

# 2017 Yearbook



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# Presidents Report

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After 2016, I thought things at our great little family club couldn't get any better but WOW!! What a year 2017 was.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this club this year. My job and the job of our committee has been made a thousand times easier, because every time we have asked for something, we have been gifted with beautiful volunteers. Whilst I don't have the room to mention you all individually, please know that you are all truly appreciated.

It was at this point last year I had to bid a fond farewell to some of our MVPs (Most Valuable Parents). Sadly this year I have to do the same as their boys move on to senior footy.

Barney, Pete and Cherie Stelzer have all been hidden gems for our club, Barney is the man who deals with everything on paper behind the scenes, from dealing with council to keeping track of the various comments made at our committee meeting. Pete and Cherie can be found organising the canteen, creating spectacular cupcakes or buying everything that you and your children wear around the club. Thank you all for your hard work, it has not gone unnoticed.

The next farewell I have is not for one person but a whole family. The Jarvis Family, which starts with Kylie and Justin and follows with 3 beautiful young men, TJ, Blake and Ryan, who are all regularly seen helping around our club. I would be right to assume that everyone in our club has had dealings with at least one member of this family at one point or another. Canteen Specialist, Team Manager, Coach, Vice President, Runner, Boundary Umpire, Communications manager, BBQ King, are all rolls that have been filled by this family. Thank you to you all and whichever club you next call home will be as lucky as we have been to have even met you.

But the biggest farewell I have to make is to Vice President, football manager, man of many talents, my offsider Dale Widders, He leaves the biggest shoes to fill, due to having a hand in everything that goes on at Penshurst. Dale has made a huge commitment to this club over the last, too many years to count and I'm sure will be lost next year not popping up to Olds on a Sunday. Dale there are no words that I could use that would effectively say thank you enough for all that you have done for me, this club and the boys and girls who play for Penshurst, but Thank you.

2017 sees the final year of our many of our committee members so please if you have been thinking of helping out, we have a roll for you, big or small I know we can find something for you to do. Please let me know or come along to the AGM on Wednesday the 18<sup>th</sup> October at Penshurst RSL Club at 7:30pm.

Our kids are the reason we all commit to early Sundays up at Olds Park or travelling to grounds on the other side of Sydney. In summary: Our youngest members, our Auskick – U11s remained strong in the Sydney South Competition. Our U12s – U17s played well in the broader Sydney Harbour Competition and 2017 saw 5 of our 7 Competitive teams make the Final Series with 2 teams making it through to the Grand Final.

# Presidents Report

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Our Proudest moments in 2017:

- For the third year in a row the Penshurst RSL Panthers have been named the AFL Sydney Juniors AFL South Club of the Year, this is thanks to everyone involved in this great club.
- For the fifth year running we have approximately 200 players, with our numbers continuing to grow, this has allowed us to field 9 teams, including 2 x U10s, an U12 youth girls team as well as a large Auskick group.
- Seeing our U9s and U10s playing for the first time in the south a lightening premiership at the end of season, congratulations to our U10 White for taking home the premiership this year.
- Our U11s, U12YGS, U13s, U15-2s and U17s all made the final series with U11s and U17s making the grand final, well done and congratulations to ALL teams!
- Our U11s played the game of their season and won their Grand Final at Olds Park.
- We formed our very first all-girls competitive U12 team to play in the newly formed U12YG competition. Finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> in their very first season is a great effort considering most of the girls had never played AFL before.
- Seeing our U14s/U15s joining together so well with boys from Heathcote and Miranda to form 2 great teams and seeing all players improve hugely through the season.
- Our U17s once again played in the elite U17 Division 1 competition, and with what style it was done, making the Grand Final for the second year in a row. Well done to all boys here
- Congratulations to 2 of our U17 players, Connor Flanagan and Kyle McKellar on being selected to play with the Sydney Swans U18 Academy team to play in the U18 National Championships. These young men along with Zac Cameron and Anthony Marcos were all selected in a combined NSW/ACT team in the U17s future series.
- Congratulations to Jacob Dol (U17s) who was selected for the U16 NSW/ACT Rams team for the U16s National Championships.
- Bradley Demeary, Dane Coombs, Reece Kelly (U15s) were selected to travel to Albury to trial for the NSW U15 state schoolboys team, with all just missing the final cut after 3 days of tough competition.
- Penshurst RSL Panthers were significantly represented in all south teams for the Development Day and Representative Carnivals held at Blacktown in the July school holidays.
- We had a huge number of players representing Penshurst at the regional awards held in August. Congratulations to Alex Box, Drew Towler, Josh Harrison, U15s, Brad Uglow, Mitchell Amey, Eray Selvi and Noah Casalini, U17s, being named in the AFL Sydney Juniors Representative Teams in 2017 for their respective age groups.
- Congratulations to Bradley Demeary named as U15 Div. 2, 3<sup>rd</sup> Best and Fairest at the Sydney Harbour Regional Awards.
- Congratulations to the following players for being awarded the AFL GSJ Outstanding achievement award for their respective teams: Jack Blades U9, William Foster U10 Green, Isaac Filipo U10 White, Jack Hanratty U11s, Zane Kennedy U12s and Bianca Clayton U12YGS.
- Our relationship with the AFL and Sydney Juniors AFL continues to be strong, highlighted by Penshurst Panthers and Olds Park hosting multiple Grand Finals for the fourth year running. Our reputation as the best Grand Final venue grows every year.
- Our relationship with St George AFC continues to grow and is now stronger than ever. This creates a pathway for Penshurst Players to continue their playing careers in senior footy at a local club. It also allows some of our senior U15/U17 players to participate in the St George Football Academy as well as playing a handful of games for various St George teams throughout 2017.

# Presidents Report

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- Thanks to St George and our great relationship we are privileged to share the best facilities in the Sydney South, including the completion of major works at Olds Park, including an electronic scoreboard, turf wicket in the centre of Olds 1, with new sprinkler system, new canteen and renovated clubrooms. For the past 4 seasons we have had St George Players coaching at our club. This will even further improve into 2018.

On to 2018, we have exciting plans in the making.

- We continue to offer discounted registration to players who register before Jan 31<sup>st</sup> 2017. Including use of the governments Active Kids Voucher. Which will bring the cost to parents down significantly. Deposits required by the 21<sup>st</sup> January 2018.
- We started with U12 YGs this year but next year we are aiming to have Penshurst represented in the girls AFL competition with teams in the ages U10s, U12s, and U15s (and U18s if possible). So please invite all girls along to come and try this great sport and join our happy family.

I will finish off again by saying thank you to all who have contributed to the South Club of the Year in 2017, especially the committee, coaches, managers and everyone who, young or old volunteered in 2017. I am especially proud of how well our players have represented the Panthers on and off the field and I can't wait for 2018.

Bring on 2018 – Year of the Panther!!

**Louise Grady**  
President  
Penshurst RSL Panthers AFC

## 2017 Committee:



# Treasurer's Report

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As we end another successful season at the Panthers we can report that the club remains financially sound with year-end cash balance expected to place us in a good position for the start of the 2018 season. Our financial strategy continues to be to foster financial stability through maintenance of an adequate cash reserve for forecast operational expenses and equipment renewal and replacement. As in previous years we aim to "give back" to the players and families as much as possible in their years at the club.

This year, in addition to the usual operating and equipment expenses, we have been able to assist with the continued Olds Park refurbishments by assisting the St George AFL Club to refurbish the canteen. This is an investment in our future as the canteen is a significant contributor to our annual revenue and we are fortunate to have such great facilities. Thanks to all the volunteers who supported the canteen again this year.

We do not expect to be increasing registration fees in 2018. Prices have now been stable for many years increasing the value every player receives. Our already low fees, when combined with the Active Kids Rebate from 1 January will, we hope, encourage even more children into our great family AFL club.

Our financial year end is 30 September. Full details of income and expenditure are included in the audited financial reports to be provided to the AGM in October, and available to all Penshurst JAFC Members.

Allan McGregor

Honorary 2017 Treasurer

# Football Report

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2017 should be remembered as another very good year for junior football at Penshurst. On and off the field we saw the results of our ongoing drive to promote a strong, respectful footy culture amongst players and officials. Pleasingly we had several new coaches this year with most undertaking the pre-season AFL Coaching course at Olds Park. The upgraded facilities at Olds Park further added to a great season and our facilities are now the envy of many clubs across Sydney.

There were many playing highlights;

The U17s again exceeded expectations and proved highly competitive in the Division 1 competition. We fielded a large team with 33 registered players (not including our U17 Swans Academy boys) and again the Coaches had a tough year marshalling the talent at their disposal. Of these 33 we had twenty 17 year olds, so we certainly had experience on board.

Three losses and a draw saw the boys finish the season in third place on the ladder and strong wins in the first two weeks of the finals, including a great win over the minor premiers Mosman Willoughby in the Preliminary final, saw the boys once again battle it out in the U17s Grand Final at Olds Park. Whilst outgunned in the Grand Final by a strong East Sydney team, for a team from a small club in the South, to match it with the strongest in Sydney, on a weekly basis at this level, was a very significant achievement, and something that we may not see again for a while.

The U15s were split in two in season 2017 with the arrival of a group of committed and capable boys from the Heathcote and Miranda clubs, who were unable to field teams in the 15s age group. This development was a great success and allowed us to field a team for our U14 boys which otherwise could not have happened. We ran a Div 3 and Div 2 team and there were some great highlights for both teams during the season.

A classic encounter at home, against eventual Premiers, Canada Bay, provided an amazing, come from behind victory that may have been one of the best games of the season. The Div 2 boys made it all the way to the Preliminary final against Maroubra, before bowing out in a great season effort.

After a really tough year in 2016, the 15 Div 3 team were competitive and won four games with what was essentially an U14 team playing in a 15s comp. Whilst they may not have made finals, under the guidance of coach Ben Pfahlert, these boys not only became competitive, but through Ben, they saw that good sportsmanship, team play and respect can bring great rewards to those prepared to listen and learn. Well done boys.

Our Under 13s also had a great year making the finals once again. The team regrouped with a slightly changed team from last year and coach Aaron Callaghan brought some real inspiration and commitment to the team. 8 wins and 5 losses was a great return for the team and during the season they showed some real glimpses of what they can do when they are on song. Unfortunately illness and injury struck them late in the season and they bowed out in Week 1 of the finals.

Our Under 12s had a tough season after making last years Grand Final. Their great season in 2016 pushed them up to Division 2 U12s footy in 2017 and the leap proved to be very challenging for the group. That being said they managed three wins in a stronger competition and playing footy at a higher level is the best way to develop and grow skills. Tim Hanlen's commitment to this group was admirable and he put in a lot of work to get the team through the season. This team has some great talent and will fare better next season for sure.

Season 2017 saw the introduction of girls footy to the Sydney junior competition and after some passionate and energetic recruiting, the first ever Penshurst girls team took to the field, in the form of our U12 Youth Girls. The girls had a great time, albeit in the Western Sydney competition, and progressed to the Preliminary final under Coaches Ricki and Dion. The energy and excitement created by our first girls team was fantastic and 2018 can't come quick enough for our newest footy champs.



# Football Report

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The U11s were our on field stars this year, in their first year of competitive footy. Finishing the season in second spot on the ladder with 11 wins and 5 losses, the U11s marched into the Grand Final, on our home ground at Olds Park, and won a Premiership in the dying seconds of a truly epic game against Miranda. With plenty of passion, skill and commitment on display, it was a terrific result for new coaches Harry and Grant and a real highlight for the club.

## Non – competition Footy

The Auskick and Under 8s group again flourished with strong guidance and coordination off the field from Kim, Brad and Bjorn, and some great on field coaching and leadership from Andrew Menner, James Trehearne and Craig Tonkes.

The Auskick, 8s, 9s and 10s are in many ways the most important teams in our club and to see the numbers of players (and parents) participating at this level was another real highlight for Penshurst this year. Healthy numbers in these age groups will consolidate and sustain our success over the next five years and certainly we have seen some great potential amongst the coaching group, as well as some great players taking shape on field.

In the U9s, David and Brian took to coaching and managing with significant enthusiasm and the team enjoyed a great season learning the game against good local opposition in this age group.

Our U10s group had a great year. With two teams and good numbers across both teams, we saw plenty of highly competitive, skilful footy with enthusiastic coaching. In a format change

this season, the annual gala day for U10s ended in a mini Grand Final a week later between our U10 Whites coached by Dave Weightman and Cronulla Navy. In a great match under Finals conditions the Penshurst team did the unthinkable and defeated the previously undefeated Cronulla team to take the U10 South title!

## Sydney Harbour Representative Carnival – June long Weekend

Across the board South rep teams this year struggled against the bigger, stronger City and Northern clubs. But as usual Penshurst was very well represented, with the following players picked to wear the Red and White South colours in the Development and Representative Carnivals.

### Development Carnival

U9s	Anton Keller, Jack Blades, Henry Grygiel
U10s	Austin Snell
U11s	Jack Hanratty, Mitchell Woods, Kian Todd-Bonselaar

### Representative Carnival

U12s	Kyle Brady, Anthony Hanlen, Jake Whittlemore
U12 YG's	Bianca Clayton, Lucy Finn, Mona Ahmad, Eloise Carey
U13s	Lachlan Wolfe, Jared Kennedy and Casey Buncle
U14s	Garrett Robinson, Blake Jarvis, Matthew Uglow and Harrison Franklin
U15s	Luke Marshall, Luke McGregor, Drew Towler, Alex Box, Matthew Messner, Patrick Xia, Arran Buncle, Josh Harrison, Raphael Hohle, Ethan James William Corcoran and Jack Stewart
U17s	Noah Casalini, Eray Selvi, Tom Pilon, Jacob Armstrong, Mitchell Amey, Nelson Carey, Andrew Stelzer, Brad Uglow, Travis O'Grady, Jack Dawson, Jacob Merlino, Tristan Jarvis

# Football Report

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## **Swans Academy – 2017 Penshurst participants**

2017 was another great year for Penshurst players participating in the Swans Academy program.

In addition to former Penshurst player Liam Maze, current registered U17s players Kyle McKellar and Connor Flanagan, despite being under age, were selected to play with the Swans U18 Academy team in the U18 National Championships. This team was undefeated over a five game series against teams from GWS, Brisbane, Gold Coast, Tasmania and the Northern Territory.

In the Under 17s Futures Series, Penshurst again had four players selected in a combined NSW/ACT team with Kyle McKellar, Connor Flanagan, Zac Cameron and Anthony Marcos all successful.

In a further reminder of the talent playing with Penshurst in 2017, Jacob Dol, a member of our very strong Penshurst Under 17s team, was selected in the U16 NSW/ACT Rams team for the U16 National Championships.

U11s - Jack Hanratty and Mitchell Woods

U12s – Anthony Hanlen

U14s – Matthew Uglow

U15s – Bradley Demeary, Luke McGregor, Dane Coombs and Reece Kelly

U16s - Noah Casalini and Jacob Dol

U17s – Zac Cameron, Kyle McKellar, Connor Flanagan and Anthony Marcos

U18s - Liam Sansom, Liam Maze

## **Sydney Harbour Regional Awards – Monday 28 August 2017**

Bradley Demeary once again shone in his age group, winning Third Best and Fairest in the Sydney Harbour U15 Div 2 competition.

In the U15s, Alex Box, Drew Towler and Josh Harrison all made the U15s All Star rep team, whilst in the U17s, Noah Casalini, Brad Uglow, Mitchell Amey and Eray Selvi were all selected in the U17 All Star rep team.

## **St George Senior Debuts 2017**

In a great year for Penshurst (and St George) two of our U17s made their senior debut this year. Connor Flanagan and Kyle McKellar both played a handful of games at the top level with St George and acquitted themselves as real future stars of the club. Additionally, Penshurst had 10 players in the St George team that ran out convincing winners over North Shore in the Under 19s Division 1 Grand Final at Blacktown this year. With potentially 15 to 20 current U17s destined for senior footy at St George next year, things look very good for U19s footy in the South for the next couple of years. Having coached and or managed most of these boys over ten years at Penshurst I wish them all the best in their footy and academic endeavours in 2018 and beyond.

# Our Team

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## 2017 Committee

<b>Patron</b>	Paul Bateman
<b>President</b>	Louise Grady
<b>Senior Vice President</b>	Dale Widders
<b>Junior Vice President</b>	Justin Jarvis
<b>Secretary</b>	Michael Johnson
<b>Treasurer</b>	Allan McGregor
<b>Registrar</b>	Sandra Plummer
<b>Football Manager</b>	Dale Widders
<b>Junior Football Manager</b>	Brad Parkes
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<b>Communications</b>	Kylie Jarvis
<b>Sponsorship</b>	Angie Zissis
<b>RSL Liaison</b>	Allan McGregor
<b>Child Protection</b>	Michael Johnson
<b>Canteen Manager</b>	Lara Taylor
<b>Auskick Coordinator</b>	Brad Parkes
<b>Auskick Administrator</b>	Kim Mason
<b>First Aid Coordinator</b>	Jeanette Marshall
<b>Ground Manager</b>	Glen Middleton
<b>Regional Committee</b>	Angie Zissis

## 2017 Auskick Coaches

<b>Auskick Coordinator</b>	Brad Parkes	Bjorn De Smedt
<b>Auskick Administration Manager</b>	Kim Mason	
<b>U8s Coaches</b>	Andrew Menner      James Trenear	Craig Tonkes

## 2017 Coaches and Managers

<b>Team</b>	<b>Coach</b>	<b>Assistant Coach</b>	<b>Manager</b>
U9s	David Aloi		Brian Blades
U10 Greens	Jason Foster		Kylie Jarvis
U10 Whites	David Weightman		Michelle Van Den Borne
U11s	Harry Woods	Grant Hanratty	Andrew and Sarah Kennedy
U12s	Tim Hanlen		Sandra Brady
U12 Youth Girls	Rickie McDonough	Dion Zissis	Daniel Hobson
U13s	Aaron Callaghan		Marita Murphy
U15 Division 2	Riley Waters	Dion Zissis	Lisa Coombs
U15 Division 3	Ben Pfalhert	Anthony Carey	Susan Childs
U17s	David Watts	Steven Nabaki	Dale Widders

# 2017 Awards

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## Special Awards

**Rod Thompson Award for Excellence**

Jacob Dol

**Ron Kemp Courage Award**

Blake Jarvis

**Morrie Richards Award for Senior Clubperson**

Bradley Demeary

**John Davies Award for Junior Clubperson**

Tristan Jarvis

**Gunar Bachelor Memorial Coaches Award**

Ryan Jarvis

Cameron Marshall

**Paul Bateman Managers Award**

Grant Hanratty

**Alex Melville Award for Service to the Club**

Harry Woods

**Jim Cooke Family Award**

Sarah Kennedy

**Chris Ryan Fundraising Award**

Michael Johnson

**Patron's Award**

The Grady Family

**President's Awards**

Allan McGregor

Dale Widders

Chris Grady, Kylie Jarvis, Glenn Middleton, Jeannette Marshall, Rod McQueen, Brad Parkes, Sandra Plummer, Peter Stelzer, David Watts, Angie Zisis, Dion Zisis

## Senior Life Membership

Louise Grady

## Junior Life Membership

Jacob Armstrong

Casey Buncle

Jarrod Callaghan

Bradley Demeary

Aaron Guscott

Josh McConaghy

Heath Smith

# 2017 Milestones

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## 50 Games

U9s	Ewan Brownlee	Samuel Knight	Jai Van Den Borne
U10s	Fletcher Convery	Lachlan Landy	Dean Comino
U11s	Cameron Jones	Joshua Murray	Mitchell Woods
U12s	Kyle Brady	Eamon Bullock	Eloise Carey
	Dylan Carr	Zane Kennedy	
U13s	Xavier Ivanov		
U15s	Matthew Messner		

## 100 Games

U12s	Anthony Hanlen		
U13s	Liam Boxall	Casey Buncle	Jarrod Callaghan
	Josh McConaghy		
U15s	Bailey Rogerson		
U17s	Jacob Armstrong	Josh Wright	Phoenix Aronis

## 150 Games

U15s	Luke Marshall	Luke McGregor	
U17s	Luke Cliff	Daniel Steele	Noah Casalini

## 200 Games

U17s	Bayley Johnson
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# 2017 Team Awards

