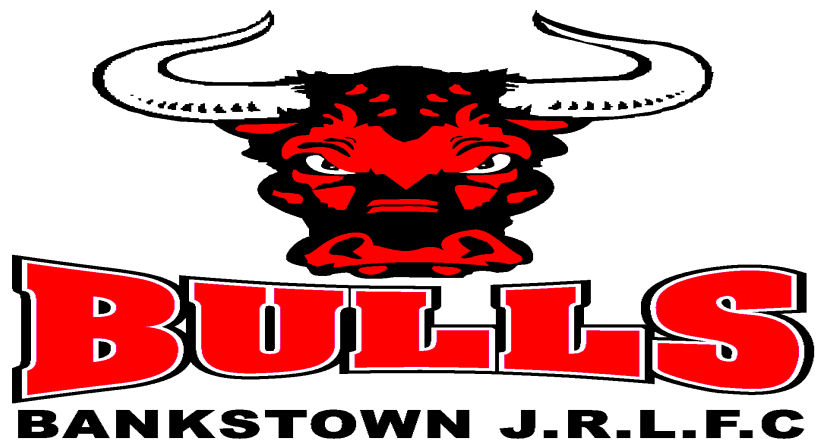


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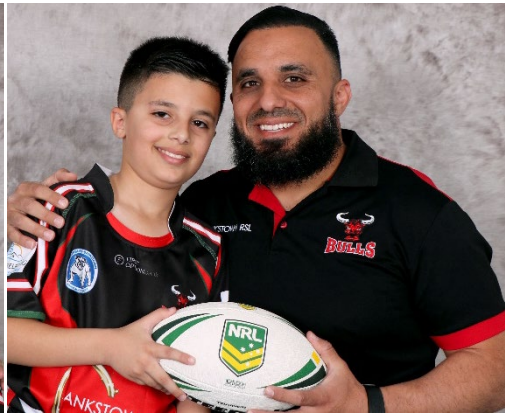
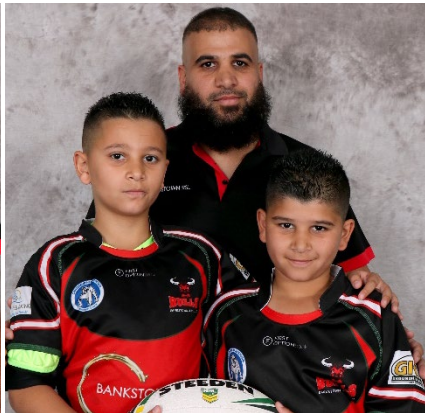
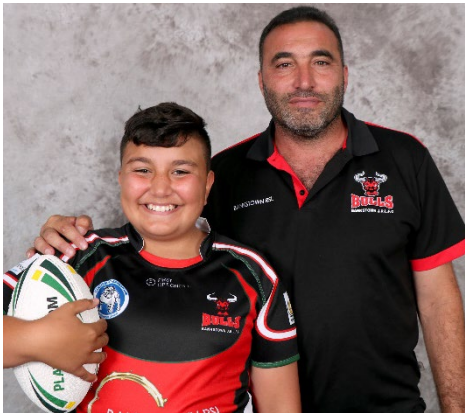
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2020 YEARBOOK





FAMILY PHOTOS



2020 DIRECTORY & HONOUR ROLL

2020 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President: Ali Mehanna
Secretary: Matthew O'Neill
Treasurer: Rabab Raad
Senior Vice President: Stan Hetaraka
Assistant Secretary: Anthony Samuel

2020 GENERAL COMMITTEE

Junior Vice President: David Tarabay
Canteen: Sandra Chahine
Legal & Covid Officer: Hussein Dia

DELEGATES TO CBDJRL & BULLDOGS

Matthew O'Neill; Ali Mehanna

BANKSTOWN BULLS JRLFC LIFE MEMBERS

John Angove (Collegians) *
Peter Wagstaff (Collegians) #
William Bellenger (Collegians)
Stan O'Dowd (Collegians) *#
John Potter (City)
Brian Mark (City)
Warrick Shakespeare (Cougars) *
John Edwards (Cougars)
Lynn Farah (Cougars)
Ray Farah (Cougars) *
Lindsay Roach (2010)
Najib Nohra (2010)
Lloyd Williams (2011)
Anthony Samuel (2012) ~
Romiz Barakat (2013)
Scarf Maroun (2013)
Norma Hadchiti (2014)
Abdul Nabhan (2014)
Michael Rodrigues (2016)
George Farej (2018)
Stan Hetaraka (2018) ~
Amanda Nabhan (2018) ~
Rabab Raad (2019) ~
Chady Salamah (2019) ~
David Tarabay (2019) ~
Antoine Azar (2020)
Sandra Chahine (2020) ~
Lawrence Karam (2020) ~
** Deceased, # CDBJRL Life Member, ~ 2020 Active Member*

SENIOR CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS

1986 Bankstown Collegians
2002 Bankstown Cougars
2018 Bankstown Bulls

MINI CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS

2019 Bankstown Bulls

CBDJRL CLUB OF THE YEAR

2007 Bankstown Bulls

PREMIERSHIPS (78)

41 Bankstown Bulls/Cougars
26 Bankstown DLS/Collegians
6 Bankstown City/Bowling
5 Bankstown Central

CBDJRL CLUB'S CLUB OF THE YEAR

2019 Bankstown Bulls (inaugural winner)

MAJOR SPONSOR

Bankstown RSL Club

SCOREBOARD SPONSOR

First Option Bank

JERSEY SPONSORS

Bankstown RSL Club / Star Buffet Bankstown
Mortimer Apparel
Cedar Beverages
Ground King Civil
City Steel Pty Ltd

CLUB PARTNERS & ASSOCIATES

Marjan Butchery Punchbowl
Advanced Body Sculpting
Abel Trophies Roselands
Gozleme King Bankstown
GS Imaging
Ya Ya Bakery Yagoona

INTERNATIONALS (WORLD CUP & TESTS)

Peter Mata'utia (Samoa 2009, 2014, 2017)
Daniel Tupou (Tonga 2013, 2017-19 & Australia 2014)
Sione Mata'utia (Australia 2014 & Samoa 2017)
Pat Mata'utia (Samoa 2015)
Marcelo Montoya (Fiji 2016-19)
Andrew Kazzi (Lebanon 2017)
Michael Morgan (Ireland 2017)
Pio Sokobalavu (Fiji 2017-18)
Jayden El-Jalkh (Lebanon 2019)
D'Rhys Miller (Fiji 2019)

STATE OF ORIGIN

Daniel Tupou (NSW 2014-15, 2020)

PRIME MINISTER'S XIII

Sione Mata'utia (2014)

CITY/COUNTRY ORIGIN

Daniel Tupou (City 2014-15)
Ryan Matterson (City 2016)

NATIONAL RUGBY LEAGUE (NRL)

2007 Heka Nanai (Canterbury)
2011 Peter Mata'utia (Newcastle)
2012 Daniel Tupou (Sydney Roosters)
2013 Harlan Alaialatua (Canterbury)
2014 Chanel Mata'utia (Newcastle)
2014 Sione Mata'utia (Newcastle)
2016 Pat Mata'utia (Newcastle)
2016 Ryan Matterson (Sydney Roosters)
2017 Marcelo Montoya (Canterbury)

NRL TOUCH FOOTBALL

2019 Jason Kazzi (Wests Tigers)

AMERICAN NFL

2018 Jordan Mailata (Philadelphia Eagles)

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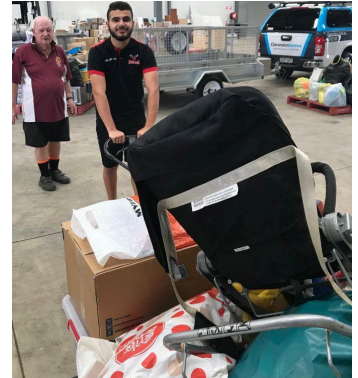
TAREE BUSHFIRE APPEAL

Northern New South Wales was ravaged with bushfires in November 2019. Some members within our club came together and decided that our club will be supporting northern NSW. Following discussions between our President Ali Mehanna and the President of Taree Lions Club George Greaves all donations would be delivered and presented to the Taree Lions Club to help members of the Manning Valley community.

Working in such a short time frame of two-weeks our club managed to raise \$2,682.30 in cash donations and managed to take up four carloads and one trailer worth of items. The club donated \$317.70 from its own funds to found off a cash donation to Taree Lions Club. Five players, four executive members and two club members made the trip north to Taree on 30 November 2019 to visit the Taree Lions Club to make the donations and cook a BBQ lunch.

On the trip after lunch in Taree we took a visit to Wingham, Taree North, Bobin and Old Bar as we took a tour of the Manning Valley community. There is a video on the club's website about trip made to Manning Valley.

Thank you to all the members and supporters who made donations. A special thanks to the following: members of the Bankstown RSL Club, staff at the Bankstown RSL Club for getting involved, Bidwell Hotel & The Grill House, Malek Fahd Islamic School, Councillor Rachelle Harika and Councillor Bilal El Hayek who all made donations and ensured further donations was made.



OVERVIEW – THE COVID YEAR

When new people join the Executive it's always exciting and brings in new ideas. More so this was going to be the case in 2020 as one of our Executive members elected didn't come through the traditional systems within the game or didn't grow up with family members involved in the game. Immediately it was going to be a different era for the club with different ideas and different planning in the direction we were taking.

The Bushfires wreaked havoc upon many people and our club supported the Taree and Manning Valley area as outlined later in the yearbook. It also had an impact closer to home with the lack of rain and tight water restrictions meaning the grass development at Ruse Park was taking a lot longer than planned and the early training session was going to be difficult due to the heavy smoke in the air causing breathing issues.

Soon after the fires came a good week and a half of solid rains that put a pause on training. We were able to settle into the pre-season at Padstow Park in readiness for our return to Ruse Park. No one knew during February and into the opening two trials about the damaging effects that Covid19 would cause to the season and our general way of lives.

The club planned a Super Saturday of trials that went for over 12 hours and it was on that day we all started to believe that the season could be thrown into disarray. We didn't want to believe it and our club was planning well ahead of everyone else, however, we all knew if a panic button was ever to be hit that Rugby League in NSW would be the first to panic, which they duly did.

Our club was the only club in Canterbury-Bankstown to put together a Covid19 Safety Plan in March rather than take the easy option of cancelling. Our club was acutely aware of the mental health aspects – even as early as March and that people needed an outlet to remain physically and mentally active.

The season was officially postponed days later by the NSWRL just before our annual trial against Parramatta Titans. All the stock we bought pretty much went off, our club had no income and many of our loyal sponsors faced very tough times ahead. We didn't ask for our sponsors to make contributions in 2020 if they couldn't and as a result, we've seen our sponsors return in 2021 along with many more added on top.

Our major sponsor Bankstown RSL Club was closed for three months as part of NSW Government regulations and this put our sponsorship in the firing line. We were informed in June that the RSL wouldn't be involved in 2021. Thanks to a lot of hard work from our club members not only ensured the sponsorship remained in place, but back in an increased deal for the 2021 season. We owe Scott Dickson, Kate Hodge and Andrew Bailey a huge lot of gratitude for the support they've given to the Bulls and their belief in our club.

Eventually the NSW State Government allowed a return to training in early June and resumption of competition from 1 July. Soccer and Rugby Union naturally resumed with immediate effect with their associations putting together the plans whereas the NSWRL made the clubs put together their own Safety Plans, appoint a Covid19 Officer (more work on the volunteers) and needed the plans approved.

Neither Club President Ali Mehanna or myself had any hesitation in appointing our Legal Officer Hussein Dia as our Covid19 Officer. He wrote a very comprehensive and detailed Covid19 document that left no stone unturned and in effect became the blueprint for the entire game in NSW to use.

