including, The Bennett Shield - Club of Year, Coach of Year (elite) Guy Woonton, Women's XV and Volunteer of Year (non-student) Peter Stephen. The University will also recognise the contribution from Vikki Chave, Jason Gummow and James Agness with Club Letters for Service and Competition.

Barossa

Barossa Rams have had another solid year in the junior ranks with many age grades making finals again and continued growth in playing numbers. The support our players and coaches receive from families is outstanding and deserves particular mention,



as without off-field help, teams can easily suffer from distraction from their task at hand. Particular highlights have been the inclusion of a number of juniors in travelling state representative sides.

The under 18 fixture vs Burnside was nominated as a Mental Health focus round culminating in the team playing for the Kade MacDonald Memorial Shield following the loss of a team-mate in the preceding off-season.

Senior ranks have suffered from some personnel losses and key injuries during the season leaving the teams lacking. Encouraging is the eagerness of the older under 18 players to push for selection in the senior men's teams and seeing the fruition of a successful junior program is both refreshing and gives us hope for future senior success.

Women's rugby remains a challenge in terms of attracting adequate playing numbers but there is no doubt that these players are showing the kind of dedication to the club that can be looked at with great pride. Often facing challenges of changing start times, being separated from juniors and seniors for away fixtures, these girls give the game their all on the field and off.

The enthusiasm we see from visiting clubs coming to the Barossa, bringing supporters and families to enjoy our hospitality is always greatly appreciated. We continue to strive to provide this welcoming atmosphere for all.

Off-field events included the visit of the William Webb-Ellis cup as part of the Gold-Blooded Tour which attracted a great crowd of rugby fans to mingle with three Classic Wallabies and take the opportunity to hold the trophy aloft.

Good news comes in the form of competition-grade lighting for Lyndoch for 2020 which will aid significantly in scheduling games for whole-of-club fixtures. Also, we continue to liaise with Barossa Council regarding a potential new purpose-built facility in Tanunda.

Brighton

2019 was a successful year both on and off the field for the club, positioning the club for a bright future.

On field positive numbers through Juniors and Seniors saw strength across our club with all grades except for one making the finals series, Premier Grade and Premier Reserve Grade making it to the Grand Final, and in Juniors U/18's Premiers along with U/14's Premiers our U/12's drew in the Grand Final and due to their position on the ladder didn't bring home the flag. The strong family values, inclusive culture, social atmosphere along with dedicated and hardworking volunteers are clear drivers for the

CLUB LIFE

strength and success. The club values and players passion were rewarded at the Don Smith Awards, with the club named the Coopers Club Champions.

Off field, exciting times ahead for the club and its members with the redevelopment of new clubrooms expected to be complete early 2020, further improving facilities for current and new members and players.

We look forward to the new season and continuing to build on this season's success.

Burnside

Our club just gets better and better and Burnside has had a lot to celebrate this year. This has been the first year using our much-improved flood lighting on all ovals, Tuesday night meals have been to die for, and we've had a better range of merchandise and a complete refurbishment of club rooms.

At the Don Smith RUSA presentation we were awarded, best female player, best under 21, best forward and the Don Smith medal. We retained the eastern suburbs trophy for a record 5 years! We won the inaugural under 18 Kade McDonald memorial trophy against the Barossa Rams.

We celebrated a fantastic junior gala day raising funds for another great junior tour to NZ, a twenty-year reunion dinner and a very well supported 'Back to Burnside' evening where we inducted two new legends and recognised two legends who have played over 500 games!

This year saw the start of a new 100 club and a very well supported and improved presentation night.

On the field, we've had a significant increase in under 7, 8 and 10 age group numbers, seven of our 8 teams eligible played in finals, four played in grand finals, our under sixteens won the flag and of course our Premier men's team took out their premiership after a 20-year drought. What a year!

On another note, the 2019 draw did not serve us favourably either on or off the pitch. We experienced too many byes and it had a significantly detrimental effect on our clubs income. Going forward, we want to see all clubs improve and grow and we look forward to the draw structure being reviewed for next year.

As always, our club has been run by a dedicated bunch of individuals, too many to name individually, but every one of them has played an important role from the line markers, bean counters, cleaners and BBQ chefs to the men and women, boys and girls, who play the beautiful game proudly wearing the double blues. Our club culture is strong, both on and off the field and as I hang up my presidential boots, I leave the role proud of what we have achieved and wish the incoming executive committee and all our members the very best for 2020.



Elizabeth

2019 saw our Senior Men's teams go back into playing in Premier grade, mainly meaning the whole club played together home and away this year, making a great atmosphere for our members.

Our Junior numbers continue to grow, with now having from under 6/7's right up to Under 16's. A number of our junior players also made state representative teams this year.

The Senior Women's team had great numbers by the end of the season, albeit mostly new to the game this year and basically starting from scratch again. We look forward to most of them coming back next year and working on what they learned this year.

The Senior Men's had a tough year, looking at the score board. They were down players this year, however, gained some new players who have been great club people.

Off the field we have been able to commence upgrading our club's roof. With one of the only clubs to own their club rooms in SA, it has been a long time coming. Once this is complete, we can continue to upgrade our club rooms, making it a more inviting space.

We appreciated the opportunity again to host 2 rounds of the finals series this year and we look forward to 2020 where we will be working on improving the experience our members and visitors have at Womma Park.

Old Collegians

The 2019 season for Old Collegians RUFC was successful both on and off the field. A few challenges during the close season meant the preparation for the 2019 season started slowly but despite this the 'Old Cols' faithful rallied, Senior players rallied and the Junior players came out to the pre-season training in droves. Player numbers in the Juniors remained constant for 2019 but Old Collegians saw huge growth in the Senior playing group, which meant good competition for playing positions across each of the three grades throughout the season.

Three grades made their respective Grand Finals, with the Premier Reserve Grade and U12s Team successful in securing Premiership Flags. The Third Grade finished runners up in their own competition. Club events were well supported throughout the season with the highlight being Old Collegians first ever Indigenous Round in July. With a strong and renewed culture in the club the season was capped off with the securing of an Australian Sports grant that enabled the club to progress it's plans for a complete clubhouse extension and refurbishment. Works commenced in November 2019 after a huge working bee in October that saw the club house emptied and placed into storage.

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On the back of 2018, probably the most successful off field the club has ever had, 2019 started on a positive.

We fielded teams in every grade from under 7's to Premier Grade. With most teams making finals, our Third Grade won a premiership against a valiant Old Collegians side.

Some of our premier grade players took on the roles of coaches and mentors for the U14s U16s and U18s. The women's team showed growth in numbers after the previous season.

We had a large number of players represent the state at all age groups and in the senior Black Falcons both men and women.

The hardest loss for the club being the sudden passing long-time member, Dan Jovanovic whilst at training as well as loss of a local legend, a stalwart of rugby in South Australia, George Doughty. Our club's first president and first life member, Colin Talbot, also passed away. All of these men epitomised everything rugby, something we hope to pass onto the next generation. They had a love of rugby that showed in all they did.

Lastly, we would like to say thank you to the Referees Association and the work the Referees put into our game.



brought new families to the club, as well as joining with Port Adelaide for the U14's & 16's age group. This season 6 out of 9 Souths teams played finals which is a great result for the club. We were also very fortunate to have a number of junior and senior players selected to represent the state. We had our fair share of state teams train at Souths which is testament to a positive relationship with Rugby Union SA during the season. 2019 also saw Souths host the Grand Finals and once again, the Souths community worked hard to put on a good day for everyone on, and off the field. We also hosted the NRC (National Rugby Championship) for the 2nd year in a row, and the Australian Masters over the October long weekend.

Woodville

We had considerable success in 2019 on the field with both senior men's teams making their respective grand finals and the senior women's team making the final rounds.

The continued development of our coaching roster is a key focus for 2020 and beyond, and has been accelerated with the advent of an Under 18's team in 2020. To those people behind the scenes who have made this possible, the committee extends its thanks.

As we move into 2020, the club is looking to take a more commercial focus to cater for the expanding needs of the club members and wider community.



Crippled Crows

There have been challenges undoubtedly, but the joy of providing an opportunity for us old guys and gals to get out and play the game we love.

We have been able to play all of the scheduled games we had arranged, even if one had to be postponed! All clubs who hosted games gave great support and, on a few occasions, put together their own squad for our team to play against. Having our first registered female player playing for the club was a great move forwards and I encourage any women keen to have a run to give it a go!

The Crows again hosted Masters Games this year, being held at Southern Suburbs Rugby Club. Great organisation by Peter Brown and his committee saw a good level of competition and all in all a great weekend was certainly had by all I spoke with. Keeping the links going with the Victorian Masters remains important to our club.

