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### Presidents Report

Well, the “silly” season is over and a new year begins. How time flies when you are having fun. I trust everyone had a wonderful Christmas and a joyous New Year and for those of us that still work I am sure the break was well received.

Pennant trials have started so now is the time for everyone to tell the selectors how good they are and what grade they should be playing in. We all know they can't be trusted putting us where we should be, or want to be playing. For the first time the Club's No 1 grade will be playing in a Metropolitan competition against some of the best bowlers in the country, and I know we all wish them the best. For the other grades the Pennant competition commences on the 28<sup>th</sup> February so let's all get in there and see if we can better last year's performance of 2 teams going to the State Play-offs.

The Annual Australia v Rest of the World bowls day was held on the 25<sup>th</sup> January and what a day it was. This year saw the largest number of players taking to the greens since the inception of the day in 2002. 140 bowlers and non-bowlers enjoyed a day of fun and enjoyment both on and off the greens. A big thank you to Wendy and her girls in the office and to Peter Gledhill and his band of merry cooks for their assistance in making the day one of the best we have ever had.

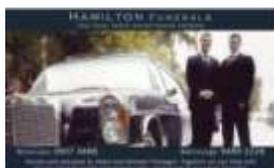


Our Club Championships have commenced, both Men's and Women's, with the Men's Minor singles well under way. This will be followed by the Men's Club pairs and then the Fours. The State Championships are also about to start, good luck to everyone who enters. Congratulations must go to Virginia Longfellow and Masaka Sato who are this year's Women's Club Pairs champions.

We have the pleasure of holding 2 big events this year, the first being the State Senior Inter-zone Championships which will be held from the 19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> May, and the Zone Pennant Play-offs which are being held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> May. We will need plenty of volunteers to assist on these days so please put your name up on the list when it goes up on the notice board.

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January and February has seen the Club introduce “Summer Sundays at the Bowlo”, with live music and even more recently the introduction of “Happy Hour” where from 4pm to 6pm Schooners are only \$3.50. Increased patronage is steadily building as the word gets around and if it keeps improving we may see this Sunday special becoming the norm.

We are now down to the final stages of our due diligence for the proposed Child Care centre. Hopefully in the not so distant future we will be able to bring all the relevant information to the members. This has been a fairly long and drawn out process, but as you can appreciate if we go ahead with the proposal we will be entering into a long term arrangement, one that we want to make sure is suited to benefit the Club and its members.

Good Bowling

Paul

### Madam Presidents Report

Happy New Year to all.

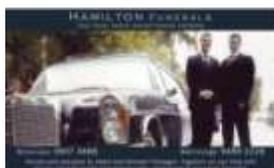
As you can see by the attached photo the ladies really celebrated Christmas. Everyone got into the spirit of the day and some of our “Lady Santas” could have got a job for the holidays in any store. The concert was as usual, worthy of world stage bookings, with all the ladies joining in the finale and finishing the day on a high note.



Our 2014 major/minor pairs has not been decided, as play was called off due to extreme weather conditions and as our 2015 calendar is pretty congested the event will be played when a date and players are available.

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Virginia Longfellow and Masaka Sato won our first championship event for the year taking out the final of the pairs against Jan Newell and Joan Herringe. It was unfortunate that Chris Gordon was too ill to participate in the final but Joan did a great job subbing for her.

This year we have three Pennant Sides, Grades 1, 3 and 4. This hasn't happened for a few years, so as you can imagine the ladies are very happy. The first round begins on 17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> March and I wish everyone competing good luck and good bowling.

Jan

### Around the Clubs

#### HARBORD UNITED JRLFC



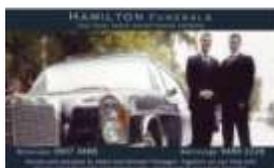
The 2014 season for Harbord United Junior Rugby League Football club was one of change. Primarily in the committee room, in various areas of our twenty teams and certainly in my capacity as a first year president. Change is an inevitability in any aspect of a club of more than 200 players, as well as volunteers, and not always do we get things right. I think season 2014 was one where we were successful in improving from seasons past, which is ultimately the aim of our community club.

