## BELROSE RUGBY LEAGUE

## 2014 ANNUAL REPORT



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#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Where did this season go it seems that this year was over in a flash even though the season was extended due to the heavy rain in Sydney? At the time of going to press with my report we had not tasted Grand Final success in 2014, however our Sydney Shield side was one game away from what will hopefully be successive Grand Final appearances.

We had 3 junior teams make to the their Grand Finals this year headed by the mighty U8's coached by Peter Asprey, U9's coached by Paul Clyne and U11s coached by Mark Tam.

Congratulations to all teams, coaches, managers and players for your efforts this year.

Every year we seemed to be burdened with more administrative work this takes up time and also distracts all of us away from what we enjoy doing and that is getting kids on the field playing the game of Rugby League. Managing up to 20 teams is a lot of work and it simply would not be possible firstly without our generous sponsors but also our hard working volunteers. We can never have too many volunteers and while most contribute in some way we are extremely fortunate to have a number of people who deserve special thanks and recognition for their hours and hours of commitment to the Belrose Eagles, Clarissa Wilson, Andrea and David Paterson, Kerrie and Tom Nugent, Vicki Collins and Sue Abrahams. I have no problem in saying that we would not have survived this year without these people.

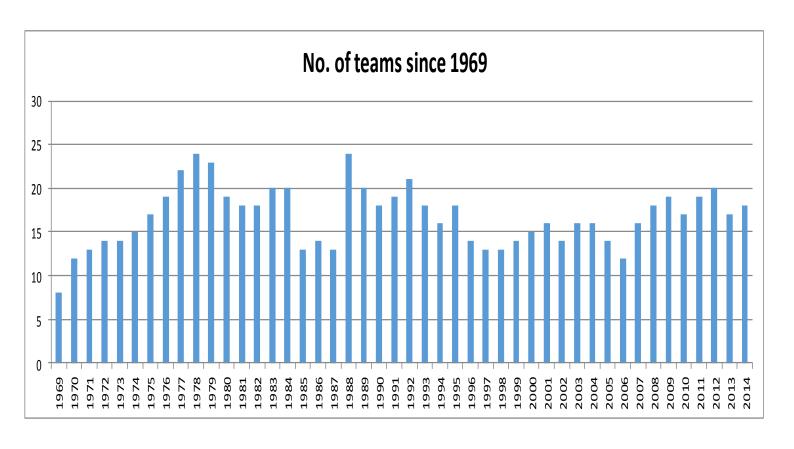
Thank you to the Board who work tirelessly to ensure that everything continues to tick along merrily. Our monthly board meetings are never dull, we seem to survive and the club continues to go from strength to strength.

Our touch football competition will start in the next few weeks and it is now being played on Friday nights, we hope to see many of you there enjoying what is now a great community event.

Finally, thanks to all the parents and players of Belrose Eagles you make the club what it is.

Regards, Scott Collins





#### **BELROSE RLFC Ltd**



**Promotions** 

#### **Patron**

**Geoff Toovey** 

#### **Life Members**

Bill Bradley, Norm Grace\*, Graham Lawler, Rick Kramer, George Bailey\*, Bill Beers, Bob Goodhand, Lloyd Whitehead, Bob Greenwood\*, Keith Anderson, Barry Bowtell\*, Ray Keys, John Faulks, John Willard, Alan Dwyer, John Borger, Brian Wildash, Bob Fava, Jim Moggach\*, Eric Galloway, John Woodroff, Richard Marden, Barry Johnson, Jim Badger\*, Rosemary Fava, Marea Johnson, Charles Carter, Terry Harrod, Paul Hegarty, Kevin Pryor, Michael Smith, Ross Smith, Geoff Alder, Craig Badger, Susan Alder

\*Deceased

**Gear Steward** 

#### **Board of Directors**

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Scott Collins

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**Sponsorship** Canteen
Brad Martin/Sean Wilson Eric Galloway

#### **ACHIEVEMENTS**



#### 400 game players

Luke Alder

#### 300 game players

Craig Badger, Keiran Dempsey, Shane Parsons, Jason Fava, Phil Blinkhorne, Robert Fava, Dorian Smith, Luke Alder, Lachlan McLeod, Brandon Scott, Andrew Needham, Andrew Rickard, Ben Pickering

#### 200 game players

Eric Waterworth, Kevin Pryor, Phil Alder, Steve Batty, Phil Johnson, Warwick Badger, Steve Bowtell, Paul Carlson, David Robertson, Brett Daley, Steve Borger, Anthony Lind, Geoff Toovey, Daryn Trowbridge, Andrew Williams, Tim Galloway, Jamie Wildash, Scott Wildash, Shane Wildash, Paul Clyne, Steve Harrod, Paul Whitfield, Craig Bowtell, Scott Doyle, Grant Jones, Mark Fava, Chad Eady, Heath Dennis, Dean Griffith, Darren Michael, Jason Siladi, Brad Verrills, Chris Corbett, Ben Baxter, Darren Daley, Scott Murphy, Jason Whitfield, Scott Sinclair, Matt Baxter, Adam Parkinson, Warrick Smith, Matt Alder, Ryan Carter, James Cable, Chris Brooks, Marcus Middleton, Chris Needham, Liam Alder, Ben Pickering, Scott Cable, Tom Needham, Nathan Garnham, Richie Plummer, Luke Grant, Dylan Eldershaw, Paul Garnham, Tom Betts, Luke Betts, Jack Cosh, Charles Buttrose, Lachlan Brown

NSWRL Sydney Shield	2013
A Grade	1967, 1988, 1989, 1993, 2002, 2003, 2009
A Grade North Sydney	2003, 2013
A Reserve Grade	1966, 1992, 1994, 1996, 2013
Under 21	1961, 1980, 1991, 1992, 1994, 1995
Under 19	1982, 1990, 1993
Under 17	1979, 1981, 1987, 1989
Under 16	1969, 1980, 1987, 2000, 2011
Under 15	1970, 1977, 1978, 1982, 1984, 1986, 2013
Under 14	1969, 1977, 1983, 1993
Under 13	1975, 1980, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1992, 2003
Under 12	1977, 1979, 1981, 1983, 1984, 1990, 1991, 1995, 2003
Under 11	1976, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1990, 1995
Under 10	1972, 1974, 1975, 1977, 1979, 1981, 1982, 1989, 2003
Under 9	1978, 1980, 1981, 1986, 1988, 1990, 1991, 1992, 2001
Under 8	1977, 1979, 1980, 1984, 1987, 1990
Under 7	1978, 1983, 1984, 1989, 1992, 2010