As a result of conditions set by the NSWRL our club had to meet many Covid19 targets and all our team officials had to do Covid19 training before we could be endorsed for a return. Our club acted as quickly as possible and ran many sessions either face to face or via Zoom to ensure we met all the return to training requirements. Our club did everything possible in ensuring our teams and players played a game of football.

The NSWRL set a return date of 18 July – two weeks after other sports. Just when the season was about to commence the NSWRL further delayed the season by another two weeks for competitions in our area due to a Covid19 outbreak in Casula and what made it much harder was that other sports in the Canterbury-Bankstown area kept on playing as did other competitions outside of our area.

We eventually took the field on 1 August – four months after what was meant to be Round 1. Our club was essentially operating on a day-to-day basis knowing that the next game or training session could be the last before the season is cancelled due to the stop start nature and panic reactions within the sport.

The ambitions and plans we wanted to put into place for 2020 needed to be pushed back with the only exceptions being the DA for Ruse Park, A/Grade returning in 2021 and the Western Sydney Academy. We needed to ensure our operation got through the 2020 season knowing that there might not be a tomorrow. Our club took stock, shelved a lot of our plans and ensured we got through the season with our heads held above water. We limited our range of items in the canteen to just to keep it safe. Our Super 15's was confined to just the Heritage Jersey as we couldn't make any long-term plans. It was a tough year.

Our coaches, managers and trainers gave up so much and put in so much dedication to ensure everything was done in Covid19 compliance so their teams could get onto the field of play. The absolute positive was that we saw a massive increase in volunteering around the club as many people did their bit to ensure the club remained strong in 2020 and most of all the players got to play a game of Rugby League.

After running very successful Junior and Senior Presentations in 2018-19 where the club was able to put a lot of resources into it all. Our 2020 Presentation had to take on a very scaled down approach as we met so many hurdles with venues and restrictions. We explored all avenues and wrote a detailed letter outlining why Presentation should be classified as an event, but we had no luck. In the end as we did in 2020, we found a way to get through and we had a very basic Presentation but made sure all our members and supporters were treated to free food and drinks and all players received a trophy. Team photos wasn't very conventional as they were in previous years, but again we had to work with the cards we were dealt with.

The great thing about it all is that our club with careful planning was able to achieve a club record profit for the 2020 season and this has allowed us to plan big for 2021 to make up for lost ground.

Our club has come through Covid19 as a strong, resilient and successful club. What we're seeing now with the Ruse Park amenities upgrade, the Western Sydney Rugby League Academy, the increased sponsorship, new volunteers emerging and A/Grade looking strong couldn't have been achieved without the efforts of all our players, coaches, trainers, managers and committee members in 2020.

I was already exhausted after a long run at the club in at least one of the Executive and Registrar roles for the last 8.5 years. The mental strain of Covid19 and the uncertainty involved did see me run out of petrol. Due to the amazing 2020 volunteer input and our team officials reaching out it has allowed me to completely step back from Executive, Registrar and Compliance roles and allow a new and exciting era to be ushered in.

When discussing with committee members and coaches about the idea of putting together a yearbook the general theme was a great idea, but how would team reports get done with so little to write about. Two key bits of feedback came from a club volunteer with three sons at the club that they've had previous yearbooks as mementos and from a coach who said we should never forget the challenges our club and the game itself had dealing with Covid19. Whilst he wasn't keen to do a report for his own team the seeds were planted for a different style of Yearbook. All the team reports have been done pretty much the same way with a basic overview of the season alongside the team photo and a few other photos to fill one page.

The 2020 Yearbook should serve as a memento for all our coaches, managers, trainers, players, committee and supporters of their efforts, sacrifices and dedication to get through this season and keep Bankstown Bulls strong as a club. Thank you to everyone involved with the club in 2020 for keeping it strong.

Matthew O'Neill

2020 Secretary & Yearbook Editor, Bankstown Bulls JRLFC Inc.



JOINT PATRON TANIA MIHAILUK MP:

The Bankstown Bulls are pleased to have Tania Mihailuk as our Joint Patron. Tania has been the Member for Bankstown since March 2011. Previously, she served as Mayor of Bankstown City Council from 2006 to May 2011. Having been raised in Bankstown, Tania is honoured to serve her community as Member for Bankstown. As the local representative, Tania wants to make sure that Bankstown receives the infrastructure, resources and attention it deserves at a State Level. Bankstown has a great future. With a growing population and strategic location, the area is well placed to become a major centre in Sydney. Tania is in her 3rd term as the NSW member for Bankstown. For more information visit www.nswlabor.org.au/tania_mihailuk

SECRETARY'S REPORT



After performing many roles in our club including Registrar, Website/Social Media, Yearbook Editor, Coach, Trainer, Manager, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer and Assistant to the Secretary this was my first “official” year as Club Secretary. Despite my long history with the club and rugby league nothing was able to prepare me or anyone in our club for what was coming with a major global pandemic that would wreak havoc on junior rugby league and change our basic way of lives. What a year to be Secretary.

I’m pleased to report that our club was still able to walk away from this season with a **record-breaking profit** that sets the Club up for the future. This came despite making some new club investments, the loss of income coming from the restricted season that prevented extra canteen sales and some sponsors unable to make contributions as they needed to keep their

businesses afloat. A great result achieved by all involved and has a club ready for a massive 2021 season.

Our club did achieve many highlights before, after and even during the Covid-19 lockdown. We were able to put together two Development Applications (DA’s) for upgraded amenities at Ruse Park. We were successful in a \$20,000 grant from our Club Patron **Tania Mihailuk MP** for upgrades to the canteen and dressing rooms at Ruse Park. I believe this is only the beginning as we improve our two home grounds.

Ruse Park became a disaster zone for the Club in 2019 and I had to take immediate action to ensure our Club was never caught out again. Thanks to successful lobbying we achieved a major council upgrade to the surface at Ruse. It was much needed after the damage to the ground in 2019. The surface was ready for the first trial in March and after we returned from the lockdown Ruse held up very well.

We returned to **Padstow Park** in 2020 as a full operating venue with field markings, goal posts, canteen and training facilities available to our members. I’m personally very thankful to our coaches and teams who embraced the extra space at Padstow and the venue is now an important part of the Bulls furniture. The club played home games at Padstow in 2010-11 and the venue wasted away to the point we lost all access after the 2018 season. I made it my first task as Secretary to get the venue back and to have two fully functioning venues as it’s very important to the Club’s future expansion.

For both the **Ruse Park** upgrade and the return to **Padstow Park** our club is indebted to the Mayor of Canterbury-Bankstown **Kahl Asfour** and recently promoted Deputy Mayor & Club Patron **Rachelle Harika**.

During the previous off-season our club made a donation of **\$3,000** to the **Taree Lions Club** that included members contributions of \$2682.30 with the club contributing the remainder to make it \$3,000. On top of this we donated four carloads of non-perishable items. It was an eye-opening experience for the people who made the trip north to Taree and the Manning Valley to see the devastation of the bushfires last year.

Sponsorship was difficult this year prior to Covid-19 and became even more difficult during the pandemic. We were very fortunate our major sponsors **Bankstown RSL Club** committed to their sponsorship in full for the 2020 season and we’re very pleased to have the RSL back for 2021 in an increased capacity. The Bulls and RSL have formed a strong relationship and I would like to say a big thanks to **Scott Dickson, Kate Hodge, Andrew Bailey** and all the board and staff at Bankstown RSL Club for their support of the Bulls.

A highlight this year was the **“Bulls Plays of the Week”** video feature that was put together by **Bankstown RSL Club, Andrew Bailey, Erin Molan** and **Anthony Maroon**. We thank all the teams that embraced the Plays of the Week and I know it was a great promotional success for the Bulls and the RSL.

I would like to thank all our 2020 sponsors and contributors including **Cedar Beverages, City Steel Fixing, Gozleme King Bankstown, GK Civil, Mortimer Apparel, Advanced Body Sculpting** and **Marjan Butchery**. We were able to get the latter two partners on board after the pandemic in a big boost for our club.

Against all odds this year we were able to have a functional presentation day and hold our team photos. Thanks to **GS Imaging** for doing the photos, **Abel Trophies (Jeff Whelan)** for doing all the trophies at an outstanding price and **Rabih Chamma** for opening up his facility free of charge to host both events.

The formation of the **Western Sydney Rugby League Academy** was born out of the off-field success we've had as a Club in 2020 and our ability to come through Covid-19 as the most proactive Club. The Academy is an off-season programme put together for our players and coaches to stay actively involved with Rugby League and improve their skills collectively.

We welcome **Jason Amos** to the Club as our Coaching Director, A/Grade Coach and leader of the Academy. Jason has a strong background in Rugby League and was previously involved with the Melbourne Storm as Development Coach where he's personally worked with League icons such as Cameron Smith, Cooper Cronk, Billy Slater and Craig Bellamy. This knowledge shapes our Club well into the future.



Now to the personal acknowledgements and there's many to get through.

Firstly, thanks to our President **Ali Mehanna**, Senior Vice President **Stan Hetaraka** and Canteen Manager **Rabab Raad** who worked tirelessly this year to keep the club going. We needed people to step up to the plate with all the challenges that 2020 presented itself from the bushfires, relocating pre-season training to Padstow Park and dealing with all we had to go through with the Covid-19 lockdown. I wish you three all the success for the 2021 season.

Our club is so blessed to have **Anthony Samuel** in the Executive position of Assistant Secretary and **David Tarabay** in the very important non-Executive role as Junior Vice President. Both are outstanding individuals and proved to be tremendous rocks of support to myself personally when I needed moral support dealing with the pressures of coming through the other side of Covid-19 and the stresses involved. Our club wouldn't have achieved 5% of what we did in 2020 without Anthony and David. Thank you very much.

The canteen proved to be the week-to-week foundation either side of Covid-19 and I would like to thank all people involved including **Rabab Raad, Anthony Samuel, Sandra Chahine, Jeseke Harmouch, Pania Hetaraka, Michelle Baldwin** and **Amanda Harmouch**.

Thanks to all our ground and BBQ helpers throughout the year – **Chady Salamah, David Tarabay, Zahi El Zein, Brad Whigham, Karim Moussalli, Isaac & Wally Al Ruby, Ian 'Rhino' Collis, Chris Baldwin** and many more that gave up their time to help assist the club and make the running of game days smoother.

Thanks to **Lawrence Karam** who helped around the ground and was there when I needed assistance or advice. He filled the Secretary role at a critical moment in our club's history and left the club in good shape.

A special mention to **Elias Nassif** who played for one team, trained two teams and always responded to my requests to help around the club. A very deserving winner of my Secretary's Appreciation Award. Elias has come so far forward in the last 5 years and is the best club person we have at the Bulls.

Thanks to **Hussein Dia** for all his legal advice, keeping me on track when the going got tough and for writing the blueprint that enabled not just our club but the junior league to emerge strong after the lockdown.

Football isn't always about winning or losing but making the most with what you have around you and stepping up to the plate when needed. **Ian 'Rhino' Collis** returned after time away from the club and we handed him the most daunting challenge. Rhino's passion and love for the game shone through and he managed to get his team against all odds to be competitive each week. **Isaac & Wally Al Ruby** joined the Bulls for the first time in 2020 and they quickly embraced our culture. They didn't have the numbers for a team in Round 1 and by the end of the season had defeated the team that made the grand final and defeated another side that cost them a spot. If the season went another two weeks they would have been there. **Ray Alaeddine** (U5/B) and **Khalil Ismail** (U6) stepped up to be coaches after Round 1. **Marlon Saisoa'a** ensured the second U9 side off the ground. **Chady Salamah** at very short notice took on the no.1 team in the Under 13's and only need another 1-2 weeks where that team would have won the premiership.

I can't thank **Stan Hetaraka** and **Matilda Faker** enough for the Girls U16 team and ensuring they got to play a game of football every week. The U16 Girls team above all other teams showed what it means to represent the Bankstown Bulls, never gave up and forever winners in my eyes.

SECRETARY'S REPORT (Continued)

Two teams that improved rapidly during the season were our Under 11 and Under 12 Division 1 teams.