A measure of our success was evident at the Manly Warringah Junior Rugby League Presentation night. It was here that our efforts as a club were recognised in receiving the most prestigious award of the night – The H Pop Memorial Trophy. This honour is presented annually to the club judged to have done the most to the Rugby League code in the District. Congratulations to all! This is an award that we can all be proud and hopefully improve our efforts again in season 2015.

Another of the four awards that is handed out by the junior league was also awarded to Harbord United. The Kane Mason award was presented by our own life member and club patron Steve Menzies to Luke Polselli from the Premiership winning under 17's side. This award is bestowed on the most outstanding junior in the Manly Warringah District and the role call of previous winners is most impressive. Congratulations to Luke and although his age enables him to have another year with Harbord United his ability and commitment may see him continue in bigger arenas next season. A fantastic and humble young man is Luke and his example and determination made him a most worthy recipient of the Kane Mason Award.

As I have already mentioned, 2014 was my first season as president of Harbord United JRLFC and the season presented a lot of challenges, time and effort to all directly associated with our club. To all the members of the committee, all coaches and managers

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and most importantly to all our young footballers I thank you for your efforts throughout the season and congratulate you all on how everyone represented Harbord United.

A season is often judged on how successful a clubs teams are. Results can be measured in many different ways and the improvement shown by all teams this season was phenomenal. But obviously it gives me great pleasure to congratulate our Premiership winning teams;

Under 8 Whites – Premiers 2014

Under 9 Maroon Team – Plate Winners 2014

Under 13 Maroon Undeclared Premiers

Under 17 Premiers

Season 2015 is already upon us and I hope that again further improvement can be made to our club.

I would like to extend an invitation to anyone who feels they can assist our club in continuing to grow stronger and guarantee that any effort will help mould the future and ideals of young people in our community.

Our community junior rugby league football club relies on many sponsors and our biggest and most generous sponsor is the Harbord Bowling Club.

The unwavering support of Paul Meyers and all the directors and staff of Harbord Bowling Club is so important to all the young people who so proudly wear the Red V of Harbord United. At this time I would not only like to thank the Harbord Bowling Club for its direct financial support, but also the generous member partnership that has been established and the patience and generosity the club staff have extended to all our young players and their parents when we have met there after games throughout season 2014.

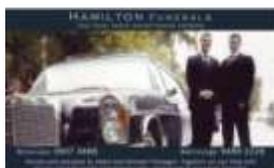
Congratulations on all the success of the Bowling Club of 2014, and congratulations also to all the support that the club gives to many sporting organising and clubs as well as local initiatives.

Finally from Harbord United JRFC, many thanks for all your support as our major sponsor and I trust that our relationship continues for many more years to come.

Aaron Thomson  
President HJRLFC

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## FRESHWATER SOFTBALL CLUB



With only 5 games before semis and finals Freshwater softball club look like having at least 3 out of the 4 teams in the semi finals.

In the ladies division Crocodiles and Frantics are tying at 1st position. In B grade we have Force who is coming 7th but with a few wins before the end of the season they may sneak up the ladder to get in the semis. Breakers who are in A Reserve are in 4th.

We would like to thank the Harbord Bowling Club for their continued support of Freshwater Softball Club.

Regards Sharon

## HARBORD FISH BOWL



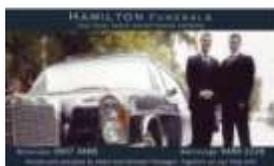
Hello all!! Welcome to the summer report of the fishing club. As the days become longer and the water temperatures rise so does the expectation of a few nice fish. Reports coming in include a nice marlin to J.C. Holmes on-board maxicat, a couple of good dolphin fish up to 10kg to the red neck and the ever consistent Rod & Greg bringing kingfish & snapper to the weigh-in. On the beach Charlie has done well with some solid whiting, bream & salmon, the latter always tough to land on light tackle. Now the festive season has come & gone we hope that more fishing club members can make a bit more of an effort and get out there and have a go, especially when the weather is warm and the fish are eager to play ball.