#### **Association Awards**

#### Club Champions - Col Mills Memorial trophy est 1979

1979, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1986, 1987, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 2003

#### Senior Grade Champions - L&V Engineering Trophy est 1972

1980, 1982, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1992, 1993, 1994

#### **Best Club – Pop Hall Memorial Trophy**

1986, 1992, 2001, 2003, 2004

#### **HONOUR ROLL**



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400 games	Luke Alder SS Grade
200 games	Charles Buttrose Under 19
	Lachlan Brown Under 16
150 games	Jack Wilson Under 14
	Zac Stracey Under 14
	Beau Abrahams Under 19
	Sam Mifsud A Grade
100 games	Kai Wilson Under 11
	Saxon Wood Under 11
	Max Gander Under 12
	Ben Watkins Under 12
	Finn Cantrill Under 13
	James Beange Under 14
	Andy Layton Under 19
	Scott Hanley A Grade
	Mitchel McKenzie A Grade
	Dave Marando Sydney Shield
Manly Warringah SG Ball	Beau Abrahams Jarrod Cox Ryan Mawhinney

## **PERPETUAL AWARDS**

Scott Wildash trophy	Christian Bate	
President's trophy	Sue Alder	
Norm Pounder Senior Grade Coach of the year	Scott Hanley	
Barry Bowtell Junior Grade Coach of the year	Steve Purcell	
Lindsay Spencer Senior Player Award	Dave Marando	
Glen Henderson Clubman Award U19's	Mark Abrahams	
Ken Hucker Clubman Award U16's	Cherie Lenon	
Junior Grade Manager of the Year	Joanne Asprey	
Stirrer's paddle	Mark Abrahams	
Rolling Pin	Nikki Griffith	

#### SECRETARY'S REPORT



2014 saw a new playing strip well accepted by all & has seen a small increase in number of players with little to show in the way of Premierships. Although at the time of going to press Peter Asprey's U8M has a chance to pick our only premiership on Saturday.

The final results for all our teams in 2014 were:

Sydney Shield 4th
A Grade Finalist
U19 Grade Finalist
U16 Grade Finalist
U15 Grade Finalist

U14 Grade Preliminary Finalist

U13M Grade Semi Finalist

U12/1M 6th

U12/2W Semi Final 1st
U11/1M Grade Semi Finalist
U11/2 Grade Grand Finalist

U10/1M Grade 6th U10/2W Grade 6th

U9 /1M Grade Grand finalist
U9/2W Grade Preliminary Finalist
U8/1M Grade Grand Finalist
U8/2W Grade Preliminary Finalist

U7M Uncompetitive U7W Uncompetitive U6 Uncompetitive

This Annual Report has all team reports from all grades and is an indication of the effort Coaches & Managers put in to ensure our players are all recognised for their efforts. If we continue to get enthusiastic Coaches & Managers we will see our teams grow.

This Season started with a planned Registration day 2<sup>nd</sup> February. This was thrown into a lot of confusion with the NRL's last minute direction to Clubs to Register Players and Officials on line. Without the untiring effort of Clarissa Wilson this could have been a disaster Thanks again to all those who struggled with the new procedure, I am sure it is the way of the future and with a bit of preparation 2015 registrations will be simpler for all. (If you have a current email address).

Many of our teams continued to grow and the Under 12 group headed by Gary Watman & Charles Dunn continued to develop an improving playing group. In a team sport players have to learn to lose and celebrate victories. The Under 12 group certainly had their share of losses and victories this year and will benefit from their experiences.

Without players of all ability we don't have a game and all ages in Saturday football numbers increased with the exception of U6 & U7. The Club will need to review the reasons of a decreasing number of U6 & U7 players. However from all reports the two Belrose uncompetitive teams had a good season and enjoyed the gala days at the end of the season.

Sunday Football was pretty strong this season with all teams making the finals Luke Grant, Brad Martin & Matt Brown were involved in the Under 16's this season and helped organise fund raising for an end of season trip away. Belrose have had under 16 trips away for over 30 years and it was pleasing to see the effort made by the players to raise funds for their trip. We wish everyone a happy trip.

Neil Pollard completed his third year with the Under 19 and was unlucky not to take the team to the grand final. Neil finally got numbers in the U19's and it was great see the team do well with so much extra help.

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#### SECRETARY'S REPORT



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A Grade Coached again by Scott Hanley took the team to a higher grade this year and continued to train and work well with the Sydney Shield side. At the time of going to press James Mortimers Sydney Shield has beaten all but the top two sides who still have concerns on how they can beat Belrose in the September finals.

All sports not just Rugby League have continued to demand governance. Governments give money with strings attached to head bodies. Head Bodies make more rules & regulations and the junior sport volunteers have increasing demands at every level.

A special thank you to all those are now an Accredited Coach, League Safe Trainer, First Aider, Manager & Ground Manager. Yes, it is sad that volunteers who just want to help where they can have to go through so many procedures but we are lucky we had enough come forward in most areas. Thank you all again.

As well as all the team officials the Club Directors relied on the support of many others in the Club. Sue Alder continues managing the gear and first aid. Mark Abrahams does more & more on the grounds. John Borger Registrar with the help of Clarissa Wilson & Dave Paterson have seen our registrations in the best order of any Club. Clarissa & Dave hours this year would have been much greater than any previous season.

The Club is also thankful for the many sponsors. Sean Wilson who got all the arrangements in hand and very importantly continued to promote the sponsors all season.

I would also like to thank all those who helped in the Canteen this season and especially Kerry Nugent Andrea Paterson & Clarissa Wilson.

Vicki Collins continues with her Social Committee and the Awards Night was well received by all. For those who were not present the following awards were announced;

Presidents Award—Sue Alder
Junior Coach of the Year—Steve Purcell
Senior Coach of the Year—Scott Hanley
Manager of the Year—Jo Asprey
And of course The Paddle went to Mark Abrahams & the Rolling Pin to Nicki Griffith

Vicki also kept the Touch Football ticking along while the Golf Clubs & Cricket Clubs have continued to tribute to the Club.