Media exposure this year has been great to see, with an article appearing on ABC news featuring Frank Ortiz and John Markwick as well as Sue Stewart. Off the back of this came interest from the Sunday Mail with an article there stimulating further interest in our club.

North Torrens

No report submitted

Port Adelaide

Port Adelaide fielded 2 senior teams plus a standalone under 7s, made of all girls who are super keen to start tackling. We worked in conjunction with Southern Suburbs to create teams in Under 14's and Under 16's. The process has started of building our junior program with the aim of having our own U16s program in 2020.

Both of our senior men's team walked away with silverware this year. Thank you to our coaching team and all players for their hard work and dedication.

During the season we celebrated the ladies who support our club in various ways; also partnering with charity fundraising group Breakthrough foundation who have a focus on Mental Health.

In another success story, our outdated jerseys were donated to a village in Fiji – where they will see new life.

On a sad note we lost a club legend and RUSA Hall of Fame member, Les Martin.

Southern Suburbs

In 2019 Souths were able field a full complement of junior teams from U8's to U18s, as well as a women's and 2 senior men's teams. An increase in junior and senior player registrations boosted our numbers and

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Player numbers in each age group, as well as player numbers overall, remained consistent in 2019.

In total, 299 players were registered in the SASRU competition.

Rostrevor College and Christian Brothers College did not enter a combined Brothers side this season. This was offset by Sacred Heart College fielding an U18 side in 2019. However, Sacred Heart College did forfeit several fixtures at U18 level suggesting players were transient in their participation. Scotch College remained the major contributor to player numbers at SE Harlequins. Player numbers at the established rugby schools of St Peters, PAC and Pembroke remained similar to 2018.

The percentage of players who also represented a RUSA club was greater in 2019, 28% compare to 21% in 2018.

The number of teams at U14 level (5 sides) was higher than at U16 and U18 (both four sides). However, nearly all schools at this the U14 age group played 10-a side matches. The majority of matches at U16 and U18 level were played with between 12 and 15 players on the field.

In 2019 the SASRU committee continued with revised positions of responsibility. The position of Representative XV was not filled in 2019 as member schools agreed to not field a Representative side. Should this be re-instated in 2020 then the position may be filled. Some sponsorship may also be required should the members wish to field a representative side in order to cover cost of kit, first aid and potential travel.

The 2019 season commenced with two weeks of rugby 7s at all age groups. The 7s fixtures were implemented as a way to encourage fringe rugby schools to connect with SASRU in the hope of building more teams in the regular season. While no new rugby schools participated in 2019, existing rugby schools commented that the matches provided a good start to the season and some much-needed practice for their teams. Rugby 7s will again start the 2020 season, hopefully with one or two new schools participating.

RUSA staff facilitated the publication of SASRU results via the Rugby Xplorer app. This tool ensured



ladders and match results could be disseminated easily and allowed coaching staff, players and their families to track results.

2019 marks the end of 30 years of service to South Australian schools' rugby by Mr Tony Begley. To recognise Tony's exceptional work during this period, the Under 18 Schoolboy's championship trophy has been named The Begley Cup.

Tony Begley commenced his association with the South Australian Schools' Rugby Union in 1987 as coach of Daws Road High School. Since this point, Tony has provided 30 years of continuous service to SASRU, both as a successful coach and administrator. In 1989 Tony coached the South Australian Schoolboys side in the National Championships in NSW alongside fellow long-time contributor to SA schools' rugby, Mr Brian Callaghan. In the same year, Tony commenced teaching and coaching the First XV at Sacred Heart College, a position he maintained for the next decade. In 1999 Tony moved to St Peters College and after two seasons at Under 16 level began coaching the First XV, leading this side almost continuously for 20 years.

Tony tirelessly promoted rugby to students and oversaw many highly successful St Peters sides, in turn improving the competition for all member schools. Tony has also been an important administrator of the game, serving on the SA Schools' Rugby Union Committee in a variety of roles since 1989. Most notably, Tony served as President from 2011 to 2015. During this time, Tony and the SASRU committee oversaw the implementation of an Under 14 age group, which has continued to grow since this point, strengthening the competition and opening up the world of rugby to many new students. Tony has also been a long serving administrator at Adelaide University RUFC. At all times Tony has acted with the best interest of students at heart, seeing rugby as an opportunity for young people to develop the virtues of sportsmanship, determination and humility. Virtues Tony himself demonstrated at all times throughout his 30 years of service.

It is therefore fitting that from 2020 onwards the grand final winner in SASRU's premier competition, the Under 18 Schoolboys, will be presented the Begley Cup.

	Under 18	Under 16	Under 14
GRAND FINAL	Prince Alfred College 24 def St Peters College 10	St Peters College 24 def Pembroke College 22	Pembroke College 55 def Harlequins 10
1st	Prince Alfred College	St Peters College	Pembroke
2nd	St Peters College	Pembroke	Harlequins
3rd	Pembroke	Prince Alfred College	Sacred Heart
4th	Sacred Heart	Harlequins	St Peters College
5th			Prince Alfred College

REFEREES ASSOCIATION

Executive Committee

President: Phil Jones

Vic President: Phil Benger

Secretary: Mike Meredith

Treasurer: Quentin
Fleischfresser

Referee Development

Officer: Tristan Clements

Selections: Phil Benger



This year proved to be another successful year for the Referees Association. We refereed a collective 499 games throughout the season and had referees to accompany tours to Darwin and Melbourne.

Our involvement included a number of refereeing events and programs including: Beach 5s, Elizabeth 7s, Junior Gala Day, SAW 7s, Pre-season friendlies, visits to clubs, Southern Suburbs Schools Carnival, U18s v Campion School, Schools Rugby, Inter-Col Rugby, XV's Season, NRCII, Australian Masters Games, U12 Regional Carnival, High School 7s and Spring Junior 7s Carnival to date.

By the end of the season we had:
61 registrations – 58 officials and 3 non appointed (social/other). This compares to 56 in 2018 a very slight increase and moving in the right direction.

Of the 58 officials we had 5 females

and 53 males. 10 were junior and 48 seniors. An increase of 2 junior referees with a junior referee development program assisting with this.

The new communication gear purchased this year worked well at Premier grade level and throughout the final's series. Our RDO will look to expand our use and experience with this equipment next year as it can only improve our on-field decision making. Training with clubs was another initiative organised by our RDO that provided some productive discussions with clubs along with raising our profile and improving our overall fitness levels. Thank you to Tristan Clements for his work in these areas and we look forward to continuing this into the 2020 season.

This year also saw improvements in the Referee Appointment System capabilities and we are hoping this becomes fully integrated and simpler to use again next year. Collaboration with Rugby Australia and particularly our Southern States Manager, Shane Barr has seen better use of this system for tracking registration, accreditations and appointments.

We ran a level 1 Referee Coaches Course this year that was well attended and has increased our coaching capacity considerably. We will be looking to



leverage this capability more effectively in season 2020.

Congratulations to our new Life Members inducted for the Referees Association: Gary Howat & Phil Benger

Our Grand Final Referees for 2019 were

Premier 1: David Gunning, Peter Jackson & Tristan Clements

Premier 2: Phil Jones, Quentin Fleischfresser & Ben Ridley

Reserve 1: Mike Meredith, Daniel McDowell & Paul Ridley

Reserve 2: Brett Hart, Kim Craggs & Mark Pickard

Third Grade: Brian Bennett, Stephen Bott & Stuart Williams

Women: Steve Sanford, Alistair Walton & Jim Jones

Under 18: Guillermo Garcia, Ben Ridley & Peter Campagna

Under 16: Jason Hyam, Adam Bethell & Bailey Clements

Under 14: Morne Britz, Daniel McDowell & Paul Ridley

Under 12: Caelan Doudle, Sophie McClure & Kim Craggs

Don Smith Awards:

Outstanding Service:
Tristan Clements

RDO Encouragement Award:
Brett Hart

Life Members Most Improved:
Mark Pickard

Outstanding Junior Referee:
Caelan Doudle



STATE REPRESENTATIVE PROGRAMS

The 2019 State Representative season saw South Australia field a number of representative teams, as well as the Under 12 Regionals, Talent Development Training Program and the pilot project of the Satellite Rebels Academy in Adelaide.

The representative teams allow the opportunity for the top players in our state to compete at a higher level than the Adelaide domestic competition by playing in championships against teams from interstate, or touring to other competitions and allowing the rugby experience to grow young individuals. These experiences are a great opportunity for all players to experience the true nature of rugby as a community sport, accepting and building networks.

Out of the Representative program, talented players are invited to join the satellite academy to further grow as rugby ambassadors in our community. The academy strives to educate players not only about the game, physical growth and correct nutrition, but most importantly, about the values of Rugby Union and incorporating them in your life.