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## Auskick

**Ivan Blythe Award for Auskick Best and Fairest**

Thomas Blackman

## U9s

**Best and Fairest**

Anton Keller

**Best and Fairest Runner-Up**

Harrison Plummer

**Third Best and Best and Fairest**

Henry Grygiel

**Most Consistent**

Sebastian Aloi

**Best Team Player**

Alex Heinrich

**Most Improved**

Harley Marchant

**Coaches Award**

Samuel Knight

**Coaches Award**

Danny Duarte

**SJ Achievement Award\***

Jack Blades

**David Coleman Award\***

Zephyr Rush

**Parent Helper**

Nick Bird

## U10 Greens

**Norm Pickford Award for U10s Best and Fairest**

William Foster

**Best and Fairest Runner-Up**

Ryan Jarvis

**Third Best and Best and Fairest**

Fletcher Convery

**Most Consistent**

Jake Myers

**Best Team Player**

Cameron Marshall

**Most Improved**

Callum Hill

**Coaches Award**

Riley Todd-Bonselaar

**SJ Achievement Award\***

William Foster

**David Coleman Award\***

Nicholas Vittorio

**Parent Helper**

Ted Roman

# 2017 Team Awards

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## U10 Whites

**Norm Pickford Award for U10s Best and Fairest**

**Best and Fairest Runner-Up**

**Third Best and Best and Fairest**

**Most Consistent**

**Best Team Player**

**Most Improved**

**Coaches Award**

**Best in Finals**

**SJ Achievement Award\***

**David Coleman Award\***

**Parent Helper**

Matthew Fitzgerald

Isaac Filipo

Austin Snell

Jai Van Den Bourne

Samuel Weightman

Maxwell Haigh

Lachlan Landy

Lachlan Landy

Isaac Filipo

Ethan Allardice

Adam Snell

## U11s

**Keith Orr Award for U11s Best and Fairest**

**Best and Fairest Runner-Up**

**Third Best and Best and Fairest**

**Most Consistent**

**Best Team Player**

**Most Improved**

**Coaches Award**

**Best in Finals**

**SJ Achievement Award\***

**David Coleman Award\***

**Parent Helper**

Jack Hanratty

Kian Todd-Bonselaar

Mitchell Woods

Ash Kennedy

Finlay Whitten

Cameron Fry

Christian Callen

Mitchell Woods

Jack Hanratty

Aaron Guscott

Sarah Kennedy

# 2017 Team Awards

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## U12s

**Bill Ford Award for U12s Best and Fairest**

**Best and Fairest Runner-Up**

**Third Best and Best and Fairest**

**Most Consistent**

**Best Team Player**

**Most Improved**

**Coaches Award**

**Coaches Award**

**SJ Achievement Award\***

**David Coleman Award\***

**Parent Helper**

James Brown

Jake Whittemore

Kyle Brady

Zane Kennedy

Anthony Hanlen

Phoenix Stewart

Aaron Carey

Liam Taylor

Zane Kennedy

Josh Bateman

David Aplitt

## U12 Youth Girls

**Best and Fairest**

**Best and Fairest Runner-Up**

**Third Best and Best and Fairest**

**Most Consistent**

**Best Team Player**

**Most Improved**

**Coaches Award**

**Best in Finals**

**SJ Achievement Award\***

**David Coleman Award\***

**Parent Helper**

Lucy Finn

Emily Dingle

Olivia Plunkett

Mona Ahmad

Grace Weightman

Olivia Myers

Bianca Clayton

Samara Cooke

Bianca Clayton

Zoe Hobson

Jason Clayton

# 2017 Team Awards

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## U13s

<b>Cunneen Family Award for U13s Best and Fairest</b>	Lachlan Wolfe
<b>Best and Fairest Runner-Up</b>	Jordan Saleh
<b>Third Best and Best and Fairest</b>	Jackson Venables
<b>Most Consistent</b>	Casey Buncle
<b>Best Team Player</b>	Cooper Curtis
<b>Most Improved</b>	Ioannis Karamihalis
<b>Coaches Award</b>	Jared Kennedy
<b>Coaches Award</b>	Liam Boxall
<b>Best in Finals</b>	Lachlan Wolfe
<b>David Coleman Award*</b>	Kurt Westley
<b>Parent Helper</b>	Bret Coman

## U15s Division 3

<b>John Vizard Award for U14/U15s Best and Fairest</b>	Blake Jarvis
<b>Best and Fairest Runner-Up</b>	Bailey Curtis
<b>Third Best and Best and Fairest</b>	Aidan Lawdor
<b>Most Consistent</b>	Tyler Brady
<b>Best Team Player</b>	Dave Childs
<b>Most Improved</b>	Cory Christofis
<b>Coaches Award</b>	Garrett Robinson
<b>Coaches Award</b>	Bailey Rogerson
<b>David Coleman Award*</b>	Andrew Firmstone
<b>Parent Helper</b>	Anthony Carey

# 2017 Team Awards

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## U15s Division 2

<b>Bob Kennedy Award for U15s Best and Fairest</b>	Alexander Box
<b>Best and Fairest Runner-Up</b>	Luke McGregor
<b>Third Best and Best and Fairest</b>	Bradley Demeary
<b>Most Consistent</b>	Dane Coombs
<b>Best Team Player</b>	Rafael Hohle
<b>Most Improved</b>	Matthew Lorente
<b>Coaches Award</b>	Ethan James
<b>Coaches Award</b>	Jack Stewart
<b>Best in Finals</b>	Angus Leadbitter
<b>David Coleman Award*</b>	William Corcoran
<b>Parent Helper</b>	Wayne Marshall

## U17s

<b>Norm Sterling Award for U16/U17s Best and Fairest</b>	Eray Selvi
<b>Best and Fairest Runner-Up</b>	Brad Uglow
<b>Third Best and Best and Fairest</b>	Luke Cliff
<b>Most Consistent</b>	Nelson Carey
<b>Best Team Player</b>	Jacob Armstrong
<b>Most Improved</b>	Tristan Jarvis
<b>Coaches Award</b>	Jacob Merlino
<b>Coaches Award</b>	Harrison Brown
<b>Best in Finals</b>	Noah Casalini
<b>David Coleman Award*</b>	Joel Henderson
<b>Parent Helper</b>	Justin Jarvis

# Auskick Coordinator's Report

2017 Auskick is done and dusted for another year. The club is certainly growing and its good to see our numbers grow and hopefully continue to grow. Our kids started the year with little experience and little knowledge of the game. Thanks to our coaches, the kids caught on quickly and now really enjoy the game. I must congratulate all the kids on playing the game in the right spirit and continuing to develop their skills. It certainly makes all jobs easy when our kids are performing well. The best part, all Auskickers walking off with a smile on their faces. Great to see.

Under 8s. Thankyou for playing Auskick. I wish you all the very best in playing future AFL with Penshurst Panthers. It would be great to see you one day hopefully perform at the highest level, maybe even representing the Swans. Its been a very successful year and one where I believe its been a lot of fun. There was a lot of standouts but congratulations to Thomas Blackman on being our Auskicker of the year.

As this is my last year as Auskick coordinator, I think the highlight for me was the SCG experience. Watching all of the kids run onto the ground and showing their skills to a good size crowd was amazing. We were lucky enough to get this opportunity twice. A big thankyou to Kim Mason on her support as well as all the coaches. Hopefully see you all in 2018 for more fun and enjoyment..

Regards  
Brad Parkes



# Auskick Administrator's Report

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2017 was an awesome year for the Panthers Auskick. We had 70 regular Auskickers and we were often able to field two teams for each of our age groups. We had 15 rounds of football plus Gala Day and I think one of our most blessed years for weather. It was practically balmy for most of the season and even Heathcote and Barden Ridge turned out great game day weather. However by far the most exciting games were held at our new revamped Olds Park with the gorgeous picket fence, fantastic awning - appreciated for the training which wasn't always the best weather. And grubby knees were almost a thing of the past with the amazing drainage at Olds 1 which meant we had more training than any other code this year!

We were invited to the Half-Time Auskick at the SCG three times this year which is always thrilling for kids and parents. I know that some Auskickers had their debut AFL game at the SCG this year so where to go after that!? Altogether 40 Panthers Auskickers had the opportunity to participate in Half-Time Auskick.

The Auskickers are the stars of our show and I must say they are the highlight for me. They are always polite, friendly, cheeky and enthusiastic and make me smile every week. They are a credit to all of you!

The U5 Blue were like sponges with their football this year. Supported by Bjorn, Chris and Ghane their skills really improved the most throughout the year. It is a big leap for most of them their first team sport, learning to kick and handball and which post to kick between - although this seems to be the quickest thing they learn!

The U6 Red and their enthusiastic support team Sami, Mike and Xing were the most spirited and enthusiastic age group. A challenging mix of Auskickers new to the game and "old hands" and some quick learners made for exciting games! Xing did a wonderful job helping out AND learning what AFL was at the same time and Sami was still helping out whilst carrying the next generation of Auskicker!

The U7 White really developed their AFL skills whilst seeming to double in height throughout the year! Their team of Patrick, Nelson, Jacinta and Matthew helped them improve their game skills immensely as they transitioned in to a whole hour game. They are really ready to step up to U8s next year.

The U8 Green Panther graduates this year were the most competitive this year and really look ready for the next step up to U9s. Their general ball skills and in particular their game awareness was really impressive. Having differentiated training really helped them to hone their skills and we were able to do this because of their coaches Andrew, James and Craig. They really led by example working as a great team and this was reflected in the great teamwork the U8s displayed on the field. The Panther's U9s 2018 is going to be fantastic.

I would like to congratulate Thomas Blackman for winning the Ivan Blythe Trophy for Best and Fairest in Auskick this year. There was some stiff competition in the U8s in particular this year but he was very quickly unanimously decided as winner. What a wonderful year Thomas well done!

Teamwork and parent's support is what continues to make Auskick a great success this year. Brad and I do a lot of work behind the scenes but the only thing that keeps us sane is the support of all the parents. By always stepping up for canteen and setup (no matter the time!). By writing the amazing match reports that were the envy of other age groups! Helping with team photos, taking photos, names, toilet breaks, jerseys, water carriers. Just participating in training and on game day. Every little thing helps and is appreciated.

Thanks to Brad and Bjorn and the Panther's Committee for all your support throughout the year. Bring on 2018 - Go Panthers!

Kim Mason

# U9s Report

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It's been a great year by the Under 9's with some boys playing AFL for the first time with some other boys now veterans of the sport. Special thanks to all the Mums, Dads and Grandparents throughout the year with a big thanks to Brian for Managing the team with expertise. Thanks also to Nick for being the "water boy" and runner on the sidelines. Last but not least, the Under 9 boys provided so much joy to myself and Brian personally every week, and watching their personalities and skills develop was great to see. I have added some special comments on my player review below;

Jack; A great year by Jack and is definitely Captain material. Would also be right up there in the best and fairest. (a.k.a. Ben Cunnington)

Henry; Tenacious and a ball magnet who was tough all year who loved scoring a goal or two. (a.k.a Kieran Jack)

Danny; another great year by our highest game holder in the team who showed his class each week. (a.k.a Tom Mitchell)

Anton; gives 100% each week, is tough and under packs and is ready to move up to the next level. Another who should poll well in the end of season awards. (a.k.a Luke Parker)

Sebastian; the youngest player in the team and plays beyond his years. Another great year by Seb. (a.k.a Chad Wingard)

Zephyr; has developed his skills throughout the year and come along way over the past 12 months with his development. (a.k.a Tom Papley)

Harley; playing his first year of AFL, has really come into his own in the 2nd part of the season. Well done.(a.k.a Heath Grundy)

Ewan; starting to use his height and bigger body to his advantage and will only get better next season. (a.k.a Kurt Tippett)

Kendall; enjoyed watching his development throughout the year and was always the team player. (a.k.a Jake Lloyd)

Harrison; a tackling machine who would be a protégé for a typical half back flanker. Even I wouldn't want to be on the end of one of his tackles. Well done Harrison. (a.k.a Dan Hannebery)

Michael; Skills have developed nicely over the year for the quiet achiever of the team (a.k.a Callum Mills)

Alex; Has come into his own with poise on the field and tough around the ball (a.k.a Rory Sloane)

Samuel; Was a little terrier, in and under packs and always prepared to get hurt for the team (a.k.a Gary Rohan)

James; First year player at the club and has fitted in with ease. Well done James. (a.k.a Will Hayward)

Mitchell; Development of his skills has been a shining light this year. Great work Mitch. (a.k.a Zac Jones)



# U10 Greens Report

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As I think back over this season and I see the growth and development the boys have made through the year, whether it be the fresh faces to AFL learning the game on the run or the experienced boys returning to refine and grow their skills, I am very proud to of coached a great team of boys.

The Green team began the season as individuals but it was obvious by the end of the first game, a great team was coming and gelling together. Our new players Jake, Riley M, Luka, Chase, Callum and Marcus have been really impressive with their first year of AFL and should be very proud of the season they all had. Will, Riley T-B, Fletch, Cameron, Ryan, Nicholas, Drue, Josh and Deano were also impressive as they showed their individual flairs and never give up attitudes with securing the ball and the confidence to back themselves and focus on the team game. All this made for an abundance of exciting plays and great games to watch from the sidelines. If scores were kept, we would of finished the regular season only dropping a couple of games which is a fantastic effort considering half the team was playing their first year of AFL. Whilst scores are not kept at this age, we always received score updates through the game by majority of the boys.

We finished the season with a Gala day of 5 quick games where we finished in 3<sup>rd</sup> position. The boys showed a lot of spirit and hunger to play some good footy. Friendships have been made and Penshurst Junior AFL certainly has some exciting times ahead as these boys grow and gain some valuable experience.

I'd like to thank our Manager Kylie, you definitely made coaching this team an enjoyable experience. Your preparation preseason and continued support throughout the season has been amazing.

This was my first year coaching AFL and I was lucky to have two great guys assisting and guiding me both on the training paddock and on game day. TJ and Arron the way these individual players quickly pulled together and worked as a team is a credit to you both. Your experience, knowledge and mentoring throughout the year was appreciated by all.

Last but not least, Thank you to all the Mums and Dads for your help throughout the year. I hope you all enjoyed seeing this great team grow this season as I have. I hope to see all the boys with boots on next year for Season 2018!

Coach Jason

## Individual Player Reviews

**Drue Bartlett** – back for his second season of AFL, Drue always showed the opposition that no matter how big they were he would get in and under to attack the ball. He didn't shy away from running them down or tackling them either.

**Luka Burrell** – A first season footballer, Luka always tried hard and showed growth in not just his skills but also his confidence this season.

**Dean Comino** – returning for another season of AFL and celebrating his 50<sup>th</sup> game milestone, Deano was a determined tackler who defended well and always backed up his teammates. A reliable teammate.

**Fletcher Convery** – back for another year of AFL, Fletch also celebrated his 50game milestone this season. A player who shows strength in all positions of the game and is a strong attacker of the ball who doesn't shy away from chasing his opponents down. His continued improvement shows why he received 3<sup>rd</sup> Best & Fairest this season. Congrats Fletch!!

# U10 Greens Report

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**William Foster** – A strong player for the team who uses his height and strength to take some high marks and make fierce tackles. Always a nightmare for the opposition as his game goes from strength to strength, knowing how to work within the team and lift them up too. Will's efforts were recognised with his selection into the U10s Sydney South Region Development Team this year and, is also the winner of the team's Best and Fairest player for 2017. Congrats on another great year Will!!

**Callum Hill** – a first year player to AFL who is also playing up an age group, who was awarded Most improved for the team this season. Callum always trained hard and was determined to keep growing in not just skills, but his confidence too. Great effort this season.

**Marcus Ianni** – another of our first season footballers who was a little shy at first but he worked and trained hard improving week after week. Marcus was always willing to get in and give it a go.

**Ryan Jarvis** – the youngest player on the team, playing up an age group but that didn't stop him from being a strong attacker of the ball and a menace to the opposition. Whatever the Coaches asked of him he did it showing his ability to want to keep improving and developing. A valuable player to the team and very deserving on Runner-up Best and Fairest this season. Great season Ryan!

**Cameron Marshall** – another of our players who is playing up a year, Cam is a strong player who has great speed and kicking skills. He attacks the ball well and has the determination to always play his best, a real Team player.

**Joshua McKenzie** – was great to see Josh continue to improve week in week out. He showed some great kicking and ball handling skills and always helped to move the ball up the field. His ruck skills were strong as he used his height to get to the ball first.

**Jake Myers** – a first year player who from the very first game showed that he was a natural sportsman. Jake was a determined player who worked well within the team to get in and get the ball and move it up the field. An impressive first year Jake and look forward to seeing you keep developing next season. A deserving Most Consistent team player award, well done.

**Riley Myers** – along with his brother, Riley was also a first year player who seemed a bit quiet at first but he trained hard and showed how strong a player he was developing into. Well-liked by all, Riley always got in and gave anything a go that was asked of him. An asset and a pleasure to have on the team.

**Chase Roman** – first year footballer who worked hard every week at training to learn the game and play the best he could. Always asked if unsure of something and always got in and gave it a go.

**Riley Todd-Bonselaar** – another strong team player who used his height and strength to menace the opposition with tough tackles and high marks. Riley took on instructions from Coaches and carried them out and always having the back of all his team mates was a vital player to have on the team.

**Nicholas Vittorio** – a never give up player who showed he wasn't afraid of the strength or size of the opposition. Nicholas was great with calls and letting his teammates know when they were under fire. He really is showing great skills and the ability to read the game well and always encouraging the team.

This Green team were not only superstars this year but a true team of MATES!! A pleasure to be a part of this Season with them.

**Coaches – Jason Foster, Tristan Jarvis & Arron Convery**  
**Manager – Kylie Jarvis**

# U10 Whites Report

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## **A mixed year with a very happy ending!**

A slow start to the year with limited training due to the rain, early 'bye' round and school holidays meant we couldn't get any continuity. The makeup of the team only changed slightly from the previous year, we lost two players but bought in two new players – Lucas Donnelly who had previously played with Bankstown AFC and Mathew Fitzgerald new to Australian Football from a Rugby League and Cricketing background and both slotted into the team nicely. Our teams form fluctuated as we built up our skills and fitness levels, and after playing several close games throughout the year we knew that if we were going to go all the way we would need to beat the top teams do so. It took the last game of the year to beat the tough Miranda 'Black' which gave the team confidence going into the Gala Day series. The boys were a little too confident in the first game against Bangor which saw us trailing at half time, but after a decent rev up, the team responded magnificently to play some of the best football they had played all year. This great response saw us go onto to defeat all comers except for a narrow loss to Cronulla Navy in the last game, who we would go on to meet in the Grandfinal the following week.

The Grand Final was a special day not only for the boys but for the parents, supporters, coaches and manager - this was the perfect finale to a big year. The boys were very focused for this game and knew we could win if we played as a team and not as individuals. Cronulla Navy hadn't lost a game all year but we took heart in an early season draw we had had against them. We carefully planned out what was needed to win the match and each player was given individual direction on their role required. To my delight every player completed the plan perfectly and we had a resounding victory to cap off a big year.

I was very encouraged by the improvement in players from the previous year, in particular Myles Corbett, and Max Haigh. Myles attack on the ball and willingness to get in to the packs was a real highlight but the best moment of the year was when he bagged his first ever goal.

Max was able to play each game this year and he made the school team too which helped his development. His focus and attack on the ball was vital especially in the back line where he was able to save numerous goals often being outnumbered by opposition players.

Other memorable individual performances were: Mathew Fitzgerald's 6 goals against Heathcote, Ethan Allardice's 4 goal haul against Ramsgate, Jai Van Den Borne's 7 goals in the gala day, Harvey Harrisons defensive work (saved about 10 goals) against Cronulla, Austin Sell representing our team at the Rep Carnival, Isaac Filipo and Lachy Landy's 2 goals each in the Grand final and many, many more.

## **Individual player review**

**Max Mason** – Another big improver, who was good at getting to the fall of the ball and clearing the ball out of the congestion with accuracy. Was right in the thick of the action in the Grandfinal and played the role asked of him perfectly. He is very coachable and gives his best every game, look forward to seeing him develop even more in the coming years.

