**D66 Illawarra District Rugby Union**

**Creator:** Illawarra District Rugby Union

**Historical Note:** Interest in Rugby Union was revived in the Illawarra in 1949. Until 1951, the Wollongong and District Rugby Union Football Club played the bye team in the Sydney Third Grade competition. An Illawarra District competition commenced in 1953 with four teams. The competition later expanded to be conducted over three grades. The District Union also competed in the New South Wales Country Rugby Union competition.

The records of the Illawarra District Rugby Union (I.D.R.U.) for the period between 1949 and 1956 were largely lost in 1956, when they were eaten by a goat.

**Record Summary:** Association records – minutes, correspondence, financial records, annual reports and publications.

**Date Range:** 1953-1997

**Quantity:** 5.4 m (42 boxes)

**Access Conditions:** Restricted. Contact Archivist for more information.

**Inventory:** Compiled 15 June 1978. Last revised 28 March 2012.