

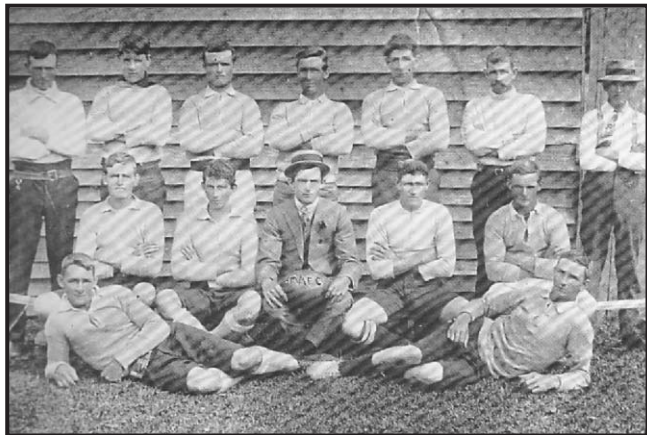
# Mullumbimby Giants Rugby League Football Club 20 year Reunion



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Mullumbimby Rugby League Club - Existed in 1909 "It is known for certain that Mullumbimby were in existence in 1903, and were probably formed in 1900. Mullumbimby has always fielded a team in either the Tweed or Brunswick districts. They are a club with a distinguished and proud record of service. Like Seagulls they would be one of the oldest clubs of any code in Australia. In the early years Mullumbimby travelled to Burringbar, Tumbulgum, Chinderah and Tweed Heads.



Main Arm Mullumbimby Team of 1900's

## Coaches from the NRL :

Ken McMorrow 1959, 60 (Eastern Suburbs)  
 Bill Petley 1964 (Canterbury)  
 Peter Burke 1967 (Manly)  
 Peter Hanna 1970, 71 (North Sydney)  
 Joe Graine 1972, 74 (Newtown)  
 Elwyn Walters 1978, 79, 81, 82 (South Sydney)  
 Neil Pringle 1984-85 (Balmain)  
 Con Theodossiou 1990's (Western Suburbs)  
 Arthur Sauverain 1998 - 2003 (Australian School Boys Coach, Cronulla Sharks Player)

## They produced many champions.

Some of the great names are;  
 Albert Broomham, Vic Armbruster, Joe and Bill Torrens, "Bunny" Turner, George Wise, Arthur Suter, Jim Kilroy, Clarrie Plater, Peter Knowles, "Zoob" Plater, Tom O'Connor and Paddy Walker.

Of all the personalities associated with Mullumbimby, perhaps a chap named Alby Lofts stands out. Lofts was a great supporter for the Mullumbimby Club in many district conferences. He was a real personality. Mullumbimby had many stalwarts who kept the the club flourishing through many difficult years.

**Mullumbimby carried their great work** through to 1960 when they pulled off the A, Reserve and C Grade premierships, coached by former Eastern Suburbs (Roosters) player Ken McMorrow.

Mid Years 1960's: Geoff Hampson, Trevor Williams, Johnny Vardy, Reg Sellwood, Keith Dunster, Barry Robinson, Bob Mudge, Rex McIlwain, Trevor Henderson, George Baggaley, Dave and Peter Plater, Barry O' Donnell, Bruce Cartner, Lester and Earl Browning, Jim Donnelly.

Later Years 1990's :

Con Theodossiou, David Parker, Mark Condon, Nick Ciana, Tod Martin, Shane Deihm, Kev Mulchay, Neil Pringle, Elwyn

Walters, Tony Plater, Grant O'Donnell, Gavin O' Donnell, Andrew O' Donnell, Dan Mollenar, Adam Mckenzie, Adam Shaw, Jay Hampson, Murray Brown, Chase Nelson, Andrew Docking, Scott Hogan, Glen Godbee, Andrew Moroney, Andrew Constable

Mullumbimby Family Dynasties :  
 Mudges, Walkers, Platers, O' Donnells, Archibalds, Hampsons, Brownings

## In recent years the club has produced many players of rare ability.

Included in this are Geoff Hampson (NSW Country Representative) Trevour Williams, John Wooldridge, Keith Dunster, Barry Robinson, Bob Mudge, Rex McIlwain, Trevor Henderson, George Baggaley and Dave and Peter Plater.

## Historical Moments ...

1. South Sydney Great **Elwyn Walters** also spent time nurturing the Mullumbimby sides in the eighties.

2. Mullumbimby went close in 1985 to winning all three grades under the leadership of Balmain Rugby League legend **Neil "Bing" Pringle** who took the club to the major semi final in 1st Grade, won the reserve grade grand final and unfortunately were beaten in the under 18's grand final. A great effort from the club.

3. Giants 2004 Premiers Group One



1960's premiers



1960's premiers today with Paul 'the Chief' Harragon

## PROGRAM OF EVENTS :

### Friday 17 June, 2005

Past players and families arrive ...

### Saturday 18 June, 2005

Reunion Day Gathering 2.00pm  
 Mullumbimby Leagues Club.

#### 2.00pm - 4.00pm

Arrive at Mullumbimby RLFC official gathering of past players, officials and families. Place your article of memorabilia in presentation area.

#### 4.00pm - 5.00pm

Official welcome and short history of the club 1985-2005 Video presentation - Past games, grand final 2004, NRL 2min promo, 3min Footy Show story plus more... *Dave Christie Memory timeline walk 1985-2005* - presentation of memorabilia.

#### 5.00pm

Auction of merchandise -  
*Tony Parker*

#### 6.00pm

Light meal and entertainment

### Sunday 19, June 2005

Home game for the **Mullumbimby Giants v's Lower Clarence.**

#### 11.45pm

Family gathering with Jumping Castle and fun activities.

#### 12.00 noon

Under 18's game

#### 1.15pm

Reserve grade game

#### 2.45pm

A grade game

#### 5.00pm

Presentation and Entertainment

## THE FIELD OF DREAMS...

Mullumbimby's '*Field of Dreams*' lived up to its name as the Footy Show's film crew & Paul '*the Chief*' Harragon come to visit.

The Chief listened to **all** the stories about the history of rugby league in the valley as he worked his way around the members of the **Mullumbimby GIANTS RLFC.**

The **Little Giants** told the Chief they wanted to play in the local town competition when they grow up and win a grand final like the Big Giants ...

The **Big Giants** told the Chief about the experience of playing in the Group 1 grand final in 2004, and the pride they felt in winning the grand final for their sponsors and families in the valley...

The **Grandfather Giants** (1960's Premiers) told the Chief how proud they were of the Mullumbimby Leagues Club & shared some of the memories of the earlier days, when they played in their grand final in 1960...

The '**God Father**' Giant of the club talked to the Chief about the 'grassroots' of rugby league and the important role of volunteers who make up the backbone of the club...

The Chief quickly summed it all up by saying...

**...That's GOLD !**