Many changes in the state representative process have taken place in order to make it easier for players to be a part of the experience, the introduction of Zip Pay to pay off costs, the ability to sell lottery tickets for the raising of funds for individual players, and of course players sponsorship opportunities.

The State Representative program continues to offer the best experience at an affordable cost.

SOUTHERN STATES U14

South Australia 83 def Tasmania 0

South Australia 28 def Southern Inland Rugby 19

South Australia 22 def South Coast Monaro 17

GRAND FINAL South Australia 42

def Southern Inland Rugby 0



SOUTHERN STATES U16

South Australia 15 def Tasmania 7

South Australia 19 def by Southern Inland Rugby 32

South Australia 17 def South Coast Monaro 7

GRAND FINAL South Australia 19 def Southern Inland Rugby 17



SOUTHERN STATES U18

South Australia 37 def ACT Barbarians (1) 12

South Australia 33 def ACT Barbarians (2) 0

South Australia 7 def by Tasmania 15

GRAND FINAL South Australia 0 def by Tasmania 19

SCHOOLGIRLS U18

South Australia 0 def by NSW Country 29

South Australia 0 def by ACT Schoolgirls Blue 19

South Australia 0 def Melbourne Schoolgirls 33

South Australia 0 def by Western Australia Schoolgirls 33

South Australia 0 def by ACT Schoolgirls White 48



BLACK FALCONS MEN

SA U23 7 def by New South Wales Country 99

SA U23 26 def Tasmania 22

Black Falcons Men 17 def Victoria Country 0

Black Falcons Men 5 def by Perth Gold 53

Black Falcons Men 5 def by Queensland Country 31



GIRLS U17 YOUTH 7s

Western Australia 56 def South Australia 0

Queensland 64 def South Australia 0

Northern Territory 29 def South Australia 5

National Indigenous 50 def South Australia 0

Northern Territory 31 def South Australia 0



GIRLS U15 YOUTH 7s

Northern Territory Friends of Rugby 19 def South Australia 0

Northern Territory Friends of Rugby 45 def South Australia 0

Northern Territory Friends of Rugby 22 def South Australia 0

BOYS U15 YOUTH 7s

South Australia 24

def East Arnhem 5

Darwin Friends of Rugby 45

def South Australia 5

South Australia 27

def East Arnhem 0

South Australia 22 def Darwin Friends of Rugby 19

BOYS U17 YOUTH 7s

New South Wales (2) 44 def South Australia 0

Queensland (2) 55 def South Australia 0

South Australia 22 def National Indigenous 14

Tasmania 24 def South Australia

National Indigenous 36 def South Australia 0

BLACK FALCONS WOMEN

Melbourne Rebels Super W 25 def South Australia 0

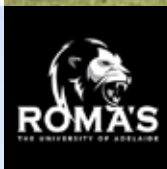
South Australia 84 def Tasmania 0



The University of Adelaide Roma's have enjoyed the most successful season of their brief history, finishing in outright fifth in the Aon Uni7s series after accumulating a total of 50 competition points.

The team was consistent across the four rounds of the competition, finishing fifth in each of the first three rounds, before narrowly missing out on what would have been a maiden Aon series medal in round 4, to equal their highest ever finish in fourth place.

"Canberra [the final round] was standout tournament for us, going undefeated in the minor rounds beating the tournament hosts University of Canberra and the University of Sydney very convincingly in our first 2 matches set us up for a good campaign," he says.



"Overall, we have seen a 25% increase in our win rate from 2018 to 2019, and there was a 15% jump the year before as well, so there is a good curve there in terms of player development with a core group of 10 or 12 girls moving through since the inception of the program," he says.

"On field has been very successful, a lot of players have developed well with another year under their belt and we have been matching it more with some of the dominant teams, so in the first year we got run off the park pretty easily, last year we drew a bit closer and this year it was within 7 points every match really."

18 players took to the field for the Roma's across the four rounds of the Aon series, but O'Keefe says the success and development of the team's results is largely down to a collective effort from the squad as a whole.

2019 was equally successful off the field for the Roma's, as the program scaled previous uncharted territories on multiple fronts.

Firstly, the squad partook in their first overseas tour to Japan as part of their pre-season. The experience was not without its challenges, but for O'Keefe it was

an important step in the group's development.

Another important landmark the Roma's achieved in 2019 was their first piece of silverware, coming in their final pre-season hit out before round 1 of the Aon Series, in the Shute Shield Sevens in Sydney.

Those who kept even a casual eye on the Roma's 2019 progression would be aware of the on-field impact the teams 3 internationals Jasmine Joyce, Alisha Butchers and Hannah Jones. However, they may not be aware of the impact the trio (who are all internationally capped by Wales) had off the field on the squad as a whole.

Joyce's form was also rewarded for her form by being named the Player's Player of the series. Other award winners included Lauren Meyer (Best Tackler), Courtney Munro (Most Improved) and Ellie Konopka (Coaches Award).

The prestigious Dame Roma Mitchell Award, which is awarded to the player which best displays the attributes of courage, fearless defence, finding ways through and for a sense of fun, was awarded to d'Arcy Sadler. O'Keefe says the award is richly deserved after an excellent season both on and off-the field.

Sadler, along with Ellie Konopka and Lauren Potter, acted as co-captains in 2019, and the coach says the manner in which they combined to lead the squad was outstanding.

Looking forward to 2020, O'Keefe says the squad will look to further build this year and continue to strive for excellence in their results.

Thanks to Kim Evans, our manager, Troy Doughty our assistant coach, Alex Walwyn our photographer, our physiotherapist Lauren Sebastiani, also Gerard Dutton from and strength and conditioning perspective, Jack Curtin and Alex Rokobaro who flew in and out for trainings to help when needed and give a different voice.

JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT



As part of the development at Under 12 level, we once again held a regional competition which took place during the final day of competition for the NRCII Championship. The 9 clubs which had U12 teams in 2019 were divided into three areas: Northern Ironmen, Central Captains and Southern Hulks.

Players participated in trials and then selected for teams which included a sleepover camp at West Beach Parks the night before their competition.

Congratulations to the Southern Hulks who won both of their matches on the day and came away as the winners of the U12 Regional Competition.

2019 was another BIG year for junior participation! To kick the season off, Burnside hosted all junior teams at a huge Junior Gala Day. All our junior clubs participated with a total of 48 teams getting involved. The Melbourne Rebels supported the event with distribution of merchandise, including free home game membership to every SA junior registered player. Current Rebels and Wallabies Fullback, Dane Haylett-Petty attended the event, and spent the day mingling with Junior players.

One of the highlights of the season was the exciting #GoldBlooded Tour that had five regional stops and 2 days in Adelaide on its huge national tour. To coincide with the lead up excitement to World Cup, the beloved "Bill" trophy (the previously won World Cup) and numerous Classic Wallabies embarked on a 60-day tour across all states. In SA, Coober Pedy, Port Augusta, Clare Valley, Barossa Valley, Old Collegians RUFC and Mount Gambier all had visits from Classics Wallabies Radike Samo, Julian Huxley, Adam Freier, and Matt Cockbain.



All stops saw activations at local schools, with the Classics running clinics, telling stories and signing autographs.

This season saw the launch of Get into Rugby Club. This program is designed to teach the basics of rugby through a fun and interactive approach, via the club closest to them. Three of our SA clubs ran programs in the preseason – Woodville, Port Adelaide and Adelaide University as an introductory program for new players.

Get into Rugby programs continued to run throughout the year. This year RUSA, expanded this offer to include one-off 'rugby taster' days to any school age group. This saw the total number of students close to 4,500 students.

Southern Suburbs hosted another successful Schools Touch 7s Carnival in Term 4. Westbourne Park Primary took out the trophy for the boys 6/7 competition and Edwardstown Primary took out the girl's competition.

The 2019 High School 7s competition moved to Southern Suburbs this year. It was another great event with 11 schools participating on the day. Pembroke were the overall champions across the Under 16s boys, Under 18s and Girls divisions.

Post XV's season, RUSA ran a 'Spring 7s' Tournament across three Friday

nights. This gave players an opportunity to develop in the 7s format of the game while participating in a more social competition. Playing on Friday nights was received with generally positive responses and may be something to move toward in Season 2020.

Junior referees continue to come into the game. This season we saw 4 juniors committed to majority of the XV's season. RUSA supported them by running a Junior Referee development evening, focussed on improving overall confidence levels.

Overall Junior Development has been steady. With ongoing support from Rugby Australia RUSA are able to create more special events and therefore able to create a better experience for our Junior playing rugby.



WOMEN'S DEVELOPMENT

2019 was a year of stabilisation of Womens teams after a rapid expansion of playing numbers through 2018. The Womens Division remained at eight teams, with Old Collegians Women folding and Adelaide University raising a team. Adelaide University were overall champions taking out the 2019 Grand Final against Southern Suburbs.