Rabih Chamma and his support crew had his side within a whisker of making the U11 semi-finals. They proved they can match it with the best in Division 1. I also thank Rabih for making Isaac and Wally feeling such a part of the club. It was always going to be a tough ask for the U12 this season but led by coach **Zahi El Zein** they showed great improvement every week. This team has such a strong and positive culture.

We did have one premiership winning side this year. The Under 14's after a shaky loss in Round 1 blitzed the remainder of the competition including the Grand Final winning 26-10. **George Najjar, Victor Barakat** and their staff have built a fantastic culture over many years and recruited very smartly in the off season. If teams are looking for a blueprint in how to recruit and retain players speak to George.

We fielded 20 teams and 295 players in 2020 compared to last year 21 teams and 309 players in 2019. We did extremely well to keep our numbers very similar to the season before.

What about our Under 7/W side that fielded 6 Girls in a squad of 9. Our club has been very committed since 2018 to increasing the number of Girls playing for the club and illustrated how far we have come as a Club.

Thanks to all our coaches, managers and trainers in 2020. It was a difficult season with so many disruptions completely out of the Bulls and Canterbury's control. We needed to put all our officials through Covid-19 training just to get on the field as part of the extra NSWRL requirements placed onto our club. Our team officials made so many sacrifices just to see our teams get onto the field. It was our Club and our People that had to kick and drag the entire junior league in NSW back into action after the Covid-19 lockdown.

John Grealy moved from St Christopher's to take over as the CBDJRL Competition Manager. What was Chrissy's loss is certainly the Junior League's gain! John was fair, firm and very supportive. Any time Ali or myself needed to discuss matters, policies or rules he was always there for us. John gave honesty and never anything else in between. We led the push for Wednesday Night Football to provide extra football content and John made it happen. We pushed for many ideas – most times he supported us. Thanks Greals.

In recent times **John Khoury** has stepped up to be Chairman of the Bulldogs. John has a great passion for Junior League and has supported the Bulls on many occasions at presentation and gala events. John's presence on Presentation Day after he became Bulldogs Chairman shows he's never forgotten that he comes from our Junior League system. JK has made a great start as Chairman and I hope it continues.

With **Peter V'Landys** taking charge of the NRL he's been able to put his stamp across the game at all levels at including at Community and NSWRL levels. The changes he's making will have long-term benefits.

As the longest and most difficult season came to a conclusion in early November, I made the tough decision to retire from the Executive, Registration and Compliance roles. The retirement decision has been on my mind for 7 months and when coming to the decision I considered the following factors:

- 1) The club is in its best financial and structural shape it has ever been in with many new systems now in place. I didn't see myself being there in 2022 and I believe now with the Club at its strongest ever point to usher in a changing of the guard more so with so many people willing to volunteer.
- 2) Everything with Covid-19 was really exhausting and after not having a break from the game since the 2008 off-season it was now time to step back, freshen up and take on a new challenge.
- 3) Recently I lost my Uncle suddenly, I have another Uncle with an incurable disease and my Grandmother is into her 90's. More than ever, I need to support my Mum and give back to my family that loves me so much but have missed out on me being around due to my football commitments.

I'm very thankful and blessed to have served in very senior capacities at the Bulls with Registrations, Executive, Treasurer and Secretary. It has been an honour to be a part of the Club that represents the heart of the Bankstown. I will always be a part of the Bulls in some capacity, it's a club that has given me so much and I hope to find new ways to make a positive contribution to the Club albeit in a much lesser capacity.



In moving on from the Executive, Registration and Compliance roles I would like to thank four former executive officials who have all been outstanding for our Club and given me so much help and guidance.

Firstly, to **Anthony Rizk** who was Secretary of the Club in 2009-12 and prior to that was Treasurer & Registrar. Beauty introduced me to the Bulls and we worked a lot together in promotions and websites before I took on major roles within the club. Ruse Park played host to the 2009-11 Mini League Grand Finals where I worked in official capacities as MC & Ground Official and I learned a lot from Anthony.

Romiz Barakat from day one always made me feel welcome at the Club and part of the inner circle. He kept on encouraging me and I'm still thankful to this day for that. His contribution to the club has been immense.

Michael Rodrigues always made me feel a part of the team he coached and invited me to the many events he held for his team. Michael twice saved the club financially and we owe a great debt to him. Michael was President for two years and steered us through a tough time where we're now reaping the benefits.

Most all I would like to thank **Danny Safetly**. My time working alongside Danny as a 1-2 combination still remains as my most rewarding and effective partnership. Several of the structures Danny and me brought to the Club when he took over as Secretary in late 2012 are still in place today. I can't thank **Danny, Jamal and the Safetly family** enough for all they did for me at the Bulls. Danny was better than great for our club.



In closing off a rather long report, I want to say thanks to all the 295 players who took the field in 2020 and to all the families who respected the Covid-19 guidelines that needed to be implemented in accordance for a game of football to be played – much appreciated. Every player and every team that took the field for the Bulls this year ensured our club came out of Covid-19 much stronger.

Congratulations to all our award winners in 2020:

Bankstown RSL Service Award	Victor Barakat
Senior Club Person of the Year	Brad Whigham
Lindsay Roach Junior Club Person of the Year	Gabriella Oliveira
Secretary's Appreciation Award	Elias Nassif
Senior Player of the Year	Tylah Slate (Under 14)
Ray Farah Junior Player of the Year	Julius Brown (Under 12)
Bankstown RSL Female Player of the Year	Ve'a Tavita (Under 7)
Ryan Matterson Super 15 Player of the Year	Adam Nouredine (Super 15)
Marcelo Montoya Encouragement Award	Jaylen Tuitama (Under 17)
Tom Tasker Encouragement Award	Elijah Taulaga (Under 13)
Senior Coach of the Year	Ian Collis (Super 15)
Junior Coach of the Year	Isaac Al Ruby (Under 11)
Manager of the Year	Matilda Faker (Under 16 Girls)
Team of the Year	Under 14

5 Years Playing Service: Amir Chahine, Jarrah Dennis-Reid, Junaid Sayadi, Danny Tarabay, Julius Brown, Nour Nouredine, Zaine Warwar, Rabieh El Mohamed, Shane O'Callaghan, Assaad Dib, Adam Derbas, Masse Masae, Adam Nouredine.

Our club now has a strong all-round Committee in place where we have people dedicated to junior & senior teams, coaching development, canteen operations, sponsorship, fundraising, legal and much more.

Hussein Dia succeeds me as Club Secretary. In the last 6 years my friendship and association with Huss has always been a very close one. Huss was manager of the team I coached for 3 years, he succeeded me as Coach and he's been my closest confidant during my last 3 years on the Executive. He knows the inner workings of the club and the game. Our club is good hands with Huss in the position of Secretary.

Thanks once again to every member for their support of the Bankstown Bulls in 2020 and I'm absolutely confident 2021 will be the best year in the club's wonderful and successful history.

Matthew O'Neill

2020 Secretary, Bankstown Bulls JRLFC Inc.

FIVE YEAR PLAYERS (2020)



Amir Chahine (9)



Jarrah Dennis-Reid (10)



Junaid Sayadi (10)



Danny Tarabay (10)



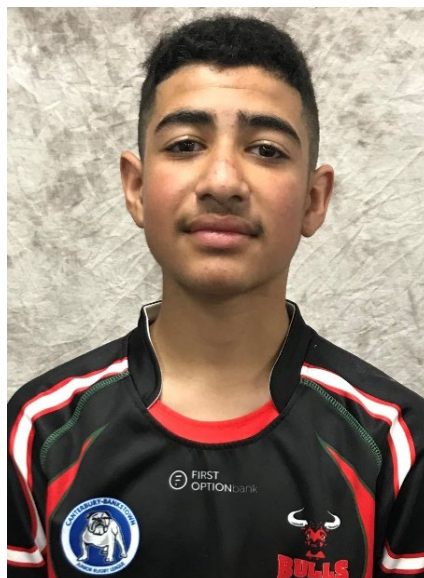
Julius Brown (12)



Nour Nouredine (12)



Zaine Warwar (12)



Rabieh El Mohamed (13)



Shane O'Callaghan (13)



Assaad Dib (14)



Adam Derbas (14)



Masse Masae (15)



Adam Nouredine (15)

Congratulations to the 13 players for achieving 5 years of playing service



2020 TEAM AWARD WINNERS

TEAM	BEST & FAIREST	BEST & FAIREST R/UP	COACHES AWARD
Under 5/B	Hussain ALAEDDINE	Hamzi HIJAZI	Noah EL-AHMED
Under 5/W	Morris NADER	Sakiusa STANLEY-LIGAIVIU	Zak MASRI
Under 6	Marcus TARABAY	Nassar ISMAIL	Arkan EL HAMID
Under 7/B	Yusef HAJ OBEID	Lorenzo STANLEY-LIGAIVIU	Adrian TROSTEL
Under 7/W	Ve'a TAVITA	Ameera RAAD	Harlem MARFLEET
Under 8	Simao VIEGAS SANTOS	Jacob EL NAJJAR	Micah GEAR
Under 9D1	Kaedis-Cordal ROEBECK	Yassir ZRAIKA	Amy TU'IFUA
Under 9D3	Lincoln MARFLEET	Nikolas Urz SEDENO	Tyrese FEALOFANI
Under 10	Dominik ATTEWELL	Rahmy CHAMAS	Emmarlyn MATIC
Under 11D1	Legion WILSON	Mahmoud EL SANOUSSI	Youssef SOLIMAN
Under 11D2	Motaz EL-HAMID	Jawad YAGHI	Adam YAGHI
Under 12	Julius BROWN	Zaine WARWAR	Kelela MATIC
Under 16-G	Theresa FAKER	Gabriella OLIVEIRA	Veronica TAVITA

TEAM	BEST & FAIREST	BEST BACK	BEST FORWARD	COACHES AWARD
Under 13/S	Elijah TAULAGA	Tarek BAGHDADI	Blake BAYLISS	Shane O'CALLAGHAN
Under 13/B	Harry WILSON	Ali ALAMEDDINE	Etoniatuiviwa TURAGACA	Marika KAITANI
Under 14	Tylah SLATE	Cyrus STANLEY-TRAILL	Joshua TONGA	Filipe VUAKATAGANE
Super 15	Adam NOUREDINE	Filimoni VOLAU	Mohamed CHAMMA	Ahmed BAYLOUNEH
Under 16	Andrew MIKHAEL	Faasipa TOASEFULU	Mike PAESE	Erastus AUNG
Under 17	Alaa CHAHINE	Blake ANYAORAH	Corey BALDWIN	Omar OSMAN
Under 18	Regan GREGORIO	William TUITUPOU	Toetu Joseph FALETUAI	Christian MOISIDIS



2020 MAJOR AWARD WINNERS

Bankstown RSL Service Award:	Victor Barakat
Club Person of the Year:	Brad Whigham
Lindsay Roach Junior Club Person:	Gabriella Oliveira
Secretary's Appreciation Award:	Elias Nassif
Senior Player of the Year:	Tylah Slate (u14)
Ray Farah Junior Player of the Year:	Julius Brown (u12)
Bankstown RSL Female Player of the Year:	Ve'a Tavita (u7)
Ryan Matterson U15 Player of the Year:	Adam Nouredine (u15)
Marcelo Montoya Development Award:	Jaylen Tuitama (u17)
Tom Tasker Encouragement Award:	Elijah Taulaga (u13)
Senior Coach of the Year:	Ian Collis (u15)
Junior Coach of the Year:	Isaac Al Ruby (u11)
Manager of the Year:	Matilda Faker (u16-G)
Team of the Year:	Under 14



PREVIOUS AWARD WINNERS

Go to history.bankstownbulls.com to view more extensive list of award winners over the years

2019 MAJOR AWARD WINNERS

Bankstown RSL Service Award:

Club Person of the Year:

Lindsay Roach Junior Club Person:

Secretary's Appreciation Award:

Senior Player of the Year:

Ray Farah Junior Player of the Year:

Bankstown RSL Female Player Award:

Ryan Matterson U15 Player of the Year:

Marcelo Montoya Development Award:

Tom Tasker Encouragement Award:

Senior Coach of the Year:

Junior Coach of the Year:

Manager of the Year:

Team of the Year:

Chady Salamah

Sandra Chahine

Tawhiri & Ngawhiti Hetaraka

Rabab Raad

Dominic Abdou (u16)

Danny Tarabay (u9)

Courageous Afoa (u16)

Andrew Mikhael (u15)

Mohammed El-Challouf (u17)

Matthew Barakat (u13)

Max Gregorio (u17)

Andrew Hadchiti (u9)

Julie Warwar (u11)

Under 10



2018 MAJOR AWARD WINNERS

Club Person of the Year:

Lindsay Roach Junior Club Person:

Secretary's Appreciation Award:

Senior Player of the Year:

Ray Farah Junior Player of the Year:

Tom Tasker Encouragement Award:

Senior Coach of the Year:

Junior Coach of the Year:

Manager of the Year:

Team of the Year:

Hussein Dia

Andrew Hadchiti

Zahi Elzein

Diego Bravo-Graham (u16)

Amy Tu'ifua (u7)

Hicham El-Ali (u15)

George Farah (u16)

George Najjar (u12)

Sandra Chahine (u7)

Super 15/2



2017 MAJOR AWARD WINNERS

Club Person of the Year:

Lindsay Roach Junior Club Person:

Secretary's Appreciation Award:

Senior Player of the Year:

Ray Farah Junior Player of the Year:

Tom Tasker Encouragement Award:

Senior Coach of the Year:

Junior Coach of the Year:

Manager of the Year:

Team of the Year:

Brad Whigham

Elias Nassif

Dianne Williams

Daniel Safetly (Opens)

Christian Ibrahim (u11)

Charles Afeaki (u12)

Najib Albassit (Opens)

Brad Williams/Jay Jagadish (u13)

Rebecca Nohra (u10 & u12)

A/Grade Silver



2016 MAJOR AWARD WINNERS

Club Person of the Year:

Lindsay Roach Junior Club Person:

Secretary's Appreciation Award:

Senior Player of the Year:

Ray Farah Junior Player of the Year:

Tom Tasker Encouragement Award:

Senior Coach of the Year:

Junior Coach of the Year:

Manager of the Year:

Team of the Year:

David Tarabay

John Williams

Katia Nader/Suzie Dib

Tayson Fakaosi (u14)

Paul Alamoti (u12)

Gordon Chan Kum Tong (u14)

Lawrence Karam (u14)

Zahi Elzein (u8)

Amanda Nabhan (u6 & u9)

Under 14/1

2015 MAJOR AWARD WINNERS

Club Person of the Year: Mark Shaw
Lindsay Roach Junior Club Person: Emily Ibrahim
Secretary's Appreciation Award: Brad Whigham
Senior Player of the Year: Jason Kazzi (u19)
Ray Farah Junior Player of the Year: Zayde Sabha (u10)
Tom Tasker Encouragement Award: Ameihn Nassif (u14)
Senior Coach of the Year: Abdul Nabhan (u19)
Junior Coach of the Year: Matthew O'Neill (u12)
Manager of the Year: Zainab Abdul Al (u13)
Team of the Year: Under 19/2

2014 MAJOR AWARD WINNERS

Club Person of the Year: Peter Dorsett
Lindsay Roach Junior Club Person: Jake Safetly
Secretary's Appreciation Award: Sonya Grady
Senior Player of the Year: Mohammad Kabbout (u19)
Ray Farah Junior Player of the Year: Tolipea Paleti (u13)
Tom Tasker Encouragement Award: Millo Mailata (u14)
Senior Coach of the Year: Chris Haddad (u17)
Junior Coach of the Year: Michael Rodrigues (u13)
Manager of the Year: Maria Mokdassi (u11)
Team of the Year: Under 19

2013 MAJOR AWARD WINNERS

Club Person of the Year: Wade Giddings
Lindsay Roach Junior Club Person: Joshua Ibrahim
Secretary's Appreciation Award: Matthew O'Neill
Senior Player of the Year: Vincent Samuel (u19)
Ray Farah Junior Player of the Year: Jonah Moors (u13)
Tom Tasker Encouragement Award: Christian Alaelua (u14)
Senior Coach of the Year: Abdul Nabhan (u14 & u17)
Junior Coach of the Year: Lawrence Karam (u11)
Manager of the Year: Rania Ali (u16)
Team of the Year: Under 17

EARLIER YEARS

CLUB PERSON OF THE YEAR: 2004 Nick Yannieh

LINDSAY ROACH JUNIOR CLUB PERSON: 2010 Ahmed Yatim, 2011 Bryan Rizk, 2012 Jaiden Barakat

SECRETARY'S APPRECIATION AWARD: 2011 Joe Youssef

SENIOR PLAYER OF THE YEAR: 1991 Amin Awad, Roger Felleto, Mark Partland, 1992 Roger Felleto, Jeff Lane, 1993 Joe Bradley, Sean McGuinness, 1994 Peter Xiros, 1995 Dean Mark, Wallid Abdul Kadir, 1996 Johnny Potter, 1997 Chris Sommerville, 1998 Damien Georges, 1999 Damien Georges, 2000 Damien Georges, 2001 Christopher Vaefega, 2002 Not Awarded, 2003 Wael Tahan, 2004 Adnan Saleh, 2005 Chris Afamasaga, 2006 Christopher Vaefega, 2007 Jamie Luke, 2008 Ali Hijazi (u17), 2009 Hussien Hijazi (Opens), 2010 Halauafu Lavaka (u16), 2011 Daniel Mailata (u17), 2012 Alan Niulesa (u19)

RAY FARAH JUNIOR PLAYER OF THE YEAR: 1994 Daniel Davanzo, 1995 Harlan Alaalatoa, Johnny Potter, 1996 Harlan Alaalatoa, 1997 Harlan Alaalatoa, 2004 Omar Omran (u8), 2005 Andrew Kazzi (u11), 2006 Frederick Dib (u12), 2007 Mohammed Hijazi (u12), 2008 Daniel Hadchiti (u11), 2009 Rodrigo Villar (u10), 2010 Kaidyn Wright (u6), 2011 Gordon Chan Kam Tong (u9), 2012 Destiny Nuvasoa (u11)

TOM TASKER ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD: 1997 Adam Fredericos, 1998 Phelix El Kek, 1999 Chris Sommerville, 2000 Not Awarded, 2001 Mohammed Warwar, 2002 Heka Nanai, 2003 Not Awarded, 2004 Wasim Ali, 2005 Ali Hijazi (u14), 2006 Hilal Shoveiki (u14), 2007 Frederick Dib (u13), 2008 Adrian Hraibi (u12), 2009 Mohammed Hijazi (u14), 2010 Masoud El-Essraoui (u13), 2011 Justin Abou Melhem (u14), 2012 Ali Ali (u15)

MANAGER OF THE YEAR: 2004 Tania Samuel

TEAM OF THE YEAR: 2004 Under 8



CLUB HISTORY

Rugby League in the Bankstown area can be traced back to before 1920 with the birth of Bankstown United, who prior to the formation of the Canterbury-Bankstown District Junior Rugby League took part in the St George District Competition.

The CBDJRL was formed in 1921 and the Canterbury-Bankstown "Berries" first took part in the premier competition in 1935. The first prominent junior to come from Bankstown was George Mason who played for Wests in 1927-1929 and Canterbury in 1936. He would coach Canterbury in the 1937 season.

Bankstown United won the last of their 19 premierships in 1963 after the formations of Bankstown De La Salle in 1961 and Bankstown Sports in 1962. At the time of this report there's no link of Bankstown United with Bankstown De La Salle, Bankstown Sports or Bankstown Oasis.

The origins of Bankstown Bulls began with the formation of Bankstown De La Salle in 1961 who fielded four teams in their debut season. DLS wore a green jersey with white bands and trained at the DSL sporting fields (near Bankstown TAFE). DLS won 16 premierships with their first title coming in 1963 with the L/Grade (U9) and its final premiership came in 1980 winning the E/Grade (Under 16) title. The success of the E/Grade side was evident with an incredible 7 players selected in the Bulldogs SG Ball team.

Following the 1980 season Bankstown De La Salle withdrew from fielding weekend teams in the CBDJRL. Peter Wagstaff who was involved with DLS and the Bulldogs junior coaching system founded the Bankstown Catholic Collegians as a separate club to the school with three teams taking part in the first season including the 1980 DLS premiership-winning E/Grade side along with B/Grade (open age) and D/Grade (u17). For the 1981-82 seasons Collegians adopted the South Sydney Rabbitohs "minties" style jumper which they used during the early 1980's.

Collegians would be based at Memorial Cricket Oval. Collegians received a massive boost in profile and team numbers for the 1982 season with a breakaway of teams coming across from Milperra Colts which included the successful 1981 Milperra undefeated G/Grade premiership winning side. That team provided Collegians with their first premiership when they defeated Punchbowl 25-0 in the F/Grade (Super 15) Grand Final under the coaching of Wayne Dewberry and captaincy of Mark Vella.

Collegians would use jerseys virtually the same as the DLS jerseys for the 1983 before adopting the Cronulla Sharks style jersey for the remainder of their time as a stand-alone club. In 1986, Collegians won the International Club Championship and in 1987 won both the A/Grade and B/Grade Grand Finals.

Collegians won 10 premierships in total with their final success coming in 1997 when they took out the Under 18 Grand Final with much of that side being on hand to win the "Bulls" first premiership in 1998. Long serving Collegians officials Peter Wagstaff and Stan O'Dowd have been bestowed with CBDJRL Life Membership.

Bankstown Oasis was a new club that entered into the Junior League in 1968 with the colours being white jumper with red and black band around the centre. The following year the club changed its name to Bankstown Central and in 1970 changed its colours and jersey to red and black stripes (what we see with the Super 15's today).

Central's first premiership came in 1977 with the M/Grade (U8) winning the Grand Final with its coach being Tom Tasker, who was also Central's Secretary for a few years in the 1970's. Today the Tom Tasker name is on the Bulls Encouragement Award that is given to an Under 13's player.

Central won its final premiership in 1983 and with the future of the club not looking the best Secretary Warwick Shakespeare, John Potter Secretary/Manager of Bankstown Soccer Club along with officials from Bankstown Bowling Club met to discuss an amalgamation with the Bankstown Football Club formed with Bankstown City taking the place of both the Central and Bowling club's wearing the colours of green and gold – same as the original Bankstown United side.

Bankstown Bowling entered an A/Grade team into the Junior League in 1982 winning the A/Grade Grand Final and only played for two seasons before joining forces with Bankstown City.

Bankstown City won its first premiership in 1984 winning the M/Grade (U8) Grand Final under the coaching of Peter Byrnes. City would win five premierships in total including the 1995 C/Grade Grand Final under the coaching of former Bulldogs first grade player & future CBDJRL Life Member Mark Bird. The final premiership came in 1997 when the Under 9's won the grand final under the coaching of City founder John Potter.



With both Bankstown Catholic Collegians and Bankstown City based less than 500m apart from each other, both clubs struggling to field consistent numbers, City struggling in the 1990's following the club house being burnt down twice and Cricket's greater demands making it more difficult for Collegians it came the time for both clubs to think logically about becoming one club that represented the heart of Bankstown.

It was agreed by the committee's and members of both clubs to become the Bankstown Juniors for the 1998 season. Ray Farah became the inaugural secretary with the colours to be red, black and white. The club entered nine teams for their first season with the C/Grade team defeating St Johns 16-4 in the Grand Final under the coaching of Craig McLeod and captaincy of Elie Georges. Such was the success of the merger Ray Farah took out the 1998 CBDJRL Secretary of the Year.