Great Year Max – Well done!

**Max Plummer** – "Big Bustling Maxy" continued where he left off from the previous year and played his best in the congestion, where his strength was invaluable. When Max played well, the team always did well as he often did the hard work getting the ball out to the runners. Max showed great courage in the Grandfinal as he had been very ill all week but still gave his all despite clearly still struggling with the effects of illness.

Well done on another great year!

# U10 Whites Report

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**Benjamin Lewis** – Loves being around the goals and can kick a bag when given half a chance. Benji's came to life in the second half of the year and his Gala Day performance was outstanding and went a long way to helping us get to the Grandfinal. With Benji's height he is often called on to perform different roles whether it be backs, forwards or in the ruck but he always gives his best.

Great Job Benji!

**Harvey Harrison** – A very popular team member who loves hearing the “Harvey, Harvey, Harvey” chant go on after the games. As our tallest player, Harvey started to really use this to his advantage especially in the Ruck, but it was his ability to read the play, back himself and attack the ball coming out of the back line that was a real highlight. Was a very good player in the Grandfinal repelling numerous Cronulla attacks.

Great Year Harvey! (Harvey, Harvey, Harvey!.....)

**Myles Corbett** – One of our big improvers of the year culminating in scoring his first goal. Myles had been close numerous times and I knew it was only a matter of time before he got on the board if he kept attacking the ball the way he was. And so it was to be, with Myles leading out from full forward he was awarded a free kick for a high tackle, went back on a 45 degree angle and kicked a beautiful goal straight through the middle. This was a great delight to his team mates, his family and myself (I even did a cart wheel as I had previously promised Myles the day he kicks a goal I will do one!).

Well done Myles your improvement this year has been excellent!

**Lucas Donnelly** – Joined Penshurst this year from Bankstown and had immediate impact in his first game, kicking two goals. Lucas was a smart footballer who always used the ball wisely and always seemed to bob up just at the right moment. His performance in the Gala Day was a standout and everyone remembers the goal against the “Greens” that cleared the pack and did a “Shane Warne leg break” to kick a miraculous goal. Lucas was a great addition to our team.

Well done Lucas on a great year!

**Isaac Filipo** – Still the crowd favourite, Isaac took off where he left off from the previous year. With his trademark, big tackles, evasive running and clever goal scoring, when Isaac was on, the whole team lifted. Isaac is very coachable and popular amongst his team mates and his Grandfinal performance was nothing short of superb, carrying out instructions to a tee.

A pleasure to coach, Great Year Isaac!

**Lachy Landy** – Provided some real highlights this year with his speed out of the middle and great goal sense. Took his game to another level in the Gala Day and then followed up with his best game ever in the Grandfinal. A very likable and coachable boy, Lachy is starting to realise what he is capable of and with continued confidence will take his game to another level.

Great year Lachy – Well Done!

**Ethan Allardice** – Continued his good form from the previous year. Always at the feet of the taller players so when the ball hits the ground he's away. A very smart user of the ball, never wasting a disposal and played well in numerous positions throughout the year. Has a great on field connection with his best mate Jai, and when he gets the chance, can kick a bag of goals. Ethan was a very important player in the Grandfinal and rose to the occasion taking on much bigger opponents in numerous on field positons.

Thanks for another great year Ethan!

**Lachy Ellis** – Took his game to another level this year and played really well in big games including a super effort in the Grandfinal. One of the better marks in our team especially for his size, he attacks the ball with vigour and is not scared to take on players much bigger than himself. His game against Cronulla Navy earlier in the year where he continually cleared the ball from the backline was a standout performance.

Well done Lachy – A great year !



# U10 Whites Report

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**Samuel Weightman** – His season mirrored the teams season – a little up and down early in the year but an outstanding second half. Samuels strength lies in getting in and under the packs along with his tackling (often of much bigger opponents) and clearance work from the middle. Samuels played well in the big games with an excellent Gala Day and Grandfinal and was instrumental at clearing the ball from the centre line to the forwards.

A great year – well done Samuel!

**Mathew Fitzgerald** – For a first year player to Australian Football Mathew excelled. It was a pleasure to watch Mathews development throughout the year and when he was on, he was unstoppable. Mathews high ‘marking’ and excellent ruck work were vital in helping our team reach the Grandfinal. He was a very consistent player and played some standout games including the 6 goal game against Heathcote, the Gala Day and Grandfinal. He was rewarded with the captaincy on Grandfinal day as the boys really look up to him as a natural leader and with increased confidence and game sense the future for Mathew is very bright.

Well done Mathew on an excellent year!

**Max Haig** – One of the big improvers for the year, Max showed what he is capable of in the big games. Started the season well with his attack on the ball and continued throughout culminating in outstanding games in defence in both the Gala Day and in the Grandfinal often beating several players at once. If he continues this improvement and with increased confidence, then the sky is the limit.

Well done Max on a great year!

**Jai Van Den Borne** – Continued his good form from the previous year and despite being our youngest player was one of our better players throughout the year. Always at the fall of the ball to clean up from a dropped mark or rove the packs a sneak through a goal. Teams well with best mate Ethan, often looking for each other in games when they get the chance. Played some outstanding individual games especially in the big games, including his 7 goal effort in the Gala Day and great Grandfinal.

Great work Jai on a super year!

**Austin Snell** – Another great year from Aussie, where he continued to be an important player to the team. Aussie is the best pack mark in the competition often out marking much bigger opponents and is very good around the goals. His teammates look up to him to produce something special on game day. Though Aussie’s best positon is around the forwards it was his defensive work in the Grandfinal that was most pleasing. Aussie also represented our team in the Rep Squad and was one of the better players in that team.

Another great year Aussie!

## Special Thanks

A big thankyou to our team Manager Michelle McPherson for the incredible work she did each week organising our team and making sure everything ran smoothly, we definitely couldn’t have done it without her. She certainly made my job lot easier.

To Adam Snell, for taking on the Goal Umpiring duties each week, we very much appreciate you helping out, and to Clint Allardice for stepping in and taking the team when I wasn’t available and being the team runner for the Gala Day and Grandfinal, I say thankyou. And finally to all the family and friends who supported the boys all year and stepped in and helped out when needed, a really big thankyou to you all as you helped make the year special for the team.

# U11s Report

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**Panthers under 11's**

**2017 Premiers**

**18 games. Won 13. Lost 5.**

The team came together in March, with 13 boys from last years **Christian (aka No 5), Dom, CJ, Kian, Fin, Mitch, Jack, Tom Stoddart, Tom Williams , Alejandro, Ash, Aaron and Josh** and five new players in **Cameron Fry, Lucas Nimmo, Jacob Saliba, Alex Vittorio and Griffin Robinson**.

The boys started with a bang, winning 6 games on the trot, before injuries and illness took a hold and they lost the next 4. It was about then that **Cade Lambino** joined the troupe, adding serious muscle to our mid field defence.

Following a round 11 win against Cronulla, the team picked up their intensity and effort at training and on game day. They won five of their next 6 games, including a 92- 28 win against Miranda Bombers, who were at the time running a clear first in the competition.

Coaches, managers, parents and friends, not to mention the players, started to get excited. We were approaching the semi finals and the whole team was playing with the skill and intensity we all knew they were capable of. Trainings on Wednesdays were well attended and we were getting good numbers to out Friday arvo sessions.

Winning 11 from 15 in the regular season, the team finished second on the ladder to set up a major semi final against Miranda to see who would go straight through to the grand final. After a frustrating start, which saw the boys dominate the first quarter, but go to the break only 5-0 up, the boys pushed on to win 55 – 27.

After a two-week wait, grand final day finally came. It was Penshurst v Miranda.

Again the boys dominated early, but great defence from Miranda limited Penshurst to just 6 behinds. Penshurst led 6 -1 at quarter time. The defence was great from both sides, and the score at three quarter time was a nail biting 14 all. The game was set up for a cracking 4<sup>th</sup> quarter. Neither team disappointed, with Penshurst prevailing to win a memorable game 27 – 24, after Ash kicked a goal with one minute to go.

The boys skill got them into the major semi and then into the grand final, but it was their guts and determination that got them the grand final win. There was just so much to be proud of. Above all, was that the team never got down or wavered from the task, despite so much going against them on the day.

The kids were a credit to their parents and the club. They played a fast, tough style of game, communicated positively with each other during games, and always just got on with the job. It was a pleasure to coach them and watch them play each week. Grant and I cant wait to see how they go in the under 12's.

A big thank you to our dynamic management team of Sarah and Andrew for keeping the team on track, Grant for all his help as co-coach, Andrew for being our regular goal umpire and to all the parents, grandparents and friends for their support in what was a memorable season. Thankyou also to **Riley, Ryan, Fletcher, Lachlan and Samuel** from the under 10's who filled in throughout the season.

Harry Woods

# U11s Report

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**Aaron Guscott:** Another great year from a boy who absolutely loves his Afl. Aaron played mainly in the forwards this year and did an extremely good job. Aaron really learnt how to use his body well in his contests for the ball this year and held his feet to win the ball on many occasions. A very unselfish player who would always look to promote the football to his team mates with a nicely timed handball. He also kicked a couple of good goals this year for the team. An absolute pleasure to coach and have in the team.

**Ash Kennedy :** Another veteran of the team who lives and Breathes Afl. Playing mainly in the forwards this year you could always count on Ash to do his job for the team. His enthusiasm for the game showed in games and his attitude at training shone through in the way he went about his game. Possesses a beautiful handball and a very accurate kick and set up plenty of goals for the team. Ash really went up a level in the way he attacked the football and his work defensively was great to see. Kicked an extremely important goal in the GF to seal the victory.

**Dominic Giunta :** Again one of the long serving veterans of the team. Dominic's intensity and attitude for the game really improved to become one of the best defensive players in the comp. He really thrived in his role at the back this year and used his big body to his advantage to stop the play in its track. It was a sight to him at full pace attacking the ball and shepherding opposition players off the ball and then clearing the ball out for his team. Doms contribution to the team this year was first class and he is an asset to have in the team.

**Cameron Jones :** CJ is also a team veteran who took on an unfamiliar role this year to also become one of the best defensive players in the comp. He has a big kick and good skills and often cleared the ball out of our end. He worked hard at training on his skills and this showed every week . He has a good turn of speed and knew when to attack the football and when to defend our goals. He loves to be involved in games and would always take the important marks to get his team out of trouble. When he did move into the midfield and forward line he did a very good job.

**Christian Callen :** Number 5 as we like to call him, Christian had a fantastic year of football. It's his second year with the boys and he certainly made his presence felt. He has all the skills of a good AFL player, good kicking game, great ability to take a mark, solid defence and fantastic game sense. Played the majority of the year as a mid field player. He knew when to inject himself into the game and never took a backward step. Christian was one of our most reliable players and never let the team down. A real crowd favourite who always had the full support of the spectators. Go the 5.

**Cameron Fry :** A new player to the team this year who fitted in right from his very first game. Frenchy as we like to call him has all the necessary skills to become a very good AFL player and he has developed nicely as the year went on. Worked hard on his hand ball skills and has a big kick to complement his game. Played the majority of the year as a midfield and knew exactly how to use his body when contesting the ball.. Became one of the more dominant players in the comp as he learnt the game. Expecting big things next year for him.

**Joshua Murray :** Another of the team veterans Josh again proved his value to then team. He played majority of the season as one of our full forwards and was always in position to kick an important goal or take that mark that was needed for the team. When needed he used his big body and stayed on his feet to win the contest and earn the ball for his team. As the year progressed his fitness improved and his skill level went up. Kicked some very important goals through the year.

**Thomas Stoddart :** In his second year with the team Toms skills improved again this year and he has developed into a good team player. He never took a backward step and was always willing to fight hard to win possession of the ball. His work at training and his willingness to listen showed in the way he went about his business. Tom is one of the quietest members of our team and when he comes out of his shell im sure he will continue to develop. A real pleasure to coach and have in the team.

# U11s Report

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Kian Todd-Bonselaar : One of the leaders of the team and backing up from last year Kian had an outstanding year. Rotated between the ruck and centre half back he developed into one of the best players in the competition. His skills to take a mark and win the contest really showed through this year. One of the toughest defenders in our team, he continually dominated the opposition with bone crunching defence. Possesses all the skills needed to play AFL at next level. Kian was one of our league boys who backed up after playing on Saturdays and never let us down.

Finlay Whitten : Another team veteran who has been around for a while now. Fin played mainly at fullback and was one of the top defensive players in the comp. He has a knack of knowing when to attack the ball or when to hold back and take a mark to get the team out of trouble. He saved plenty of goals for us this year with his desperate defence. Fin really worked hard this year at training and it showed in his games. Missed a couple of games late in the season through injury and illness but came back in the GF and played while still being sick to help our team to victory.

Mitchel Woods : What an outstanding year from our Captain and fearless leader. Mitch has all the skills needed for the game and it showed every time he took the field. His competitive streak and extra effort makes him one of the best players in the competition by far. Fantastic under the high ball you could always count on him to take that mark or to make that desperate tackle and get the team out of trouble. Suffered a broken hand mid season but came back to again lead his team. A true sign of his character was in the GF where he broke a finger with his first mark but continued to play the whole game. Never once did he shy away from his duties.

Jack Hanratty : Another outstanding year from Jack who again proved his dominance in the competition. Jacks skill level and never say die attitude saw him dominate most oppositions. His speed and agility in the forward pocket allowed him to score the majority of our teams goals. His kicking game and accuracy were first class and he often scored 5 or 6 goals a game. The way he attacks the ball and when he is in open space is something to marvel at. There wasn't an opposition player to match him. Jack became heavily marked as the year went on but was always up for the challenge and never backed away from the hard work.

Alejandro Rivera : In his second year Alejandro again continued to develop his skills to become a valuable team member. His focus at training and his continual will to learn are what makes him a good team player. Has a good hand ball, can take a mark and was always willing to get in and contest the ball. He kicked some valuable goals for the team this year, none more so important than the one he kicked in the Gf to keep us in front. Played anywhere we needed him and did a great job for the team. Well done mate on a good year.

Thomas Williams : Another good year from Tom who continued to develop all the skills required to play Afl. Tom was always willing to get in and have a go whether it was with the ball or defensively. Has a nice kicking game and always pushed the ball forward to his team forwards in good position. Missed a few games throughout the year with some injuries and illnesses. With more work im sure he will continue to develop further and press his claims in the team. Tom was always focussed and never let his team mates down.

Cade Lambino : Cade came to us after about rd 5 and immediately fitted in well with our team. Its always hard to come into a side especially when your new to the game and had never played before. Fortunately for us he picked up the game really quick and relished in his role in the mid field. A tough defender with a league background he soon worked out how to tackle effectively and often caught the opposition out with a good tackle. He has a tonne of speed and his kicking game was top notch. With this year under his belt im sure he will be bigger and stronger next year.



# U11s Report

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Griffin Robinson : Another new member to the team this year who also fitted in nicely with the boys and the team. Griffin developed all his skills through his efforts at training and it showed in the games as the year progressed. Being new to the game its always hard to adjust to different rules, but he took it all in his stride. He had his best game late in the year when he took 2 beautiful marks and kicked 2 goals to help our team along. Missed a couple of games late due to a family holiday but came back for the semis and GF and contributed well to the team.

Alexander Vittorio : Again another new boy in the team who fitted in nicely with the boys . Alex has some great skills for Afl with a neat kicking game, a nice handball and a willingness to learn. Played in the midfield for most of the year and always gave his best efforts for the team. He was always around the ball and regularly cleared the ruck with a nicely timed kick to players in open spaces. Scored a hand full of goals throughout the season. With his first year under his belt im sure he will come back very strong next year.

Jacob Saliba : New to the team this year and another boy who posses good skills to become a good Afl player. Jacob is very fast and was always one of the boys chasing down kicks and moving the ball forward for the team. Jacob has a very accurate kick and he scored some really good goals for us this year. As the year went on you could really see how much his skills had improved as he became a very valuable team member. Hope to see you back next year.

Lucas Nimmo : Another one of the new boys and again a player who found his spot nicely in our team. Lucas always gave his all in every game and certainly wasn't afraid to get in and do the hard yards. His clearance kicks and handball skills really came along at the back end of the season as he developed into a good team player. Only small in stature but with possesses a big heart. Set up and also scored some good goals this year. A great first year of footy.

# U12s Report

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After the highs of 2016, this group of players (and fine young men and women) experienced their first season under the expanded divisional structure, and can be extremely proud of what they achieved. Despite not being able to experience singing the club song many times throughout the year, they were a super competitive unit in a tough division, playing the cream of the crop from a number of strong city clubs. Without a shadow of a doubt they are still one of the better teams for their age group in the South region, and would have gone extremely close to premiership success in a lower division.

Whatever experience they gained will hold them in good stead for 2018 and beyond, and for those who stepped up to play U13's this year they more than held their own. It was extremely pleasing to watching four of our crew play with the 13's during their finals campaign, and not only did they all play well, they were arguably amongst the top half dozen players in both finals games.

We also had representation in the South team for the Queens Birthday Weekend carnival, and three players (Kyle Brady, Anthony Hanlen and Jake Whittemore) contributed to a much-improved performance from the 2017 team, who managed to jag a few wins for the first time in a long time. Eloise Carey, our champion female team member, was also selected to play in the U12 Girls team and put in a sterling performance.

Ladies and gentlemen, these are your 2017 U12 Penshurst Panthers.

**Aaron Carey:** "The Warrior", "The Weapon" or "Azza", he had one aim for the start of the year, and that was to get a goal. The fact that (from memory) he jagged a couple in the first game meant the rest of the year was gravy. There is no-one more loved in the team than Aaron, he tries his heart out every week.

**Adam Pittman:** The first of our debutantes, Adam came to the team with loads of enthusiasm, and after a slow start, started to get the hang of the game by the end of the year. He can only improve in 2018

**Alexander Marchant:** Alex was another new starter this year and displayed a natural ability to play the game, performing well in tandem with Anasta in the ruck. With continued training and an increase in confidence, he is one who can have a bright future in the game.

**Anasta Sioutos:** slowly, but surely, Anasta was starting to use his height to his (and the team's) advantage. He quite often gave our midfielders first use of the ball, and with another off-season and a sprinkling of confidence he could become a dominant ruck in the competition.

**Anthony Hanlen:** "Hanners" had a solid year rotating between the midfield and forward line, and displayed flashes of brilliance at times. With his continued Academy training and love of the game, Anthony can easily go on to bigger and better things. He also played a number of games for the 13's and performed well in their finals matches.

**Diego Bozinovski:** Unfortunately for Diego, his year was impacted by injury and illness. He continually displays great enthusiasm to play, and his athleticism and natural ability were very much missed in his absence. I know he'll be back next year and will appreciate a full season of games.

**Dylan Carr:** Dylan had a great 2017, playing in a number of positions throughout the year. Dylan definitely has the tools at his disposal to be a fine player, and if he can translate his skills on the training track to the game situation on Sundays he could quite easily achieve this.

**Eamon Bullock:** Eamon got better as the season went on, translating his strong training efforts into solid Sunday performances. Year on year he does the little things right, and is another member of the team who could be an outstanding achiever with some more confidence under his belt.



# U12s Report

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**Eloise Carey:** Eloise gives as good as she gets and is a super competitive member of our team. Excelled at times during the year, and was a dominant member of the U12 youth girls team. A natural athlete, there is no reason why she can't dominate the girls comp in future years, and is definitely a contender for the Swans Academy.

**Evan Reed:** With a limited amount of game time during the year, Evan gave his all, and with continued improvement and training, he can easily get better in 2018

**Jake Whittemore:** Jake is a natural competitor, and while we would've liked him to play forward during the year, circumstances dictated meant he played all around the ground during the year. As expected, he excelled at whatever role he had on game day, and has superstar potential. He was excellent as well playing for the 13's this year and was outstanding in their finals campaign.

**James Brown:** "JB" was simply brilliant in 2017. He displayed glimpses of what he was capable of last year but he was a different player this season and had a super impressive second half of the year. While he didn't jag his much-promised goal from a torpedo, his work in the midfield was superb and he has found his natural position. James could always be relied upon to provide much comic relief at training too!!

