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WALLSEND TOUCH NEWSLETTER  
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## RECENT WALLSEND AGM NEWS.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP AWARDED TO ERIN HARDES:

EXECUTIVE POSITIONS.

DIRECTOR OF REFEREES: Matthew Cooper.

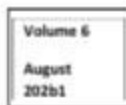
OPERATIONS OFFICER: Melissa Allan.

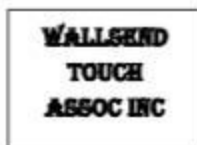
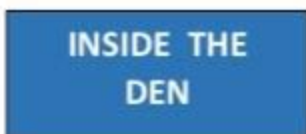
JUNIOR PRESIDENT: ROCHELLE STEVENS



DUE TO COVID RESTRICTIONS THE PROPOSED TRIVIA NIGHT SET FOR 3<sup>rd</sup> SEPTEMBER HAS BEEN POSTPONED INDEFINITELY.

WALLSEND TOUCH WOULD LIKE TO WISH ALL DAD'S, GRANDAD'S, STEPDAD'S a very Happy Fathers Day





### WALLSEND TOUCH CLUBHOUSE

#### A Story from Ron and Julie Andrews.

After a bad storm one night had players stranded under a narrow awning outside the old council toilet block it was suggested that we build a shelter extended over the front of the building for players and family protection.

Ron was asked to do a feasibility study and so discussed the idea with Brian Russell about building a large room off the referees room looking out onto Thomas Street. Brian suggested we build on the southern end as there was more room to build.

Brian organised plans to be drawn up, then came the very difficult job of getting it passed by the council who were against sporting clubs building their own facilities on council land. Brian knew a guy who was a Development Officer for another council area, he specialised in council Development Applications. He helped organise the paperwork to council standards.

We were eventually given the go ahead and Brian was employed as the builder/supervisor, the club was completed in time for us to run the 1995 grand-final.

We then turned our sights on gaining a liquor licence and so approached an old football mate who was a solicitor who did all the paperwork required for a Caterers Licence, this allowed us to sell liquor at any time we had an event (game, grand finals etc) as opposed to an Events Licence which only allowed a limited number of hours per week and was expensive.

It was mentioned at a NSW Parliament session that no sporting body will ever receive a Caterers Licence again so we were very lucky to gain ours.

#### Footnote:

As a retirement gesture we approached the committee to fund us to do a major renovation to our club, we volunteered our time and labour and worked during the Christmas break to complete it in time for our next competition. We removed the old canteen set-up and replaced a far more practical serving area which incorporated an extension and return with the countertop. We removed one of the old windows and installed bi-fold windows which allowed us to serve from the front of the canteen directly to the outside. We painted and cleaned up the clubroom, kitchen and committee room and re-organised our photo walls.

It was a happy but also sad time, we have such special memories of our very special club.



**STAY TUNED TO WALLSEND WEB SITE FOR MORE INFORMATION  
ON DATE.**



### Junior Tuesday Night Supervisor



Lets get to know her.

How did you get started in Touch: Played Friday nights with family and played at school.

Favourite Food?	Chocolate and Chickens
Favourite Restaurant?	Pub Feed
Favourite movie?	The longest ride. Pretty Woman
Last movie seen?	Fast and Furious 9
If you were to star in a movie, Who would you be?	Katniss – Hunger Gamer or Letty – Fast n Furious
Favourite song?	Chicken Fried – Zac Brown band
Favourite band / Singer?	Usher / Lady A / Pink / Dixie Chicks – lots more
Favourite TV show?	Yellowstone
Favourite NRL team?	Newcastle Knights
What are you afraid of?	My Children being hurt.
Scariest thing you have done?	Raise my children as a single Mum.
Last Touch Event?	N.T.L.
Most admired person in Touch?	Nat Little, because I see how much she selflessly gives to the sport and club. Also Kyah - I love her passion and her strength to strive to be the best touch player she can be.
Greatest Moment in Touch?	Playing in the 2019 Touch World Cup with my daughter.
What did you want to be when you grew up?	Olympian or paramedic.

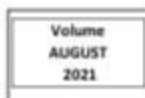
### REFEREES CORNER.



Welcome to Wallsend new Director of Referees, Matt Cooper.

Matt is a level 5 referee. He is passionate about referee development and would like to focus on coaching and developing referees at Wallsend Touch.

Wallsend would like to thank the outgoing Director, Blake Brown, for all his work over the years.





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HOTEL ELMORE

WITH THE UP AND COMING SENIOR REPRESENTATIVE SEASON NEARLY UPON US – LETS LOOK AT SOME PREVIOUS TEAMS. AND THE ANTICS THEY GOT UP TO.



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### LET'S REMEMBER

THE PEOPLE THAT CONTRIBUTED TO MAKING OUR CLUB WHAT IT IS TODAY.  
THE ONES BEHIND THE SCENES THAT ARE NO LONGER WITH US.

WE WILL START WITH

#### NEIL MCLURE

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT.  
NEIL WAS INVOLVED WITH CRYSTAL PALACE SOCCER CLUB. HE CAME ON BOARD TO ASSIST PUDDY MILLER. HE PLAYED TOUCH WHILST AT CRYSTAL PALACE GROUNDS. HE MOVED TO VANUATU AND WAS PIVOTAL IN ORGANISING THE WALLSEND EXHIBITION GAMES IN VANUATU.

JULIE ANDREWS MUM – **BONNIE**  
ALWAYS AVAILABLE WHEN RON or JULIE WHERE NOT HOME. SHE WAS LIKE THE UNOFFICIAL OFFICIAL. TAKING PHONE CALLS, PAPERWORK and GENERAL BEHIND THE SCENES BITS & PIECES

WE NEED TO REMEMBER THESE IMPORTANT MEMBERS.



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