The SA Womens 7s Series continued during the XVs preseason. Adelaide University Sports staff managed majority of the competition as a way to trial potential Roma's players. While players enjoyed playing the 7s format of the game, moving forward the timing and format of the competition is likely to change in 2020.

The 2019 Super W season ran during February and March. While SA did not have a team directly involved, Taj Herald (Southern Suburbs) was selected for Rugby WA, Phoebe Linder-Patton (Old Collegians) for Melbourne Rebels and Eva Karpani (Brighton) for NSW Waratahs.

2019 saw the inclusion of two 16-year-old females



into an Academy pilot program. Academy is for invited players who show on field talent and off field uphold the values of rugby to the greatest extent. The SA Academy is supported by the Melbourne Rebels coaching and support staff, with the intention to build players profiles. The program was very successful and RUSA will look to expand it in 2020.

Post XVs season, RUSA ran a Female Gala Day at Woodville RUFC. The day was attended by current Wallaroo and Rugby WA player Rebecca Clough, who ran two training sessions for junior and teenager age groups.

In November, the SA Womens Falcons team travelled to Melbourne to play trial games against Melbourne Rebels and Tasmania. As a result of this representative program, player Tayler Savage was invited to attend further training in hopes of securing a spot in the playing squad.

2019 MINOR ROUND RESULTS

Coopers Premier Grade

RANK	TEAM	P	W	D	L	Pts
1	Brighton	15	12	1	2	64
2	Old Collegians	15	11	1	3	62
3	Burnside	15	11	0	4	57
4	Onkaparinga	15	10	0	5	55
5	Southern Suburbs	15	8	0	7	41
6	Port Adelaide	15	7	0	8	41
7	Woodville	15	5	1	9	29
8	Adelaide University	15	5	0	10	27
9	Barossa	15	3	0	12	16
10	Elizabeth	15	1	1	13	11

Reserve Grade

RANK	TEAM	P	W	D	L	Pts
1	Old Collegians	15	15	0	0	74
2	Onkaparinga	15	11	0	4	57
3	Brighton	15	1	0	5	54
4	Burnside	15	10	0	5	52
5	Southern Suburbs	15	8	0	7	43
6	Port Adelaide	15	7	0	8	35
7	Adelaide University	15	5	0	10	25
8	Woodville	15	5	0	10	24
9	Elizabeth	15	3	0	12	17
10	Barossa	15	1	0	14	5

Third Grade

RANK	TEAM	P	W	D	L	Pts
1	Onkaparinga	12	9	0	3	46
2	Old Collegians	12	9	1	2	46
3	Brighton	12	6	1	5	34
4	Burnside	12	5	0	7	24
5	North Torrens	12	0	0	12	0

Open Women

RANK	TEAM	P	W	D	L	Pts
1	Adelaide University	15	15	0	0	75
2	Southern Suburbs	15	13	0	2	67
3	Burnside	15	10	0	5	49
4	Onkaparinga	15	7	0	8	36
5	Woodville	15	7	0	8	36
6	Brighton	15	6	0	9	34
7	Barossa	15	2	0	13	10
8	Elizabeth	15	0	0	15	0

2019 MINOR ROUND RESULTS

Under 18

RANK	TEAM	P	W	D	L	Pts
1	Brighton	15	14	0	1	70
2	Barossa	15	9	0	6	45
3	Burnside	15	8	0	7	41
4	Southern Suburbs	15	7	0	7	39
5	Onkaparinga	15	6	0	9	33
6	Old Collegians	15	0	0	14	7

Under 16

RANK	TEAM	P	W	D	L	Pts
1	Onkaparinga	15	11	0	4	57
2	Burnside	15	12	0	3	57
3	Brighton	15	11	1	3	57
4	Barossa	15	10	0	5	55
5	Old Collegians	15	7	1	7	44
6	Woodville/Elizabeth	15	6	0	9	36
7	Adelaide University	15	2	0	13	10
8	Southern Suburbs	15	0	0	15	1

Under 14

RANK	TEAM	P	W	D	L	Pts
1	Brighton	14	13	1	0	67
2	Barossa	13	11	0	2	60
3	Burnside	13	10	0	3	56
4	Onkaparinga	14	10	0	4	50
5	Old Collegians	13	6	0	7	33
6	Elizabeth	13	5	0	8	32
7	Southern Suburbs	14	3	0	11	16
8	Woodville	13	1	0	12	9
9	Adelaide University	13	0	1	12	3

Under 12

RANK	TEAM	P	W	D	L	Pts
1	Old Collegians	13	11	1	1	65
2	Onkaparinga	14	12	0	2	60
3	Brighton	14	11	0	3	56
4	Adelaide University	13	8	0	5	46
5	Burnside	13	5	0	8	29
6	Southern Suburbs	14	5	0	9	25
7	Elizabeth	13	3	1	9	20
8	Woodville	13	2	1	10	17
9	Barossa	13	1	1	11	10

2019 COMPETITION STRUCTURE

The 2019 Competition Draw was a new concept, derived from Clubs' desire (particularly the 2018 Division 1 Clubs) to have more variety in their Senior Mens Grades. The concept was to play against each Club at least once (first 9 rounds), then re-issue the draw for the final 6 rounds in a structure intended to have Senior Mens teams play the final rounds against Clubs of approximate strength. While this was a consulted and robust structure in theory, the reality

of a re-issued draw part way through the season presented challenges for many Clubs in planning and coordinating Junior and Senior teams together.

The 2019 Draw Structure also provided a change to the Finals Series – with Juniors competing over 3-weeks of finals, and Seniors over 4-weeks. This gave a unique opportunity for Junior Teams to compete at their own Grand Final day with our U18 teams playing the curtain raiser to the National Rugby

Championship match between the Melbourne Rising and NSW Country Eagles. The U12 Grand Final match was a highlight of the 2019 Finals Series, showcasing the exceptional future talent coming through the community rugby system. The Senior Grand Finals included 6 divisions of seniors rugby, equally showcasing the best of the best on Grand Final day. It was certainly a positive indication of what to expect in the 2020 season.

2019 GRAND FINAL RESULTS



Premier 1:

Burnside 24 def Brighton 23

Pita Bulewa from Brighton receiving Best on Ground



Premier 2:

Port Adelaide 40 def Woodville 27



Reserve 1:

Old Collegians 24 def Brighton 12



Reserve 2:

Port Adelaide 26 def Woodville 21

2019 GRAND FINAL RESULTS



Third Grade:

Onkaparinga 34 def Old Collegians 22



Women:

Adelaide University 31 def Southern Suburbs 14
Rebekah Jones from AU Rugby receiving Best on Ground



Under 18:

Brighton 39 def Burnside 22
Lincoln Russo winning the U18 Rising Star



Under 16:

Burnside 22 def Onkaparinga 19



Under 14:

Brighton 43 def Burnside 7



Under 12:

Old Collegians 21 def Brighton 21
Draw in ordinary time and then again in extra time, leaving Old Collegians the winner due to their position on the ladder at the end of the minor rounds.

DON SMITH MEDAL AWARDS



TAMAKI CUP

(Minor Round Premiers)
Brighton RUFC

COOPERS CLUB CHAMPION

(Championship Club) Brighton RUFC

COOPERS ALEHOUSE VOLUNTEER

OF THE YEAR Peter Jackson,
Brighton RUFC & Referees Association

DARRYL MARTIN MEMORIAL TROPHY

(Best Kept Grounds and Facilities)
Southern Suburbs RUFC

SA RUGBY TOP TEAM TRIES AWARD

(Highest Try Count Women)
Adelaide University RUFC

BOB HOGARTH TOP TEAM TRIES AWARD

(Highest Try Count Men)
Old Collegians Premier

HJ ROGERS MEMORIAL SHIELD

(Administrative Services)
Jayne Fishwick, Brighton RUFC

NEIL CHARTER DEVELOPMENT SHIELD

(Junior Development)
Dave Zeelen, Elizabeth RUFC
& Roy Utting, Woodville RUFC

RAY ROSSER MEMORIAL CUP

(Coach of the Year) Liam Smith,
Onkaparinga RUFC

UNDER 18s TACKLING TROPHY

Harry Ashby, Southern Suburbs RUFC

MEREDITH KNOWLER TACKLING TROPHY

Isabelle Carroll, Onkaparinga RUFC

PREMIER 2 TACKLING TROPHY

Troy Everson, Elizabeth RUFC

SIR NORMAN JUDE TACKLING TROPHY

Andrew Brown, Brighton RUFC

JUNIOR MAUALAIVAO MEMORIAL SHIELD

(Best & Fairest U18)
Cameron Field, Brighton RUFC

RAY HERDE MEMORIAL SHIELD

(Best & Fairest U21)
Isaac Allum-Henson, Burnside RUFC

EDNA REILLY MEMORIAL CUP

(Best & Fairest Womens Player)
Laura Helbig, Burnside RUFC

PREMIER 2 BEST & FAIREST

Lewis Adcock, Woodville RUFC



PRESIDENTS TROPHY

(Outstanding Forward)
Blair Marshall, Burnside RUFC

CHAIRMAN'S TROPHY

(Outstanding Back) Savenca Ronavuso,
Southern Suburbs RUFC

DON SMITH MEDAL

(Best & Fairest Premier Grade)
Blair Marshall, Burnside RUFC



LIFE MEMBER INDUCTEES



Player Life Membership

Basil Scott

Woodville Club Games 200+
State Player 1949 – 1962
International Games 6

Player Life Membership

Glen Millar

Glenelg Club Games 250+
State Player 1964 – 1976
International Games 2
Awards SA Sports Star Award 1974
Don Smith Medal 1976
Australian Sports Medal 2000

