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St Pius X College Old Boys Presidents Report 2014

In 2014, the SPX Old Boys Association (OBA) continued its growth and involvement within the SPX community. The OBA continued its support by means of scholarships, funding of individuals in the pursuit of excellence, sporting programmes, infrastructure funding, funding to the clubs and much, much more.

Old Boys – Scholarships

The SPX OBA provided 2 scholarships in 2014 to one Year 11 student and to one Year 12 student. It is hoped that this programme will be continuing, with expansion in the years ahead. These scholarships are awarded in the true spirit of Edmund Rice and the award provides automatic life membership to the SPX Old Boys Association upon graduation from Year 12.

Study Assistance – Science Forums

During the course of 2014, 2 boys, Kanishk Purohit and Scott Watts attended International Youth Science Forums. The boys were amongst an exclusive hand picked group of outstanding science students from across Australia to be selected to attend the respective forums. It was with pleasure that the OBA was able to assist the boys with a financial contribution. Congratulations to both boys on an outstanding achievement.

Kokoda Trek

In the middle of 2014 a group of approx 30 boys, fathers and staff undertook a trek on the Kokoda Trail. The party was ably led by Old Boy and SPX staff member Mr Sean Brannan ('86). Whilst in PNG apart from the trek, the group visited a Callan Services facility (a Christian Brothers facility) for the disabled. From all accounts the trek was not just about completing the trail from A to B, but more about self discovery, connections to the wider Christian Brothers community and also remembrance of SPX's 2 Old Boys who gave the ultimate sacrifice during WW2. The OBA was delighted to be a major donor to this expedition.

Callan Services PNG

After the engagement with Callan Services in PNG by the Kokoda Trek team, money was raised by SPX to be donated to the organisation. The OBA was delighted to contribute \$2,000 as part of a \$12,000 donation made by Mr John Couani on behalf of SPX.

For more information on Callan Services go to; <http://erf.org.au/papua-new-guinea>

SPX Infrastructure

In 2014 the OBA committed significant funds to the installation of a new electronic scoreboard at Chaplin Oval, Oxford Falls. The board should be up and running very soon.

Old Boys Web Site

The OBA website is currently being significantly upgraded which we hope to have completed by the time this article goes to print. The new address will be; www.spxoldboys.org.au stay tuned!

SPX Clubs

The OBA continues to financially support the clubs at SPX where ever possible with tour assistance and equipment.





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Old Boys Sport

SPX Old Boys have hit the World Stage in style in 2014, none more notable than Michael Hooper '09, Captain of the Wallabies. This is a first for SPX and as such, this is a moment of which we can all be proud. If that wasn't enough, SPX gained its second Wallaby in 2014 when Luke Jones '09 and classmate of Michael, ran on the field in the test match played in Melbourne vs France. On the European tour Luke gained his first starting jersey at No.6. in the test match Vs Ireland. So on that day SPX had two Wallabies playing in the starting line up, hopefully this will be repeated many more times before the end of their professional careers. We also thank Michael for his time as he was one of the special guests at the SPX rugby dinner in May along with Michael Cheika and Bob Dwyer.



Wallaby Squad for the French series – Luke Jones '09, front row, second from the left. Michael Hooper '09 front row second from the right.



Michael Hooper '09 in action v France



Luke Jones '09 in action on his test debut v France in Melbourne





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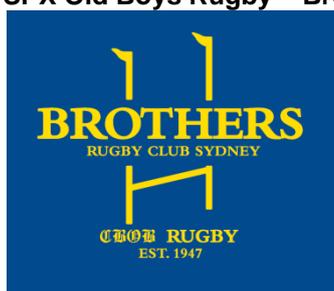
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Another sporting rising star is Josh Duniker '05, who was recently signed by the Sydney Kings. Josh who holds a dual passport is currently a member of the Dutch national team. Josh who stands at a massive 211cm (6'11" in the old money) is a player to watch out for. Josh kindly gave up some of his time to visit SPX during the year. We wish him well. For more information on Josh, go to; www.sydneykings.com/playerstats/josh-duinker



SPX Old Boys Rugby – Brothers Rugby Club Sydney (formerly CBOB's)



www.brothersrugby.com.au



Photo Left: Brothers Captain, Vinny Byrne (Number 9) and Newport Captain, Neil Glassie (Number 4) hold the Barraclough Cup.

Brothers Rugby Club Sydney: **Club Champions – Div 2 & 1st Grade Joint Premiers**

THE GRAND FINAL RESULT: 1ST GRADE - BARRACLOUGH CUP 2014

After 100 minutes of rugby, nothing could separate these two sides and the final result was a 13 all draw, the teams were declared joint premiers for 2014.

The match was always going to be a tight one as these teams finished 1 & 2 after the regular season and were clearly the best performing teams in the competition. During the home and away season both teams had tasted victory against each other, so it would come down to the team that turned up to play on the day.