In 1999, the club adopted the Cougars nickname. In 2002, the Cougars won the International Club Championship for the second time. The Mata'Utia brothers – Peter, Pat, Chanel and Sione – all started their Junior League careers with the Cougars prior to the family moving up to Raymond Terrace in 2003. All four would go on to play NRL, play for Samoa and in Sione's case represent Australia in 2014 becoming one of the youngest ever Internationals in the history of the Kangaroos.

In 2004, the Cougars committee and members voted to affiliate them with the Sydney Bulls who played in the competition that is now known as the Ron Massey Cup. As a result of the partnership the junior club became known as the Bankstown Bulls. In 2007, the Bulls won the CBDJRL Club of the Year award. The partnership with Sydney Bulls lasted until 2008 with the club deciding to keep the Bulls nickname moving forward.

A new style of management came into place at the Bulls in 2009 where the club quickly went from 10 teams in 2008 to 20 teams in 2010. The club became a serious force and off the field with club secretary Anthony Rizk moving quickly to secure a second venue to assist with the club's rapid growth and expansion by obtaining Padstow Park where the club played all Sunday matches there in 2010-2011 and has since been a secondary training venue for the club to help with the lack of space available at Ruse Park.



The 2009 season also saw the introduction of the Super 15's concept. The committee decided on the Under 15's age group with the jersey to be the red & black stripes that was used by Bankstown Central. It was Under 15's that was the Collegians first premiership in 1982 mixing two parts of our heritage together.

In 2011, the Bulls won their first combined competition when the Danny Safetly coached Under 17's won the Grand Final in an epic performance.

Danny Safetly took over as club secretary in August 2012 and he worked hard to ensure the club will always field at least 20 teams a season and from 2013 the Bulls have fielded 19 to 21 teams every year. Unfortunately, an illness to Danny saw him have to stand-down in May 2016 and the club badly missed his leadership.

A new management structure was put together at the Bulls for the 2018 season. The club was successful in securing a \$10,000 grant for First Option Bank for a new scoreboard. The club won the Senior Club Championship for the 3rd time in 2018.

In 2018, Amy Tu'ifua became the first female player in the club's history to win the Junior or Senior Player of the Year award. Following a positive rise in female participation the club went down the path of introducing two female teams for 2019.

Upon discovering the constitution was the 1997 Bankstown Catholic Collegians club a new constitution was put forward to members and was voted unanimously which acknowledged all our previous entities and allowed the club to allow female players over the age of 12 to use the facilities at Ruse Park.

In 2019, the Bulls won the inaugural Club's Club of the Year as voted on a monthly 3-2-1 basis by the 12 member clubs. In 2020, even though hampered by the Covid lockdown and restrictions the club was able to push forward, still make a very healthy profit and begin the upgrades that Ruse Park badly needed.

Ruse Park now has a new home dressing room, the away dressing room has been given a new coat of paint and plans are underway to turn the old toilets into a female dressing room. The club has been successful in getting grants from Tania Mihailuk MP (\$20,000) and the Hon. Jason Clare MP (\$10,000).

The Bankstown Bulls website is becoming a historical and archival resource tracing back all our premierships, team photos, award winners and much more.

Photos: Bankstown Cougars 2000 u6 jersey (page 19) and 2016 Super 15's jersey (page 20).

For more on the Bulls history, team photos, premierships & awards go to history.bankstownbulls.com

RUSE PARK & HOME GROUNDS

The first game of Rugby League was played at Ruse Park on Sunday 1st April 1984.

Originally Ruse Park was farmland owned by the Rusa Family who donated the land to Bankstown Council and it was later converted to Bankstown Soccer Ground. When Bankstown City was formed in 1984 that was a merger including Soccer the venue was referred to as Bankstown Football Centre with Soccer played there on Saturday's and Rugby League on Sunday's. Once Soccer withdrew from the Bankstown City agreement the venue has been exclusively used for Rugby League firstly as the home ground for Bankstown City and following the merger with Bankstown Catholic Collegians Club it's been our home ground ever since.

Our original club Bankstown De La Salle used to train at the school grounds near Bankstown TAFE. When DLS withdrew from Rugby League and Bankstown Catholic Collegians took their place the home ground was Bankstown Memorial Cricket Oval on the corner of Chapel Rd & Macauley Ave. But the greater demands placed on the venue from Cricket during the peak of the Waugh era put Bankstown Cricket into a position of strength to obtain greater use of the venue leaving Collegians and City ripe for a merger.

The rise of the Bulls from 10 teams in 2008 to 20 teams in 2010 saw the club executive at the time seek to expand beyond Ruse Park and when the Padstow Panthers folded the Bulls were given Padstow Park to host Sunday matches in the 2010 season and be used for training purposes. The Bulls played all their Sunday matches at Padstow in 2010-2011 before moving back to Ruse for all matches in 2011.

Padstow Park remained as a secondary training venue until the end of the 2018 where the club lost the venue to Soccer. Upon my rise to Secretary, I fought to get Padstow Park and the original plan prior to the Covid-19 lockdown was to use Padstow Park for 3 weekends of football to showcase our commitment.

The value of Padstow's return allowed our club to take immediate pressure off Ruse Park and have a facility that's less than 5 minutes travel along one road and many of our teams embraced the extra space.

Not having access to Padstow in 2019 damaged Ruse Park to the point we were shut out of hosting matches and had to train on a Soccer field on Monday and Wednesday nights. When it was apparent that I was going to be Secretary in 2020 I met with Bankstown Councillors and Management where I produced a proposal for the development of Ruse Park as much of the ground was outdated. The plan was way too ambitious and involved going all the way up to and including Grahame Thomas Oval (Collegians old home ground). What we managed to achieve was the entire playing surface and drainage being completely re-done and be ready for the 2020 season at no expense for our club estimated to be close to \$100,000.

The importance of returning to Padstow Park back was there in February when Ruse Park still needed time for the surface to settle and our whole club was able to train at Padstow Park with canteen and storage areas available. It kept the club going until the trials came into full swing.

During the Covid-19 lockdown period following the success of getting Padstow Park back and the surface upgrade at Ruse Park plus a healthy financial balance that the club has built since the start of 2018 our President Ali Mehanna and Legal Officer Hussein Dia with endorsing support from the remaining four Executive members outlaid \$3,956.43 putting together two Development Applications with Akkari Corp to improve the amenities at Ruse Park. We've since been partially successful to receive a grant for one DA.

Our club received a grant of \$20,000 from Club Patron & NSW Member for Bankstown Tania Mihailuk MP for facilities to be upgraded at Ruse Park. After saving an \$87,000 since February 2018 the club has made an additional investment of \$25,000 for the renovations. The upgrade and changes to Ruse Park include complete rebuild of the home change room with new showers and cubicles, new bathroom, gym area, rehab baths and more. The away dressing rooms have received new painting and all storage removed. The club has invested in a storage shed that frees up the dressing rooms from being a dumping ground. The old toilet area will be upgraded into female change rooms thanks to a grant of \$10,000 from the Hon. Jason Clare MP.

The current work at Ruse Park is still progressing and the full details will be outlined when the 2021 Executive put together their report. A lot of club members have volunteered their time, equipment and organised donations to make this all possible. A big thank you to Huss, Ali and everyone involved.

Matthew O'Neill

2020 Secretary, Bankstown Bulls JRLFC Inc.

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PREMIERSHIP WINS SINCE 1998

No.	YEAR	GRADE	OPPONENT	COACH	CAPTAIN
38	1998	C/Grade	St Johns 16-4	Craig McLeod	Elie Georges
39	1999	U/6R	Bankstown Sports 20-15	David Dib	
40	1999	U/12	Berala 11-7	Andrew Francis	
41	1999	A/Grade	Berala 24-10	John Graham	
42	2000	U/13	Berala 40-10	Andrew Francis	
43	2000	U/14	Berala 34-24	John Wells	
44	2001	A/Grade	Regents Park 18-10	John Moses	
45	2002	C/Grade	Bankstown Falcons 14-6	Chris Haddad	
46	2003	U/16	East Hills 30-16	Andrew Francis	
47	2004	U/18	St Johns 12-8	Tony Francis	
48	2004	A/Grade	Chester Hill 52-6	Paul Arraj	
49	2005	U/11R	Milperra 18-10	John Sleiman	
50	2005	U/18	St George 22-18	Troy English	
51	2005	A/Grade	Bankstown Sports 28-22	Robert Relf	
52	2007	U/12R	Moorebank 18-12	Hussen Hijazi	
53	2007	U/13R	Revesby Heights 32-24	Abdul Nabhan	
54	2008	U/12-2	Padstow 42-30	Romiz Barakat	
55	2009	U8-4	St George 18-12	Robert Nasr	
56	2009	U/9-2	St Johns 22-20	Ziyad Alameddine	
57	2009	U/10-1	Chester Hill 28-12	Rodrigo Villar Snr	Rodrigo Villar Jnr
58	2010	U/11-1	Moorebank 16-0	Rodrigo Villar Snr	Rodrigo Villar Jnr
59	2010	U/16-1	Berala 32-4	Danny Safetly	Halauafu Lavaka
60	2011	U/14-1	Greenacre 26-0	Richard Kairouz	Alex Park
61	2011	U/17-1	St George 24-14	Danny Safetly	Halauafu Lavaka
62	2013	U/9-2	St Johns 18-14	Robert Mehrez	Penieli Faoa
63	2013	U/10-2	Milperra 28-10	Stan Hetaraka	Jonathan Chan Kum Tong
64	2013	U/13-3	St Christopher's 24-16	Ted El Sayed	Jonah Moors
65	2014	U/11-3	St George 30-6	Daniel Safetly Jnr	Mohammed Saleh
66	2015	U/19-1	St George 20-16	Abdul Nabhan	Reegan Carr
67	2015	U/19-2	Penshurst 26-8	Walid Abboud	Jake Safetly
68	2015	U/14-3	Kogarah 14-4	David Tarabay	Jared Younan
69	2016	U/9-3	Revesby Heights 18-16	Danny Farah	Jad Salamah
70	2016	U/12-1	St Johns 26-18	Steven Matai	Paul Alamoti
71	2016	U/14-1	Bankstown Sports 15-14	Lawrence Karam	Tayson Fakaosi
72	2017	U/11-2P	St Johns 24-14	Victor Barakat	Josh Tonga
73	2017	A/Grade-2	Penshurst 24-4	Najib Albassit	Jay Jagalish
74	2018	U/12-2	Bankstown Sports 14-0	George Najjar	Tylah Slate
75	2018	U/16-1	Bankstown Sports 20-20	George Farah	Diego Bravo-Graham
76	2019	U/9-3	Milperra 30-20	Andrew Hadchiti	Onfire for JC Florian
77	2019	U/10-2	Berala 14-4	Rabih Chamma	Mahmoud El Sanoussi
78	2020	U/14-2	East Campbelltown 26-10	George Najjar	Tylah Slate

PREMIERSHIPS BEFORE 1998: Bank DLS 16, Bank Collegians 10, Bank City 5, Bank Central 5, Bank Bowling 1



UNDER 5(B)



Second Row: Ray Alaeddine (Coach), Hamzi Hijazi, Hussain Alaeddine, Rabih Sultan, Noah El-Ahmed, Walid Sultan (Manager)

First Row: Taleb Mansour, Adam Hageobeid, Youssef Ali, Ali El Cheikh Mustapha, Adam Hussain

Absent: Noah Al- Zghoul

2020 SQUAD

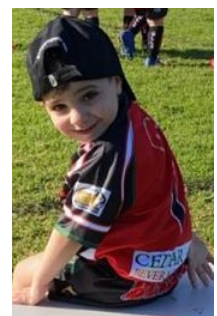
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Noah El-Ahmed
Adam Hageobeid
Hamzi Hijazi
Adam Hussain
Taleb Mansour
Rabih Sultan

Coach & Trainer: Ray Alaeddine

Manager & Trainer: Walid Sultan

BRIEF SUMMARY

Under 5 was one of the age groups that had a new surge of new players after the Covid-19 lockdown. This side was a newly formed team just in time for Round 1. Much thanks to Ray Alaeddine and Walid Sultan for stepping in to take on the coaching, managing and trainer duties during and after the first game. The vast majority of this side were first time players. This team provided many highlights and featured prominently in the Bulls Plays of the Week video series. Thanks to all the parents for the videos they certainly added a lot to our club and provided some future memories of the on field highlights we had as a club. Well done to all the players on their performances and providing great enjoyment for those who supported this side.