Player Life Membership

Roberto Sen

Torrens Club Games 250+
State Player 1969 – 1974
International Games 1
Awards U21 Sports Star Award 1969

Player Life Membership

Ted Fidock

Glenelg Club Games 200+
State Player 1947 – 1957
International Games 3
Awards Don Smith Medal 1952 & 1959

Life Membership

Peter Jones

Schools Administrator 1977 – 1993
SA Delegate to Australian
Rugby Union 1981 – 1992
Australian Schools Manager
1987 – 1990
Southern State Schoolboys
Selector 1992 – 1993
Referee Schoolboys
1970 – 1992

OFFICE BEARERS

PATRON

His Excellency the Honourable
Hieu Van Le AC,
Governor of South Australia

PRESIDENT

Mr M von Berg MC OAM

RUGBY UNION SA BOARD

Mr J Courtney, Chair
Mr B Smith, Deputy-Chair
Mr G Brown
Ms E Casciano
Mr M Hayes
Ms M Knowler
Ms M Lloyd
Mr M Lodge
Mrs J Schiller

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Mr C Jones

RUGBY UNION SA STAFF

Mr P Garden
Mr J Hyam
Ms L Kenny
Mrs R Jackson
Mr I Sorongan

PLAYER LIFE MEMBERS

(2005) Mr H Dijkman
(2005) Mr S Elliott
(2005) Mr R Kitson
(2005) Mr M McKenzie-Smith
(2007) Mr J Fidock
(2013) Mr P Jackson
(2018) Mr G Cavuoto *
(2018) Mr B Hannam
(2018) Mr R Hannam
(2018) Mr T Londema
(2019) Mr B Scott
(2019) Mr G Millar OAM
(2019) Mr R Sen
(2019) Mr E Fidock OAM

REFEREE LIFE MEMBERS

(2002) Mr G Burrows
(2002) Mr M Rixon
(2005) Dr R Essery
(2007) Mr G Pope

LIFE MEMBERS

(1937) Mr NM Mair *
(1939) Mr G Portus *
(1948) Mr A Neilson *
(1950) Mr J Case *
(1952) Mr J Parry *
(1954) Mr P Campbell *
(1960) Mr J Carroll *
(1965) Mr C Runge *
(1972) Mr A Marks
(1975) Mr K Grayling MBE *
(1982) Mr C Plews *
(1988) Mr NC Mair *
(1989) Mr R Herde *
(1996) Mr G Millar OAM
(2002) Mr E Apted
(2005) Mr G Doughty *
(2006) Mr R Badcock
(2006) Mr B Cooper
(2006) Mr E Fidock OAM
(2006) Mrs J Millar
(2006) Mr M von Berg MC OAM
(2007) Mr B Hickman
(2007) Mr K Phelps *
(2007) Mr N Whittaker
(2010) Mr A Mallison *
(2011) Mr P Badcock
(2013) Mr P Brown
(2013) Mr G Holdich
(2015) Mr J Hudson
(2019) Mr P Jones

MEMBER DELEGATES

Adelaide University

Mr M Mooney
Mrs V Chave

Barossa Rams

Mr M Cooper
Mr F Vivian

Brighton

Mr W Londema
Mr P Jackson

Burnside

Mr W Bell

Elizabeth

Miss S Cowan
Mr D Zeelen

North Torrens

Mr A Bengier

Old Collegians

Mr R Costanzo
Mr D McCartan

Onkaparinga

Mr S Warren
Mr L Smith

Port Adelaide

Mr D Ridley

Southern Suburbs

Mr T TePaiho
Mr D Buksh

Woodville

Mr G Gibson
Mr P Brown

SA Schools Association

Mr A MacGregor
SA Referees Association
Mr P Jones
Mr P Bengier

NON-VOTING ASSOCIATES

Crippled Crows
Mr J Markwick
Mr F Vivian
Firebrand
Ms K Evans

DELEGATES TO RUGBY AUSTRALIA

Mr C Jones
Mr J Courtney

HONORARY SOLICITOR

Mr T Johnston, TEJ Law

HONORARY ACCOUNTANT

Mr G Holdich

AUDITORS

PERKS Accountants

South Australian Rugby Union Ltd
ABN 67 091 684 409

Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 31 December 2019

South Australian Rugby Union Ltd

ABN 67 091 684 409

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South Australian Rugby Union Ltd

ABN 67 091 684 409

Directors' Report

31 December 2019

The directors present their report on the company for the financial year ended 31 December 2019.

1. General information

Information on directors

The names of the directors in office at any time during, or since the end of, the year are:

Names

J Courtney (Chair)

G Brown

M Knowler

M Lodge (re-elected May 2019)

M Lloyd (re-elected Nov 2019)

E Casciano

B Smith

J Schiller

M Hayes (elected May 2019)

Directors have been in office since the start of the financial year to the date of this report unless otherwise stated.

Principal activities

The principal activities of the South Australian Rugby Union Ltd during the financial year were the playing and promotion of Rugby Union in South Australia and the stewardship of the accumulated assets of the company.

No significant changes in the nature of the Company's activity occurred during the financial year.

South Australian Rugby Union Ltd

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Directors' Report

31 December 2019

1. General information

Short term objectives

The Company's short term objectives are to:

- To maximise the South Australian community's interest in Rugby Union;
- To maximise the South Australian community's participation in Rugby Union;
- To improve the quality of the participation experience within the South Australian Rugby Union;
- To improve the sustainability and viability of South Australian community rugby providers;
- To grow the financial resources available to invest in South Australian Rugby union.

Long term objectives

The Company's long term objectives are to:

- To establish a thriving Rugby environment, underpinned by health participation, a high level of engagement and strong achievement at all levels.

Strategy for achieving the objectives

To achieve these objectives, the Company has adopted the following strategies:

- To work with local media, the Government of South Australia and the SA Rugby community to increase the profile of local Rugby Union and stage regular, international and high quality Rugby Union in South Australia;
- To work in partnership with a range of community stakeholders including Government, South Australian businesses, rugby clubs, rugby participants (players, officials and administrators) to conduct a range of programs and activities to attract and recruit junior and senior players, coaches, officials and volunteers to be actively involved in the rugby community;
- To retain a large percentage of participants from year to year by offering quality competition appropriate to the needs of our constituents, education and training programs and opportunities for players to participate in State Representative Programs;
- To work in partnership with local government, the Government of South Australia and the Australian Rugby Union to ensure SA Rugby facilities and SA Rugby providers have the capacity and capability to deliver quality rugby experiences and to cater for growth;
- To ensure SA Rugby and rugby providers have the financial and physical resources to carry out our collective strategies.

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Directors' Report

31 December 2019

1. General information

How principal activities assisted in achieving the objectives

The principal activities assisted the Company in achieving its objectives by:

- Providing the personnel, funds, competitions and consultative and regulatory structure to progressively achieve the objectives set.

Performance measures

The following measures are used within the Company to monitor performance:

- Player participation rates;
- Strategic plan milestones;
- Monthly CEO reporting;
- Budget targets for sponsoring income;
- Maintenance of net assets levels;
- Financial Surplus

South Australian Rugby Union Ltd

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Directors' Report

31 December 2019

1. General information

Members guarantee

South Australian Rugby Union Ltd is a company limited by guarantee. In the event of, and for the purpose of winding up of the company, the amount capable of being called up from each member is limited to \$100 subject to the provisions of the company's constitution.

Events after the reporting date

No matters or circumstances have arisen since the end of the financial year which significantly affected or could significantly affect the operations of the Company, the results of those operations or the state of affairs of the Company in future financial years, except as outlined in Note 1(p) to the financial statements.