I would like to thank all the Board Members for their efforts, President Scott Collins, Mark Abrahams, Barry Johnson, Sean Wilson, Brad Martin & Andrew Smith, I think we all agree the Club remains strong and we all just have to strive a little more to keep it strong.

A Club like ours is only as successful as the people in it without the Players, Coaches, Trainers, Managers, Mums & Dads supporting the Club you can't have a Club.

Thank you all for your contributions in 2014.

Now is time to start to think about 2015. Relax or have a bit of fun at Touch Football.

Eric Galloway

#### **2014 TEAM SPONSORS**



























U6's

Bill Buckle Motors Natasha Daley

Brookvale

U7's

Travel with Kids Jillian Penney

Mosman

U8's & U16's

Smart & McKenzie Ian McKenzie

Frenchs Forest

U9's

Barnstone Brad Martin

Terrey Hills

U10's

Vision Personal Training

Frenchs Forest

U11's & U14's

TDN Security Tom Nettlefold

Alison Facer

Paul Gander

U12's

PG Electrical Services

Forestville

U13's

Shane Wight Excavation Shane Wight

U19's, A Grade, Sydney Shield

The Belrose Hotel Kirk Greenlands

A Grade

Precision Air Solutions David Bran

Sydney Shield

Warringah Crane & Transport Phil Johnston

Club Sponsor/Training

The Forest Podiatry Sophia Hennessy

Club Sponsor Kevin Pryor
Belrose Bald Eagles Paul Hegarty

#### **TOUCH FOOTBALL REPORT**



2014 sees some changes to our Touch comp. Specifically the comp will be played on a Friday night. This was due to the Sporting Union declining our request for field allocation on our usual Thursday night. Our on going battle to get the field allocation each year continues. This year our original request was in February 2014. However, we have had over 1200 junior registrations for this season so it still stands to be a wonderful community event involving parents and children from our local suburbs.

As in past years, we are desperately short on volunteers to run the comp effectively but I am very thankful for the help from our club's board members and their wives and of course those few parents that always seem to be volunteering season in and season out. Thank you to the ladies that continually help me with registrations.

A special thank you to my 83year old father-in-law Kevin Collins who helped out on the bbq every week during last years comp and who has also volunteered again this year to put out cones and help on the bbq.

We still need more help on the bbq each week but its always great to see the parents jumping in to lend a hand on the day. We will also require help with refereeing as we will have 12 fields operating over 6 timeslots each week.

As in previous years, the 2014 comp will be a social and fun event for the local community as well as the major fundraiser for our footy club. I look forward to seeing you over the summer of touch.

Vicki Collins, Touch Football Co-ordinator





# Thank You

The Canteen Committee would like to thank everyone for assisting in the Canteen & with BBQ duties during the 2014 Season.



Your support is greatly appreciated;
we couldn't do it without you.
Wishing everyone a great Summer and we
look forward to seeing you all again in 2015.

Eric, Kerrie, Andrea & Clarissa

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

## WEDNESDAY 26th NOVEMBER 2014

BELROSE RLFC CLUBHOUSE
BLACKBUTTS RD FRENCHS FOREST

8:00pm

## ALL WELCOME

Followed by the election of the following committees and positions:-

- Registrar
- Gear Steward
- Webmaster
- Magazine editor
- Social Committee
- Grounds Committee
- Promotions Committee
- Canteen Committee
- Sponsorship Committee
- Junior League delegates



## NOMINATION FOR POSITION OF DIRECTOR

To be received by:-

The Secretary PO Box 52 Frenchs Forest NSW 2086	
Sunday, 23 November 2014	
We	hereby nominate
	for the position of
Director, BELROSE RUGBY LEAGUE FC	OOTBALL CLUB LTD.
Proposer	Badge No
Seconder	Badge No
Nominee	Badge No



## NOMINATION FOR JUNIOR COACHES & MANAGERS

FOR SEASON 2015

#### UNDER 6 TO 15 YEARS

Applications in writing stating qualifications to:-

The Secretary
PO Box 52
Frenchs Forest NSW 2086

No later than Sunday, 23 November 2014.

The Selection of Coaches and Managers will be determined at the Annual General Meeting, Wednesday, 26 November 2014.

Note: Any person not being a member of a committee or a coach or manager in 2014 must have attended three meetings during the year to be eligible to vote.

In the event there is more than one applicant for any Grade, applicants not holding a coaching certificate will be eliminated before a vote is taken.

The Board may consider any early appointment if a letter and reason for the early appointment is received by the Secretary.

## APPLICATION TO COACH

## All grades

I	hereby apply to coach
the	team in 2015.
	ve read and understood the role and responsibilities of a Team Coach as outlined in Cob Description - Team Coach. I also understand and agree with the following:-
•	that there will be a Coach's Selection Panel (appointed by the Board) that will appoint the coach in each age group. that Belrose Rugby League will appoint a Coaches Coordinator who will report to the Board on any coaching or team disputes and issues. to respect the code of conduct as set down by MWJDRL with regard to conduct on and off the field. to attend or ensure a team representative attends Club Sub Committee meetings as scheduled. to hold the appropriate coaching accreditation for Mini/Mod or International pending on the age I wish to coach. that in conjunction with the MWJDRL, a mentor will be appointed to review and discuss my team's training techniques and skill development in line with the Club's coaching objectives.
My 6	experience & qualifications are as follows:-

# APPLICATION TO MANAGE All grades

l	hereby applies to Manage
the	_ team in 2015.
My experience & qualification	ons are as follows :-
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Signed	Date

## **EAGLES NIGHT 2014**

































#### **GAME MILESTONES**



Luke Alder 400 Games











200 Games... Charles Buttrose Lachlan Brown

150 Games... Jack Wilson Zac Stracey

100 Games... Kai Wilson, Saxon Wood, Ben Watkins, James Beange













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**Junior Presentation Day** 



#### **SYDNEY SHIELD**

## SYDNEY SHIELD 2014



Sponsors
Warringah Crane & Transport
Belrose Hotel
Citizen Watches
V. B.