UNDER 5(W)



Second Row: Tahlee Masri (Asst. Manager), Lawrence Karam (Coach), Panagiotis Kefalinos, Sakiusa Stanley-Ligaiviu, Liam Chantery, Wasam Masri (Manager)

First Row: Manaia Carden-Samasoni, Alexia Karam, Zak Masri, Morris Roger Nader, Is'haq Hassan
Absent: Jason Ghassibe, Analissa Lokotui, Seini Lokotui, George Najjar (Trainer)

SQUAD

Manaia Carden-Samasoni
Liam Chantery
Jason Ghassibe
Is'haq Hassan
Alexia Karam
Panagiotis Kefalinos
Analissa Lokotui
Seini Lokotui
Zak Masri
Morris Roger Nader
Sakiusa Stanley-Ligaiviu
Coach: Lawrence Karam
Manager: Wasam Masri
Manager: Tahlee Masri
Trainer: George Najjar



BRIEF SUMMARY

Every player in the side playing in their first year of Rugby League. Numbers in this age group increased following the resumption of football. This team provided many highlights in the Plays of the Week video series. Well done to all the players for their performances and providing much enjoyment this year and more so considering the year it was. Thanks to coach Lawrence Karam, managers Wasam Masri & Tahlee Masri and trainer George Najjar for the time and effort put into both under 5 teams this year.



UNDER 6



Second Row: Khalil Ismail (Coach), Marcus Tarabay, Nasser Ismail, Jibra'll Hageobeid, Farah Ismail (Manager)
First Row: Yacoub El Hamid, Jorge Gerges, Arkan El Hamid, Sitiveni Ligaiviu, George Farah
Absent: William Koloi, Michael Farah (Trainer), Libby Farah (Manager)

SQUAD

Yacoub El Hamid
Arkan El Hamid
George Farah
Jorge Gerges
Jibra'll Hageobeid
Nasser Ismail
William Koloi
Sitiveni Ligaiviu
Marcus Tarabay

Coach: Khalil Ismail

Manager: Farah Ismail

Manager: Libby Farah

Trainer: Michael Farah



BRIEF SUMMARY

Firstly, thanks to Ameihn Nassif who coached and trained the team prior to the Covid-19 lockdown. Ameihn couldn't continue as coach as he got a new job that meant he worked on Saturday's. After the lockdown David Tarabay coached both the 6's and 10's until Khalil Ismail took over the team in Round 2. What looked touch and go whether we get enough players we ended up with a full squad. As the season progressed this team played some outstanding football and began to work as a team. One of the highlights was the very friendly in-house competition between Marcus and Nasser for most tries and tackles each week.

UNDER 7(B)



Second Row: Soni Samasoni (Trainer), Lorenzo Stanley-Ligaiviu, Yusef Haj Obeid, Omar Elhousseny, Carmen Elchab (Manager), Amanda Nabhan (Coach)

First Row: Laith Nabhan, Adrian Trostel, Bakkar Dannaoui, Ezra Carden-Samasoni
Absent: Manaaki Himiona

SQUAD

Ezra Carden-Samasoni
Bakkar Dannaoui
Omar Elhousseny
Yusef Haj Obeid
Manaaki Himiona
Laith Nabhan
Lorenzo Stanley-Ligaiviu
Adrian Trostel
Coach: Amanda Nabhan
Manager: Carmen Elchab
Trainer: Soni Samasoni

BRIEF SUMMARY

Our Under 7/B's had a highly consistent season where they won their fair share of games and competitive in all the matches. In 2020 the side welcomed in Adrian and Bakkar from other clubs and Ezra from another team within the Bulls.



The club would like to thank Amanda Nabhan for her efforts as coach of the side and the support she received from Carmen Elchab and Soni Samasoni. This side produced many memorable performances as highlighted in the Bulls Plays of the Week either for their long range tries or cover tackles in defence. They move to the bigger mini fields in 2021 after 3 successful seasons on the small mini fields.

UNDER 7(W)



Second Row: Pania Hetaraka (Manager), Vitorian Tavita (Trainer), Daniel Tavita (Coach)
 First Row: Maysa Raad, Harlan Marfleet, Zaid El-Cheikh, Ve'a Tavita, Lupetuutasi Taulaga, Ameera Raad
 Absent: Yazen Mostafa, Sainimili Ratuove, Tyara Ratuove, Veronica Tavita (Trainer)

SQUAD

Zaid El-Cheikh
 Harlan Marfleet
 Yazen Mostafa
 Maysa Raad
 Ameera Raad
 Tyara Ratuove
 Sainimili Ratuove
 Lupetuutasi Taulaga
 Ve'a Tavita

Coach: Daniel Tavita

Manager: Pania Hetaraka

Trainer: Vitorian Tavita

Trainer: Veronica Tavita

BRIEF SUMMARY

What a season from this side. The numbers didn't look the best when the season resumed but the team ended up with a squad of 9 including 6 girls in the team. No side in the mixed ages had a higher % of girls in the team as this one. Coach Daniel Tavita created a wonderful culture where this team enjoyed playing football and always had fun at training sessions. Daniel was well supported by Manager Pania Hetaraka and his daughters Vitorian and Veronica who helped as Trainers. A special mention to Ve'a Tavita who scored between 6-10 tries in every game and won the club's Bankstown RSL Female Player of the Year.



UNDER 8



Second Row: Brad Whigham (Trainer), Natalia Karam, Jacob El-Najjar, Khoder Mustapha, Micah Gear, Yusuf Kassem, David Hadchiti (Coach), Rebecca Hadchiti (Manager)

First Row: Imran Sayadi, Alexander Vu, Joseph Tarabay, Layal Mustapha, Simao Viegas Santos, Charbel Hadchiti

SQUAD

Jacob El Najjar
Micah Gear
Charbel Hadchiti
Natalia Karam
Yusuf Kassem
Khoder Mustapha
Layal Mustapha
Imran Sayadi
Joseph Tarabay
Simao Viegas Santos
Alexander Vu

Coach: David Hadchiti

Manager: Rebecca Hadchiti

Trainer: Brad Whigham



BRIEF SUMMARY

Another one of our sides that experienced a very healthy rise in players once the season resumed after the numbers at one stage didn't look good. This side was highly consistent and won their fair share of games in their last season of non-competition. As each game passed, they got better for the experience of playing together as more and more players kept on joining the team. We



thank David Hadchiti for his efforts as coach. He has a great ability to give everyone in the team a fair and equal opportunity hence they went well as a team. This side is one of our real contenders for a title in 2021.

UNDER 9(1) & UNDER 9(2)



Second Row: Marlon Saisoa'a (Coach), Ethan Saisoa'a (Trainer), Amir Chahine, Jahlet Wilson, Lincoln Marfleet, Tyrese Fealofani, Kaedis-Cordal Roebeck, Yassir Zraika, Said Tarabay, Rabih Chamma (Coach), Jeseka Harmouch (Manager)

First Row: Pania Hetaraka (Manager), John Lokotui, Rabeh Dennaoui, Ahmad Hajobeid, Yaqub Harmouch, Nikolas Urz Sedeno, Amy Tu'ifua, Khaled Chamma, Lubna Salamah (Manager)

Absent: Karim Moussalli (Coach), Omar Ahmad, Mamoud El-Challouf

BRIEF SUMMARY

Up and down season for the Under 9's in 2020. What looked likely for two sides prior to the lockdown only saw 10-11 players turned up to training once the season resumed. All team officials agreed it was best to go with one side until one game when all 16 registered players turned up to the same away venue. From that moment we quickly formed two sides in the Under 9's where a lot of players played for both teams. Credit to all the team officials for making it work and thanks to Karim Moussalli, Marlon Saisoa'a, Rabih Chamma, Ethan Saisoa'a, Pania Hetaraka, Jeseka Harmouch and Lubna Salamah for making it all work. The players really gave their all with the no.1 side playing in a tough division 1 competition. Thanks to the U8 players for helping out the no.2 side. Without their efforts and co-operation, the no.2 side wouldn't have got a game.



SQUAD: Omar Ahmad, Amir Chahine, Khaled Chamma, Rabeh Dennaoui, Mamoud El-Challouf, Tyrese Fealofani, Ahmad Hajobeid, Yaqub Harmouch, John Lokotui, Lincoln Marfleet, Kaedis-Cordal Roebeck, Nikolas Urz Sedeno, Said Tarabay, Amy Tu'ifua, Jahlet Wilson, Yassir Zraika.

Coach: Karim Moussalli, **Coach:** Rabih Chamma, **Coach:** Marlon Saisoa'a, **Manager:** Jeseka Harmouch, **Manager:** Lubna Salamah, **Manager:** Pania Hetaraka, **Trainer:** Ethan Saisoa'a.

UNDER 10



Second Row: Fatima Daghestani (Manager), Dominik Attewell, Emmarlyn Matic, Ibrahim Elzahr, Danny Tarabay, David Tarabay (Coach), Elias Nassif (Trainer)

First Row: Junaid Sayadi, Zach Abdul-Al, Noah Nabhan, Ibrahim Kassem, Zane Abdul-Al, Jarrah Dennis-Reid
Absent: Joshua Hadchiti, Rahmy Chamas, Mustafa Moussa, Gabriel Vuakatagane, Yusuf Jabaseh

SQUAD

Zachariah Abdul-Al
Zane Abdul-Al
Dominik Attewell
Rahmy Chamas
Jarrah Dennis-Reid
Ibrahim Elzahr
Joshua Hadchiti
Yusuf Jabaseh
Ibrahim Kassem
Emmarlyn Matic
Moussa Mostafa
Noah Nabhan
Junaid Sayadi
Danny Tarabay
Gabriel Vuakatagane
Coach: David Tarabay
Manager: Fatima Daghestani
Trainer: Elias Nassif

BRIEF SUMMARY

One of our most consistent sides in the club had an unlucky 2020 season. Two new to the game players and three players from the second side joined the team in 2020. Close losses and injuries plus not having semi-finals killed all momentum this side was able to generate. Despite being by far the smallest side in the competition they won their fair share of games and competed well every week. Full credit to the players for their efforts and never say die attitude. Thanks to coach David Tarabay, manager Fatima Daghestani and trainer Elias Nassif for everything they do for the team. A side to watch out for in 2021.



UNDER 11(1)



Rabih Chamma (Coach), Mya El Homs, Legion Wilson, Jai Marfleet, Youssef Soliman, Mahmoud Dennaoui, Yehia Katahie (Manager), Mohamed El Sanoussi (Trainer)

First Row: Jay El Homs (Trainer), Abdullah El Homs, Zaid Hanoun, Zain Katahie, Abdulrahman Alsuleiman, Mahmoud El-Sanoussi, Ali Hanoun, Ahmed Chamma

Absent: Daniel Ratuove, Jairome Lewis, Isaac El Najjar

SQUAD

Abdul Rahman Alsuleiman
Ahmad Chamma
Mahmoud Dennaoui
Abdullah El Homs
Mya El Homs
Isaac El Najjar
Mahmoud El Sanoussi
Ali Hanoun
Zaid Hanoun
Zain Katahie
Jairome Lewis
Jai Marfleet
Daniel Ratuove
Youssef Soliman
Legion Wilson

Coach: Rabih Chamma

Manager: Yehia Katahie

Trainer: Jay El Homs

Trainer: Mohamed El Sanoussi



BRIEF SUMMARY

Moved up to Division 1 after winning the title undefeated in 2019. It was always going to be a challenge to be competitive and this side more than achieved that only missing out on the finals by a whisker in the for and against margins. They had their fair share of wins along the way and in the games they lost only one game wasn't a close result. Coach Rabih Chamma has done an outstanding job with this side and he has wonderful support from his staff Jay El Homs, Mohamed El Sanoussi and Yehia Katahie. The experience of the first year behind them and winning their share of games puts this side in great shape for 2021.