Meetings of directors

During the financial year, 10 meetings of directors were held. Attendances by each director during the year were as follows:

	Directors' Meetings	
	Number eligible to attend	Number attended
J Courtney	10	10
G Brown	10	9
M Knowler	10	8
E Casciano	10	8
B Smith	10	8
M Lodge	10	10
M Lloyd	10	9
J.Schiller	10	10
Mike Hayes	6	7

Auditor's independence declaration

The lead auditor's independence declaration in accordance with section 307C of the *Corporations Act 2001*, for the year ended 31 December 2019 has been received and can be found on page 5 of the financial report.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors:

Director:
B Smith

Dated this 31st day of March 2020

South Australian Rugby Union Ltd

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**Auditors Independence Declaration under Section 307C of the Corporations Act 2001
to the Directors of South Australian Rugby Union Ltd**

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the year ended 31 December 2019, there have been:

- (i) no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements as set out in the *Corporations Act 2001* in relation to the audit; and
- (ii) no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.



PERKS AUDIT PTY LTD

180 Greenhill Road

Parkside

South Australia 5063



PETER J HILL

Director

Registered Company Auditor

Dated at this day of March 2020

South Australian Rugby Union Ltd

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Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income

For the Year Ended 31 December 2019

		2019	2018
		\$	\$
Revenue	3	550,233	549,122
Other income	3	407,828	416,293
Fair value adjustment on investments held for sale		-	2,200
Employee benefits expense	4	(495,875)	(489,276)
Depreciation and amortisation expense	4	(30,527)	(13,411)
Interest expense		(15,031)	-
Other expenses		(399,436)	(439,818)
Profit before income tax		17,192	25,110
Income tax expense	1(c)	-	-
Profit attributable to members		17,192	25,110

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**Statement of Financial Position
As At 31 December 2019**

	Note	2019 \$	2018 \$
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	5	216,959	149,709
Trade and other receivables	6	20,043	65,957
Inventories	7	9,957	11,763
Other assets	8	10,677	8,618
Investments held for sale		2,200	2,200
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		259,836	238,247
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Right-of-use-assets	9	155,347	-
Plant and equipment	10	27,235	17,266
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		182,582	17,266
TOTAL ASSETS		442,418	255,513
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and other payables	12	50,135	29,712
Lease liability		27,378	-
Other liabilities	13	87,695	99,999
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		165,208	129,711
Lease liability		134,216	-
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		134,216	-
TOTAL LIABILITIES		299,424	129,711
NET ASSETS		142,994	125,802
EQUITY			
Retained earnings		142,994	125,802
TOTAL EQUITY		142,994	125,802

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Statement of Changes in Equity
For the Year Ended 31 December 2019
2019

	Retained Earnings	Total
	\$	\$
Balance at 1 January 2019	125,802	125,802
Profit attributable to members of the company	17,192	17,192
Balance at 31 December 2019	142,994	142,994

2018

	Retained Earnings	Total
	\$	\$
Balance at 1 January 2018	100,692	100,692
Profit attributable to members of the company	25,110	25,110
Balance at 31 December 2018	125,802	125,802

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Statement of Cash Flows

For the Year Ended 31 December 2019

	Note	2019 \$	2018 \$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:			
Receipts from customers		1,098,814	1,019,517
Interest received		193	274
Payments to suppliers and employees		(984,477)	(1,024,622)
Finance costs		(15,031)	-
Net cash provided by / (used in) operating activities	16	99,499	(4,831)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:			
Purchase of plant and equipment		(20,091)	(17,051)
Net cash (used in) investing activities		(20,091)	(17,051)
CASH FLOW FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:			
Right of use asset repayments		(12,158)	-
Net cash (used in) financing activities		(12,158)	-
Net increase / (decrease) in cash held		67,250	(21,882)
Cash at beginning of financial year		149,709	171,591
Cash at end of financial year	5	216,959	149,709

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1 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

(a). General information

The financial report is for South Australian Rugby Union Ltd as an individual entity, incorporated and domiciled in Australia. South Australian Rugby Union Ltd is a company limited by guarantee.

(b). Basis of preparation

The financial statements are general purpose financial statements that has been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards - Reduced Disclosure Requirements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB) and the *Corporations Act 2001*. The company is a not-for-profit entity for financial reporting purposes under Australian Accounting Standards.

Australian Accounting Standards set out accounting policies that the AASB has concluded would result in financial statements containing relevant and reliable information about transactions, events and conditions.

Material accounting policies adopted in the preparation of these financial statements are presented below and have been consistently applied unless otherwise stated.

The financial statements, except for the cash flows information, have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historical costs modified, where applicable, by the measurement at fair value of selected non-current assets, financial assets and financial liabilities

(c). Income tax

No provision for income tax has been raised as the company is exempt from income tax under Div 50 of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997*.

(d). Revenue

The core principle of AASB 15 is that revenue is recognised on a basis that reflects the transfer of promised goods or services to customers at an amount that reflects the consideration the Company expects to receive in exchange for those goods or services. If a contract contains more than one promised good or service, the components of the contract should be reflected as such in the financial statements.

Revenue is recognised and measured by applying the following five step approach:

1. Identify the contract with the customer
2. Identify the performance obligations
3. Determine the transaction price
4. Allocate the transaction price to the performance obligations
5. Recognise revenue as and when control of the performance obligations is transferred

Revenue from the sale of goods is recognised upon the delivery of goods to customers as this is considered when the Company's performance obligations have been met and a transaction price can be allocated reliably.

Interest revenue is recognised on a proportional basis taking into account the interest rates applicable to the financial assets.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST).

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(e). Inventories

Inventories are measured at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

Inventories acquired at no cost, or for nominal consideration are valued at the current replacement cost as at the date of acquisition, which is the deemed cost.

(f). Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within short-term borrowings in current liabilities on the statement of financial position.

(g). Goods and Service Tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Tax Office. In these circumstances the GST is recognised as part of the acquisition of the asset or as part of an item of the expense. Receivables and payables in the statement of financial position are shown inclusive of GST.

Cash flows are presented in the cash flow statement on a gross basis, except for the GST component of investing and financing activities, which are disclosed as operating activities.

(h). Leases

CURRENT YEAR

Refer to Note 2 that outlines the changes on adoption of AASB 16.

PRIOR YEAR COMPARATIVES

Lease payments for operating leases, where substantially all of the risks and benefits remain with the lessor, are charged as expenses on a straight-line basis over the life of the lease term.

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(i). Intangibles

Recruitment video

The recruitment video has a finite life and is carried at cost less any accumulated amortisation and impairment losses. It has an estimated useful life of three years.

Amortisation

Amortisation is recognised in profit or loss on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of intangible assets, from the date that they are available for use.

Amortisation methods, useful lives and residual values are reviewed at each reporting date and adjusted if appropriate.

Class of Intangible	Useful Life
Recruitment video	3 years

(j). Property, plant and equipment

Each class of property, plant and equipment is carried at cost or fair value as indicated less where applicable, any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses

Plant and equipment

Items of plant and equipment are measured on the cost basis less depreciation and impairment losses.

Depreciation

The depreciable amount of all fixed assets is depreciated on a straight-line or diminishing value basis over the asset's useful life to the company commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use.

The estimated useful lives used for each class of depreciable assets are:

Class of Fixed Asset	Useful Life
Plant and Equipment	3 to 8 years
Furniture, Fixtures and Fittings	3 to 10 years

The assets' residual values and useful lives are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at each balance sheet date.

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(k). Financial Instruments

Initial recognition and measurement.

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the company becomes a party to the contractual provisions to the instrument. For financial assets, this is the equivalent to the date that the company commits itself to either the purchase or sale of the asset (i.e. trade date accounting is adopted).

Financial instruments are initially measured at cost on trade date, which includes transaction costs, when the related contractual rights or obligations exist. Subsequent to initial recognition these instruments are measured as set out below.

Trade receivables are initially measured at the transaction price if the trade receivable does not contain significant financing component or if the practical expedient was applied as specified in AASB 15.63.

Classification and subsequent measurement

Financial assets

Financial assets are subsequently measured at:

- amortised cost;
- fair value through profit or loss (FVTPL);
- fair value through other comprehensive income debt instruments (FVOCI debt); or
- fair value through other comprehensive income equity instruments (FVOCI equity).

Measurement is on the basis of the two primary criteria:

- the contractual cash flow characteristics of the financial asset; and
- the business model for managing financial assets.

A financial asset is subsequently measured at amortised cost if it meets the following conditions:

- the financial assets is managed solely to collect contractual cash flow of the financial asset; and
- the contractual terms within the financial asset give rise to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding on specific dates.

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A financial asset is subsequently measured at fair value through other comprehensive income if it meets the following conditions:

- the contractual terms within the financial asset give rise to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding on specific dates; and
- the business model for managing the financial asset comprises both contractual cash flows collection and the selling of the financial asset.

