

TENTH ANNUAL REPORT EAST NEWCASTLE RUGBY LEAGUE FOOTBALL CLUB.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

Your Committee has much pleasure in submitting for your consideration, the Annual Report covering the season 1921.

The season under review has been a most successful one, both from the financial point of view, and by the degree of success attained by your players in competition matches.

Your Senior team was most unfortunate in the Cornish Shield competition, inasmuch that they played brilliant football, but were dogged by badluck, particularly in losing the services of their captain.

In the Kerr Cup competition, your Senior team, by producing the form expected of them in the above mentioned series, were successful in achieving the honour of winning the right of holding this trophy for twelve months.

Your B Grade team was very successful in the early portion of the season, but unfortunately mishaps to many of their best players spoilt their otherwise excellent prospects.

Your C Grade met with a fair measure of success, gaining a position in the Semi-Final round, and are to be complimented on their very harmonious manner in which they spiritedly worked together.

In your D Grade team you had a combination of Juniors worthy of your Club's highest traditions. They participated in the Final, and though defeated, gave promise of future football prowess. No small portion of their success can be given to the very capable and enthusiastic Honorary Secretary.

During the season, enjoyable trips were arranged to Maitland and Murrundi. In the former match we were defeated by Kurri-Kurri Football Club by 2 points to nil, and defeated Murrundi in the latter game by 11 points to 9.

Your Club was represented in the League's team visiting Queensland Messrs. F.Dodd, L.Young, W.Keldie, C.Pugh and V.Loscoco as players and Mr.A.Wilson as Manager and J.Ruggero as trainer, also in the matches played in Sydney and locally, and we are gratified to know that in all cases, they played with distinction.

Your Committee records with pleasure the increased interest shown by your players in giving their attention to the all important matter of training. Your thanks are due to the Stockton Fire Brigade for their kindly courtesy in this regard.

The thanks of your Club are recorded to the following for trophies

and donations:- Messrs. Keys, Gardiner M.L.A., Murphy, Kerry, Cornish, Mouat Snr., Tolley, Pogonoski, Tarrant, Thalberg, Wilson, Mouat Jnr. and Lloyd. Also to Mr.L.D.Mouat for the use of a room for all Committee meetings, and to Mr.T.Baker for services rendered to your Senior team.

Your Committee also desire to convey their appreciation for excellent services rendered by Messrs. Wilson, Houston and Ba??? as your representatives on the League executive.

Eleven additional Kerr Cup medals were purchased for presentation to players, trainers and officials of the Club.

Your Committee express pleasure at the splendid form shown by a number of your Juniors, who at all times gave of their best when required by the Club, particularly to those who participated in Kerr Cup matches.

During the year your Club made presentations to Messrs. R.Mouat, J.Ruggero and E.Brien, in appreciation of their services as player and officials.

At the conclusion of the season, successful functions were held in the form of a Smoke Concert and picnic to Lake Macquarie, the former being possibly the best ever held. At the latter the bonus to players from the League, amounting to £157/10/00 was distributed on the per. capita rate eight shillings and tuppence per match.

The attached balance sheet from your Honorary Treasurer should afford you satisfaction as it shows the working of your Club has been conducted with strict economy, and you have in hand to commence the 1922 season, the very satisfactory balance of £12/00/06.

In submitting this report for your approval, we trust that an even greater share of success will be yours during the coming season. We are confident we have the material in all Grades, and sincerely hope that with the new ground available for training purpose, and our players giving strict attention to keeping thoroughly fit, we will conclude the season of 1922 Premiers in all Grades.

Signed on behalf of the Committee.

W.F.Murray

Honorary Secretary.