Played 22Games Won 14 Lost 8 Points for 600 Against 418

Finals Results not available at the time of going to press





#### SYDNEY SHIELD PLAYER PROFILES



## ALDER Luke Wing Sponsor Smart & McKenzie Real Estate Played 18 games 5 tries



Luke chalked up 400 games for Belrose this year which is an enormous effort .He still played some great football finished with a number of memorable tries



#### ALDER Liam Wing Sponsor Pipe Force Plumbing Games 2

Liam didn't let the side down when he played could even be a coach of the future

#### **BATE Christian CENTRE WING FULLBACK Played 19 Games 9 tries**

Sunshine has mistake free game, plenty of speed and great in defence in any position. This year we saw a number of occasions that Christian's try scoring ability or last line of defence gave the side the winning edge

#### **BARTLEY Luke SECOND ROW Played 2 games**

Played a couple of good games then went back to Manly

#### BETTS Tom Replacement Sponsor Paul Betts Electrical Played 1 Game

Tom didn't get many chances but his solid defence is something to watch next year

#### **BRITTON Mitch Played 5 Games**

Although a Belrose Junior came back this year from Manly Never let the side down

#### **BUTROSE Charles Played 1 Game**

Another Manly Player who came back to Belrose for a game



#### **COLLINS Sam Second Row Back Try 1 Goal 1**

First year with Belrose after playing Union and County Football had a break mid season but came back well in the late competition games



#### COOPER Nathan Lock Played 20 games Tries 7

One of the key players this year. Has energy to burn and always there when needed. Coops has a professional approach to his game and it shows every week

#### COSH Jack 2<sup>nd</sup> Row Lock Played 2 Games

Jack got injured in the second game and unfortunately we did not see him again



#### DEL MORO Cam Lock 5/8th Played 4 games

Cam looked good early on but missed the rest of the season through injury



#### **DIXON Blair Replacement Played 7 games**

Ralph adds enthusiasm to team looks to be one of the Coach's favourites



#### **GRIEVE Shem CENTRE 2nd row Sponsor Maintenance Boys) Played 15 Games 7 tries**

Shem's second season with Belrose and is still developing as a player. While he played most games in the backs proved a very handy replacement forward. His energy and toughness came through





#### SYDNEY SHIELD PLAYER PROFILES

#### HALSTEAD Andrew Full Back Wing 2<sup>nd</sup> row Sponsor Site Engineering Solutions Played 16 Games 7 Tries

Andrew came to Belrose form North Sydney Bros proved very handy at fullback wing & Centre. When asked he came into the forward pack and did not let the side down



#### JONES Liam 2nd Row Played 2 games

Liam was another early injury casualty but the found time to travel the world

#### **KOEN Dallas 2<sup>nd</sup> row Played 12 games**

One of the important players Belrose got from Manly during the Season



#### **MAMMONE Alex Front FORWARD Played 16 Games 7 Tries**

Big All was called upon to do much more than last season where he was the 3<sup>rd</sup> front rower. This year he was usually the first picked in the front row and as often happens with front rowers he got better as the season went on. His size alone makes him a key player in the forward pack



#### MARANDO David HOOKER Played 21 Games 4 tries 1 Goal

Dave should be the coach's dream while getting on a bit he continues to show week in and week out that he is a class above nearly all. Dave has ability to guide the team around the park make uncanny breaks and find the line with kicks. When defence and high work rate is required who is there better than Dave Marando



#### MATTHEWS Taylor HALF BACK Played 17 Games 5 tries 1 goal 1

Taylor is having another strong year his kicking has given the side good position and a number of outstanding tries during the year. Defence is always reliable and is a great link between forwards and backs

#### MAWHINNEY Ryan WINGER Played 2 games 1 Try

Manly Under 20 player with many games for Belrose will have more opportunities in the coming years



#### MANU Jon WING FORWARD PLAYED 16 Games 4 tries

Jon made a welcome return to the Club this year and while previously a cult winger was needed many times this year to help out in the forwards never let the side down



#### MCKENZIE Alex Played 15 Games 6 Tries

Alex was one of the better players in the trials and got his chance to play in the top grade when Taylor Matthews was out in round 6 Never looked back. Bundy gave the team extra speed around the scrum. Set up and scored another of good tries



#### MEI James FRONT ROW Played 12 Games 2 Tries

Big Jimmy was just what the team needed a damaging front rower Unfortunately we lost Jimmy through and injury for many weeks Let the opposition know who was in charge and many opportunities for other came from Jimmy efforts





#### SYDNEY SHIELD PLAYER PROFILES

#### MIRESK James Played 4 Games

Another Manly player who was a big help



#### **MORTIMER** James FULLBACK Played 15 Games 10 Tries 17 Goals

Not the super star of last season but certainly an player that has match winning ability. Great at full back Half Back and five eight reads the game very well very solid in defence and a very confinement player. The team would not been going as well as it is but for Morts



#### MURPHY Corey 5/8 Centre Second Row Played 20 Games 4 Tries 53 Goals

Corey has had an outstanding season and as well as replacing the Captain Coach as first string goal kicker played well in all positions. A great defender strong runner and has a good kicking game when needed.



#### **NEEDHAM Tom FORWARD Sponsor Played 13 Games 1 try**

Tommy could mix it with anyone & always did his job for the team. A great clubman always willing help



#### PICKERING Ben Front Rower Sponsor Joico Distributors Played 19 games

Ben continues to improve as a front rower in this competition They say front rowers play their best football after they turn 28 so Ben could be right up there in a few years. Certainly becoming a force in this team



#### **PYNE Cam Played 3**

Pyney got a few chances and never let the side down

#### **RENNIE Chad Played 2 Games**

Another Manly player who shone when he got the opportunity



#### **RETI Damian Centre Played 14 Games 10 tries**

Damo played his first Shield game after round 6 stood out as a damaging runner. Scored a number of great tries The team became stronger when he took the field

#### **RETI Brook Front rower Played 1 game 1 try**

Would have like to have seen more of Brook a player with a reputation



#### SAUNDERS Adam 2nd ROW Sponsor Football Plus .com.au Played 17 Games 6 tries

Saundy settled into his second year with Belrose loves following Marando around the park in attack & defence a much needed experienced high level performer



#### SAUNDERS Kyle Wing Played 8 Games 6 tries

Kyle has played for Belrose but has a contract with Manly Under 20's When available we saw and experienced positional winger who knew his game and read it well

#### SCOTT Brandon Replacement 1 Game

Brandon is a 350 game Belrose player hope this is not his last season



#### ST GEORGE COX Sam 2<sup>nd</sup> Row Played 9 Games

Started well but suffered through injury Drags handled his position well and as a new player to league one would hope he is back next year





#### SYDNEY SHIELD MANAGER'S REPORT

After taking out the Sydney Shield Competition in 2013 at the first attempt Belrose took the same Coach & Management squad into 2014 season with high hopes of a back to back premiership. At the time of going to press Belrose are still in the hunt for a top four position and have their sights set on a Grand final at Allianz Stadium at the end of September.