**Josh Bateman:** Josh was the most impressive of the new starters this year. He started his year up forward and was able to use his natural ability to our advantage on several occasions. He also impressed when thrown down back towards the end of the year. As he gets to know the game better, he has a massive future.

**Kyle Brady:** While he can definitely talk the talk, Kyle yet again put his money where his mouth is and was easily one of our better players for 2017. There might not be much of him but he throws himself around like a rag doll and was one of our pillars in defence. Equally adept when given a run in the middle of the ground, he's a star whom the team rely on immensely.

**Liam Taylor:** Liam was our other pillar in defence this year, and the scores could've been blow-outs without his tireless efforts in the backline, running himself to a standstill more often than not. An absolute delight to coach, he is the ultimate competitor and will always be a key member of this team.

**Mark Theodorakakis:** Mark came to us new this year and tried his heart out at training and at the games. With more training and confidence he could have a really good year next season.

**Max Condon:** Max played a few games for us towards the end of the year, and being a natural sportsman, he was able to acquit himself well with the limited opportunities he had. I'd really like to see him back in 2018.

**Phoenix Stewart:** playing up a grade and coming back after a year or so away, Phoenix performed well throughout the year. He has undoubted potential to be a gun midfielder or forward and will be better for the experience that was season 2017.

**Tyler Aplitt:** Tyler built on his great debut season last year, showing enormous courage throughout the season and consistently being one of better marks. I'm confident that all the training he puts in will pay off in the long term. Tyler was extremely keen to play up in the 13's during the year, and played out of his skin in the finals.

**Zane Kennedy:** Zane creates a presence no matter what position he plays, and gives his teammates confidence with his dominant marking and booming right boot. Zane was impressive during the year for this team, but took his game to another level playing 13's, and quite often was amongst the top 4 players each time he played. If he wants it badly enough, he can make a lasting impression in AFL.

# U12s Report

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The following players are to be congratulated for reaching their 50 game milestone for the Panthers during the season:

- Kyle Brady
- Eamon Bullock
- Eloise Carey
- Dylan Carr
- Zane Kennedy

Before we go for the year, as always there are a number of people who need to be acknowledged. First of all thank you to the parents, for their commitment throughout the season, taking the kids to training and cheering them on during game day, particularly for the first time this year driving them around to all parts of the city. To Sandra Brady, thank you for being a wonderful manager and keeping everyone informed during the year (and being the little angel on my shoulder during game day!!) To Dave Aplitt and Tim Whittemore, your assistance on Wednesdays and Sundays with training, first aid and running messages was of a great assistance to me, so thank you, while I also want to thank Jeff Taylor and George Sioutos for their goal umpiring excellence during the season.

This year's experience, and a kinder set up with the divisions next year will hopefully provide this team with a more enjoyable season in 2018, at least in terms on wins achieved. These kids are truly a great group of people, and I wish them all the success in their footballing careers going forward.

Tim Hanlen.

# U12 Youth Girls Report

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In the short 9 months that I have been at this club I have felt very welcomed and part of the Panther family, I would like to thank everyone at the club for your support.

Moving down to Sydney to follow my dream has been nothing but a great experience, on this journey I have had the absolute pleasure of coaching the under 12 youth girls here at Penshurst. Coaching is something that I live for and is my absolute passion, so being able to share my knowledge with the girls was fantastic.

This year, 2017 Penshurst had their first girls team enter the Western Sydney competition. Yes that's right, the Western Sydney competition so that the Western Sydney competition could avoid having the dreaded bye. This turned out to be a blessing in disguise because our team loved the competitive nature of the competition and gee whiz did we play some great football this year. Not once did any player or parent complain about the long drive to grounds such as Baulkham Hills or Kellyville and I believe this is testament to the great culture that this club, and more specifically this team, enjoys.

Some of these girls had never watched a game of AFL or touched an AFL ball before, you would never have guessed what would happen throughout this year.....The End.

Just Kidding. These lovely young girls played hard and fair throughout the year placing 3rd on the ladder and making it to the preliminary finals in the team's first year.

What an outstanding achievement for these girls. I couldn't be any prouder of you.

Now about how we got here, it wasn't all my great work (toot of my own horn). I would like to thank my assistant coach Dion Zisis who was my good cop to every situation. Dion was there every Wednesday night helping with training and was the team runner on a Sunday. I couldn't thank him enough for the about of time he has given up to help.

Another great human is the team Manager Daniel Hobson, who did all the behind the scenes work, making sure that everyone was sorted out and knew where they were going. Thank you so much for putting your hand up to do this role this year, it is much appreciated by me and the team. #1 master emailer

Also a huge thank you to the parents for all your support, for driving the girls out west and making sure there ready for training.

Now to the people that made all this happen, the girls:

**Mona:** Mona started the year in the forward line, but we soon realised she was hiding a skill from us and that was how great her defending is, Mona is a player who can really get around the field and play any position you put her in. Also she is the team winner for the BEEP test. Well done Mona I owe you a chocolate bar!!!

**Elouise:** started with the boys at the beginning of the year meaning most Sundays she was playing two games. Her will to play is outstanding, She reads the game well at such a young age. It's been great having her on the team.

**Bianca:** this is one player that will not stop even when it's not in her favour out on the field, it is amazing how far she will push herself. This amazing goal stopper was outstanding all year. Bianca really listened and understood her role in the back. Most players don't like playing in the back but Bianca took this challenge on and absolute smashed it. Well done Bianca



# U12 Youth Girls Report

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**Sofia:** Conflicting schedules meant that Sofia was unable to play as much football as we would've liked but she had a few good moments at the beginning of the season. Hopefully, she can be back next season so we can use some of that untapped potential.

**Olivia:** The little pocket rocket out on field, Oliver is fearless out on the field taking on girls twice her size. Not only would she tackle them she would go after the ball even when she was outnumbered and somehow always managed to come out with the ball. Well done throughout the year for you attendance at training and games.

**Liv:** also known as Olivia but renamed Liv, Liv was a great defender and played well in the mid. Liv always came to training with the best attitude and that showed out on the field. Liv is a great tackler and really goes hard after the ball.

**Grace:** what an outstanding team player, This girl was taken down early on in the season and was out for 4 weeks. I thought a hit like that would scare her off however it did quick the opposite she came back more fearless than ever. However whenever she got tackled I was watching through my fingers. Grace displaced great on and off field team spirit. Well done.

**Ella:** an unfortunate end to the season for Ella as we could see her confidence was growing. Ella was one of our most improved this season and it was devastating to see her miss our last few games with injury. Her desire to return to the team was magnificent and even though she was injured, she still came to every training and game to help out.

**Samara:** was our tackling machine. Seemingly a little shy at the start of the season, this all disappeared when she was out on the field. Her last 3-4 games were outstanding and she helped to win us our semi-final with her ferocity and tenacity.

**Emily:** this girl knows how to take a mark, whatever direction or height of the ball Emily could read it. Emily is a great team player and is such a well-mannered young lady. She was a pleasure to coach.

**Lucy:** AKA the sticks (which will become your new nickname), well done on a great year of football, Lucy played in the forward line or in the mid, I mean it didn't matter if we put her in the mid she just gravitated to the forward and that was fine by us.

**Zoe:** our resident full-forward, Zoe was another one of our improvers this year. After a slow start to the year, she really took on the challenge of being our full-forward and triumphed. Zoe played one of her best games for the year in the penultimate round against Parramatta when she listened to instructions and really made it easy for us to score. Dion still owes you that \$5 – don't forget.

Ok time to wrap this up, If there is one this that the girls can take away from this year is to play fair and play hard then I will sleep a happy coach. It has been an absolute pleasure coaching these young girls and watching them grow and develop this year has been so much fun.

See you all next year for another great season,

Coach Rickie McDonough

# U13s Report

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Firstly I would like to thank all who came to support and cheer us on through the year. Your encouragement has help us get to another great year of footy.

The season started off in unexpected terms with a draw with Canada Bay.

Round two saw us take on Glebe and we were able to grind out our first win of the season. Next we had East Bulldogs where we had two debutant Liam Hart and Jackson Venables.. We also got a few under 12's to play up and what a revelation that would be through the season! In the end we got the our second win and things were looking good.

Ramsgate was next and we really started to show our strength. Xavier played his 50th congratulations mate. Round 5 was top of thee table clash against Heathcote, it was a smashing by our boys. Our pressure around the ball was first class and the smaller Heathcote couldn't keep up.

Canada Bay was next and unfortunately they couldn't get the numbers due to injuries and school holiday's. Our boys had some fun with players taking turns to go on the Cannons side. Credit to the boys for doing so and was a good laugh for them.

Round 7 saw Casey play his 100th...great achievement! We played Glebe in a scrappy low scoring game. The boys got the job done with an injury list that was building up.

Round 8 saw a close 9 point win against Canada Bay...we could see the injuries was taking its toll. Lucky we had a 4 week break from games to get the injuries under some sort of control. Round 9 we had the bye. Round 10 we came across a determined running Glebe that were able to give us our first loss of the season. Congratulations to Josh McConaghy for his 100th pity we couldn't get the win for him.

East Bulldogs was next and we played one of our best first quarters of the season kicking 6 goals to none to set the win up. It was a beautiful twilight game.

Round 11 we again had another bye in short period of time.

Round 12 we played the relegated Bangor team and we knew we had a big game on our hands. Both teams were fired up but ended up being Bangor better on the day with a full fit squad.

Heathcote was next and we saw a very different side come out from earlier in the year, we couldn't respond and again we had an injury/sick prone side.

Finals time and we played Heathcote for a spot in the GF! Unfortunately it wasn't to be and it put us in a must win against Bangor.

Our final game of the season was played out with great heart and passion so proud of how they came out firing and finishing so well in a game they knew was gonna be tough. The season wasn't smooth sailing but the boys stood up. A massive thankyou to Tim Hanlen and the under 12 boy's they were a part of us getting so far as we did.

Panther Pride was on show all season...bring on next year!

AARON CALLAGHAN















# U15s Division 3 Report

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2017 was a year where the boys played footy a year young again. At the start of the year we expected to struggle and wondered how competitive we would be.

But lo and behold, we had 4 wins, 11 losses and finished 6<sup>th</sup> out of 7 on the ladder.

I was so proud of the performance of the Division 3 side in 2017 because they were like the energiser bunny, they just never gave up.

In the first game of the season we got beaten quite comprehensively in the first 2 quarters by the Manly Bombers, but the boys never gave up. They persevered and lost the 2<sup>nd</sup> half by only a few points.

That pattern continued throughout the season.

Some of our catch cries in 2017 were:

- “First in and under”
- “Always do the one, two play”
- “Cluster” (when kicking in from an opponents point)
- “Possession football”

They grew as men and were really disciplined and hardworking

Let me talk with you about the year, player by player.

**Brady, Tyler** generally played on the half back flank and sometimes as an on-baller. Tyler has an amazing capacity to read the play. He is fearless; he attacks the ball ferociously at speed and as a result rarely gets caught with the ball. Tyler has grown from strength to strength in 2017.

**Carey, Jordan** is our goal sneak. If he gets the ball in the forward line, opposition – watch out! Jordan always uses his voice and calls out to his team mates during play. He is skilful and has a good football brain.

**Childs, David** is Mr Consistent. Dave is always at training, always listening, always on time. He is a pleasure to coach. His skills have improved a lot in 2017 and so has his running engine. Dave’s physicality increased dramatically this year. He put some really good tackles & shepherds on this year.

**Christofis, Cory** played brilliantly this season. One of our key phrases was “first in and under”. Cory personified this mantra. Smallest, yet first in for the ball and he was always in under the pack. Great effort Cory

**Cino, Joseph** played superbly in his Division 3 games. He was like having an “old experienced hand” in the team. His ball skills are excellent, he reads the play and he works hard for his mates. As a midfielder, he would often build the wall when the ball was up forward to make sure it stayed there. He is also a very respectful young man who has the respect of his peers and his elders.

**Clement, Dom** is an excellent ruckman and runner. He is even taller in 2017 than 2016. Wow. Dom is a team player, coordinates well with his midfielders and is fit. He rarely needs a rest which is amazing for a ruckman.

**Curtis, Bailey** played only a portion of the 2017 games however his impact at each one of those was evident. Bailey is strong, fast and skilful. One game that was particularly memorable was the win against Ramsgate 6 or 7 games into the season. Bailey had 3 players on him in the last quarter, but was still able to get kicks away.

**Dol, Mitchell** is a fast, hard tackling midfielder (sometimes backman) who throws everything he can at the game. Mitchell isn’t the biggest bloke in our team but he tackles like he is. I thought he played some superb games on the half back flank. It was great to see him play a season without the bad head knocks of 2016.

**Edwards, Cooper** is a great contributor to the team. He is always there, he is upbeat, he is an encourager, he is funny and he always does the job he has been asked to do. Cooper constantly improves his skills and his fitness. It was a joy coaching you mate.



# U15s Division 3 Report

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**Finn, William (Billy)** has more heart than Phar Lap. Although he was one of our smaller players he went in full bore. His growth as a player between game 1 and the final round was staggering. His skills have improved out of sight and he gets the game now a lot better than at the start. He's matured big time. Billy always brought a great upbeat attitude to every game and Thursday night too. Worth gold.

**Forder, James**, like Edmund didn't play a very small number of games in 2017. James is a great young bloke and I hope he plays again in 2018 because he is a team man and always puts the results of the whole group before himself.

**Firmstone, Andrew** played on the wing for a large part of 2017 and has a good strong run rate. As I look back on 2017 Andrew sticks in my mind because he never gave up. He was often much smaller than his opponent, but he kept playing, running, tackling, engaging, putting in. With an attitude like that, he will go a very long way in life. Andrew is always polite, kind and respectful. He is an easy bloke to Coach.

**Franklin, Harrison** played the majority of the year in the mid field. Harry, like Mitch, is a ferocious tackler and played some very memorable footy on the half back line. He is very tough pound for pound ... watch out competition for when he grows taller and fills out. Harry was a really consistent contributor at training and is very skilful.

**Jarvis, Blake** was our Captain in 2017. Blake played a lot of games this year. He played 80% of the Division 3 game and backed up many times to help out the Division 2 team. Blake is pound for pound one of the most courageous players I've watched play the game. He never gives up, does the hard running and is also a great encourager. Blake Jarvis has a great deal of character.

**Little, Ryan** played for both Div 2 and Div 3. Ryan is fit, fast and strong. He usually played in the back line. I remember one game where the Manly Bombers #29 was carving us up. I said, "Ryan, wear him like a glove and stop him getting a kick". It was a game changer. He did an awesome job. Ryan also works hard to grow AFL by working as an umpire. Good on you man.

**Pfahlert, Edmund** only played 3 games in 2017 before succumbing to a knee tendon problem (Osgoodslats Syndrome – I don't know how to spell it). This was frustrating for Ed, but to his credit he helped out in other ways i.e. learning to be a goal umpire. He has grown about 15cm in the last month, so he'll be looking forward to 2018.

**Robinson, Garrett** was Mr Racehorse. He played in the ruck and ran, and ran, and ran all season. He has a huge capacity to cover big distances. One particularly memorable game was our first game against Forest Rangers at their home ground. He must have got 10 or 15 kicks in the first half.

**Rogerson, Bailey** is Mr Reliable. He never complains, always follows the game plan and is always smiling. I really enjoy coaching Bailey because he puts the team first and himself second. He hasn't had his big growth spurt yet, so I was particularly impressed by how hard he played when faced with bigger opponents. That takes real guts. Very impressive.

**Smith, Heath** is a hard tackling spirited player. Heath often played in the back line and was responsible for shutting down one of our opponents big forwards. He did that often. Heath tackles and runs tirelessly. He is always spurring his team mates on and will not tolerate any opposition picking on one of his team mates. He is fiercely loyal.

**Thomas, Jordan** is one of the hardest working players you will meet. Usually playing full back, he is always saving goals against Penshurst. His full back kick ins after the opposition have kicked a point are always superb. He ALWAYS follows instructions. He always shows respect to his opponent, his coaches, his elders. Good work in 2017 dude.

**Uglow, Matthew** played Centre Half Back for us when he played Division 3 in 2017. Matt reads the play well and always hits his target. His last 3 games of the season were particularly good. Matt is a joy to Coach and has grown a lot since 2016 in maturity and skill.



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**Xia, Patrick** played superb games for Div 3 in 2017. He is fast, skilful and hard working. I remember one game at Olds Park where he ran from the half back flank, all the way down the ground and kicked the goal. He must have run 100 metres whilst evading 2 or 3 chasers. Amazing stuff.

Thank you to all the parents who helped out in 2017.

There is a huge number of people required to make every game happen

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May I say a particular thank you to Sue Childs for being Division 3 Team Manager and Anthony (& Maureen) Carey for being Assistant Coach.

Thank heaps to Riley Waters and Dion Zisis for Coaching Division 2. You blokes did a truck load of work. It was great working with you.

Thanks Lisa Coombs for your sensational work as Division 2 Manager and for your work as Communications Officer for both teams. That is NOT easy.

Thank you Andrew Lawdor for doing goals, Chris Christofis for boundary, Mark Rogerson for doing running, Paula (Joan of Arc) Firmstone for doing first aid, Charlie Thomas for running water, Chris Clement for helping where needed. What a team effort

Thank you also Dale Widders for your fantastic support.

Back to the Under 15s.

I'm so proud of the boys.

We tried to measure success in 2017 in terms of growing in our skills as footballers and our maturity as men, rather than numbers of games won.

In light of that I think we had a hugely successful year.

Yours thankfully

Coach Benny

# U15s Division 2 Report

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What a year!

A year that had everything. Come-from-behind wins. Close losses and about every injury you can imagine.

The team that came together at the start of the year, was made up of 4 different clubs: Heathcote, Miranda, Ramsgate and Penshurst and for us to get to a Preliminary Final in a Division 2 competition is a magnificent achievement.

I can honestly say that we were one of the most skilful teams in the Under 15s Division 2 competition. We had no major weaknesses across the ground and we were able to play some magnificent footy which culminated in some great wins.

Turn back to Round 2 against eventual premiers Canada Bay, at Olds Park. We started off the match slowly, and after a scoreless second quarter we went into half time 29 points down. After half-time we came out firing, and a 5 goal to 1 third quarter put us 8 points down at three-quarter time. With one minute left, Declan Hart took a great mark and slotted a 40m bomb to put us 1 point up when the final siren rang.

Final Score: 9.0.54 played 6.17.53

It was that kind of grit and determination that was a hallmark of our season, and throughout all the tough times, we never faltered or complained. We were a team who never accepted second best and always endeavoured to be better.

We didn't have the best run of injuries this year, but we never used that as an excuse. We were always able to perform at or near our best even when some of our players were missing from the side. In fact, no matter who put on a Division 2 guernsey easily slotted into the team.

Although the final ladder read: Penshurst 9 Wins 7 Losses in 3<sup>rd</sup> place, the season was much closer than that. We only finished 2 points behind 2<sup>nd</sup> place, and were one of only 2 teams in our competition to defeat all the other teams throughout the year.

To the boys, well done on an amazing year. To go from 4 teams coming together as one to preliminary finalists after defeating every team on the way, is a credit to your magnificent attitude and spirit. A season as good as this one only occurs when every individual puts the team first and it was a pleasure to see you all enjoy your footy in 2017.

I can't wait to see you all line up for Penshurst again next year and I wish you all the best in your future footy careers. Well done again on a great season!

Before I get to the players, I would like to thank the amazing team of helpers that goal umpired, boundary umpired, ran water, were our first aid officials, volunteered in the canteen or on the barbecue. Your contribution to our team didn't go unnoticed and it's great to see our family club continuing to thrive.

A few personal thank you's before I go on though.

To Ben Pfahert, thank you for all your help supporting us and coaching the U15 Division 3 side. It was so satisfying to see the pleasure that your boys had after each game. That is testament to a great leader and mentor. You are a great coach and we are lucky to have you at Penshurst.

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To Wayne Marshall, thank you for all your support and insight. It was great to hear other ideas and have someone to bounce ideas off. Your thoughts were also helpful and insightful and it was fantastic to have someone willing to help. Thank you also for water-carrying at every game.