By default, all other financial assets that do not meet the measurement conditions of amortised costs and fair value through other comprehensive income are subsequently measured at fair value through profit and loss.

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1 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

(k). Financial Instruments

Financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are subsequently measured at:

- Amortised cost; or
- Fair value through profit or loss.

A financial liability is measured at fair value through profit or loss if the financial liability is:

- A contingent consideration of an acquirer in a business combination to which AASB 3: Business Combinations applies;
- Held for trading; or
- Initially designated as at fair value through profit or loss.

All other financial liabilities are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

The effective interest method is a method of calculating the amortised cost of a debt instrument and of allocating interest expense in profit or loss over the relevant period.

The effective interest rate is the internal rate of return of the financial asset or liability; that is, it is the rate that exactly discounts the estimated future cash flows through the expected life of the instrument to the net carrying amount at initial recognition.

A financial liability is held for trading if:

- It is incurred for the purpose of repurchasing or repaying in the short term;
- Part of a portfolio where there is an actual pattern of short term profit taking; or
- A derivative financial instrument (except for a derivative that is in a financial guarantee contract or a derivative that is in an effective hedging relationship).

Any gains or losses arising on changes in fair value are recognised in profit or loss to the extent that they are not part of a designated hedging relationship.

A financial liability cannot be reclassified.

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At the end of each reporting year, the company reviews the carrying values of its tangible and intangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have been impaired. If such an indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset, being the higher of the asset's fair value less costs to sell and value in use, is compared to the asset's carrying value. Value in use is either the discounted cash flows relating to the asset or depreciated replacement cost if the criteria in AASB 136 'Impairment of Assets' are met. Any excess of the asset's carrying value over its recoverable amount is expensed to the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income income statement.

(m). Trade and other payables

Trade and other payables represent the liability outstanding at the end of the reporting period for goods and services received by the company during the reporting period which remain unpaid. The balance is recognised as a current liability with the amounts normally paid within 30 days of recognition of the liability.

(n). Employee benefits

Provision is made for the Company's liability for employee benefits arising from services rendered by employees to balance date. Employee benefits that are expected to be settled within one year have been measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liability is settled. Employee benefits payable later than one year have been measured at present value of the estimated future cash outflows to be made for those benefits.

(o). Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the company has a legal or constructive obligation, as a result of past events, for which it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will result and that outflow can be reliably measured. Provisions recognised represent the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation at reporting date.

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1 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

(p). Going concern

At the time of signing these financial statements there is an unknown impact on the Company's operations from the ongoing fall out associated with the current coronavirus pandemic.

The directors at their 23 March 2020 meeting discussed the likely impact of the coronavirus on the Company, based on knowledge to hand at that time. A summary of the discussions held is as follows:

a) communication from Rugby Australia outlines that the rugby season will commence at the start of May 2020. As a result no refunds will be given to those already registered for season 2020;

b) on the basis that the season will continue, the Directors are of the opinion that the yearly funding received from Rugby Australia will continue;

c) the Chief Executive Officer has provided budget forecasts to the directors on the basis of various scenarios which take into account the season commencing May 2020, late June 2020 or not at all. The three scenarios provide forecast losses for the Company of \$6,000, \$40,000 and \$141,000 respectively; and

d) the directors acknowledged the requirement for continued financial support from grant providers, such as the South Australian State Government, and also the need to access any other available grants, specifically for the coronavirus impacts, that may be made available via the State and / or Commonwealth Governments.

The Company's total current assets exceeds its total current liabilities by \$110,436 at 31 December 2019 and it recognised a profit of \$17,192 for the financial year then ended.

Although there is material uncertainty surrounding the possible financial impacts on the Company due to the current coronavirus pandemic, the directors are of the opinion, based on information to hand at the signing of these financial statements, that with continued financial support from Rugby Australia, current grant providers and with the expected ability to access other funds specifically for coronavirus support of business, that the Company will continue to operate and be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

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The Company has adopted AASB 16 *Leases* using the modified retrospective (cumulative catch-up) method from 1 January 2019 and therefore the comparative information for the year ended 31 December 2018 has not been restated and has been prepared in accordance with AASB 117 *Leases* and associated Accounting Interpretations.

Impact of adoption of AASB 16

Under AASB 117, the Company assessed whether leases were operating or finance leases based on its assessment of whether the significant risks and rewards of ownership had been transferred to the Company or remained with the lessor. Under AASB 16, there is no differentiation between finance and operating leases for the lessee and therefore all leases which meet the definition of a lease are recognised on the statement of financial position (except for short-term leases and leases of low value assets).

The Company has elected to use the exception to lease accounting for short-term leases and leases of low value assets, and the lease expense relating to these leases are recognised in the statement of profit or loss on a straight line basis.

Practical expedients used on transition

AASB 16 includes a number of practical expedients which can be used on transition, the Company has used the following expedients:

- contracts which had previously been assessed as not containing leases under AASB 117 were not re-assessed on transition to AASB 16;
- lease liabilities have been discounted using the Company's incremental borrowing rate at 1 January 2019;
- right-of-use assets at 1 January 2019 have been measured at an amount equal to the lease liability adjusted by the amount of any prepaid or accrued lease payments;
- a single discount rate was applied to all leases with similar characteristics;
- the right-of-use asset was adjusted by the existing onerous lease provision (where relevant) at 31 December 2019 rather than perform impairment testing of the right-of-use asset;
- excluded leases with an expiry date prior to 31 December 2020 from the statement of financial position and lease expenses for these leases have been recorded on a straight-line basis over the remaining term;
- used hindsight when determining the lease term if the contract contains options to extend or terminate the lease;
- for leases which were classified as finance leases under AASB 117, the carrying amount of the right-of-use asset and the lease liability at 1 January 2019 are the same value as the leased asset and liability on 30 December 2019.

Refer Note 1(h) for the prior year comparative policy.

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3 Revenue and Other Income

	2019	2018
	\$	\$
Sales revenue		
- Club / Player Fees	236,390	228,933
- Australian Rugby Union Grants	233,332	226,665
- SA Government Grants	80,318	93,250
- Interest Income	193	274
	<u>550,233</u>	<u>549,122</u>
Other revenue		
- Other income	358,242	341,857
- Sponsorship	49,586	74,436
	<u>407,828</u>	<u>416,293</u>
Total Revenue and Other Income	<u>958,061</u>	<u>965,415</u>

4 Result for the Year

	2019	2018
	\$	\$
Expenses:		
Employee benefits expense	495,875	489,276
Depreciation and Amortisation		
- Plant and equipment	12,122	6,928
- Amortisation	-	6,450
- Right-of-use-assets	18,405	-
Total depreciation	<u>30,527</u>	<u>13,378</u>
Auditors remuneration	8,500	7,450
Impairment of receivables:		
- Bad debts	755	385
Total impairment of receivables	<u>755</u>	<u>385</u>

5 Cash and cash equivalents

	2019	2018
	\$	\$
Cash at bank	216,959	149,709
	<u>216,959</u>	<u>149,709</u>

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6 Trade and other receivables

	2019	2018
	\$	\$
CURRENT		
Trade receivables	24,585	70,499
Provision for impairment	(4,542)	(4,542)
	<u>20,043</u>	<u>65,957</u>

7 Inventories

	2019	2018
	\$	\$
CURRENT		
At cost:		
Finished goods	9,957	11,763
	<u>9,957</u>	<u>11,763</u>

8 Other non-financial assets

	2019	2018
	\$	\$
CURRENT		
Prepayments	10,677	8,618
	<u>10,677</u>	<u>8,618</u>

9 Leases
Right-of-use assets

The following table shows the movements in carrying amounts:

	Leased Buildings	Total
	2019	2018
	\$	\$
Right-of-use assets		
Recognised on initial application of AASB 16 (previously classified as operating leases under AASB 117)	173,752	173,752
Depreciation expense	(18,405)	(18,405)
Net carrying amount at end of the year	<u>155,347</u>	<u>155,347</u>

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9 Leases

The amounts recognised in the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income relating to leases where the Company is a lessee are shown below:

	2019
	\$
Interest expense on lease liabilities	15,031
Depreciation of right-of-use assets	18,405
	<u>33,436</u>

10 Plant and equipment

	2019	2018
	\$	\$
PLANT AND EQUIPMENT		
Plant and equipment		
At cost	25,302	20,741
Accumulated depreciation	(11,603)	(17,865)
Total plant and equipment	<u>13,699</u>	<u>2,876</u>
Office equipment		
At cost	\$ 24,175	\$ 20,782
Accumulated depreciation	(10,639)	(6,392)
Total office equipment	<u>\$ 13,536</u>	<u>\$ 14,390</u>
Office equipment		
Total property, plant and equipment	<u>27,235</u>	<u>17,266</u>