UNDER 11(2)



Second Row: Rami Zahra (Manager), Yousef Dalla, Ali Al-Amarah, Isabeau Kiri, Taha El-Hamid, Jawad Yaghi, Isaac Al Ruby (Coach)
First Row: Adam Yaghi, Ayeisha Elzahr, Jayden Unger, Hussein Rizk, Motaz El-Hamid, Jibril Zahra, Mohammed El Cheikh Mustapha
Absent: Wally Al Ruby (Trainer), Hussein Baalbaki, William Elagha, Zaid Naji, Ali Nimer, Yasin Salem

BRIEF SUMMARY:

A newly formed team made up of mostly new players wanting to play plus some other players who played in other teams at the Bulls. There were only 9 players registered for Round 1 but as soon as word got around Isaac and Wally were good coaches the numbers quickly became 17. During the season they defeated the grand finalists and won their last game that cost another side the shot at the grand final. In such a short space of time brothers Isaac and Wally Al Ruby with support from manager Rami Zahra quickly built a very strong and competitive side that was built from scratch. Isaac, Wally and Rami were all new to the club and soon enough embraced what Bulls are all about. Well done to all the players for coming together, being patient and having belief in their coaching staff. We expect this side to again improve in 2021.



SQUAD: Ali Al-Amarah, Hussein Baalbaki, Yousef Dalla, Mohammed El Cheikh Mustapha, William Elagha, Motaz El-Hamid, Taha El-Hamid, Ayeisha Elzahr, Isabeau Kiri, Zaid Naji, Ali Nimer, Hussein Rizk, Yasin Salem, Jayden Unger, Jawad Yaghi, Adam Yaghi, Jibril Zahra.

Coach: Isaac Al Ruby, **Manager:** Rami Zahra, **Trainer:** Wally Al Ruby.

UNDER 12



Second Row: Julie Warwar (Manager), Anwar Adhami (Trainer), Zayd Elzein, Julius Brown, Zaine Warwar, Philip Euta-Nanai, Yusef Joey Vaukatagane, Zahi El-Zein (Coach)

First Row: Nour Nouredine, Karim Adhami, Sonny Phanthana Heak, Shadi Harmouch, Sione Latapu, Bassam El-Hamid, Kelela Matic
Absent: Adam Nouredine (Trainer), Fouad Chamma, Ali Zreika, Ziyad El-Hassan, Joseph Hadchiti

BRIEF SUMMARY

Where do you start with this team? On the field they went up to Division 1 after making the grand final the previous year. Even though up against some outstanding sides they played with amazing commitment and effort every week managing to win a match and have a late season draw having to do so much defence. As always with this side they were a shining light for the club off the field. This team did everything asked of them and much more especially when the return from the lockdown happened. Full credit to the outstanding culture in this side goes to their coach Zahi El-Zein and manager Julie Warwar who ensure this side is always front and centre at the club. They were well supported by trainer Anwar Adhami and our Super 15's captain Adam Nouredine who was also trainer. The players enter International Footy now match hardened by the 2020 season. A special mention to Kelela Matic who only played one season with the team and in 2021 has to move to the all-Girls teams. She left a big impression on the side.



SQUAD: Karim Adhami, Ziyad Al Hasan, Julius Brown, Fouad Chamma, Bassam El Hamid, Zayd El-Zein, Philip Euta-Nanai, Joseph Hadchiti, Shadi Harmouch, Sonny Heak, Sione Latapu, Kelela Matic, Nour Nouredine, Joey Vaukatagane, Zaine Warwar, Ali Zreika.

Coach: Zahi El-Zein, **Manager:** Julie Warwar, **Trainer:** Anwar Adhami, **Trainer:** Adam Nouredine.

UNDER 13(1)



Second Row: Blake Bayliss, Greall Tighe, Constantine Lafolua Lee, Shane O'Callaghan, Wundarra Murray, Leonard Kiri
 First Row: Lubna Salamah (Manager), Ezekiel Taulaga, Jad Salamah, Adam Jawad, Elijah Taulaga (Captain), Ahmad El Chami, Tarek Baghdadi, Nooan Dennis-Reid, Chady Salamah (Coach)
 Absent: Wes Napa'a (Trainer), Karim Moussalli (Trainer), Ali Farhat, Hassan Eid, Thurston Saisoa'a, Kaden Napa'a, Mummyarahu Taina, Christian Leatigaga

BRIEF SUMMARY

Anything that could have went wrong for this side as the lockdown was coming to end did go wrong and, in the end, brilliantly came together where they were within a whisker of making the grand final. The original coach Brian Ibrahim stepped down to attend to a personal matter and the club thanks Brian for his coaching contributions to the club over the years. The delay and the postponement of the season had more of an impact in this age group where the lure of going to rugby union was too enticing for some players. We managed to put together two sides in the age group including a highly competitive no.1 side with depth on the bench. Much thanks for all of this to coach Chady Salamah who worked tirelessly to the point of exhaustion and pretty much on his own to make it all happen. Chady was supported by his staff including manager Lubna Salamah and trainers Wes Napa'a and Karim Moussalli. The biggest loss for the season was by two points and if it wasn't for a stunt pulled at an away venue would have made the grand final and most likely have won it. This side didn't have any luck and was still within striking distance until the end. Well done to all the players who came together at very short notice and blended into a competitive side. With a full pre season of training and better for knowing each other in 2020 they will be one of the leading sides for the club in the 2021 season. On top of the major awards there were also awards handed out by the coach to Blake Bayliss and Wundarra Murray.



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SQUAD: Tarek Baghdadi, Blake Bayliss, Nooan Dennis-Reid, Hassan Eid, Ahmad El Chami, Ali Farhat, Adam Jawad, Leonard Kiri, Constantine Lafolua Lee, Christian Leatigaga, Wundarra Murray, Kaden Napa'a, Shane O'Callaghan, Thurston Saisoa'a, Jad Salamah, Mummyarahu Taina, Elijah Taulaga, Ezekiel Taulaga, Greall Tighe. **Coach:** Chady Salamah, **Manager:** Lubna Salamah, **Trainer:** Wes Napa'a, **Trainer:** Karim Moussalli.

UNDER 13(2)



Second Row: Corey Baldwin (Trainer), Chris Baldwin (Coach), Michelle Baldwin (Manager)

First Row: Rabieh El Mohamed, Safe Salem, Harry Wilson, Etoniatuiviwa Turagaca, Kahu Ritchie, Mitchell Unger

Absent: Ali Alameddine, Abdullah Alsuleiman, Kasem Elesh, Mohammed Elmasry, Charlie Golfes, Hany Hamady, Sebastian Josifovski, Marika Kaitani, Omar Kasas, Omar Khaled, Omran Roude, Houssam Tahan

BRIEF SUMMARY

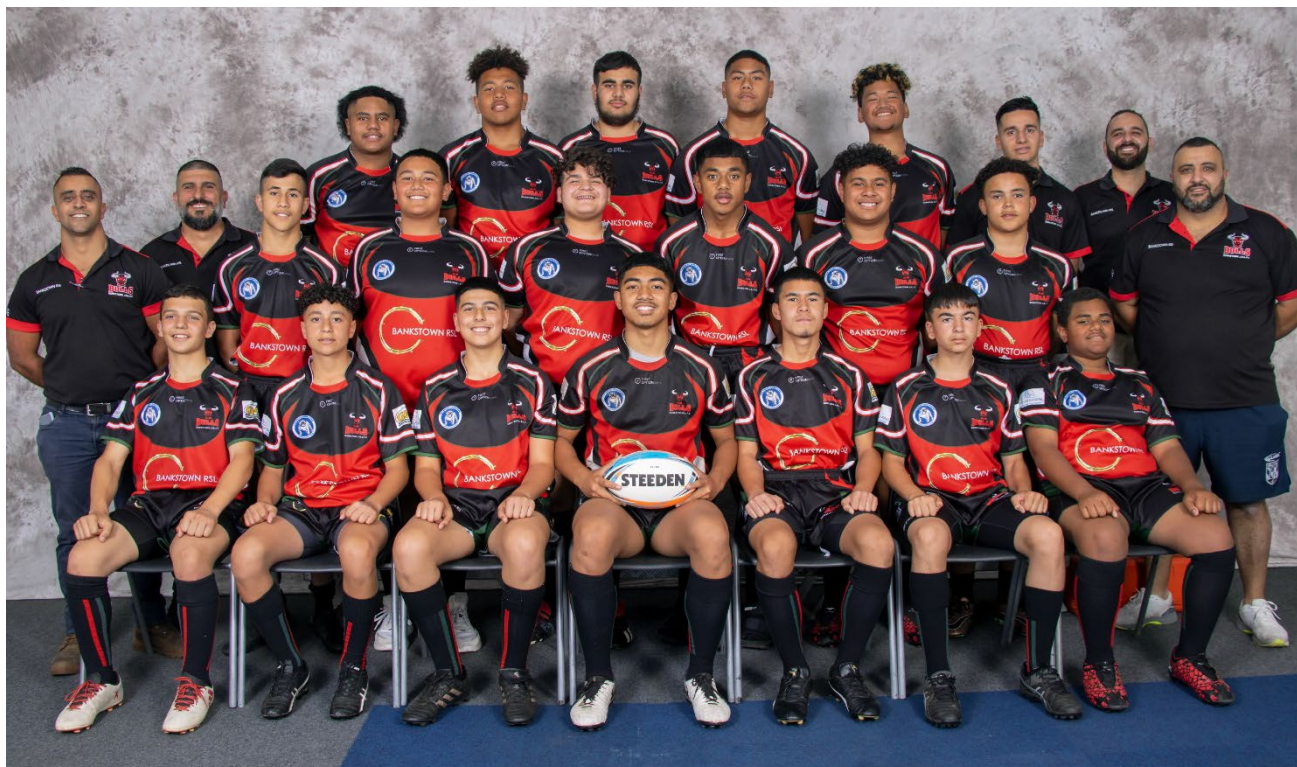
This side was hit hardest in the club by the Covid-19 lockdown and with many of the players joining during the season didn't get a chance to grow and develop. Thanks to Chady Salamah for getting this side off the ground and ensuring they were competitive in the opening rounds. When coaching two teams got too much for Chady we thank Chris Baldwin for stepping in to finish off the season. Much of this side was a mixture of 12-13-year-olds and many who haven't played the game before. They put in a great effort throughout the season. The club has plans on putting together two sides each in the Under 13 and Under 14 age groups for the 2021 season and would like to see all the players return and reap the benefits of their 2020 efforts.



SQUAD: Ali Alameddine, Abdullah Alsuleiman, Rabieh El Mohamed, Kasem Elesh, Mohammed Elmasry, Charlie Golfes, Hany Hamady, Sebastian Josifovski, Marika Kaitani, Omar Kasas, Omar Khaled, Kahukuranui Ritchie, Omran Roude, Safe Salem, Houssam Tahan, Etoniatuiviwa Turagaca, Mitchell Unger, Harry Wilson.

Coach: Chady Salamah, **Coach:** Chris Baldwin, **Manager:** Michelle Baldwin, **Trainer:** Corey Baldwin.