The Sydney Shield takes the team all over Sydney and needs the support of many people in the Club.

The Team is particularly grateful to all those who have helped the Club find the money for the team to complete at this higher level. The workers in the canteen & bar plus the helpers at the Friday night hotel raffles have all contributed The team has also benefited from the Belrose Hotel Warringah Cranes & Citizens Watches and we thank them for their support.

Under the watchful eye of Sue Alder the team always had the gear & First aid issue under control Sue was assisted with gear by Michael Bate who must be the most enthusiastic jumper washer ever known. Game day trainers included Norm Nugent Mark Abrahams Scott Collins Sean Wilson Geoff Alder & Paul Gosling.

At the Golf Day former NRL and Belrose A Grade premiership player Josh Stuart stated that Paul Gosling was the best thing he brought to Belrose and Goso continued dedication to the team and A Grade is invaluable.

James Mortimer as Captain Coach continues to prove he is an inspiring Coach that has ability to work with all players and people involved His approach is why the team continues to perform well and here are his players

Eric Galloway





#### A GRADE COACH'S REPORT



#### A Grade - The Stanza Report

2014 did not reach the heights of 2013, but in saying that, it was a good year considering the amount of injuries we had throughout Sydney Shield and A Grade. We had 5 or 6 season ending injuries and lost a few boys that went travelling too.

We picked up a few boys from Rugby that were very valuable and I think they will stick around for a few years to come.

This year was up and down. We struggled to have the same team on the paddock week in and week out, due to boys either going up to Shield or though our own injuries. We always put in a good effort and showed we had the ability to match it with the likes of Valley or Narrabeen. It's no easy match when the size of your team is the same body shape from No. 1 to No. 20, but let me tell you, what we lacked in size, we made up for in heart.

I go back to the time we played Valley. They were undefeated and we had 10 A Grade players, plus the 4 who came up from the U19's. We spoke about pride in the jumper and pride in ourselves and we gave it to them. At the half time break, it was 10 all. We didn't win the game, but let me tell you, the boys won the admiration of every Belrose supporter that was at the game and made me a very proud captain and coach.

At the end of the finals this year, I asked the boys to keep their heads up and do me a favour. That was to stick around and come back next year, because I think with a bit of luck and some hard work in the pre season, we will come back bigger and better.

In finishing, I want to say thankyou for the opportunity for coaching a great bunch of blokes at the best club in Sydney. I would like to thank James Mortimer, Geoff and Sue Alder, Tom Nugent and Eric Galloway, the Board Members and all the people that make this great club.

Thanks again, see you next year and "Go the Roses"

Scott Hanley (Captain / Coach)



#### A GRADE PLAYER PROFILES



#### Phil Domjen - 15 games, (130 total), 0 tries but 3 goals.

Another solid season from Phil. Returns, bombs and defence are the trademarks that make Phil the best option for the No. 1 jersey.

#### Joel Blinkhorn - 9 games, (9 total), 3 tries.

Joined us in round 5 and made his home out on the wing. Worked hard every game and bagged 3 tries for his efforts.

#### Alex Franklin - 9 games A Grade + 2 games Shield, (11 total)\*, 1 try

First year with Belrose, Frankie gave us 3 games early on, disappeared for a while and returned at the business end of the season. A very handy Centre.

#### Ryan Mawhinney - 7 games A Grade + 2 games Shield, (174 total)\*, 4 tries

Came out of the Under 19's to lend a hand one day and remained for most of the season. A determined runner with the ball and looks for an offload at every opportunity.

#### Tom Levido - 4 games A Grade + U19's, (28 + total), 1 try.

An Under 19 who came to our aid in the game against Valley when we were down to 10 players. A fantastic turn of speed nabbed him a try on debut. Stayed for the rest of the season.

#### Cameron Pyne - 8 games A Grade + 2 games Shield, (10 total)\*, 5 tries

Another first timer with Belrose. Spent his time in the No. 6 and there's no reason to take it off him. Highest try scorer for the year.

#### Jake Layton - 16 games. (87 total), 4 tries and 31 goals

Jakes second season in A Grade and after a short spate of random positions cemented the No.7 as his own. Gave good service to the out side backs, see above, and also grabbed a few tries for himself.

#### Michael Higgins - 17 games, (178 total), 1 try.

Missy is the second oldest guy in the team at 34 and played every game. Played 8 consecutive games, the full 70 minutes. Impressive mate.

#### Scott Hanley - 17 games, (102 total), 2 tries.

Stanza is the oldest guy out there at 36 and also played every game. Backed up as Captain / Coach and was determined to take out the Premiership again. Unfortunately not everything there went as hoped. Played his 100<sup>th</sup> game for Belrose this year and became a dad for the second time with daughter Rosey. Congratulations Taryn and Stanza.

#### Tom Needham - 9 games A Grade + 12 games Shield, (290 total)\*.

Another overly experienced player returning for yet another season. Worked hard all year with A Grade and Shield and can see 300 games just around the corner. Go Tommy.

#### Shem Grieve - 7 games A Grade + 13 games Shield, (42 total)\*, 3 tries

In only his second year with the club and will almost crack 50 games before the years up! Plays in the centres or the forwards, doesn't care. Great at both and is as tough as teak.

#### Tom Betts - 14 games A Grade + 1 game Shield. (231 total)\*, 2 tries.

Tom established himself as part of the run on side as a back rower this year, a big effort in your 2<sup>nd</sup> season in A Grade. Got amongst the tries, played Shield and earned a Players Player award too.