The fishing club would like to thank the Bendigo bank for sponsoring the annual sporting club challenge bowls competition. The tournament was run very well and Brian & Pete should be congratulated on their timeless work. As always there are punters who can be seen to be a bit unhappy with their efforts and their selection of team members. All I can say is the rules are the same for everyone and better luck next year. Yes we won but it wasn't all beer & skittles. Both teams did really well and I congratulate all players for their support & participation.

Tight Lines

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## HARBORD SEASIDERS UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB



Harbord Seaside United Football Club is now open and taking for registrations for the upcoming Football/Soccer Season 2015.

We have teams from U6 to Over 35 in many divisions. For Men’s Women’s Boys & Girls competitions playing on both Saturday and Sundays.

All new and returning players are welcome to join our local Friendly Community Club based in Freshwater

Please visit our Club website [www.hsufotball.com.au](http://www.hsufotball.com.au) for further details and any help with the registration process.



### HARBORD-SEASIDERS UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB

Information Day & U6 Skills Session  
Saturday 7th Feb 10am-2pm  
at KikOff Soccer Centre Harbord

Online registration is available for new and returning players - see Club website for details. [www.hsufotball.com.au](http://www.hsufotball.com.au)

Teams from Under 6 - Over 35s

Club Shorts & Socks included in fees –no hidden costs.

Junior players receive free Gear Bag, Junior rego fees held at 2013 prices!

**FAMILY DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE.**

All Player Enquiries: Coaching Director Paul Mulligan - 0403 938 980

Registration Enquiries: registrar@hsufotball.com.au or Suzy – 0403 310 689

Cheers

Suzy

## HARBORD FRIGID FROGS WINTER SWIMMING CLUB



After winning the 2014 Australian Winter Swimming championships points score last September for a record 13th time the Frogs are looking forward to the 2015 season.

Although many of the members go into hibernation & pursue more leisurely activities over the warmer months there are a few who continue to feature in Masters Events, Ocean swims & Surf Lifesaving carnivals – often with great success! These include the likes of John de Mestre, Kurt Hanson, Grant Peters, Jayke Reece, Mick Aungle, Barry Seymour, Bill Phillips, John Bates & Andrew de Vries.

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This season kicks off the first Sunday after Easter at the South Curly rock- pool with the Australian championships scheduled to be held at Wagga this year on Sunday, September 13th. During the swim season we have many events planned that include the local surf clubs & other sporting organisations on the Northern Beaches. There is a rumour that “The Missile” – James Magnusson, will pay a visit to the Frogs this season & try his luck in the hallowed waters of the rock-pool!

Croak croak

### HARBORD BOWLING CLUB CRICKET CLUB



The 2014/15 Season has been going along extremely well. This season the Club has 7 teams over the 6 grades with all teams doing well. With 2, 2 day game matches left in the season proper all teams are in with a chance to make the finals.

### MANLY BRITISH EXILES GOLF CLUB



We have recently launched our 2015 season, with the addition of a couple of new venues to our roster, with trips planned to Stonecutters Ridge & Muirfield, as well as all the usual favourites across the Northern Beaches. Later in the year, the Exiles are also going international with a trip planned to enjoy the delights of Thailand, which promises to be a highlight of the year both off the course as well as on it.

We recently had a crack at defending our Interclub Crown from last year, & were pleased to be in the running again going into the last round but the tropical downpour & some dodgy Skipper allocations counted against us, so we had to be content with a top 5 placing this time around... all enjoyed the sight of Gerry wandering around the club brandishing his “giant” cheque!

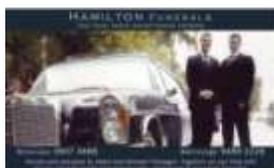
On the charity front, we smashed our \$500 funding target from members’ fine contributions for various misdemeanours both on & off the course – with Gerry again being a major sponsor, with all proceeds of over \$600 going to Bear Cottage in Manly. Additional funds were also raised from the Thong Throwing Competition on the Australia Day weekend, with the Club also kindly providing a matching donation.

Kind regards,

Gerry Magee

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### Just for a Laugh

A bowler turned up at his club to play, wearing one brown and one black bowls shoe. The club secretary drew the player’s attention to his irregular dress attire. The bowler was unperturbed, responding, "I've got another pair exactly the same at home!"

**Remember-- Look smart....Play smart.**

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