



Grand Final

Saturday 6th September 2025

Presidents Welcome

On behalf of the New England Rugby Union, I have pleasure in welcoming you to the 2025 Grand Final in our 132nd Year. Congratulations to the Teams who have made it to their respective Grand Finals.

We have 6 of the 9 New England Clubs represented in the 4 games today. Walcha in their 2nd year in our Competition, are playing in the 1st Grade Grand Final and Dorrigo, who only joined us this year, are playing in the 2nd Grade Grand Final. We look forward to a great day of Rugby.

The New England Rugby Union is one of Australia's oldest rugby competitions, certainly in non-metropolitan areas. An inter-district rugby competition commenced in New England in 1886 when Armidale played Glen Innes, with the result a nil-all draw. This game came shortly after the formation of the Rugby Football Union in England in 1871 and the formation of Sydney Rugby Union in 1874.

New England Rugby Union was formed at a meeting at the St Kilda Hotel on 21 March 1893.

The William Sawers Shield, which is awarded to the 1st Grade Premiers today, is the oldest trophy in country rugby in Australia. The trophy was donated by William Sawers, the first Federal Member for the seat of New England in the Federal Parliament, in 1902.

Enjoy the day and I wish each of the teams playing today the best of luck and enjoy your rugby.



David Clifton
President
New England Rugby Union





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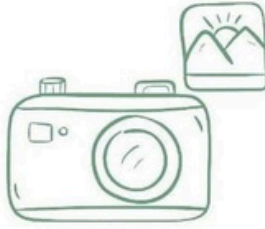
Congratulating New England Rugby Union on a Successful 2025 Season!



We love rugby, and we love New England!
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Photography



Launching in 2021 after Catherine's hobby grew into a business through capturing quality images for local sporting clubs, her work now spans rugby, netball, equestrian, mountain biking, as well as corporate and family shoots.

Catherine is passionate about showcasing the joy of sport, family, and regional Australian life through her photography.

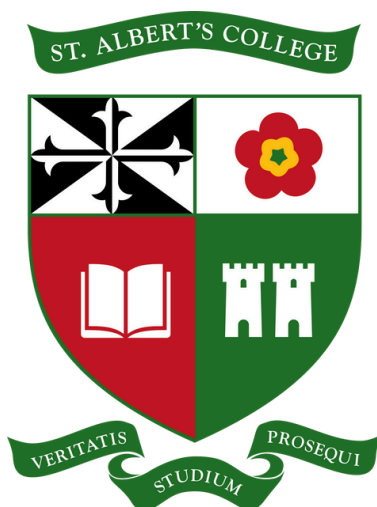
Catherine's photography features throughout this years program and marketing.



3rd Grade Men - St Alberts College

1 - Angus Orton	12 - Fredrick Muller
2 - Toby O'Sullivan	13 - Sam McGrath
3 - Archie Paton	14 - Patrick Oswald
4 - Tom Patton	15 - Liam Keady (C)
5 - Fletcher Dean	16 - Stuart Gordon
6 - Chris Thompson (VC)	17 - Hugh Wilson
7 - Will James	18 - Ben Smith
8 - Kade Aitchinson	19 - Will Mayne
9 - Hugh Warren	20 - Jack Bender
10 - Sam McMahan	21 - Jack Adams
11 - Henry Molesworth	22 - Xavier Graham

Coach- Tom Medway & Luke Krvavic



3rd Grade Men - Tenterfield

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| 1 - Cooper Hayes | 11 - Charlie Watt |
| 2 - Patrick Spillane | 12 - Bailey Simpson-reeves |
| 3 - Michael Stuart | 13 - Bryce Mediero |
| 4 - Jed McCowen | 14 - George Jones |
| 5 - Jeremy Phipps (VC) | 15 - Jim Brown |
| 6 - Thomas Benton | 16 - Harrison Miller |
| 7 - Jonny Little (C) | 17 - Toby Battersby |
| 8 - Siasos Taulii | 18 - Taj Cusack |
| 9 - Sam Evans | 19 - Matthew Bertalli |
| 10 - Jack Giddy | |