UNDER 14 – PREMIERS #78



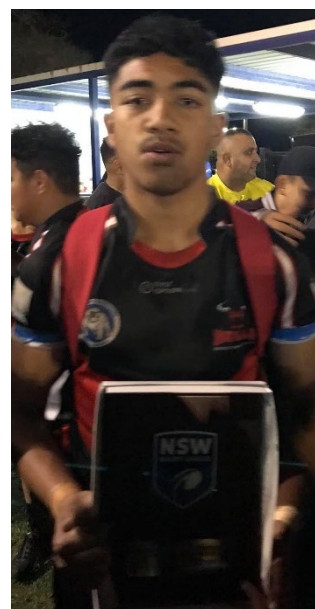
Third Row: George Najjar (Coach), Waimanu Hiku Punga, Cyrus Stanley-Traill, Muhammad Harmouch, Joshua Tonga, Elijah Porio, Victor Barakat (Trainer), Lawrence Karam (Trainer)

Second Row: Wasam Masri (Manager), Nazih Chahine, Konstantinos Moananu, Ayman Mourad, Filipe Vuakatagane, Titako Manu, Alijah Conteh, Osama Masri (Trainer)

First Row: Assaad Dib, Matthew Barakat, Billy Najjar, Tylah Slate (Captain), Faamasaniitalosaga Lelei, Jaiden Barakat, Tevita Tanioria
Absent: Saad Bidewy, Ahmad Zreika

BRIEF SUMMARY

It was clear during the pre-season both before and after the lockdown that the talent was in place for a genuine shot at winning the premiership. It's one thing to have talent, but to win a premiership in such a competitive competition with no room for error requires hard work, commitment and a desire to play for each other. Since they joined forces 6 years ago both George Najjar and Victor Barakat have built a wonderful culture and in 2020 the fruits of their efforts plus the dedication of new staff members Wasam Masri, Lawrence Karam and Sam Masri all came to fruition. They lost the first game 28-10 to their eventual grand final opponents and after that wake-up call won their next 6 matches keeping the opposition to zero. Despite the winning streak they had to win their last round match to make the grand final and win by more than 8 to be the home side. The opposition protested about playing at Ruse Park, but that didn't matter as the Bulls travelled to another park, won by 24 points and made their way into the decider. Even though East Campbelltown scored in their first set of six the Bulls were never headed and quickly took control of the match to win 26-10. Assaad Dib was voted Player of the Match. It was a sweet victory for everyone and justified the hard work and recruitment that George and his team have done. The victory was extra special for captain Tylah Slate who led by example and set a wonderful benchmark for the players he led. This was their 3rd and most rewarding premiership. They now move into the Gold Division for the Super 15's having taken all before them and this is a team that will only get better in the years to come.



SQUAD: Jaiden Barakat, Matthew Barakat, Saad Bidewy, Nazih Chahine, Alijah Conteh, Assaad Dib, Muhammad Harmouch, Waimanu Hiku-Punga, Faamasaniitalosaga Lelei, Titako Manu, Konstantinos Moananu, Ayman Mourad, Billy Najjar, Elijah Porio, Tylah Slate, Tevita Tanioria, Joshua Tonga, Cyrus Stanley-Traill, Filipe Vuakatagane, Ahmad Zreika. **Coach:** George Najjar, **Manager:** Wasam Masri, **Trainer:** Victor Barakat, **Trainer:** Lawrence Karam, **Trainer:** Osama Masri.

SUPER 15



Second Row: Vincent Samuel (Trainer), Ryan Tran, Filimoni Volau, Masse Masae, Mujahed Zahab, Adam Noureddine (Captain)
Hussen Hijazi (Trainer), Zara Hijazi

Front Row: Ian Collis (Coach), Nikolas Aristides, Brayden Rassouli, Ali Kabah, Amir Chahine (Ball Boy), Ahmed Baylouneh, Walid Hassan, Omar Merkbawi

BRIEF SUMMARY

We welcomed back Ian 'Rhino' Collis back to the club after a few years away. We handed Rhino the toughest gig in the club and to his absolute credit and determination was able to put a team together against all the odds. We only had four returning players from the previous year Adam, Jad, Kalama and Masae plus Bahaa and Ali who played in another side. Much of the squad were new to the game or played for the club in 2018. They all came together as a team and proved to be very competitive in a tough competition playing well above themselves and with some luck would have won more games. Rhino had a great support team around him with Anthony Samuel, Vince Samuel and Hussen Hijazi all being fantastic support to Rhino and the players. Well done to all the players on their amazing efforts. A special mention to Adam Noureddine who proved to be an outstanding Super 15's captain and could have won up to 3 major club awards such was his season on and off the field for the club. We hope to see all the players back in 2021 and improve on 2020.



SQUAD: Bassam Al Arab, Nikolas Aristides, Ahmed Baylouneh, Bahaa Chahine, Mohamed Chamma, Radwan Cheikha, Adam Derbas, Mohammed Dib, Jad El-Ali, Zeyad Elfahla, Walid Hassan, Jon Francis Ison, Ali Kabah, Sili Manuika, Saad Marey, Masse Masae, Omar Merkbawi, Kalama Napa'a, Adam Noureddine, Stephen Patuwai, Brayden Rassouli, Ryan Tran, Filimoni Volau, Mujahed Zahab.

Coach: Ian Collis, **Manager:** Anthony Samuel, **Trainer:** Vincent Samuel, **Trainer:** Hussein Hijazi

UNDER 16



Second Row: Faasipa Toasefulu, Mohamad Maksoud, Andrew Mikhael (Captain), Sapati Auelua

First Row: Hussein Dia (Coach), Mohamed Jawad, Erastus Aung, Crystal Taulafo, Mahmoud Hawa, Abdul Aichan, Ali Mehanna (Trainer), Matilda Faker (Asst. Manager)

BRIEF SUMMARY

One of our teams that was really impacted by the revamped season format. They had an outstanding pre-season and resumed after the lockdown full of conditions. Losing two very tight games in the opening three rounds shattered the confidence of the team without the carrot of making the finals and didn't recover until winning their last two matches. A lot of new recruits joined the side and gelling as a unit was always going to be a challenge. They played some good football along the way. One of the highlights was Nabatiku Utiaro being spotted by Cronulla Sharks after playing two good matches for the Bulls. He was quickly signed to the Sharks development system mid-season. Thanks to coach Hussein Dia who went over and beyond for the betterment of this side with excellent support from his staff including Sobayda Hawa, Ali Mehanna and Mortada Salame. Another team who will be better in 2021 if they stick together.



SQUAD: Abdul Aichan, Ghassan Al Salti, Hussein Alameddine, Adam Aouad, Sapati Auelua, Erastus Aung, Malcolm Chambers, Mahmoud Hawa, Mohamed Jawad, Mohamad Maksoud, Liam Maui, Andrew Mikhael, Mike Paese, Cullam Povey, Jawad Saleh, Talalelei Tago, Ualeni Taufui, Crystal Taulafo, Omer Tez, Faasipa Toasefulu, Noah Touma, Nabatiku Utiaro. **Coach:** Hussein Dia, **Manager:** Sobayda Hawa, **Manager:** Matilda Faker, **Trainer:** Ali Mehanna, **Trainer:** Mortada Salame.

UNDER 17



Second Row: Chris Baldwin (Trainer), Vincent Tong, Michael Newcomb, Benji Singh, Elias Nassif, Duwayne Swann, Omar Osman, Stan Hetaraka (Coach)

First Row: Xander Tavita, Michael Fajloun, Carl Lelei, Corey Baldwin, Ngawhiti Hetaraka, Alaa Chahine, Erastus Aung, Rabab Raad (Manager)

BRIEF SUMMARY

For a long while it didn't look likely that we would be fielding an Under 17's and coming into the first round a depleted side was our only hope. By sheer patience and perseverance, we were able to field a full squad plus some extras after another club folded and released 7 players to us. Every match they were competitive and only missed the grand final by a whisker. Bringing in players from another club would normally be a difficult task but this was a smooth transition and they all blended in like they've been at the club for years. Coach Stan Hetaraka was sensational in bringing everyone together as one and ensured that every member of the team felt like a part of the Bulls family. Thanks to manager Rabab Raad and trainer Chris Baldwin for their effort and commitment. The players put in a remarkable effort and stuck together in a small but competitive competition – well done. Another team that will benefit by a full pre-season and season in 2021.



SQUAD: Blake Anyaorah, Sha Aung, Corey Baldwin, Alaa Chahine, Ahmed Chawk, Bilal Danine, Michael Fajloun, Jay Jay Fasavalu Taetuli, Malachii Harimate-Vaine, Ngawhiti Hetaraka, Sermular Htay, Carl Lelei, AJ Masau, Elias Nassif, Michael Newcomb, Brandon Nguyen, Omar Osman, Benjamin Singh, Duwayne Swann, Xander Tavita, Du Ton, Jaylen Tuitama, Charlie Youssef.

Coach: Stan Hetaraka, **Manager:** Rabab Raad, **Trainer:** Chris Baldwin.

UNDER 18



Second Row: Max Gregorio (Coach), Toetu Joseph Faletuai, William Tuitupou, Corey Baldwin, Ghassan Mougharbel, Amer Mougharbel

First Row: Jonah Lewis, Regan Gregorio, Ngawhiti Hetaraka, Samson Vatuvei, Peni Qio Tanioria, Sajad Alsafi, Ayush Kumar

BRIEF SUMMARY

Our Under 18's played in a really tough competition that took in a few districts of sides that were all stacked up. They did well to be competitive and win two matches including their last match. From where they started to where they've come this side have done really well and been a true credit to the club. Thanks to coach Max Gregorio for his dedication and belief in his players and also thanks to manager Amanda Nabhan and trainers John Kassis and Fred Mougharbel for their efforts with the team in 2020.



SQUAD: Sajad Alsafi, Nouredine Bahamad, Ramon Chaina, Mohammed El-Challouf, Tasesa Ese, Toetu Joseph Faletuai, Regan Gregorio, Clerk Jnr Harry, Ali Ibrahim, Raffi Ivanoff, Dominic Kassis, Ayush Kumar, Jonah Lewis, Rizky Malik, Christian Moisisdis, Ghassan Mougharbel, Amer Mougharbel, Anthony Semrani, Peni Qio Tanioria, Soakai Tohotoa, William Tuitupou, Samson Vatuvei.

Coach: Max Gregorio, **Manager:** Amanda Nabhan, **Trainer:** John Kassis, **Trainer:** Fred Mougharbel.

UNDER 16 GIRLS



Second Row: Aleynah Essa, Theresa Faker, Penelope Huakau, Stan Hetaraka (Coach)

First Row: Matilda Faker (Manager), Veronica Tavita, Maree Nakad, Batoul El-Mokdad, Gabriella Oliveira, Aisha Bouthiba

Absent: Julia Tagiwasa, Munokoatupou Taina Tione

BRIEF SUMMARY

This team will go down as one of the most courageous, gutsiest and committed sides the club has ever had in its proud history. Everything was thrown against this team right as soon we got the all clear after the lockdown. A squad of 10 girls came together some who were only turning 14 to defy all the odds and take the field of play. Every week they would be 1 or 2 short with no reserves and their opponents come with 11 players and a full bench. They played to the final whistle. They never complained and just kept on playing football and enjoying the



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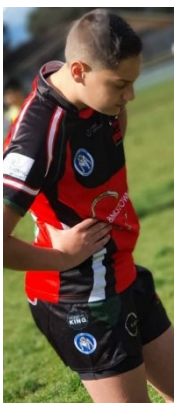
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SQUAD: Aisha Bouthiba, Batoul El-Mokdad, Aleynah Essa, Theresa Faker, Ihssane Penelope Huakau, Maree Nakad, Gabriella Oliveira, Julia Tagiwasa, Munokoatupou Taina Tione, Veronica Tavita. **Coach:** Stan Hetaraka, **Manager:** Matilda Faker.





JOINT PATRON CLR. RACHELLE HARIKA:

The Bankstown Bulls are proud to have Rachelle as one of our Joint Patrons. As a lifelong Yagoona resident and Rachelle was elected as a Labor Councillor for Bass Hill Ward in 2017. Rachelle is passionate about improving resident access to vital Council services and improving infrastructure and facilities. This includes the smooth and effective operation of Council's services, such as well-maintained roads and footpaths, waste management, and parks and recreation facilities, such as sporting grounds and local pools. Rachelle's was the driving force behind the Bulls 2020 return to Padstow Park. Now Deputy Mayor, her brother Ziad played one year at the Bulls in 2014.

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