

# President Report 2024 AGM

Dear Members,

What a whirlwind of a year it has been! From your interim president turned decade-long leader, I've witnessed the club's growth, laughter, and triumphs unfold, especially during our 90th anniversary celebration.

We kicked off the festivities with a bang at the Reid Hall last May, twirling under chandeliers and reminiscing about nine decades of camaraderie. And now, as we wrap up the year, I can't help but beam with pride at the successes we've achieved, both on and off the pitch.

Off the field, our financial prudence has been nothing short of impressive. With a record turnover of £280,000 and a tidy profit of £35,000, we've not only surpassed expectations but also navigated the VAT threshold like seasoned pros. And let's not forget the generous bequest from Doug McKay, a reminder of the enduring support from our club's extended family.

But it's not just about the numbers. It's about the heart and soul of our community. We've invested in state-of-the-art facilities, from top-notch changing rooms for our women and girls to a buzzing physical education studio shared with onsite physiotherapists. It's these spaces where friendships are forged, and dreams take flight.

And on the pitch, our teams have shown grit and determination, overcoming challenges with style. From seniors leading the charge with £40,000 in enterprise activities to player-led initiatives lighting up the community, 2nd position in the league for both the 1s and gryphons is a testament to our collective spirit and hard graft.

As we reflect on the past year, let's not forget the unsung heroes behind the scenes. From the completion of our clubhouse extension to the meticulous maintenance of our pitches, each task, no matter how small, contributes to the grand tapestry of the "Inchmacoble Experience." To all who've lent their time and talent, from the bottom of my heart, thank you.

As we look ahead to the next chapter, I'm filled with optimism and excitement. With new coaches at the helm and fresh talent waiting in the wings, I have no doubt that the coming seasons will be filled with even greater triumphs and memories to cherish.

Here's to the past, present, and future of Strathmore Rugby Club. May we continue to tackle challenges head-on, score victories together, and above all, embody the true spirit of rugby.

Yours in rugby,

Bob Baldie  
President, Strathmore Rugby Club