The biggest thank you of all goes to Lisa Coombs. Not only was Lisa our manager, but she did a lot of the communication to all U15s parents (across both U15s teams) for a large part of the year. On top of this she was President (that's right – President) of Heathcote and had 2 other sons playing at Heathcote. I'm not going to pretend to knowing how much work Lisa did for footy in the South in 2017 but I do know she was unable to watch her other 2 sons play footy most weeks because she was preoccupied with Penshurst. That takes dedication – and Lisa oozes dedication.

I think it's testament to Lisa, and her team at Heathcote, that Heathcote had such a successful year in 2017. One of the most satisfying events this year was seeing Lisa in tears of joy after watching Heathcote win the U13s Premiership. From the bottom of our hearts, we want to say a massive thank you to Lisa and all the work she put in for us in 2017.

Thank you, Lisa.

## Player Reviews

**Ayoub, Jayden:** Jayden had a magnificent year. In every game he played he always would put in 100%. He was never afraid to use his body and was never scared of contact. A gutsy player.

**Box, Alexander:** A fantastic season. Was in our best players every game this season. He never lost a one on one contest all season. Alexander probably took the most marks of anyone in the competition this year and was huge in every game.

**Buncle, Arran:** Injury shortened his season but he played some great footy this year. Arran was one of our best forwards all year and would constantly take the best defender out of the game. Was always reliable to kick goals (especially against Canada Bay).

**Coombs, Dane:** Dane is very versatile and can play half-forward or in the middle. He is very skilful and takes a pack mark better than a lot of people his size. Definitely one of the best decision-makers in the team.

**Corcoran, William:** Improved out of sight this year. William never lost a ruck contest and was always willing to lay a tackle to stop the opposition winning a clearance.

**Demeary, Bradley:** Bradley only played half a season and finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in the competition's Best and Fairest. Another fantastic year from a great player. Bradley always impacts the match. He is a proven match-winner and can play in any position.

**Didben, Ben:** Ben can run all day and was one of our resident taggers. Ben was always willing to do what the coaches asked and never complained. The fact that he always came off the ground puffing and panting shows just how hard he tried on the field.

**Dimevski, Jake:** Had a great year in defence. Jake didn't lose many contests and was able to rebound the ball well. Jake kicked a great goal against Cronulla and that was one of the highlights of our season.

**Harrison, Josh:** Josh was our captain and could read the game well. Josh was able to marshal the defence each game. Another player who never lost a one-on-one contest.



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**Hart, Declan:** Declan missed the last few games due to cricket but when he did play he had some magnificent performances. Declan was a great lead-up target and kicked some amazing goals, like he did to win us the game v Canada Bay in round 2.

**Hohle, Rafael:** Rafael was another one of our taggers this year. Rafael wore his heart on his sleeve and always made it difficult for his opponent to win the ball. His skills improved this year and he will continue to improve.

**Hooker, Nicholas:** Nicholas was a great player this year. He was able to play on the wing and run all day. He always got involved in contests and impacted every game.

**James, Ethan:** The definition of putting your head over the ball. Ethan always attacked the footy even if there were bodies in between him and the ball. He never shirked away from a contest and was incredibly coachable.

**Kelly, Reece:** Another versatile player, Reece could play pretty much anywhere. Reece is strong and physical and doesn't get tackled. Reece is one of the best kicks in the team and can score goals from outside 50 which is a feat in itself at under 15s level.

**Lawdor, Aidan:** Aidan was the definition of endeavouring this year. He consistently asked for advice you could tell he worked on his skills during the week. Another coachable player who improved well out of sight in 2017.

**Leadbitter, Angus:** Angus was one of best forwards. He impacted every contest and if he couldn't mark it, he would always bring the ball down to ground for another forward. Played some fantastic footy during our finals campaign and was close to best on ground in our Semi final win over Cronulla.

**Lorente, Matthew:** Matthew had a great year. His skills improved out of sight and he played so well on his opponents that I doubt that his opponents even touched the ball at all. He is very coachable and is always seeking to improve.

**Marshall, Luke:** A very skilful player, Luke had another great year. He can run and bounce like no one else at under 15s level. Always delivered the ball perfectly for our forwards. Luke doesn't have a weak foot and can do amazing things on both sides of his body.

**McGregor, Luke:** A stellar season. Luke was always the in-and-under player in our midfield. Consistently in our best. Always played with aggression and passion. It was great to see him have another great season.

**Messner, Matthew:** Matthew had a fantastic season. Matthew always tried hard on the field and became a leader of the team on and off the field. Another person who never lost a one-on-one contest. Well done Matthew on a great season both on and off the field.

**Stewart, Jack:** Jack was one of our few inside players and still had the skills to deliver the ball to the forwards on a platter. He seemingly attacked the ball in slow-motion and did not lose any contest or race to the ball at all. Can pirouette his way out of any tackle. An ideal footballer.

**Towler, Drew:** Drew improved this season and was consistently in our best. Playing on the wing/half-forward made him very versatile. He could kick goals and tackle anyone and his forward pressure was immense.

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The Penshurst Panthers followed up a brilliant 2016 campaign with a consecutive Grand Final appearance, being the first team in the Sydney South region to achieve this feat in the Division 1 U17s competition. Again, we couldn't quite come away with the silverware falling to East Sydney U17s in a game that saw many people from the Sydney South region cheering and supporting the green and white! Admittedly, when I was told that were we going to defend our position in the Division 1 U17s competition, I was apprehensive about our ability to do so yet the team proved more than capable, overcoming many doubters and handling the best teams that Sydney has to offer in the junior competition.

Prior to the start of the season, the Leadership Group, Steve and I discussed what we hoped to achieve in 2017 and set the expectation at making finals. The team certainly achieved this feat, finishing with a record of 11-3-1, exceeding the expectations of many and consolidating their spot as a Division 1 team! Steve and I continued to build upon what we started in 2015 and developed in 2016 with Club Duties prior to Home games continuing. Again, we empowered the kids to have a say in their own development and the direction of the team which allowed us to progress individually as football players and collectively as a football team with culture and identity. The team developed its style of play, built around a suffocating defence that would create turn-overs, a relentless mid-field that skilfully moved the ball forward into a structured forward-line that capitalised on the mismatches they created to score goals. The success of this team can be attributed to the 33 blokes who formed its identity and were accountable to the expectations, standards and values that the team and the club had set for the 2017 season.

A special thanks to **Dale Widders** who has done an unbelievable job as the team manager this season. The team, Steve and I are really appreciative of the hard work and effort you've invested into getting us organised throughout the season. We wish you all the best going forward now that you have finished your junior football commitments and hope to see you around St. George next year!

A special mention to **Justin Jarvis** for his work as the team runner throughout the year! We really appreciate everything you and your family has done for us, the team and the club and wish you all the best! You will be missed!

We'd also like to thank the parents who helped out with the match-day duties such as boundary & goal umpiring, water carrying, first aiders, ground managers and more!

Finally, thank you to the playing group for the awesome season you've taken us on. Steve and I want you to be proud of your efforts for this season as each of you has improved exponentially over the course of the year! and each of you owns some element of the teams' identity and its success. We were able to enjoy such a wonderful season due to the collective effort of 33 players working towards achieving a goal and developing their footy. To the boys moving on, it's been a pleasure coaching you for the last three seasons and we wish you all the very best! You guys truly mean so much to Steve and I, and we hope many of you continue to play next season with St. George but with whatever you set as your goal for 2017 and beyond, we hope you enjoy the successes that each of you deserves. We leave you with the same incredible quote that we left you with in last years' yearbook:

'The price of success is hard work, dedication to the job at hand, and the determination that whether we win or lose, we have applied the best of ourselves to the task at hand.'

- Vince Lombardi

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## Player Reviews

**Phoenix Aronis** – Phoenix is a capable and athletic player who spent most of the season playing as a rotational forward. He possesses speed and quickness that make him an effective option in space and around the contested ball. I'd like to see Phoenix invest time into his skill execution in order to take his game to the next level and become a consistent contributor as a forward option. By improving in this area, Phoenix can become a more consistent target that the team can look to use in order to convert chances into goals.

**Harrison Brown** – Harrison was one of the most reliable and consistent players throughout the course of the season and played primarily as a member of the back-line and in the midfield. Harrison demonstrates an analytical understanding of the game and has a firm understanding of the structures, strategies and style of play required to be successful. He is able to read and anticipate the movement of the ball which allows him to have a direct impact on many contests around the ground. Harrison's defensive tendencies make him the ideal to Jacob Armstrong and Andrew Stelzer as he will look to take complete ownership of the back six in 2018. His athleticism and skill allow him to provide run and further the play-making ability of the back-line and we expect him to develop these aspects of his game even further next season. Harrison will take on a greater leadership role in 2018 in order to use his intelligence for the game to teach his team mates and lead on the field. Harrison is a fantastic player that has enjoyed a fantastic season in 2017 and I am excited about what he will achieve in 2018!

**William Carey** – Will was one of our most improved players in 2016 and featured primarily as a rotational throughout our forward-line. Will combines a solid, physical build with deceptive quickness that made him a threat around the contested ball and in one-on-one situations. He thrives in situations where he can support his team mates with effective shepherds and blocks, and possesses the ability to leaking out as an option tracking towards goal. Throughout the season, Wills' understanding of the structures and our style of play improved significantly, to the point where he would make comments during team huddles that nailed exacting what the issues was and how we could iron it out. If Will can continue to develop his football IQ and invests time into developing his skills during the off-season, we expect him to have an even greater 2018 campaign and can enhance his ability as a productive forward option for the team.

**Noah Casalini** – Noah is a member of the Swans Academy and enjoyed a fantastic season as a developing leader within this team. Noah possesses a dynamic style of play that allows him to use his speed, agility and shiftiness to the advantage of the team. Regardless of who he was matched up on, Noah always seemed able to drift off and exploit the mismatch by using his athleticism to create pressure and force turn-overs. This allowed Noah to contribute to the match-ups of his team mates and strengthen the collusion of the back six. Noah refined his ability as a rebounding and play-making defender and was a key element in the transitional phase of the game where he would use his skills to link with the wingers and high forwards to get the ball moving forward. Noah offers great versatility and is a threat anywhere on the ground which bolstered the team throughout the season. His skill and talent around stoppages, combined with his ability in space, made Noah a crucial element of the teams' defence and attack. Noah is one of the most athletically-gifted and dynamic players in the team and he has the talent to be a very effective senior footballer in 2018.

**Jacob Dol** – Jacob was one of our best and most consistent players throughout the season and was always asked to play a key role within one of the three zones. He was a constant threat to the opposition which forced them to be accountable for wherever he matches up on the field. This versatility allowed the coaches to put Jacob into situations where he could best benefit the team and strengthen the play of his team mates around him. Jacob is one of the most valued and respected players in this team which highlights his importance as a leader and as a team mate within the squad. As a member of the Swans Academy, Jacobs' ability earnt him a spot in the NSW/ACT U16s Rams squad which is testament to the talent and skill that the Panthers have been able to develop over the past few seasons. He is an extremely dangerous player all around the ground yet it is his toughness and skill in the midfield that is of most benefit to the team. Jacob is also a very smart footballer who has a knack for anticipating and reading the play, allowing him to put himself in the best position to make



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a play on the footy. He has the skills, talent and potential to be one of the best players in the league next year. I am excited for what he achieves at a club, representative and senior level in 2017!

**Mark Guiffrida** – Marks' physical attributes make him a mismatch nightmare for opposition teams and although he featured as a key defender for much of the year, the coaches began to get creative with his role in the later stages of the season and into the finals campaign. Mark enjoyed an incredible season under the tutelage of some of our more experienced defenders and this translated into forced errors, turn-overs and then play-making from his half-back position. If Mark can develop his football IQ and his ability to read the play in 2018 then he will take further strides and progress towards becoming a key defender. We began to deploy Mark as a defensive forward option towards the later stages of the season and in this role, Mark began to have a bigger impact as he was no longer required to be accountable for the opposition's best forward. This meant that Mark had free-rein to use his size, skill and physicality around the ground to support the midfield and link with the other forwards. Marks' leadership qualities became increasingly prevalent as the season progressed and he will take on a larger role within the team in 2018. We are excited about what he can achieve next season!

**Max Hunter** – Max has enjoyed a fantastic 2017 season playing as a rotational small-forward option and relief winger for the team. Within his small stature is a courage and intelligence that is often overlooked by many and this, combined with his toughness and quickness, makes him a dangerous element of our attack about the contested ball and through traffic. We used Max as a small-forward option where he could complement the other key targets in the team and help convert chances into goals. Max's understanding of our style of play also allowed him to play as a link winger and high forward option to help relieve pressure on our defenders. If Max can continue to develop his skills and anticipation of the ball then he has the potential to develop into a dangerous forward option for the team in 2018. This can be achieved by exposing himself to situations where he is tasked to problem-solve using techniques that suit his style of play as a small-forward option. Max has the potential to become a dangerous option for our forwards in 2018 and we are excited about the next stage of his development.

**Callum McDade-Jacobs** – Call was one of the team newest recruit in 2017 and has enjoyed a fantastic first season of AFL. He improved exponentially throughout the course of the year and has developed into a consistent rotational forward option. Call is an experienced tackler and was responsible for many defensive plays as a forward. This role that Call adopted ensured that we were always able to 'lock' the football into our forward-line and made it especially difficult for the opposition to transition it out. Calls' acceleration and speed to impact the disputed ball proved to be a valuable asset to the forward-line this season as he was influential in helping drive the ball forward. He has improved his fundamental skills and enhanced his understanding of the game which will allow him to take on a larger role in 2018. I'm excited for what Call will achieve on the field in 2018.

**Cameron McQueen** – Cam is an athletically-gifted and dynamic play-maker for this team and displays the versatility to play any position within the three zones. Cams' presence always bolstered whichever of the three zones the coaches asked him to play in yet it was his effort in the midfield and as a rotational forward that allowed him to truly flourish. At the beginning of the season, Cams' skill and talent was featured in the back six where his high work rate and tackling ability was used to create turn-overs and drive the ball forward. We also trialled Cam as a rotational midfield option during this time and it soon became clear that this was his ideal spot as he complemented and meshed our other midfield options. Cam is reliable and consistent wherever he lines up on the field giving him a 'jack-of-all-trades' nature and he uses his speed and aggression to hunt the ball and intimidate the opposition. Cam has had a fantastic 2017 season and has the potential to become one of the leaders of this team in 2018. He has the talent and potential to become a successful senior football player in the next few years.

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**Jamie Mo** – Jamie's contributions throughout the year came primarily as a winger and rotational forward. His speed, quickness and understanding of the game made him the perfect option as a space player and under the contested ball. As one of the quietest players in the team, Jamie could benefit from more exposure to drills and small-sided games where he is forced to communicate with his team mates to get the ball moving to the advantage of the team. The coaches and senior players in the squad quickly picked up on how deep an understanding of AFL Jamie possesses and if he can continue to develop his communication and skills in 2018, he will be able to take on greater responsibilities and have a larger impact within the team.

**Thomas Pilon** – Tom was one of powerful and athletic player in the team and spent time throughout the year in all three zones. His versatility made him a valuable asset as the coaches were able to use Tom wherever we thought a weakness might present and Tom was always the ideal option to fill the space. Tom possesses ideal size and strength for use as a forward option with the ability to rotate into the midfield where he can wreak havoc on the opposition. The depth of our midfield allowed Tom to feature as a key high forward option and link up player between the defenders and forwards which is a role he is suited for as his ability in a contest and quickness in space allow him to dominate one-on-one situations. For Tom to take his game to the next level in 2018, he must develop his understanding of the structures and style of play in order to further his understanding and anticipation for movement of the ball. Tom has the talent and potential to be a dominate player in this competition and as a senior footballer in the near future.

**Daniel Steele** – Daniel really developed this year into an influential member of the forwards where he used his size and strength to impact contests on the ground and in the air. Daniel plays with an intensity and aggression that make it difficult for the opposition to contain him about the disputed ball. He is also one of the most selfless player on the field and is often responsible for a key block or shepherd that freed up one of the other player in the team to have a crucial impact. Daniel has improved his ability to read and anticipate the movement of the ball which has allowed him to back more and more plays as the season progressed. If Daniel can improve his fundamental skills in the following season, he will begin to become a key staple of our forward-line as his strength, physicality and intensity will be tough for any defender to contain. Daniel has the potential to develop into a key forward option for the team in 2018 and will enjoy a promising senior football career in the years ahead.

**Joshua Wright** – Josh is one of most athletic players and contributed primarily as a forward for most of the season. He is an exceptionally smart footballer that has great anticipation for where the footy is going to go which makes him a great asset anywhere on the field. We experimented with him as a key forward on smaller ovals where he was able to use his aerial ability and overhead marking to our advantage and capitalise on less athletic defenders. Joshs' athleticism and elusiveness gives him an advantage through traffic and is a key characteristic that allowed him to find space as a high forward and hit-up the next lead. Along with most players in this team he could use some more fitness but he has the skills and potential to be a dangerous player in this league next season.

**Mitchell Amey** – Mitch was one of our newest recruits, coming from a rival Sydney South team to try his hand in the Division 1 competition and he more than proved he deserved to be playing in this grade. He was a key contributor to the teams' success throughout the season and his leadership and mentoring qualities proved essential in conveying ideas and thoughts during team discussions about various aspects of the season and the teams' direction. Mitch is ideally suited to winger and forward positions where he can use his acceleration and speed in space to pressure the opposition however, he does have the potential to develop into an effective midfielder. If Mitch can further his understanding of the structures and style of play, and invests time into developing his skills under pressure he will be able to take his game to the next level in 2018. We see a promising career for him as a senior footballer and we hope he builds on what he has achieved in 2017.



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**Jacob Armstrong** – Jacob is one of our most consistent and reliable members of our entire squad and primarily featured as a member of our defensive group. We modified Jacobs' role in 2017, as the presence of other key defenders meant that Jacob no longer had to take complete responsibility for opposition key forwards every week. This allowed Jacob to match-up on some of the oppositions weaker players which was a match-up we looked to exploit to our advantage. This allowed Jacob to flourish as he took his game to the next level in 2017. Jacobs' valuable experience as a defender served him well as he impacted every contest and provided run out of the back-line. He combined his knowledge of our style of play and ability with fantastic skills that make him the complete defender. Jacob provide a crucial element to the back-line as his acceleration and speed strengthened the transitional phase of the game and helped drive the ball forward. As a natural leader, Jacob was one of five captains in the squad and played an important role in directing on-field decisions. Jacob is one of our most favourite players and he has developed into a fantastic footballer over the past few seasons with the team. We are excited about what he can achieve as a senior footballer in 2018.

**Hayden Arney** – Hayden improved significantly as a first year player for the Panthers in 2017. The coaches struggled to find Haydens' ideal position within the team, instead opting to present him to a variety of positions for experience and added versatility. Haydens' physical and toughness made him an ideal option as a rotational ruckman to relieve some of the pressure placed on Luke Cliff throughout the year. These same qualities also made Hayden a possible option as a key forward yet where we think Hayden improved most was as a defender. His accountability to follow the opposition key forward option meant that every opposition entry into our defensive half was contested and Hayden was often responsible for neutralising disputed contests. If Hayden can develop his skills and understanding of the offensive nuances of the game he can continue to develop into a valuable footballer with versatility and talent to thrive anywhere within the three zones.

**Nelson Carey** – Nelson is the most versatile player in the entire squad, capable of playing in any of the three zones. He combines his size, skill and athleticism with a work rate and effort that made him one of our most valuable players in 2017. I have never met a player with a greater work ethic than Nelson. Nelsons' versatility was a fantastic asset for a team that suffered a few mid-season injuries as we were able to rely upon Nelson to fill in to wherever he was needed. For Nelson, this meant he got considerable experience playing in a variety of positions but look for him to feature in one position as a senior footballer so that he can maximise his development and earn his spot as one of the best players in the senior squads. His eagerness and energy are great assets however, he must resist becoming manic on the field and needs to avoid placing high expectations on himself. Nelson was one of five captains in 2017 and he bought valuable leadership qualities and a high work ethic to the team. Nelson is one player who will flourish as a senior footballer in 2018 and I am very excited about what he can achieve in the next few seasons!