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#### A GRADE PLAYER PROFILES



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#### Liam Alder - 16 games A Grade + 2 games Shield, (269 total)\*, 1 try

Took a shine to the No. 13 this year. Won't stop until he has a complete set of jerseys. Gave everything in every game. Filled in as Deputy to the Assistant Coach too.

#### Sam Collins - 5 games A Grade + ? Shield, (5 + total)\*, 1 try

Played the bare minimum number of games to qualify with us and was always enthusiastic. His efforts were much appreciated by those around him in the short lived semis.

#### Laz Tekuleka - 14 games, (14 total), 1 try

Usually found on the wing, Laz was also a keen back rower. A very animated player no matter where he was. In his 1<sup>st</sup> season with us proved to be a bit over enthusiastic when it came to playing the Ferrets. Gotta love that. Laz and his wife Tanya are expecting there first child before Christmas too. Congratulations guys.

#### Sam Mifsud - 16 games, (150 total)

Sam returned from 5 years in the Snowy's to his beloved Belrose. He came off the bench, he was in the run on. He played prop and he played centre. Whatever was needed.

#### Michael Nicholson - 12 games, (12 total)

Mickey was our favourite utility for the year. Hooker, lock, pivot, he was just what the coach needed when the dummy half was buggered. Had a nasty scare late in the season, resulting in an ambulance ride and a night at North Shore. Happy to report he walked out the next day. Hopefully not his last season.)

#### Blair Dixon - 8 games A Grade + 6 games Shield, (65 total)

Ralphy got thru most of the year unscathed playing both A Grade and Shield, in his favourite position, off the bench, (his own words), only to get busted with 3 games to go. Did manage to get nominated for "Expectant Father of the Year". Congratulations to Blair and Shannon.

#### Mitch McKenzie - 6 games, (105 total)

Played his 100<sup>th</sup> game for Belrose first game of season and no one knew. Sorry Mitch and Congratulations. Had his fair share of bad luck with some niggling injuries but finished the season strongly.

#### Charles Buttrose - 6 games A Grade + U19's, (201 total), 4 tries

Playing up from the U19's, for the second season, Chuck enjoyed several games for us, but none more than the round 10 match against Cove, with no less than 4 tries.

#### Ken Szeremeta - 5 games, (34 total)

The only graduate from the U19's, Ken started with 2 good games, went MIA and returned in time to qualify for the semi's. We hope to see a lot more of him next year.

#### Ken McMinn - 8 games, (44 total)

Ken joined us in round 7 and patiently waited his time for some action. Given the go ahead proved he could match it in the middle and gave the wing a go too.

#### Jeremy Garvan - 5 games, (5 total)

Jeremy's first season with the club and proved to be hard to handle winger. Crossed for 1 try before a dislocated shoulder ended his season.

#### Ben Pickering - 3 games A Grade + 16 Shield, (319 total)\*

Our lost, Shield's gain. Benny played the obligatory qualifying games for A Grade, but stuck with Shield.

#### Alex McKenzie - (31 + total)\*, 1 try

Bundy kicked off as our half back, played a game of Shield and hasn't been back since. 4 games A Grade + Shield

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#### A GRADE PLAYER PROFILES



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#### Beau Abrahams - 5 games A Grade + U19's, (157 total), 1 try.

Another U19 to help out. Big, fast and keen. Proved to be the difference in a 4 -0 thriller against Narraweena.

#### Brocke Reti - 6 games, (6 total)

First year with our club. Old school forward, revel's in the hard yards. Enjoyed the game with his brother. Checked out late in the season to go to the US, to get engaged. All the very best for the future Brocke and Hayley.

Jack Cosh - 1 game A Grade + 1 game Shield, (202 total)

Mat Nugent - 7 games A Grade, (133 total)

Liam Jones - 1 game Shield, (130 total)

Brandon Scott - 4 games A Grade + 1 game Shield, (364 total)

Nathan Garnham - 4 games A Grade, (219 total)

Note: \* Either still playing Shield or possibly playing Shield.

Best and Fairest Michael Higgins

Best Forward Liam Alder

Best Back Jake Layton

Coaches Award Tom Betts



#### A GRADE TEAM TRIVIA

From the Premiership winning side of 2013, only 13 players returned to try for the back to back premiership.

67 players had registered to represent A Grade by the end of the season.

Of those 3 never played a game and 21 others only took to the field once.

The remaining 43 managed the following for the Belrose Eagles A Grade.

We scored 248 points for the season, with 45 tries, 32 conversions and 2 penalty goals.

We had 396 points scored against us.

Of the 17 games we played, we won 5 and drew 1, yet managed to make the play off for the A Reserve Grade Grand Final ?

Most Games:	Scott (Stanza) Hanley and Michael (Missy) Higgins	All 17 of them
	Sam Mifsud and Jake Layton	16 games
	Phil Domjen	15 games
	Liam Alder, Tom Betts and Laz Tekuleka	14 games

Leading point scorers:	Jake Layton Cameron Pyne Ryan Mawhinney Charles Buttrose	4 tries. 5 tries 4 tries. 4 tries	31 goals.	78 points 20 points 16 points 16 points	
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Percentage Kicks: Jake Layton 31/41 75.6%
Phil Domjen 3/6 50%

Players Sin Binned against us: 6 off

Players Sin Binned for us: 4 off Stanza, Tommy, Laz and Jake

3 of our players from last season moved up to Sydney Shield and were rarely or never seen again. Congratulations to Corey Murphy, Ben Pickering and Alex (Bundy) McKenzie.

5 veterans of the club lent us a hand in 1 off appearances and our thanks to Matt Alder (258), Ritchie Plumber (195), Paul Garnham (223), Luke Campbell (38) and Dorian Smith (385).

The team would like also to thank our sponsors Precision Air Solutions, The Belrose Hotel and The Maintenance Boys for their generosity, without which we could not have competed.

Also to James (Morts) Mortimer and the boys from Shield who all helped out one way or another during the year.

The same goes to Neil Pollard and the boys from the Under 19's, who played up when needed.

Thanks too, to Dave Patterson. Due only to his persistence were we able to take the field with an ID. Also for badgering us into and arranging the team photo.

