

# 1971 Report

## **PRESIDENT'S Report**

Tonight we see the end of Pirates 10th Rugby Season with the presentation of trophies to Best and Fairest, Most Improved and Clubman of the Year.

This year was not one of the Club's most successful but I hope that all members enjoyed being a Pirate in 1971. The season was at times stormy but with typical Pirate spirit, and a rather rowdy meeting, we survived the storm. The 1st grade team remained maidens throughout the 1st round but thanks to Quirindi and Tamworth this was remedied in the 2nd round. These games proved that Pirates do have players and spectators, let's hope we see both at every game next season.

The 2nd grade team met with more success and it was encouraging to see the number of young players joining our club. You people will be the backbone of Pirates in future years.

On the social scene this year it has been a little quieter but just as successful as previous years. I would like to thank the social committee for a job well done.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the trophy winners and the team coaches, and to thank all members of the club and in particular those Car Trialing Australians the Tony Doherty's, the Secretary cum Linesman cum Orange Boy Dennis Bucknell and the long suffering wives, girlfriends, parents and supporters who sat through some pretty dreary and cold Saturday afternoons for Pirates Rugby Club.

Yours in Rugby, Terry McGrath, President.

## **COACH'S REPORT**

It gives me great pleasure to report that the Pirates 1971 Football Season finished on a very high note, which should ensure a very successful year for the 1972 season. The club welcomed many new players, some of whom performed leading roles in the club during the past season, and I am sure that the club can look to all these players for continued support for the 1972 season.

On the football field, the Pirates First Grade side, showed that they were capable of playing football with the best of them; the victory over Quirindi being proof of this. Once again this season we were a little short on luck in several encounters, but I am sure that the four points that we compiled on the board were well earned. The cricket bat for the highest score should once again be ours this year (that is the highest number of points scored against us), perhaps we might be able to win a little bit of ball to use it, in 1972.

The factor which was most pleasing about the past season, was the continuing increase in the number of players that were attending training as the season progressed. I personally would like to thank all playing members of the Pirates for their co-operation during the past season, because without such excellent co-operation my coaching position would have been impossible.

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