Coach- Phil Jones



**Tenterfield Bumblebees
R.U.F.C**

2nd Grade Men - Dorriggo Rangers

1 - Brodie Sowter	12 - Cooper Learmouth
2 - Tyler Follet	13 - Ryan Miller
26 - Brett Ramage	14 - Jack Dawson
4 - Harry Maxwell	15 - Bevan Wood
5 - Josh Leipins	3 - Dillan Young
6 - Angus Waugh	17 - Aron Young
7 - Fox Darley-Brown	18 - Kain Cook
8 - Simon Beaumont	19 - Trey Stafford
9 - Eucla Veamatahau Davies	20 - Hunter Stafford
10 - Josh Miller (C)	21 - Louie Wright
11 - John Wykes	22 - Hugh Thomas

Coach- Sim Mila



2nd Grade Men - Tamworth

1 - Nick Bradbery	12 - Jacob Shaw
2 - Drew Potts	13 - Jono Dunlop
3 - Rhys Callaghan	14 - Akuila William
4 - Norman Turner	15 - Shaun Barnes
5 - Nat Ellerton	16 - Manu Vaipua
6 - Cameron Lane	17 - Elliot Clarke
7 - Ben Kent	18 - Valentino Rage
8 - Aidan Dougherty (C)	19 - Angus Turner
9 - Doug Brissett	20 - Michael Orcher
10 - Liam Allan	21 - Brandon Humphries
11 - Andrew Biffin	22 - Bryson Deaves

Coach- Tim McLean & Lachlan Kermod



Referees - Grand Finals

3rd Grade

Tenterfield V St Alberts College

Referee - Luke Stephen

AR1 Albert Model, AR2 Phil Cook

AR4 Hamish Biddle, AR5 Ryan Miller

2nd Grade

Tamworth V Dorrigo

Referee - Adam Preocanin

AR1 Scott Kermode, AR2 Jim Pennington

AR4 Luke Stephen, AR5 Ryan Miller

Women's 10's

Tamworth V St Alberts College

Referee - Trevor Thatcher

AR1 Angus Roxborough, AR2 Michael Pearce

AR4 Kath Little, AR5 Scott Kermode

1st Grade

Armidale Blues V Walcha

Referee - Hamish Biddle

AR1 Adam Preocanin, AR2 Luke Stephen

AR4 Trevor Thatcher, AR5 Albert Model



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Around the Grounds

Food & Beverage

Food is available from the canteen located at the southern end of the Grandstand. Offering a mix of confectionery with chips & chocolates as well as hot food from pies, sausage rolls & steak or sausage sandwiches to nachos & loaded potatoes. You will also find salads, sandwiches & other cold options.

Hot & cold drinks are also available.

There are two bars for your convenience. One bar is located inside the Bellevue Grandstand with the entrance next to the canteen while a portable bar has been setup at the northern end of the field on the hill. Both offer the same wide range.

Kids Activation Area

To help keep little ones entertained & get them in the spirit we have a kids area featuring a free face painter as well as kids activity packs!

Safe Travels

If you're consuming alcohol, please do not drive.

Please seek alternative transport with friends, family or via a taxi on 131 008 (our team can assist in calling you a taxi if required)



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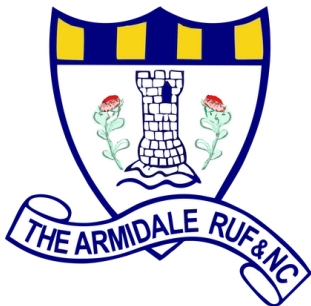


Our 2025 Clubs

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Tenterfield Bumblebees
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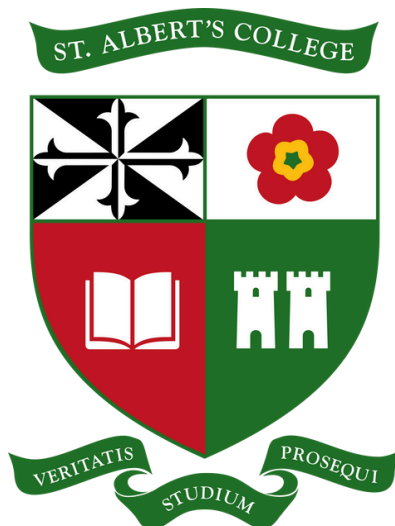
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Women's - St Alberts College

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| 1 - Lucy Arnott | 9 - Chloe Fenwicke |
| 2 - Kate Wykes | 10 - Addy Hadrill |
| 3 - Belle Smith | 11- Issy Medway |
| 4 - Sally Bambling | 12 - Alyce Robben |
| 5 - Sally Nielson (C) | 13 - Lily Hunter |
| 6 - Floss Edwards | 14 - Meg Roberts |
| 7 - Emma Wilkinson (VC) | 15 - Lily Hadrill |
| 8 - Ella Kirby | |