**Luke Cliff** – I would argue that Luke is the most important player of our entire squad and his contributions this year are a big reason in the level of success we experienced. Although Luke is fairly quiet, he displays leadership, intelligence and a work-rate that is so valuable and translates to on-field success for the team. Luke was made a member of the leadership group in 2017 and was tasked with organising our stoppage set-ups and around the ground structures. Lukes' ability in this role led to many intercept marks which allowed us to put pressure on our opponents and get the ball moving forward. Luke is the most complete ruck-man Steve and I have ever worked with and it has been a privilege to coach him these past few seasons. I am excited for his senior football career and what he can accomplish in 2017.

**Jack Dawson** – Jack was another Sydney South recruit who came to the Panthers looking to develop his football and dominate the Division 1 competition. Jack possesses a dynamic style of play that allows him to use his speed, agility and shiftiness to the advantage of the team. We often looked to isolate or pair Jack as a deep forward option so that the team could capitalise on this one-on-one ability in traffic and in space. Jack has one of the best contested grabs within the team and by getting him into as many one-on-one situations as possible, the team was able to benefit from his incredible skill-set. Jack was a vocal and respected leader



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throughout the season and was often a team mate the squad would look for guidance during games. His toughness and ability to 'niggle' the opposition allowed him to distract them from defending and the team was always able to capitalise during these key moments. Jack is one of the most athletically-gifted and dynamic players in the team and has the talent to be a very effective senior football player in 2018.

**Jordan Fletcher** – Jordan is an incredibly gifted athlete who was brand new to the game of AFL at the start of the season. After some preseason work, Jordans' knowledge and understanding of the game began to improve to the point where the team began to use his physical traits to the advantage of the team moving forward. With arguably the best contested grab in the team, Jordan has the ability and talent to develop into a key forward in senior football where his ability to win one-on-one contested balls can allow him to help drive the ball forward and convert chances into goals.

**Adam Goodacre** – Adam has enjoyed a fantastic season as a senior member of the squad and really began to cement his place as a contributor to the side in 2017. Throughout much of 2016, Adam was used mainly as a forward however, in 2017 his role changed as the coaches looks to use his physical attributes to shut down opposition forwards. Adams' acceleration and speed made him a dangerous opponent in space however, it was his courage to win a contested ball allowed the team to truly get the ball moving forward again. If he can improve his awareness, skills and fitness, Adam will become an effective senior footballer in 2018.

**Joel Henderson** – Again, Joel was one of our most improved players throughout the 2017 season. After wanting to develop as a forward in 2016 (and showing skill and improvement as a forward option), Joel wanted to try a different pathway in 2017 and chose to feature as a member of our back six. Joel possesses a fantastic attitude and demonstrates great coach-ability which makes him an easy player to develop and work with. He seeks to further his football IQ by regularly asking questions about the various nuances of being a footballer and how to prepare himself for the situations on-field. With his skills improving dramatically in 2016, Joel was able to take that next step and become a consistent contributor as a defender. Joel continued to mature throughout the season and began to develop as a leader towards the back end of the year. He possesses fantastic understanding of the structures and concept the coaches have implemented over the previous seasons and has the ability to develop into a key defender as a senior footballer. With his confidence ever growing, I'm excited about what Joel can achieve and the improvements he can make as a senior footballer in 2018.

**Josh Higgs** – Josh has enjoyed a successful 2017 season, improving his game throughout the year despite it being hampered by injuries. Joshs' size and versatility allows him to be used as either a defender or as a forward and the team capitalised on his versatility many times throughout the year. Josh really developed as a high forward option, linking up with the defenders to relieve pressure. He regularly found himself high on a wing where he could use his size and strength to win the contested ball. Again, if Josh can rehearse being in pressure situations where he can work on his decision-making and skill execution, he will have a promising senior football career.

**Tristan Jarvis** – TJ was one of our most improved players throughout the 2017 season. Throughout much of 2016, TJ was used primarily as a forward option however in 2017, he expanded and developed his game and became one of our most accomplished wingers. TJs' versatility and ability in space makes him the perfect wing option for the style of play that this team has been developing for the past few years. He possesses a high football IQ which, combined with his understanding of our structures and style of play, allows TJ to anticipate the movement and direction of our attack and help drive the ball forward. He has great vision and awareness for the flow of the game allowing him to contribute in transition as a defender and as an offensive weapon. TJs' enthusiasm and eagerness to improve himself and the team was a factor in making him a member of the leadership group as the questions he asks fosters the learning of all players in the squad. He also possesses fluid skills but is prone to 'rushing' the execution which can lead to errors; if he can tidy this up during the off-

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season period then he will continue to develop into a complete footballer. TJs' contribution have been huge this year and I wish him all the best with his senior football career!

**Bayley Johnson** – Bayley is one of the most consistent and reliable players in the entire squad. Throughout 2017, Bayley played primarily in the midfield where his toughness and resilience were influential factors in helping drive the ball forward for us. Bayley built on his incredible 2016 season by taking further ownership of the midfield and helping prepare the new players in the squad meet the expectations for Division 1 football. He was made one of five captains in the squad as his ability to lead by example and his on-field efforts were always enough to inspire the rest of the team. Bayley possesses a high work rate and ability as a two-way runner which allows him to serve as the crucial link through the middle of the field for the defenders and forwards. His ability to read the play and his understanding of our style of play allowed him to provide stability and consistency to the midfield. Bayley has had a great final season with the Panthers and he will enjoy an incredible senior football career. I'm excited for what he can achieve!

**Leroy Maurer** – Leroy is one of the most consistent and reliable players in the team and his contributions as a defender and as a winger have translated into huge success for the team. What separates Leroy from other wingers and space players is his understanding and awareness for the game which allows him to predict the opposition movements of the ball and exploit their errors into our success. Leroy is frequently looked for by the backs as a link up player to relieve pressure and is a key element of our around the ground structures. Leroy can improve by ensuring that he maintains his composure under pressure in order to allow him to execute his skill effectively and beat his opponent. Leroy is a fantastic footballer and I'm keen to see him at a senior level in 2018.

**Jacob Merlino** – Jacob followed up a strong 2016 season by becoming the key defender of our back-line in 2017. This role saw Jacob matching up on opposing key forwards every week and he flourished as the season progressed. As one of five captain in the team, Jacobs' leadership qualities and experience were regularly leaned on. These, combined with his size, strength and explosive running ability make Jacob a complete footballer and one of our most dangerous defenders. He remains one of our hardest hitters and his very presence would put pressure on the opposition leading to errors and then turn-overs that our defenders would capitalise on. Jacob can continue to develop by investing time into his skills particularly, executing a top speed. He possesses the ability to become one of the most dominant defenders in senior football and we look forward to what he can achieve in 2018.

**Travis O'Grady** – Trav is an exceptionally gifted footballer who has been a valuable asset for this team throughout the 2017 season. Trav has a skill-set that allows him to play in a variety of positions which enables the team to direct their offensive plays through his area of the field. He was primarily featured as a high forward option and link player for the defenders which meant that the team could often exploit his match-up and convert chances into goals. Trav consistently proved his worth to the team by relieving pressure on the back six and helping play-make and drive the ball into the deep forwards. These qualities allowed him to put pressure on the opposition and that would often lead to error we could capitalise on. If Trav can work on his disposal efficiency (particularly under pressure), he will be able to take the next step in his development as a forward in 2018. He has the talent and potential to be one of the most dangerous players in the senior competition in the coming years and I'm excited to see what the future holds for him

**Eray Selvi** – Eray is one of the most talented and skilled players in team and spent most the 2017 season playing in the midfield and the forward-line. As one of the most intense and hardest ball winners in our squad, Eray flourished as the go-to midfielder for many of a midfield structures. His acceleration, speed and size make him impossible to catch through traffic which, combined with his skills and football IQ make him one of the most dangerous players in the entire competition. His presence alone makes opposition players nervous and they will often shift their game plan to be accountable for him. Eray was a member of the leadership group in 2017 and he lead with an intensity and aggression for the footy that few in this competition can match. Along



# U17s Report

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with Luke Cliff and Bayley Johnson, Eray took ownership of the midfield in 2017 and helped coach the U16s the structures of the team and the nuances it takes to be one of the most dominant U17s in the Division 1 competition. I am excited for his senior football career and what he can accomplish in 2018.

**Andrew Stelzer** – Andrew was an influential member of the team in 2017 and made his most significant contributions as a defender. When the coaches know Andrew is on the field combining with Jacob Armstrong and Jacob Merlino, we feel a lot more comfortable; trusting those players to direct and order all on-field decisions. Andrew is one of the most skilful and talented players in the team and he combines this with an athleticism and skill that allow him to create force errors and relieve pressure on our back six. His ability to play-make is crucial to our style of play and his ability to read and anticipate the movement of the ball allows him to impact it every time it enters the back-line. As a member of the leadership group, Andrew furthered his already incredible leadership skills as he directed match-up and took control of the defenders. Andrew's valued contributions for this team over the last few seasons have been incredible and he has the talent and potential to be a brilliant senior football player in 2018.

**Brendan Stepto** – Brendan took on a new role in 2017 as one of the most iconic players in the entire squad. Training was always made more enjoyable and fun with Brendan present as his chat and jokes always drew plenty of laughs from the coaches and playing squad. As a footballer, Brendan improved dramatically in 2017 from his 2016. His role changed as he was no longer being used as a defender but instead as a defensive forward. In this new role, Brendan flourished as he capability shut down his opponent and was able to kick a few goals along the way. He has improved his fundamental skills and enhanced his understanding of the game which allowed him to take on this larger role. Brendan will be missed by everyone in the U17s as he moves on to senior football in 2018.

**Bradley Uglow** – Brad was our most dangerous forward in 2017 as he finished the season as the leading goal kicker in the Division 1 competition. What is even more impressive is that he achieved this while rotating through the midfield. His intelligence and football IQ is incredible and the team looked to use this qualities to their advantage. Brad possesses speed, skills and a knack for leaking out of contests meaning that he was often unmanned in our forward 50m. He is also an incredible contested grab as he took some of the most exciting marks of the season. Brad's versatility to play any role up forward allowed us to get creative and put him in isolation match-ups or as a high forward link between the defenders and forward-line. He would always create mismatches and his presence in the forward-line was always felt. Brad was a member of the leadership group and he used these qualities to take ownership of the forwards in 2017. Brad offers a talent and skill set that is rarely seen in footballers and his will experience plenty of success as a senior footballer in 2018.

**Daniel Widders** – Dan is one of our most dangerous and versatile players, capable of playing anywhere within the three zones. He is one of the most dynamic and athletic players in the team which allows him to use his size, talent and unbelievable skills to create chances for the success of the team. After a huge pre-season, Dan suffered an injury that would side-line him for much of mid-season however, this didn't limit his contributions to the team as he took his leadership qualities to the next level. As one of five captains in the team, Dan made every effort to contribute in any way he could despite not being on the field. Dan combines athleticism with incredible skill in the air and on the ground which makes him a match-up nightmare for any opposition player. I have only seen one player in the entirety Sydney Senior AFL kick as well on both feet as Dan can and that player was a former professional AFL player. Dan is one of the most respected and valued members of the team and he has the skill, talent and potential to be a dangerous player in 2018 and into his senior football career.

# 2017 Competition Teams Ladders

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## U11s

POS	TEAM	P	W	L	D	B	FF	FA	F	A	%	PTS	%	POINTS WON
1	Miranda Bombers U11	16	12	4	0	0	0	988	639	154.62	112	87.50	75.00	
2	Penshurst RSL Panthers U11	16	11	5	0	0	0	845	514	164.40	108	84.38	68.75	
3	Cronulla Sharks U11 Navy	16	11	5	0	0	0	902	550	164.00	106	82.81	68.75	
4	Bangor Tigers U11	16	7	9	0	0	0	715	823	86.88	92	71.88	43.75	
5	Cronulla Sharks U11 Titan	16	6	10	0	0	0	638	756	84.39	88	68.75	37.50	
6	Ramsgate Rams U11	16	1	15	0	0	0	292	1109	26.33	68	53.12	6.25	

## U12YGS

POS	TEAM	P	W	L	D	B	FF	FA	F	A	%	PTS	%	POINTS WON	
1	Blacktown Suns U12 YG	14	13	1	0	0	0	689	221	311.76	108	96.43	92.86		
2	Kellyville/Rouse Hill Magpies U12 YG	14	12	2	0	0	0	611	178	343.26	104	92.86	85.71		
3	Penshurst Panthers U12 YG	14	11	3	0	0	1	0	616	286	215.38	100	89.29	78.57	
4	Camden Blues U12 YG Blue	14	9	5	0	0	0	527	310	170.00	92	82.14	64.29		
5	Greystanes Goannas U12 YG	14	9	5	0	0	0	537	319	168.34	92	82.14	64.29		
6	Camden Blues U12 YG White	14	5	9	0	0	0	428	481	88.98	76	67.86	35.71		
7	Penrith GIANTS U12 YG	14	4	10	0	0	0	381	579	65.80	72	64.29	28.57		
8	Wollondilly/Campbelltown U12 YG	14	3	11	0	0	0	232	613	37.85	68	60.71	21.43		
9	Baulkham Hills Hawks U12 YG	14	2	12	0	0	0	194	641	30.27	64	57.14	14.29		
10	Parramatta Lionesses U12 YG	14	2	12	0	0	0	216	803	26.90	64	57.14	14.29		

## U12s

POS	TEAM	P	W	L	D	B	FF	FA	F	A	%	PTS	%	POINTS WON
1	Canada Bay Cannons U12-2	16	14	2	0	0	0	1034	554	186.64	120	93.75	87.50	
2	Glebe Greyhounds U12-2	16	13	3	0	0	0	1149	467	246.04	116	90.62	81.25	
3	Moore Park Yellow U12-2	16	12	4	0	0	0	1009	742	135.98	112	87.50	75.00	
4	Mosman Swans U12-2	16	4	12	0	0	0	447	459	97.39	80	62.50	25.00	
5	Penshurst RSL Panthers U12-2	16	3	13	0	0	0	475	939	50.59	76	59.38	18.75	
6	Western Suburbs Magpies U12-2	16	2	14	0	0	0	258	975	26.46	72	56.25	12.50	

## U13s

POS	TEAM	P	W	L	D	B	FF	FA	F	A	%	PTS	%	POINTS WON	
1	Heathcote Hawks U13-3	15	12	3	0	1	1	0	773	392	197.19	108	90.00	80.00	
2	Penshurst RSL Panthers U13-3	14	8	5	1	2	1	0	728	630	115.56	90	80.36	60.71	
3	Bangor Tigers U13-3	14	8	6	0	2	1	0	529	111	476.58	88	78.57	57.14	
4	Ramsgate RSL Rams U13-3	15	8	7	0	1	0	0	689	506	136.17	92	76.67	53.33	
5	Glebe Newtown U13-3	15	7	8	0	1	0	1	590	599	98.50	86	71.67	46.67	
6	East Sydney Bulldogs U13-3	15	4	11	0	1	0	0	478	904	52.88	76	63.33	26.67	
7	Canada Bay Cannons U13-3	14	0	13	1	2	0	2	217	903	24.03	58	51.79	3.57	

# 2017 Competition Teams Ladders

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## U15(2)s

POS	TEAM	P	W	L	D	B	FF	FA	F	A	%	PTS	%	POINTS WON
1	Canada Bay Cannons U15-2	16	13	3	0	0	0	835	428	195.09	114	89.06	81.25	
2	Maroubra Moore Park U15-2	16	9	6	1	0	0	681	538	126.58	102	79.69	59.38	
3	Penshurst RSL Panthers U15-2	16	9	7	0	0	0	662	563	117.58	100	78.12	56.25	
4	Cronulla Sharks U15-2	16	7	9	0	0	0	411	249	165.06	92	71.88	43.75	
5	Western Suburbs Magpies U15-2	16	2	13	1	0	0	398	885	44.97	72	56.25	15.62	
6	St Ives U15-2	16	1	15	0	0	0	260	949	27.40	68	53.12	6.25	

## U15(3)s

POS	TEAM	P	W	L	D	B	FF	FA	F	A	%	PTS	%	POINTS WON
1	Forest Lions U15-3	15	14	1	0	1	0	926	372	248.92	114	95.00	93.33	
2	Willoughby Mosman Swans U15-3	15	13	2	0	1	1	855	314	272.29	110	91.67	86.67	
3	Manly Bombers U15-3	15	9	6	0	1	0	497	594	83.67	96	80.00	60.00	
4	Northern Lights U15-3	13	6	7	0	2	0	497	499	99.60	74	71.15	46.15	
5	East Sydney Bulldogs U15-3	13	5	7	1	2	0	413	526	78.52	74	71.15	42.31	
6	Penshurst RSL Panthers U15-3	15	4	11	0	1	0	311	729	42.66	74	61.67	26.67	
7	Ramsgate RSL Rams U15-3	15	2	12	1	1	0	328	841	39.00	70	58.33	16.67	
8	Glebe Newtown U15-3	7	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22	39.29	0.00

## U17s

POS	TEAM	P	W	L	D	B	FF	FA	F	A	%	PTS	%	POINTS WON
1	Willoughby Mosman Swans U17-1	15	13	2	0	1	0	1004	602	166.78	110	91.67	86.67	
2	East Sydney Bulldogs U17-1	15	12	3	0	1	0	1045	593	176.22	108	90.00	80.00	
3	Penshurst RSL Panthers U17-1	15	11	3	1	1	1	830	597	139.03	106	88.33	76.67	
4	Glebe Greyhounds U17-1	15	8	7	0	1	0	487	615	79.19	92	76.67	53.33	
5	Manly/Pittwater U17-1	15	6	8	1	1	1	711	779	91.27	84	70.00	43.33	
6	St Ives U17-1	15	5	10	0	1	0	687	835	82.28	80	66.67	33.33	
7	Moore Park Newtown U17-1	16	4	12	0	0	2	605	1024	59.08	78	60.94	25.00	
8	East Coast Eagles U17-1	15	3	12	0	1	0	556	972	57.20	70	58.33	20.00	

# Our Heritage

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## Senior Life Members

Mr R Anders	Mr A Fiddler †	Mr R Kennedy	Mr C Ryan
Mr K Arthur	Mr W Ford †	Mr O Kilgour	Mr Paul Ryan
Mr Gunar Bachelor †	Mr G Georgievski	Mr P Lindsay	Mr Peter Ryan
Mr Grant Bachelor	<b>Mrs L Grady</b>	Mr A McGregor	Mr P Stelzer
Mrs P Bachelor	Mr T Hanlen	Mr G McMahon	Mr N Sterling †
Mr P Bateman	Mr R Harper	Mr A Melville †	Mr C Tegg
Mr A Buncle	Mr S Harvey	Mr K Mowlam	Mr J Vitale
Mr D Carey	Mr R Hatfield	Mr M Murphy	Mr J Vizard
Mr A Collins	Mr D Hickson	Mr K Newey †	Mrs K Waghorn
Mrs J Collins	Mr E Hickson	Mr K Orr	Mr C Waghorn
Mr J Cooke	Mr B Horsley	Mr A Ralph	Mr D Widders
Mrs J Corvino	Mrs C Horsley	Mrs N Ralph	Mr A Willats †
Mr E Corvino	Mr R Kemp †	Mrs I Ralph	Mr G Wilton
Mr W DeBrouwer	Mrs M Kemp	Mr R Richards	Mr A Zissis
Mr G de Moore			

## Team of the Half Century (1955 – 2004)

1955 - 1964	1965 - 1974	1975 – 1984	1985 - 1994	1995 - 2004
Bob Sterling	Greg Harris	Brian McKay	Ben Nevin	Lee McHugh
David Green	Mal Robson	Simon Lawrence	Angus Nevin	Danny Coughlin
Graham Lambert	David Fletcher	David Wadling	Brett Bedwell	Adam Buttling
Phil Robson	Greg Robson	Matthew Lawrence	Greg Hatfield	
	Chris Ryan	Andrew Millican		