After a tight first half, Newport went into the half time break 6-3 up, with no tries. The second half was even tighter with Brothers getting the equaliser, the only score of the half, with minutes remaining after a wobbly penalty kick from Capt. Vinny Byrne. 6-6 was the full time score. 20 minutes of extra time would follow and if still a draw, joint premiers would be announced. Brothers started that first period of extra time well by scoring the first try of the game and converting, Brothers 13 Newport 6. It was only a matter of minutes later that Newport hit back with a try of their own and a conversion from the sideline, 13 all. Brothers were on the ascendancy late in the game and attacking the Newport line when the final whistle was blown.

Although not an outright premiership, a premiership none the less and the second Barraclough Cup in as many years. Brothers are certainly in a (blue and) golden period with the following titles under the belt in the last few seasons;





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2010

Nicholson Cup (4th grade)

2011

McLean Cup (1st Grade)

Grose Cup (2nd Grade)

Club Championship – 1st

2012

Clark Cup (1st Grade)

Farrant Cup – Runners Up (2nd Grade)

Radford Cup – Runners Up (Colts)

Club Championship – 1st

2013

Barraclough Cup (1st Grade)

Club Championship – 2nd

2014

Barraclough Cup (1st Grade)

Club Championship – 1st

2015 – First Division (the first time since 1983) Where we will be fielding 5 senior grades and 1 colts (U21's) team. We look forward to your support; www.brothersrugby.com.au

Students Vs Old Boys Gala Day - Oxford Falls – Sunday afternoon, 16th March 2014 saw the annual Students Vs Old Boys Gala Day take place at Oxford Falls. The weather was with us as the various sports got underway. Basketball, 20/20 Cricket, Touch Rugby and Football were all contested. The various trophies were presented to the winning captains. We will do it all again March 15th 2015.

SPX Rugby & Football Home Game BBQ's

Throughout the winter season, a hardy bunch of Old Boys run the BBQ at the SPX Rugby & Football home games. With undoubtedly the best cappuccino for miles around and tantalizing bacon & egg, steak & sausage sandwiches, they're hard to go past, especially on those chilly winter mornings around 8am! My thanks to that hardy bunch of Old Boys, Br Dave Curtin, John Reid, Chuck Kilby, Brett Laird and our Barista, Barry Wong. Any Old Boy who wishes to help out at the BBQ, please don't hesitate to contact me.

SPX Old Boys Annual Dinner

The cornerstone event for the Old Boys each year is the SPX Old Boys Annual Dinner. Held on the first Friday in September every year. The night was an outstanding success and all those in attendance were able to renew old acquaintances and many a story was told and retold.

Friday 4th September is the date for the 2015 Annual Dinner. Please put that in your diary now and contact your SPX Old Boy mates and don't forget to let your brothers, father or uncles know if they are Old Boys too! Information is on our web site.

If you haven't registered your details on the OBA web site, please do so via the link; www.spxoldboys.org.au





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All "**Pius in Profile**" editions will be emailed in a pdf format to all Old Boys who have their email addresses registered with the OBA. If you have received this "**Pius in Profile**" as a hard copy, please go onto our web site and register your details.

Old Boys Facebook Group

As well as the SPX OBA web site, we have set up a Facebook group (SPX Chatswood Old Boys), I would encourage all Old Boys young and old to join this group as it is another way of easily contacting all Old Boys.

Linked In

SPX Old Boys **Linked In** is underway, stay tuned for more information.

Vale

Each year the reality of life presses upon us and as such we learn of the passing of old boys, both young and old. We remember them collectively at every SPX Old Boy gathering as they too make up the fabric of our College. Please inform the OBA of the passing of any SPX Old Boys.

Events for 2015

As well as the Gala Day which will be held at Oxford Falls on the 15th of March and the Old Boys Annual Dinner on Friday 4th of September go to the Old Boys web site for all the updates.

Individual Year Reunions

Please contact the OBA to post your individual year reunion information on the OB's web site and on Facebook.

OBA Executive Committee

The OBA welcomes and encourages any Old Boy who wishes to nominate and serve on the OBA Executive Committee. Our objectives are to help the current students and old boys wherever possible. We need assistance to make these things happen.

Life Membership

Become a life member of your College at; www.spxoldboys.org.au

News

If you have any 'Old Boy' news please contact me at:- info@oldboys.spx.nsw.edu.au

Thank You

I wish to thank the SPX community that the OBA works with, Mr John Couani, Headmaster SPX College, Mr Peter Hughes SPX College Board and all the various clubs and committees within.

I also wish to thank a special band of blokes who give up their time to ensure that the Old Boys of this fine College have a vehicle to enable us to stay in touch and provide much to the SPX community. Thanks to Barry Wong ('68), Charles 'Chuck' Kilby ('80), Br Dave Curtin ('68), Bill Gleeson ('72), Brett Laird ('82), John Reid ('68) and Sean Brannan ('86).

It is always an honour and pleasure to serve as the President of the SPX Old Boys Association and working with the wider SPX community.

David Bullard ('82) – President, SPX Old Boys Association

Patron – Br John Griffith – SPX Old Boy '44