Movements in carrying amounts of property, plant and equipment

Movement in the carrying amounts for each class of property, plant and equipment between the beginning and the end of the current financial year:

	Plant and Equipment	Office Equipment	Total
Parent	\$	\$	\$
Year ended 31 December 2019			
Balance at the beginning of year	2,876	14,390	17,266
Additions	17,431	4,660	22,091
Depreciation expense	(6,608)	(5,514)	(12,122)
Balance at the end of the year	<u>13,699</u>	<u>13,536</u>	<u>27,235</u>

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11 Intangible Assets

	2019	2018
	\$	\$
Recruitment video		
Costs of development	19,341	19,341
Accumulated amortisation and impairment	(19,341)	(19,341)
Total Intangibles	-	-

12 Trade and other payables

	2019	2018
	\$	\$
CURRENT		
Unsecured liabilities		
Sundry payables and accrued expenses	43,800	29,068
Employee benefits	6,335	644
	50,135	29,712

13 Other liabilities

	2019	2018
	\$	\$
CURRENT		
Other current liabilities	23,513	40,999
Revenue received in advance	64,182	59,000
	87,695	99,999

14 Members' Guarantee

The Company is incorporated under the *Corporations Act 2001* and is a Company limited by guarantee. If the Company is wound up, the constitution states that each member is required to contribute a maximum of \$100 each towards meeting any outstandings and obligations of the Company.

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15 Financial Risk Management

The company's financial instruments consist mainly of deposits with banks, local money market instruments, short-term investments, accounts receivable and payable.

The totals for each category of financial instruments, measured in accordance with AASB 9 as detailed in the accounting policies to these financial statements, are as follows:

	2019	2018
	\$	\$
Financial Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	216,959	149,709
Trade and other receivables	20,043	65,957
Total financial assets	237,002	215,666
Financial Liabilities		
Financial liabilities at amortised cost		
Trade and other payables	34,327	29,712
Total financial liabilities	34,327	29,712

16 Cash Flow Information

Reconciliation of Cash Flow from Operations with Profit after Income Tax

	2019	2018
	\$	\$
Net profit for the year	17,192	25,110
Cash flows excluded from profit attributable to operating activities		
Non-cash flows in profit:		
Depreciation and amortisation	30,527	13,411
Loss on disposal of assets	-	1,836
Impairment of receivables	755	815
Fair value gain on investments held for sale	-	(2,200)
Changes in assets and liabilities		
- Decrease / (increase) in trade and other receivables	45,159	(42,460)
- (Increase) in other assets	(4,059)	(6,804)
- Decrease / (increase) in inventories	1,806	(648)
- (Decrease) / increase in trade payables and accruals	14,732	5,548
- (Decrease) / increase in other liabilities	(12,304)	7,318
- Increase / (decrease) in provisions	5,691	(6,757)
Net cash provided by / (used in) operating activities	99,499	(4,831)

17 Events Occurring After the Reporting Date

The financial report was authorised for issue on March 2020 by the Board of Directors.

No matters or circumstances have arisen since the end of the financial year which significantly affected or may significantly affect the operations of the Company, the results of those operations or the state of affairs of the Company in future financial years, except as outlined in Note 1(p) to the financial statements.

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**Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year Ended 31 December 2019****18 Company Details****Registered Office**

The registered office of the company is:

South Australian Rugby Union Ltd
180 Greenhill Road
Parkside SA 5063

Principal place of business

The principal place of business is:

South Australian Rugby Union Ltd
West Beach Parks Administration Building
Military Road
West Beach SA 5024

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Directors' Declaration

The directors of the Company declare that:

1. The financial statements and notes, as set out on pages 6 to 24, are in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001* and:
 - a. comply with Australian Accounting Standards - Reduced Disclosure Requirements; and
 - b. give a true and fair view of the financial position of South Australian Rugby Union Ltd as at 31 December 2019 and of its performance for the year ended on that date.
2. In the directors' opinion, there are reasonable grounds to believe that South Australian Rugby Union Ltd will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors.



Director

B Smith

Dated this 31st day of March 2020

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Independent Audit Report to the members of South Australian Rugby Union Ltd**Report on the Audit of the Financial Report**

We have audited the financial report of South Australian Rugby Union Ltd ("Company"), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2019, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the Directors' declaration.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report of South Australian Rugby Union Ltd is in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:

- a) giving a true and fair view of the Company's financial position as at 31 December 2019 and of its performance for the year then ended that date; and
- b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards - Reduced Disclosure Requirements and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report* of our report. We are independent of the Company in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* and the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's *APES 110: Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants* (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We confirm that the independence declaration required by the *Corporations Act 2001*, which has been given to the Directors of South Australian Rugby Union Ltd, would be in the same terms if given to the Directors as at the time of the auditor's report.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Material Uncertainty Related to Going Concern

We draw attention to Note 1(p) in the financial report, which indicates that there is a material uncertainty in relation to the current coronavirus pandemic and the possible financial effects that it may have on the Company, subsequent to 31 December 2019.

As stated in Note 1(p), the coronavirus pandemic conditions, along with other matters as set forth in Note 1(p), indicate that a material uncertainty exists that may cast significant doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

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Other information

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information obtained at the date of this auditor's report is included in the Directors' Report, but does not include the financial report and our auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the financial report does not cover the other information and accordingly we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial report, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial report or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work we have performed on the other information obtained prior to the date of this auditor's report, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Responsibilities of the Directors for the Financial Report

The Directors of the Company are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards - Reduced Disclosure Requirements and the *Corporations Act 2001* and for such internal control as the Directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the Directors are responsible for assessing the Company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Directors either intend to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

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Auditor's Responsibility for the Audit of the Financial Report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

As part of an audit in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis of opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion of the effectiveness of the Company's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Directors.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the Director's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Company to cease or continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

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Auditor's Responsibility for the Audit of the Financial Report (continued)

We communicate with the directors regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we may identify during our audit.



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PETER J HILL

Director

Registered Company Auditor

Dated this day of March 2020

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Disclaimer

The additional financial data presented on pages 31 to 32 are in accordance with the books and records of the Company which have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in our statutory audit of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2019. It will be appreciated that our statutory audit did not cover all details of the additional financial data. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on such financial data and we give no warranty of accuracy or reliability in respect of the data provided. Neither the firm nor any member or employee of the firm undertakes responsibility in any way whatsoever to any person (other than South Australian Rugby Union Ltd) in respect of such data, including any errors of omissions therein however caused.



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Trading Profit and Loss Account

For the Year Ended 31 December 2019

	2019	2018
	\$	\$
INCOME		
Australian Rugby Union Grants	233,332	226,665
Sponsorship	49,586	74,436
Representative teams (see offsetting expenses below)	202,532	195,809
Player and Club Fees	239,497	229,023
Functions and events (see offsetting expenses below)	25,330	14,349
SA Government Grants	80,318	93,250
Development programs and courses (inc Academy)	51,736	53,790
Competition and finals staging (see offsetting expenses below)	71,933	66,804
Fundraising & Raffles	-	-
Courses conducted (see offsetting expenses below)	3,241	9,300
Interest	193	274
Gain on investments held for sale	-	2,200
Other income	364	1,715
TOTAL INCOME	958,061	967,615
LESS EXPENSES		
Salaries and wages (including Trainee and Contractors)	419,885	439,311
SARU Representative Teams (see offsetting income above)	207,099	198,673
Functions and events (see offsetting income above)	50,530	33,563
Competition staging costs including final series (see offsetting income above)	25,936	43,019
Superannuation	39,017	38,033
SARU Office expenses	15,063	33,754
Rugby development (see offsetting income above)	-	214
Marketing, communications and sponsor support	32,787	30,224
Postages, Printing and stationery	5,301	8,440
Referee match payments, training and equipment	20,039	19,025
ReturnToWork SA (previously WorkCoverSA)	5,384	5,987
Bank, Bartercard, Debit success and ASIC charges	2,117	3,876
IT and Telecommunication expenses	15,904	16,782
Carried forward expenses	839,062	870,902

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	2019	2018
	\$	\$
Brought forward expenses	839,062	870,902
Depreciation	30,527	13,411
Motor Vehicle Expenses	16,821	15,599
Staff expenses	27,379	21,064
Audit Fees	8,500	7,450
Course expenses	1,909	3,425
Meeting and hospitality expenses	3,645	7,569
Insurance	195	2,087
Travel and accommodation	2,491	3,843
Bad or Doubtful Debts	755	385
Sundry expenses	1,700	2,048
Inventory adjustment	2,195	(359)
Loss on disposal of assets	-	1,836
Leave provisions	5,691	(6,756)
TOTAL EXPENSES	940,870	942,506
OPERATING PROFIT	17,192	25,110