Coach- Bryn Griffiths



Women's - Tamworth

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|-------------------------|------------------------|
| 1 - Georgia Steenson | 14 - Isabell Davies |
| 2 - Jess Plowman | 15 - Candyce Duckett |
| 3 - Lucy Plowman | 16 - Nic Hamilton |
| 4 - Ellie Hannaford (C) | 17 - Alexis Nielson |
| 5 - Addi Reid | 18 - Stacy Leyton |
| 9 - Tegan Barnaby (C) | 19 - Athena Geratikeys |
| 10 - Ash Friend | 20 - Claire Hutton |
| 11 - Aimee Watts | |

Coach- Luke Barnaby & Nick Bradbery



1st Grade Men - Walcha

1 - Richie Hunt (VC)	12 - Hamish Heeney
2 - Nathan Cullinan	13 - Ed Cordingley
3 - James Anderson	14 - Will Hyles
4 - Ross Monie	15 - Ed Pitt
5 - Billy Porter	16 - Chaden Hawkins
6 - Cole Tweedy	17 - Troy Hawkins
7 - Dan Coulthurst	18 - Harry King
8 - Toby Marshall	19 - Archi Lawrence
9 - Matt Tisdell	20 - Jim Boyd
10 - Ed Churchill (C)	21 - Jack Power
11 - Mosese Tuvuo	22 - Sam Colwell

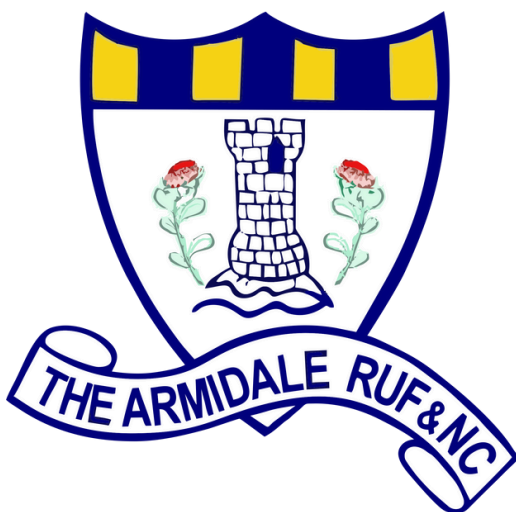
Coach- Barry Hoy



1st Grade Men - Armidale Blues

1 - Luke Burton	12 - Sam Brazier
2 - Corey Stace	13 - Fletcher Strong
3 - Stuart Rabone	14 - Ratu Sailosi Nawerecaqa
4 - Daniel Goddard	15 - Jayden Smith (VC)
5 - Henry Coldham (C)	16 - Will Whale
6 - Thomas Goddard	17 - Conor Marshall
7 - Shuaib Rhodes-Swain	18 - Mick Frost
8 - Thomas Morgan	19 - Angus Smith
9 - Daniel Rorke	20 - Angus Howell
10 - John Roberts	21 - Clancy Mcdermott
11 - Michael Paull	22 - Matt Barker

Coach- Riley Hopwood & Neil Van Der Linde





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Thank you to all players, parents, coaches, volunteers, officials, and spectators for your dedication, support, and spirit throughout the competition – your contributions are what make regional rugby truly special. Your commitment on and off the field helps foster a strong, inclusive rugby community, and we're proud to celebrate the passion and sportsmanship you bring to the game. We look forward to seeing you again next season



***You are reminded that all players, officials and spectators are all bound by the Rugby Australia Code of Conduct By-Laws. New England Rugby Union conforms to Rugby Australia's policy of Zero tolerance of on field dissent by players and club officials, and off-field abuse or offensive behaviour by spectators.*

*In addition, Referees and Assistant Referees will report incidents of abuse of Referees and Assistant Referees by Club Officials, Coaching Staff or Spectators for action by Security, New England Rugby Union, its Judiciary or its Code of Conduct Committee***

*Grand Final – Saturday 6th September
Bellevue Oval UNE Armidale*

10.40am 3rd Grade

Tenterfield V St Alberts College

12.10pm 2nd Grade

Tamworth V Dorrigo

1.45 pm Women's 10's

Tamworth V St Alberts College

3pm 1st Grade

Armidale Blues V Walcha

*Digital Program Available via
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