A special thanks to Sue Alder, Norm Nugent and Paul Gosling, for looking after the boys all season.

To Geoff Alder, next time you're talking to officialdom, remember,

#### "Be patient with stupidity but not with those who are proud of it." (Edith Sitwell)

Last but not least, the Board of Directors; Scott Collins, Mark Abrahams, Sean Wilson, Brad Martin, Andrew Smith, Barry Johnson and, as always Eric Galloway.

"Next Year".





#### UNDER 19s COACH'S REPORT



For the third year in a row the Under 19s finished third losing a heartbreaking preliminary final to Avalon 14-12. The irony being that we defeated Avalon by the same scoreline only two weeks before.

The high standard and competitiveness of all six teams this year resulted in a much tougher competition than either 2012 or 2013. For Belrose it was an emotional rollercoaster journey. We started with a loss at home to Valley but then went on to beat or draw against all the other sides in the first 5 weeks. We then went on a losing streak that had us lose 7 out of 8 matches. The last of these losses was with only 13 players available out of a squad of 26 against Narrabeen at home. This saw us slip to last place. Apart from two big losses we were always competitive. Luck seemed to have deserted us with a number of two point games and heartbreak last minute losses - often in controversial circumstances.

Heartbreak losses can destroy team moral but for this group of young men it just made them all the more determined and the side rallied brilliantly to win the last two rounds of the season to qualify for the minor semi-final. This meant that we had to travel to Berowra, the premiers of 2013, who earlier in the season handed us our worst loss 46-6 at the same venue. With new found confidence and something to prove we produced our best performance of the season defeating Berowra 30-10.

When we had the right combination of players available as we did at the end of the season, we were a handful for any opposition. Ultimately, I believe, not having any specialist half-back or five-eighth in the squad was a very telling factor. Luke Betts and Daniel Martin are normally forwards and vital members of the team who played half-back and five-eighth for most of the season. They are two of the toughest and committed players in the squad and regularly got award points and player's player votes but would be the first to admit that they are not halves.

The lack of halves, dictated our style of play which was a tough brand of football. Games were often low scoring. We had a good defence and were prepared to get into the 'armwrestle' but we often found it difficult to score tries even when we had a territorial advantage.

The harmony and team spirit that existed in this team was as good as I have ever experienced. The attitude at training was fantastic and this is what got us through the losing streak and enabled us to turn the corner and really threaten for the title. It was a real pleasure to coach this group of young men. There are number of players eligible to play 19s again in 2015 and I would suggest we can be optimistic about being a competitive force again.

None of this could have been achieved without the great work done by Dave White, Mark Soden and Harry Georges as trainers and coaches. Dave Patterson is the master manager and as usual he did a great job. Also, thanks to Mark Abrahams for help with strapping on a number of match days.

I wish the players well in the future, especially those who will be sitting the HSC exams.

Finally, thank you to the Belrose club, notably the President Scott Collins, secretary Eric Galloway and senior coaches James Mortimer and Scott Hanley.

Regards Neil Pollard (coach)

#### **UNDER 19 PLAYER PROFILES**



**Beau Abrahams (2<sup>nd</sup> row)** – It was no surprise that our mid-season slump coincided with Beau's absence due to injury. The difference he made to the team was enormous. He was our most damaging runner with the ball. He is fit and strong and capable of high work rate in defence. Games 11, 4 tries

**Michael Ainsworth (Centre/2^{nd} row)** – Michael was a force for us on the left side. He is a power runner and defender. Having always played centre he played most of the year there but was equally as effective when he moved into the left  $2^{nd}$  row position in the last month. Games 15, 4 tries

**Luke Armstrong (Centre)** – Unfortunately Luke played just 4 matches before suffering a season ending ankle ligament injury. He is a pocket battleship and I hope he can return in 2015.

**Jeremy Atkins. (Utility)** – Another hard luck story. In the second match of the season Jeremy tore an ACL off the bone requiring reconstructive surgery. He injured himself saving a try which won us the game but never played again. I hope he is able to make a full recovery.

**Jess Ball (Prop)** – After having persistent hamstring problems in 2013, Jess developed this season into a very capable prop with the ability to hit in both defence and attack. He is also capable of offloading the ball. He was playing his best football in the last round match against Avalon before he badly dislocated a finger and missed the semi-finals. Games 15

**Luke Betts (half-back)** – Luke started the season as a dummy half but the side performed better when he moved back to half-back where he could direct the team. Betsy is one of the core players in the team. He is tough, skillful, intelligent and totally committed to the group. No one was more devastated when we got knocked out in the final. Betsy ran the team more than any other player. Games 18, 2 tries and 1 field goal.

**Fraser Bleach (2<sup>nd</sup> row)** – Fraser came back after missing one season and had a big impact. He is fit, strong and tough but also understands the game well. He moved into the front row late in the season and was equally as capable there. Games 17, 4 tries

**Charles Buttrose (Fullback)** Chuck returned to the Under 19s from Sydney Sheild and Agrade when we were struggling for numbers. He loves the group and one of my favorite moments came when he scored a try in his 200<sup>th</sup> game in our memorable semi-final win at Berowra which he did battling a knee injury. Games 5, 2 tries.

**Jarrod Cox (Lock)** – Jarrod was doing a great job as an impact player coming off the bench. He suffered a serious neck injury against Avalon in early May and is lucky not to have suffered any spinal cord damage. He has had to wear a neck brace for many months and while his playing future is in doubt he should be able to recover fully to normal activities. Games 5, 1 try.

**Rob Fifita (Prop, 2<sup>nd</sup> row)** – Rob came down late in the season and had limited chances and then hurt his shoulder at training. When he did play he showed he can be a capable player. Games 6

**Ben Georgas (Utility)** – Ben came off the bench and was always reliable in defence and solid carrying the ball. He hurt his shoulder later in the season and then returned to take a place in the starting side on the right wing in the final. He scored a fantastic try and I believe he showed he has the speed and right skills to be a first pick winger. 15 games 1 try.

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#### **UNDER 19 PLAYER PROFILES**



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**Phoenix Goodman (Prop)** – This was Phoenix's first year playing League, having played Union with Fraser and Michael at Knox Grammer. He suffered a bit of wear and tear as he was playing Union on Saturday each week. An ankle injury interrupted his season but he returned for the last month and played a huge part in our late surge. His form in the last 2 matches was fantastic. I hope he plays League again as he has great talent. 10 games 1 try.