# Junior Life Members

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## Junior Life Members

Includes 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Life Members

Ben Nevin [1985]	Colin Ludlow [2004*]	Benjamin Knight [2007]	Lachlan Rogerson [2013]
Mark Donovan [1986]	Terry Ludlow [2004*]	Justin Mills [2007]	Luke McGregor [2013]
Simon Lawrence [1986]	Bryan McKay [2004*]	Gavin Parkinson [2007]	Ross Magdalinos [2013]
Angus Nevin [1987]	Greg McKay [2004*]	Jarrod Parkinson [2007]	Shannon Randell [2013]
Rodney Wiggins [1987]	David Ralph [2004*]	Alasdair Anders [2008]	William Carey [2013]
Scott Bedwell [1989]	Greg Robson [2004*]	Jamie Bryant [2008]	Bailey Rogerson [2014]
Ellery Hickson [1990]	Mal Robson [2004*]	Daniel Georgievski [2008]	Cooper Curtis [2014]
Mark Snell [1990]	Phil Robson [2004*]	Matthew.T. Knight [2008]	Dominic Clement [2014]
Michael Bennett [1991]	Patrick Rogers [2004*]	Philip Royal [2008]	Mark Giuffrida [2014]
Kent Wiggins [1991]	Neville Roper [2004*]	Lachlan Ryan [2008]	Max Murphy [2014]
Peter Bachelor [1992]	Chris Ryan [2004*]	Nicholas Sandars [2008]	Liam O'Shanessy [2014]
Brett Bedwell [1992]	Joshua Saward [2004*]	Andrew Tolhurst [2008]	Finn Ritchie [2014]
Steven Bedwell [1993]	Adam Snell [2004*]	Michael Vitale [2008]	Daniel Widders [2014]
M Gibbs [1993]	Glenn Suter [2004*]	Murray Cooke [2009]	Willem de Moore [2014]
Lee McHugh [1993]	David Wadling [2004*]	Patrick Cooke [2009]	Zac Cameron [2014]
Robert McHugh [1994]	Michael Woolley [2004*]	Trent Crawford [2009]	Lachlan Macks [2014]
Travis McHugh [1995]	Patrick Alley [2004]	Harrison Hart [2009]	Josh Smyth [2014]
Gerald Harper [1996]	Jason Andriske [2004]	Jeremy Harvey [2009]	Liam Sorich [2014]
Patrick Harper [1996]	Evan Corvino [2004]	Peter Matthew [2009]	Liam Maze [2014]
Lyall Hickson [1996]	Matthew O'Gorman [2004]	Adrian Georgievski [2010]	Kyle McKellar [2015]
Chris Waghorn [1996]	Nicholas Trainor [2004]	Stjepan Labas [2010]	Joel Henderson [2015]
Scott Tresize [1997]	Matthew Baigent [2005]	Ryan McMahon [2010]	Andrew Firmstone [2015]
Ayrton Ralph [2000]	Jamie Bryan [2005]	Liam Atoui [2011]	Anthony Hanlen [2016]
David Patterson [2002]	Jay Dutton [2005]	Arran Buncle [2011]	Rory Little [2016]
Michael Tegg [2002]	Cameron Geercke [2005]	Ethan Conley [2011]	Ryan Little [2016]
Adam Buttling [2003]	Jack Horder [2005]	Cameron Lee [2011]	Jordan Thomas [2016]
Stephen Collins [2003]	Brent Hosking [2005]	Lance Crawford [2012]	Phoenix Aronis [2016]
Matthew Gallagher [2003]	Liam Jordan [2005]	Samuel Harvey [2012]	Josh Soderland [2016]
Brendan Harper [2003]	David Lawrence [2005]	Andrew Stelzer [2012]	Josh Higgs [2016]
Bryan Alden [2004*]	Jack Lindfield [2005]	Marcus Van Altena [2012]	Luke Cliff [2016]
Mark Alden [2004*]	Shannon Pickford [2005]	Willem Van Altena [2012]	<b>Aaron Guscott [2017]</b>
Norm Argall [2004*]	Cahn Prendergast [2005]	Alex Zissis [2013]	<b>Bradley Demeary [2017]</b>
Glen Bachelor [2004*]	Nicholas Ryan [2005]	Angus McGregor [2013]	<b>Casey Buncle [2017]</b>
Grant Bachelor [2004*]	Kyle Handsaker [2006]	Bailey Curtis [2013]	<b>Heath Smith [2017]</b>
Denis Cunneen [2004*]	Matthew Knight [2006]	Daniel McDonagh [2013]	<b>Jacob Armstrong [2017]</b>
Robert Cunneen [2004*]	Nathan LeBrun [2006]	Dion Zissis [2013]	<b>Jarrod Callaghan [2017]</b>
Greg Harris [2004*]	Jonathon Vitale [2006]	Ewan Watts [2013]	<b>Josh McConaghy [2017]</b>
Andrew Kennedy [2004*]	Craig Cook [2007]	Jackson Curtis [2013]	
Matthew Lawrence [2004*]	Jacob Gray [2007]	Josh O'Shanessy [2013]	

# Office Bearers

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## Office Bearers Honour Board

Year	Patron	President	Secretary	Treasurer
<b>1955</b>	-	L Taylor	A Willats	H Willats
<b>1958</b>	J Mann	L Taylor	A Willats	H Willats
<b>1960</b>	-	L Taylor	-	-
<b>1961</b>	J Shaw	A Penberthy	A Willats	A Melville
<b>1962</b>	-	A Penberthy	A Willats	A Melville
<b>1963</b>	J Shaw	A Penberthy	A Willats	A Melville
<b>1964</b>	-	A Pacy	A Willats	A Melville
<b>1965</b>	J Shaw	N Sterling	A Willats	A Melville
<b>1966</b>	J Shaw	N Sterling	A Willats	A Melville
<b>1967</b>	J Shaw	N Sterling	A Willats	A Melville
<b>1968</b>	-	N Sterling	-	A Melville
<b>1969</b>	E Knock	N Sterling	J Townsend	A Melville
<b>1970</b>	E Knock	N Sterling	N Robson	A Melville
<b>1971</b>	-	K Orr	N Sterling	A Melville
<b>1972</b>	R McKenzie	K Orr	N Robson	A Melville
<b>1973</b>	R McKenzie	K Orr	N Robson	A Melville
<b>1974</b>	R McKenzie	K Orr	N Robson	A Melville
<b>1975</b>	R McConnell	K Orr	J Vizard	A Melville
<b>1976</b>	R McConnell	K Orr	J Vizard	A Melville
<b>1977</b>	R McConnell	R Kemp	J Vizard	A Melville
<b>1978</b>	R McConnell	R Kemp	J Vizard	A Melville
<b>1979</b>	J Orr	K Newey	J Vizard	A Melville
<b>1980</b>	J Waddington	K Newey	K Arthur	A Melville
<b>1981</b>	J Waddington	R Lawrence	J Soderland	A Melville
<b>1982</b>	J Waddington	R Kennedy	K Arthur	A Melville
<b>1983</b>	W Mitchell	R Kennedy	H Flood	A Melville
<b>1984</b>	W Mitchell	R Kennedy	P Bachelor	A Melville
<b>1985</b>	W Mitchell	K Mowlam	P Bachelor	A Melville
<b>1986</b>	W Mitchell	T Trounson	P Bachelor	A Melville
<b>1987</b>	R Kennedy	T Trounson	K Arthur	K Waghorn

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Year	Patron	President	Secretary	Treasurer
<b>1988</b>	R Kennedy	B Horsley	C Bedwell	K Waghorn
<b>1989</b>	R Kennedy	C Hopper	C Bedwell	K Waghorn
<b>1990</b>	R Kennedy	G Bachelor	G Wilton	K Waghorn
<b>1991</b>	R Kennedy	G Bachelor	G Wilton	K Waghorn
<b>1992</b>	R Kennedy	K Arthur	G Wilton	I Heritage
<b>1993</b>	R Kennedy	D Wyatt	K Waghorn	D Hickson
<b>1994</b>	R Kennedy	D Hickson	K Arthur	G Trezise
<b>1995</b>	R Kennedy	D Hickson	D Wyatt	G Trezise
<b>1996</b>	R Kennedy	G Trezise	D Wyatt	R Harper
<b>1997</b>	R Kennedy	G Trezise	D Wyatt	R Harper
<b>1998</b>	R Kennedy	C Tegg	A Collins	P Ryan
<b>1999</b>	R Kennedy	C Tegg	A Collins	P Ryan
<b>2000</b>	R Kennedy	P Ryan	J Collins	M Hanrahan
<b>2001</b>	R Kennedy	P Ryan	J Collins	B Holdsworth
<b>2002</b>	R Kennedy	P Ryan	J Collins	B Holdsworth
<b>2003</b>	R Kennedy	M Smythe	C Andriske	B Holdsworth
<b>2004</b>	R Kennedy	C Ryan	D Handsaker	M Matthew
<b>2005</b>	R Kennedy	C Ryan	D Handsaker	M Matthew
<b>2006</b>	R Kennedy	C Ryan	D Handsaker	M Matthew
<b>2007</b>	R Kennedy	J Cooke	S Harvey	A Zissis
<b>2008</b>	R Kennedy	J Cooke	S Harvey	A Zissis
<b>2009</b>	R Kennedy	J Cooke	S Harvey	A Zissis
<b>2010</b>	R Kennedy	J Cooke	G McMahon	A Zissis
<b>2011</b>	R Kennedy	A Van Altena	G McMahon	A Zissis
<b>2012</b>	R Kennedy	A Van Altena	G McMahon	A Zissis
<b>2013</b>	R Kennedy	A Zissis	A Buncle	A McGregor
<b>2014</b>	P Bateman	A Zissis	A Buncle	A McGregor
<b>2015</b>	P Bateman	A Zissis	M Johnson	A McGregor
<b>2016</b>	P Bateman	L Grady	M Johnson	A McGregor
<b>2017</b>	P Bateman	L Grady	M Johnson	A McGregor

# Special Awards Archive

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Year	Morrie Richards	John Davies	Ron Kemp
1961	N.Shaw		
1962	Denis Cunneen		
1963	Denis Cunneen	G Hunter	
1964	I. Melville	R Lippiatt	
1965	B. Poulter	G Mutton	
1966	B. Poulter	J Gray	
1967	P. Robson	G Harris	
1968	G. Harris	P Gray	
1969	J. Gray	P Gray	
1970	P. Fiddler	P Gray	
1971	R. Clare	D Schuler	
1972	A. Ralph	D Schuler	
1973	A. Fiddler	W Murray	
1974	R. Kemp	D Armstrong	
1975	R. Kemp	D Armstrong	
1976	D. Johnson	G Vizard	
1977	<i>Not Awarded</i>	G Vizard	
1978	B. Vizard	M Underwood	
1979	M. Mitchell	Not Awarded	S.Lum
1980	J. Gardner & D. Armstrong	R Wadling	L. Whittingstall
1981	S. Smith	P Dines	A.McLean
1982	C. Flood & A. Kennedy	R Parry	D.Dunn
1983	A. Kennedy	K Mowlam and R Kennedy	J. Cooke
1984	A. Kennedy & G. Bachelor	R Kennedy	G. Bastow
1985	<i>Not Awarded</i>	M Halls	C. Flood
1986	O. Kilgour	M Halls	K. Ferrier
1987	E. Hickson	<i>Not Awarded</i>	S. Stacey
1988	<i>Not Awarded</i>	K McHugh	A. Hyde
1989	Angus Nevin	Scott Bedwell	Mark Snell

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Year	Morrie Richards	John Davies	Ron Kemp
1990	Ellery Hickson	Lyall Hickson	Sean Green
1991	<i>Not Awarded</i>	Chris Waghorn	Gary Plumridge
1992	Ben Puckeridge	Shannan Trigar	Malcolm Gibbs
1993	Lyall Hickson	Travis McHugh	Peter Bachelor
1994	Robert Pevitt	Ayrton Ralph	Glenn Suter
1995	Shannon Trigar	Travis McHugh	Peter Bachelor
1996	David Ralph	Ayrton Ralph	Jason Trezise
1997	Craig Dixon	Michael Jegg	Craig Dixon
1998	Gahne Ralph	Ryan Andriske	Trent Featherstone
1999	Alex Ryan	Adam Buttling	Luke Ruiz
2000	Leigh Corvino	Stephen Collins	Troy Featherstone
2001	Jeffrey O'Sullivan	Andrew Maughan	Ali Choker
2002	Seamus Ryan	Thomas Anders	Patrick Aley
2003	Ayrton Ralph	Thomas Anders	Adam Ghamcaouci
2004	Shannon Pickford	Natalie Jordan	Luke Vitale
2005	Jamie Bryan	Ben Bryan	Lyndon Hall
2006	Max Healy	Glenn McGrath	Liam Jordan
2007	Sarah-Jane Knight	Dion Zisis	Jonathon Vitale
2008	Daniel Georgievski	Murray Cooke & Patrick Cooke	Jacob Gray
2009	Nathan King	Alex Zisis	Not awarded
2010	Thomas Kannan	Matthew King	Yanni Shaw
2011	Dion Zisis	<i>Not Awarded</i>	Marcus Van Altena
2012	Dion Zisis	Willem Van Altena	Matthew Knight
2013	Kameron Thanas Shannon Randell	Bradley Demeary	Gianluca Cibei
2014	Tristan Jarvis	Bradley Demeary	Liam Judd
2015	Tristan Jarvis	Blake Jarvis	Bayley Johnson
2016	Bradley Demeary	<i>Not Awarded</i>	Max Hunter
2017	Bradley Demeary Tristan Jarvis	Ryan Jarvis Cameron Marshall	Blake Jarvis

# Special Awards Archive

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Year	Rod Thompson	Gunar Bachelor	Alex Melville
1995	Lee McHugh		
1996	Daniel Coughlin		
1997	Patrick Harper		
1998	Andrew Low		
1999	David Ryan		
2000	Andrew Low		
2001	Alex Ryan		
2002	David Ryan		
2003	Michael Holmes		
2004	Nick Ryan	Owen Kilgour	
2005	<i>Not Awarded</i>	Mark Mauder	
2006	Nick Ryan	Andrew Lindfield	
2007	Michael Vitale	Rod Andriske	Ron & Marg Kilgour
2008	Nick Ryan	David Carey	Michelle Cooke
2009	Dean Gilbert	Stephen McQueen	David Conley
2010	Michael Vitale	Dale Widders	Debbie & John King
2011	Shannon Randell	Adrian Buncle & Allan McGregor	Angie Zisis
2012	Liam Maze & Kameron Thanas	Kristian Thanas	Angie Zisis & Dale Widders
2013	Alex Zisis	Steve Macks Greg deMoore	Kate Lee Daniel Lee
2014	Liam Maze	Peter Stelzer	Dale Widders
2015	Kyle McKellar	Ben Pfahlert Craig Barton	Dale Widders
2016	Kyle McKellar	Steve Nabaki David Watts	Peter Stelzer
2017	Jacob Dol	Grant Hanratty Harry Woods	Michael Johnson

# Best and Fairest Awards Archive

Year	Ivan Blyth Auskick	Under 9	Norm Pickford U10	Keith Orr U11	Bill Ford U12
1999					David Ryan Adam Buttling Matthew Gallagher
2000					Stephen Collins Tom Eden
2001			Shannon Pickford Jason Andriske		Jack Horder
2002	Andrew Tolhurst		Jason Andriske Nicholas Ryan		Blake Muir Matthew Baigent
2003	Dominic Maunder		Jack Lindfield Jacob Gray		Blake Muir Matthew Baigent
2004	Lachlan Ryan		Michael Vitale Craig Cooke Jarrod Parkinson		Nick Ryan Jonathon Vitale Jason Andriske
2005	Trent Crawford		Vasili Ramanos		Kurtis Patterson Jacob Gray
2006	Liam Atoui		Glenn McGrath		Craig Cook Jack Lindfield
2007	Bradley Uglow	Scott Britcher Willem Van Altena Adrian Georgievski	Lachlan Ryan Shannon Randell		Michael Vitale
2008	Bailey Curtis	Cameron Lee	Shannon Randell Ryan Bujcevski	Matthew Knight	Michael Vitale
2009	Hudson Lesleighter	Liam O'Shannessy	Josh O'Shannessy Cameron Lee Zachary Cameron	Shannon Randell Ryan Bujcevski	Brendan Dimevski
2010	Ben Graham	Arran Buncle	Matthew Kannan Kristian Dimovski	Daniel Widders Willem Van Altena	Shannon Randell Ryan Bujcevski
2011	Matthew Murphy	Luke McGregor	Ben Estell	Zac Cameron	Bradley Uglow
2012	Matthew Murphy	Elijah DeRieve	Harrison Thanas	Bailey Curtis	Bradley Uglow Daniel Widders
2013	Anthony Hanlen	Not Awarded	Andrew Firmstone Edmund Pfahlert	Matthew Uglow	Joshua Wright
2014	Mitchell Woods	Not Awarded	Kyle Brady Thomas Brassington	Jack Gibson	Bradley Demeary
2015	William Foster	Jack Hanratty	Liam Taylor	Rory Little	Not Awarded
2016	Sebastian Alois	William Foster Ryan Jarvis	Mitchell Woods	Maverick Sorojevic	Jared Kennedy
2017	Thomas Blackman	Anton Keller	Matthew Fitzgerald William Foster	Jack Hanratty	James Brown

# Best and Fairest Awards Archive

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Year	U12 Youth Girls	Cuneen Family U13	John Vizard U14	Bob Kennedy U15	Norm Sterling U17
1999			Alex Ryan		Luke Ruiz
2000			Troy Featherstone		Tim Holdsworth
2001			David Ryan Adam Buttling Mark Russell		Alex Ryan
2002			Patrick Aley Brent Hosking Jack Horder		Michael Holmes
2003			Luke Vitale		Matthew Gallagher
2004			Jason Andriske		Michael Milner
2005			Nick Ryan		Christopher MacDougal
2006			Jacob Grey Jordan Keriacou		Adam Ghamraoui
2007			Yanni Shaw		Evan Corvino
2008			Dylan Moore		Jonathon Vitale
2009		Kyle Venn Michael Vitale	Thomas Kannan		Jackson Nish
2010		Brendan Dimevski	Marcus Van Altena		Jack Lindfield
2011		Liam Maze	Kameron Thanas		Not Awarded
2012		Alex Zisis			Dion Zisis
2013		Kyle McKellar	Alex Zisis		Liam Judd Matthew Knight
2014		Josh Wright	Kyle McKellar	Liam Samson	Shannon Randell
2015		Declan Hart	Noah Casalini	Eray Selvi	Liam Judd
2016		Matthew Uglow	Brad Demeary	Jacob Dol	Anthony Markos
2017	Lucy Finn	Lachlan Wolfe	Not Awarded	Alexander Box Blake Jarvis	Eray Selvi

# Our Heritage

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## Club Honour Roll

### Premierships

Age Group	Year										Total:
	1964	1976	1980	1982 + Knockout Champions							
<b>U9s</b>	1964										<b>4</b>
<b>U10s</b>	1999	2000	2001	2002	<b>2017</b> (U10s White) Gala Day Champions						<b>5</b>
<b>U11s</b>	1982 + Knockout Champions	1999	2000	<b>2017</b> South							<b>4</b>
<b>U12s</b>	2000	2001	2003	2016 White Div 3							<b>4</b>
<b>U13s</b>	1967	1990	1993	2011	2012						<b>5</b>
<b>U14s</b>	1957 As Penshurst United	1984	2001	2005	2012	2013	2014 White Div 3	2016 White Div 3			<b>8</b>
<b>U15s</b>	1963	1967	1969	1980	1988 Joint Premiers	1991	1992	1995	2014 White Div 3		<b>9</b>
<b>U16s</b>	1958 As Penshurst United	1996	2004								<b>3</b>
<b>U17s</b>	1956 As Hurstville Diamonds	1960 As Penshurst United	1963	1964	1970	1972	1975	1978	1993 + Sydney Champions	1994	<b>10</b>
<b>U18s</b>	1983										<b>1</b>
<b>Club Champions</b>	1984	1992	1999	2000	2001	2002					<b>6</b>
<b>Sydney South Club of the Year</b>	2015	2016	2017								<b>3</b>

# 2017 Game Counts

(Ahmad – Curtis)

## Special Notes

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2. All match numbers have been extracted either from Footyweb, from Managers lists and/or from previous year books

