

Mateship, Pride & Community



SURLFC
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SYDNEY UNIVERSITY RUGBY LEAGUE



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Football Club



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ABOUT US



SURLFC at a glance

- Sydney University Rugby League Football Club (SURLFC) has a long and rich history, dating back to its formation in 1920 by Herbert Vere 'Doc' Evatt.
- SURLFC joined the NSWRL competition in 1920 as the 11th club alongside the St George Dragons. The club played in the 1926 grand final against the South Sydney Rabbitohs and has produced two Kangaroos, Ray Morris and Jim Craig, as well as 12 NSW representatives during the club's golden years.
- It is committed to the growth and promotion of participation in rugby league amongst the 65,000 students enrolled at the University of Sydney at any one time through support, mentoring and scholarships for rugby league players at all levels.



CULTURE

SURLFC is a player led and run club, proudly based on Gadigal land, which is built upon the principles of honesty, integrity, and an ethical approach to the manner in which we go about our business, both on and off the field. Our club values are mateship, pride and community.

Such philosophies are underpinned by dedication, discipline, and a competitive nature, whilst we retain the fundamental purpose of enjoyment and the building of lifelong relationships on and off the field of play. We pride ourselves on this ground-up framework.

Off the field, social gatherings and networking opportunities are hosted by SURLFC on a regular basis, in conjunction with corporate events supporting our business partners and sponsors. We believe that interpersonal relationships are vital to ensure the success of our club. It is this culture of friendship and support that has sustained our club for over 100+ years and sees a strong alumni and old boys support for our club.





COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

SURLFC recognises its important role in being a positive and active organisation within the community. Our club is of the view that playing rugby league is a privilege and that our time in the game is limited. We are the current custodians of the game and have the responsibility of leaving a legacy for future players, supporters, and administrator to use and enjoy.

Examples of 2023 community engagement:

- The team undertook volunteer concussion testing for the purpose of HeadSpace research into athlete head injuries.
- SURLFC continued to show support to Life Blood and attended the blood bank to donate blood and plasma.
- In 2023 emphasis was placed as a club on the importance of acknowledging and paying respects to Australia's First Peoples where the team went away and reflected, coming together as players and staff to discuss how we can create change. The club also proudly wore our inaugural Indigenous jersey in an effort to promote discussion.





SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Dave Chadwick Scholarship (2017)

This scholarship was established in memory of the late Dave Chadwick who passed away in 2016. Dave was a very talented player with Sydney University Rugby League Football Club. He was awarded a Blue in Rugby League in 1964 and was a driving force behind the Club from 1962. He was involved with the Club for over 50 years as a player, coach, administrator and as a highly respected clubman.

Awarded for the first time in 2017 the David Chadwick Scholarship is awarded annually to a men's first grade SURLFC player who is studying at the University and is a member of the Elite Athlete Program.

Elite Athlete Program

Since 1990, Sydney Uni Sport & Fitness has provided the Elite Athlete Program and associated sporting scholarships, helping over 2000 Sydney University student athletes to find balance and achieve their goals. With access to a comprehensive range of benefits and services, and most importantly, the care and encouragement of our staff and community, you too can realise your potential.