Name	Started	Games Played
Ahmad, Mona	2017	16
Allardice, Amelia	2016	20
Allardice, Ethan	2014	41
Aloi, Sebastian	2014	45
Amey, Mitchell	2017	92
Aplitt, Tyler	2016	42
Armstrong, Cordelia	2017	8
Armstrong, Edward	2015	25
Armstrong, Jacob	2011	86
Arney, Hayden	2017	11
Aronis, Phoenix	2010	107
Ayoub, Jayden	2016	28
Babb, Hamish	2017	13
Bartlett, Drue	2016	28
Bateman, Josh	2017	11
Bird, Clare	2017	15
Bird, James	2017	15
Blackman, Thomas	2016	28
Blades, Jack	2015	34
Box, Alexander	2017	46
Boxall, Liam	2013	115
Bozinovski, Diego	2016	27
Brady, Kyle	2014	74
Brady, Tyler	2013	122
Brown, Harrison	2016	28
Brown, James	2016	32
Brownlee, Ewan	2013	58
Budhathoki, Noah	2016	18
Bullock, Eamon	2012	62
Buncle, Arran	2005	166
Buncle, Casey	2011	108
Burrell, Luka	2017	15

Name	Started	Games Played
Callaghan, Jarrod	2011	96
Callen, Christian	2016	26
Cameron, Zac	2008	107
Carey, Aaron	2013	119
Carey, Eloise	2014	60
Carey, Jordan	2013	175
Carey, Nelson	2013	234
Carey, William	2007	166
Carr, Dylan	2014	58
Carroll-Youhanna, Dylan	2016	26
Casalini, Noah	2015	179
Chan, Lucinda	2016	25
Childs, David	2016	23
Christofis, Cory	2017	39
Cino, Joseph	2017	17
Clayton, Benjamen	2017	14
Clayton, Bianca	2017	16
Clement, Dominic	2008	122
Cliff, Luke	2007	163
Coman, Josh	2015	40
Comino, Dean	2013	56
Comino, Sofia	2014	33
Condon, Max	2017	4
Convery, Fletcher	2014	57
Cooke Beau	2017	10
Cooke, Samara	2017	14
Coombs, Dane	2017	108
Corbett, Myles	2015	14
Corcoran, William	2017	45
Corkin, William	2017	9
Curtis, Bailey	2007	148
Curtis, Cooper	2008	146

# 2017 Game Counts

(Davies – Landy)

Name	Started	Games Played
Davies, Huw	2013	175
Dawson, Jack	2017	201
de Moore, Willem	2008	119
De Smedt, Lars	2016	29
De Smedt, Nils	2017	16
Demeary, Bradley	2011	119
Dibden, Ben	2016	28
Dimevski, Jake	2017	72
Dingle, Emily	2017	15
Dol, Jacob	2014	123
Dol, Mitchell	2014	86
Donnelly, Lucas	2017	12
Donohue, Oliver	2016	20
Duarte, Danny	2013	73
Egan, Oliver	2017	16
Egan, Thomas	2016	33
Ellis, Darcey	2016	19
Ellis, Lachlan	2013	40
Ellis, Skye	2017	11
Filipo, Isaac	2016	1
Finn, Lucy	2017	18
Finn, William	2017	13
Firmstone, Andrew	2009	115
Fitzgerald, Josh	2017	10
Fitzgerald, Matthew	2017	14
Flanagan, Connor	2016	145
Fletcher, Jordan	2017	12
Forder, James	2016	19
Foster, William	2015	36
Franklin, Harrison	2016	38
Fry, Cameron	2017	17
Garland, Finn	2016	23
Giuffrida, Mark	2008	141
Giunta, Dominic	2013	65
Gongati, Siddarth	2017	16
Goodacre, Adam	2012	80
Grady, Matilda	2016	29
Grygiel, Audrey	2016	21
Grygiel, Henry	2016	28
Gusscott, Aaron	2011	85

Name	Started	Games Played
Guy, Joshua	2015	17
Haigh, Maxwell	2014	39
Hanlen, Anthony	2010	127
Hanlen, Lewis	2016	30
Hanratty, Jack	2015	43
Harrison, Harvey	2014	35
Harrison, Josh	2017	98
Hart, Declan	2015	37
Hart, Liam	2015	40
Heess, Caden	2015	26
Heinrich, Alex	2015	15
Heinrich, James	2016	21
Henderson, Joel	2009	106
Higgs, Josh	2010	92
Hill, Callum	2017	12
Hill, Ezekial	2016	15
Hobson, Zoe	2017	16
Hohle, Rafael	2017	65
Holevas, Xavier	2017	4
Hooker, Nicholas	2017	98
Hunter, Max	2013	66
Ianni, Marcus	2017	13
Ivanov, Xavier	2014	55
Jackson, Robert	2017	4
James, Ethan	2017	102
Jarvis, Blake	2014	75
Jarvis, Ryan	2013	74
Jarvis, Tristan	2013	86
Jean-Baptiste, Joshua	2017	9
Johnson, Bayley	2013	208
Jones, Cameron	2013	65
Karamihalis, Ioannis	2016	26
Keller, Anton	2016	20
Kelly, Reece	2017	111
Kennedy, Ash	2013	69
Kennedy, Jared	2016	28
Kennedy, Zane	2015	53
Knight, Samuel	2013	59
Lambino, Cade	2017	13
Landy, Lachlan	2014	50

# 2017 Game Counts

(Lattouf - Stelzer)

Name	Started	Games Played
Lattouf, Jacob	2016	7
Lattouf, Joseph	2016	17
Lawdor, Aidan	2017	31
Le Breton, Jonathon	2017	7
Leadbitter, Angus	2017	110
Lewis, Benjamin	2015	29
Linke, Archer	2016	19
Little, Ryan	2010	90
Long, Nathaniel	2017	2
Lorente, Mathew	2016	42
Lui, Justin	2015	40
Luis, Liam	2017	12
Mann, Mitchell	2017	10
Marchant, Alexander	2017	15
Marchant, Harley	2017	13
Markos, Anthony	2015	139
Marshall, Cameron	2013	65
Marshall, Luke	2013	165
Mason, Max	2016	25
Maurer, Leroy	2012	87
McConaghy, Joshua	2011	106
McDade-Jacobs, Callum	2017	10
McGregor, Luke	2007	152
McKellar, Kyle	2009	139
McKenzie, Josh	2016	28
McMahon, Adam	2017	12
McNamara, Lucas	2017	16
McNamara, Owen	2017	16
McQueen, Cameron	2016	46
Menner, Thomas	2016	31
Merlino, Jacob	2013	69
Messner, Matthew	2014	65
Mo, Jamie	2014	49
Morgan, Lincoln	2017	16
Moussa, Antonios	2017	8
Murphy, Damien	2014	71
Murphy, Matthew	2009	113
Murphy, Sienna	2015	36
Murray, Joshua	2014	50
Myers, Jake	2017	15

Name	Started	Games Played
Myers, Olivia	2017	19
Myers, Riley	2017	15
Nimmo, Lucas	2017	15
O'Grady, Travis	2017	16
Parkes, Dylan	2015	49
Parkes, Mitchell	2015	35
Parnell, Evan	2016	18
Parnell, Tyler	2017	14
Petkovski, Novak	2017	13
Pfahlert, Edmund	2013	62
Pilon, Thomas	2013	191
Plummer, Harrison	2015	35
Plummer, Maxwell	2014	46
Plunkett, Liam	2017	16
Plunkett, Olivia	2017	16
Putra, Jay	2016	5
Ralph, Chase	2016	32
Reed, Evan	2016	14
Rivera, Alejandro	2016	25
Robertson, Hugh	2016	25
Robinson, Garrett	2016	25
Robinson, Griffin	2017	15
Robinson, Luke	2017	16
Robinson, Ned	2017	13
Robinson, Patrick	2017	15
Rogerson, Bailey	2008	117
Roman, Chase	2017	15
Rosario, Josh	2013	84
Rush, Raeden	2016	27
Rush, Zephyr	2015	36
Saleh, Jordan	2015	42
Saliba, Jacob	2017	18
Seiler, Harrison	2017	11
Selvi, Eray	2015	137
Shields, Lachlan	2017	10
Sioutos, Anastasios	2016	34
Smith, Heath	2011	77
Snell, Austin	2016	24
Steele, Daniel	2013	150
Stelzer, Andrew	2006	165



# 2017 Game Counts

(Stepto - Young)

Name	Started	Games Played
Stepto, Brendan	2016	20
Stewart, Jack	2017	93
Stewart, Phoenix	2017	10
Strauss, Harrison	2017	15
Strauss, Vienna	2017	8
Studdart, Tom	2016	26
Taylor, Liam	2013	74
Theodorakakis, Mark	2017	6
Thomas, Jordan	2010	97
Todd-Bonselaar, Kian	2016	25
Todd-Bonselar, Riley	2016	29
Tonkes, Henry	2016	28
Towler, Drew	2017	54
Townsend, Ella	2017	9
Townsend, William	2016	16
Trenear, Oscar	2016	28
Tsigris, Alexander	2017	9
Uglow, Bradley	2007	182
Uglow, Matthew	2007	130
Van Den Borne, Jai	2013	55
Vanstone, Phoenix	2017	-
Venables, Jackson	2017	13
Vida, Kendall	2015	30

Name	Started	Games Played
Vittorio, Alexander	2017	15
Vittorio, Nicholas	2016	28
Weeding, Frankie	2014	45
Weeding, Henry	2015	23
Weightman, Alexander	2015	34
Weightman, Grace	2013	71
Weightman, Samuel	2013	62
Westley, Kurt	2014	68
Whittlemore, Jake	2016	40
Whitton, Finlay	2014	42
Widders, Daniel	2008	171
Williams, Owen	2016	12
Williams, Thomas	2014	47
Williams, Toby	2016	6
Winfield, Henry	2016	28
Wolfe, Lachlan	2016	36
Woods, Mitchell	2014	51
Wright, Brock	2017	9
Wright, Joshua	2013	107
Xia, Patrick	2016	33
Xing, Declan	2017	15
Young, Jonathan	2017	13

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# Perpetual Award Details

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## **The Ivan Blyth Award for the Best & Fairest Player in Auskick**

Awarded to the Best Player from within the Senior Auskick group (7/8 years of age) as selected by the Auskick Co-ordinator and Auskick Coaches as appropriate.

## **The Award for Best & Fairest Player in the Under 9s**

Awarded to the player from the Under 9 team who accumulates the most Best and Fairest Votes over the course of the Home and Away Season.

## **The Norm Pickford Award for the Best & Fairest Player in the Under 10's**

Awarded to the player from the Under 10 team who accumulates the most Best and Fairest Votes over the course of the Home and Away Season.

## **The Keith Orr Award for the Best & Fairest Player in the Under 11s**

Awarded to the player from the Under 11 team who accumulates the most Best and Fairest Votes over the course of the Home and Away Season.

## **The Bill Ford Award for the Best & Fairest Player in the Under 12's**

Awarded to the player from the Under 12 team who accumulates the most Best and Fairest Votes over the course of the Home and Away Season.

## **The Award for Best & Fairest Player in the Under 12 Youth Girls**

Awarded to the player from the Under 12 Youth Girls team who accumulates the most Best and Fairest Votes over the course of the Home and Away Season.

## **The Cunneen Award for the Best & Fairest Player in the Under 13s**

Awarded to the player from the Under 13 team who accumulates the most Best and Fairest Votes over the course of the Home and Away Season.

## **The John Vizard Award for the Best & Fairest Player in the Under 14's**

Awarded to the player from the Under 14 team who accumulates the most Best and Fairest Votes over the course of the Home and Away Season.

## **The Bob Kennedy Award for the Best & Fairest Player in the Under 15s**

Awarded to the player from the Under 15 team who accumulates the most Best and Fairest Votes over the course of the Home and Away Season.

## **The Norm Sterling Award for the Best & Fairest Player in the Under 17's**

Awarded to the player from the Under 17 team who accumulates the most Best and Fairest Votes over the course of the Home and Away Season.

## **The Rod Thompson Award for Excellence**

Awarded to the Penshurst JAFC Player, who after performing at a consistently high club level, achieves significant Representative Football Honours or recognition beyond Club level. These Representative Honours can include School, Regional, GSJ/AFL and or Swans Academy Representation, during the Home and Away Season and will include GSJ Best & Fairest considerations. Determined from collective nomination from Club Officials and as ultimately endorsed by the Club Committee.

## **The Ron Kemp Courage Award**

Awarded to a Senior Player (Under 14s upwards), displaying a consistently high level of courage in the manner in which they play the game. Determined from collective nomination from Club Officials and as ultimately endorsed by the Club Committee.

## **The Alex Melville Award for Service to the Club**

Awarded to a Club Member providing outstanding and exceptional commitment and service to the Club over the course of a season. Determined from collective nomination by Club Officials and as ultimately endorsed by the Club Committee.

# Perpetual Award Details

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## **The Gunnar Bachelor Memorial Award for Coach of the Year**

Awarded to the Club Coach, who is considered to have made the most significant contribution to their team's success during the season. Criteria to be considered shall incorporate their overall contribution to the team's on-field and off-field performance and culture, as well as their commitment and dedication to the role over the course of the season.

It shall also incorporate the Coach's commitment and contribution to the Club as a whole over the same period. Determined from collective nomination by Club Officials and as ultimately endorsed by the Club Committee.

## **The Paul Bateman Award for Manager of the Year**

Awarded to the Club Manager, who is considered to have made the most significant contribution to their team's success during the season. Criteria to be considered shall incorporate their overall contribution to the team's on-field performance and culture, as well as their commitment and dedication to the role over the course of the season. Shall also incorporate the Manager's commitment and contribution to the Club as a whole over the same period. Determined from collective nomination by Club Officials and as ultimately endorsed by the Club Committee.

## **The John Davies Award for Junior Clubman**

The John Davies Award is for the Junior Club Footballer (Under 12s and below) making the most significant off field contribution to the Penshurst JAFC over the course of a season. Determined from collective nomination by Club Officials and as ultimately endorsed by the Club Committee.

## **The Morrie Richards Award for Senior Clubman**

The Morrie Richards Award goes to the Senior Club Footballer (Under 13s and above) making the most significant off field contribution to the Penshurst JAFC over the course of a season. Determined from collective nomination by Club Officials and as ultimately endorsed by the Club Committee.

## **The Jim Cooke Award**

Awarded to a family whose volunteer contributions and outstanding service, across varied aspects of Club Operations, have most contributed to the development and well-being of the club. Determined from collective nomination by Club Officials and as ultimately endorsed by the Club Committee.

## **The Chris Ryan Award**

Awarded to the Club Member whose commitment and efforts most contributed to the financial security, stability and progress of the Penshurst JAFC over the course of the year. Determined from collective nomination by Club Officials and as ultimately endorsed by the Club Committee.

## **The Patrons Award**

Awarded to the Club Member whose dynamic and energetic leadership most influenced the direction and well-being of the Penshurst JAFC over the course of the year. Determined from collective nomination by Club Officials and as ultimately endorsed by the Club Committee. This Award was introduced in 2013.

## **The President's Award**

Awarded to an individual or individuals, as nominated by the Club President, who are considered to have made an outstanding contribution to the good running of the Penshurst JAFC over the course of a season. A recipient of the President's Award will have, over the course of a season, shown a great deal of commitment to the Penshurst club, and made a significant contribution to the success of the club in that year.

## **Senior Life Membership**

Senior Life Membership is bestowed upon persons having contributed Seven years or more of good service (not necessarily continuous) to the club, in any official capacity, including but not limited to coaching, team administration and or committee membership. For a Senior Member to earn Life Membership, he or she, will have volunteered a very significant part of their lives to assist both the Penshurst club and the game of Australian Football. The club holds such contributions, such as these, in very high regard.

## **Junior Life Membership**

Awarded to players who have given seven years or more of continuous playing service to the Club. For a Junior Member to earn Life Membership, he or she will have shown a great deal of loyalty, commitment and pride in both the Penshurst Club and the game of Australian Football. The Club holds playing contributions, such as these, in very high regard.



# 2018 Club Registration

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The NSW Government has announced a new 'Active Kids Voucher program'.

This program aims to provide each school aged child (Kindergarten – Year 12) access to a voucher to the value of \$100 to be used to subsidise sporting club registrations.

AFL NSW/ACT been working closely with the NSW Office of Sport & Service NSW to finalise the exact process around how AFL players, and Clubs can benefit from the new program.

Whilst we are working through the finer details of how the program will work, we would like to provide you with an update on some key elements of the new program:

- From 31st January, Club Participants (players) will need to apply for a voucher number online with service NSW. [www.sport.nsw.gov.au/sectordevelopment/activekids/fact-sheet](http://www.sport.nsw.gov.au/sectordevelopment/activekids/fact-sheet))
- Access to the voucher will begin for registration payments made from February 1<sup>st</sup> 2018
- The voucher number will then be redeemed at time of payment of your Club registration (Via sports TG/Footyweb).
- The \$100 amount is not a rebate, and cannot be claimed post payment.

In line with our normal recruitment process and timelines, the Penshurst RSL Panthers are encouraging current players to utilise the early bird registration offer which is valid from 14th October 2017 – 31<sup>st</sup> January 2018.

There are a few different ways to utilise the rebate vouchers and this is how the Penshurst RSL Panthers Junior AFL Club is moving forward which are detailed on the following page.

## **Active Rebate Voucher Information**

### **Who is eligible to claim the voucher?**

- Every family in NSW with a child enrolled in school from Kindergarten to year 12 will be eligible for the Active Kids Rebate.
- It will not be means tested and one voucher will be available for every child in the family annually over the next four years.
- There will be no limits on the number of applications per family, as long as every child is enrolled in school.

### **When will the program be introduced?**

- From January 2018 families will be able to claim their voucher/s online from the NSW Government.

### **Where can I find more information?**

- Applications will be facilitated by the Office of Sport. More information will be available on the website as the program details are further developed [www.sport.nsw.gov.au/activekids](http://www.sport.nsw.gov.au/activekids)

### **Registration Night: 14<sup>th</sup> October 2017**

Come to the registration desk and document your **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST** to play the 2018 season and secure the Early Bird Price with an **EOI** deposit.

- Confirm your contact details and age group
- A receipt will be issued immediately

# 2018 Club Registration

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**\*\* Early Bird pricing is valid from 14th October 2017 – 31<sup>st</sup> January 2018 and is only valid for those who confirmed an Expression of Interest and paid the deposit – Receipt number is documented \*\***

## **Early Bird Option 1**

• Auskick (5's to U8's)	Usually \$110	Early Bird: \$100	EOI: \$00.00
• U9s – U17 * U15's	Usually \$145	Early Bird: \$125	EOI: \$25.00
• Family	Usually \$250	Early Bird: \$220	EOI: \$20.00

## **Early Bird & Active Kids Rebate (1/2/2018)**

- On the 1<sup>st</sup> February the Penshurst RSL Panthers Club Register will email you requesting you to register online.
- Ensure you have applied for your Active Rebate Voucher before registering.
- \* U15's please speak with the Club Registrar

OR

## **Early Bird Option 2**

### **Pay the Early Bird & utilise Active Kids Rebate voucher for a 2018 Summer Sport**

Come to the registration desk and document your EXPRESSION OF INTERST to play for 2018 securing the Early Bird Price.

- Confirming your contact details and age group
- A receipt will be issued immediately

**\*\* Early Bird pricing is valid from 14th October 2017 – 31st January 2018 and is only valid for those who confirmed an Expression of Interest and paid their registration in full – Receipt number is documented \*\***

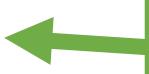
Auskick (5's to U8's)	Usually \$110	Early Bird: \$100
U9s – U17 * U15's	Usually \$145	Early Bird: \$125
Family	Usually \$250	Early Bird: \$220

- During November the Club Registrar will contact you to register online
- \* U15's please speak with the Club Registrar

## **After the 31<sup>st</sup> January 2018 – Early Bird Prices DO NOT APPLY – However you can still utilise the Active Rebate Voucher.**

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If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact: [panthersrego@gmail.com](mailto:panthersrego@gmail.com)



The Myers triplets (Olivia, Jake and Riley) ready for their first game at Olds Park on the 5<sup>th</sup> April 2017.

This may be a first for our club – All 3 triplets debuting for the club on the same day.