**Rob Hill (Prop)** – Another player who played Union on Saturday as well as League. 'Hilly' came to the team later in the season and made a big difference. The opposition hated tackling him and he hurt them when they ran at him. Off the field and at training he is full of purpose and a positive character. He helped to lift the team out of our slump. Games 9.

**Cooper Judd (Prop)** – Cooper was one of the most improved players I've ever seen. In 2013 he played his first season of League in the centres and then in the 2<sup>nd</sup> row but struggled a little with confidence. This year I through him in the deep end by selecting him in the front row and he thrived. Early in the season we were very light on props and he was the mainstay of the pack. He took on much bigger opposition and did more than hold his own. His shoulder injury timing at the end of the year was a real shame and he missed the last matches. 15 games

**Andy Layton (Hooker)** – Andy played the first matches at half-back but the team performed better when we switched him to dummy half and Betsy to half-back. He is a core member of the team who works hard all game and never gives anything less than 100%. As the season developed so did he, particularly his kicking game. His long kicks into the left corner as well as a few 40/20 kicks. Andy can develop into a very good dummy half. His goal kicking also can be a match winner. 18 games, 5 tries, 34 goals

**Josh Lea (Prop/ 2<sup>nd</sup> row)** – Josh came off the bench in short bursts which helped with the forward rotation. We had a lot of good back rowers in the squad which made it competitive to be selected. Elbow and shoulder injuries effected Josh's ability to get a spot in the team. Games 12

**Hayden L'Estrange (Utility)** – Hayden started the season playing right centre and then found himself in the front row and did a good job. His best performance came as a right 2<sup>nd</sup> rower when he got the player's player award against Valley. He is always willing to fill in where needed. He got hit hard by the flu in the middle of the winter just as he was finding some form. He also played two matches in Agrade. Games 15

**Adam Lumsden (wing)** – Adam had a good season. For most of the year we were not a team capable of playing expansive football so it was difficult for a winger. Once Adam got his positional play right he proved to be a good finisher and scored a fantastic try in the semi-final at Berowra. He was safe under a ball and an aggressive tackler. Games 14, 3 tries

**Tom Levido (wing)** – Tom had a few opportunities to play but he had a few very capable players in the squad ahead of him. He ended up playing 5 matches in A grade at the end of the season and this was great for his confidence and showed he can contribute. Games 11

**Daniel Martin (five-eighth)** – Even before the season started 'D-lad' wanted to get stuck into it. He just loves playing footy. During the season 'D-lad' was given the captaincy because of his inspirational play. He is tough and can play hurt. He had to play out of position because we had no halves and he gradually played more like a 5/8<sup>th</sup> but ideally he would be a 2<sup>nd</sup> rower. Games 18, 5 tries

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#### **UNDER 19s PLAYER PROFILES**



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**Josh Martin (Lock)** – It's hard to believe that Josh is one of the youngest players in the team and could have played under 17s. He was another of the core players. He is very mature, intelligent and was consistently good every week but was able to find another gear at the end of the season when his form lifted again. I would love to see him develop an offload and create more 2<sup>nd</sup> phase play because he is such a good tackle breaker. Games 18, 4 tries

**Aaron Millington (Fullback)** – Aaron walked in at the start of the season having moved from Brisbane. He was eligible for the 17s but was happy to play 19s. He quickly made it clear that he was the first choice fullback. His kick return running was excellent and he improved as the season progressed under the high ball. I was unsure how he might respond to the pressure of finals footy but he played his best in the last few weeks only to break his toe in a work accident before our last match. Games 15, 4 tries

**Daniel Patterson (Left Centre)** – Patto had a shoulder reconstruction in February after missing all of the 2013 season. He joined the team for the last few games as a left centre. He was a genuine 5/8<sup>th</sup> and who knows how the season could have gone if he had been able to join the team earlier. Games 4

**Luke Saldern (winger)** – Sal was always one of the first players picked each week. For the second year running he was able to play close to his potential more than most in the team. He is not blessed with the speed that wingers usually possess but he more than makes up for it with his reading of the game and positional play. He contributes greatly to the culture of the team at training, in the sheds and on the field with his positive and intelligent comments. Games 17, 2 tries

**Charlie Soden (centre/wing)** – Charlie contributed well to the team this season. He is a powerful ball runner and hard tackler. He was safe when needed to get under kicks and when he had a chance to score he proved a capable finisher. He injured his ankle helping out Agrade late in the season and this ruled him out of end of season matches. Games 14, 2 tries.

**Jacob Stapleton (centre)** – Jacob came to the team this year, new to League with plenty of Union experience. He is quick with good hands, footwork and can kick. With more experience and strength training he could develop into a good half or  $5/8^{th}$ . He injured his knee early in the season which slowed his progress but an opportunity to play left centre came his way late in the year and he made the most of it and finished the season very well. Games 11, 1 try

**Jordan Thomas (Prop)** – Jordan has the potential to be an outstanding future player. He has size, strength, speed and power plus the perfect attitude. He was not available for periods of the season because of his Schoolboy Rugby Union commitments that saw him selected in the NSW team. His combination with Phoenix, Hilly and Fraser as front row rotation set up our surge of form at the end of the year. Games 8

#### **UNDER 16s COACH'S REPORT**



The year after winning a premiership is always tough! Every team is throwing everything they have at you week in and week out because you're the benchmark. There's no doubt we had a target on our back! I'm extremely proud of the way we responded, especially how we finished the 2014 season.

After losing a few players to union and other commitments early in the season, we managed to win 5 of our first 7 games to start the year. Despite several comfortable victories, I think it's fair to say we weren't playing our best football. At the half way mark of the season we were sitting in second place, only one point out of first. Unfortunately the next month wasn't pretty. A number of injuries in key positions and some sloppy performances saw us drop 4 games straight and into 5th spot. It was a tough period after we'd be so accustomed to playing dominant footy over the past year and a half.

Just when it looked like we were set to miss the finals, the boys turned it on. A 40 point victory saw us qualify for a mid week playoff against Asquith which we managed to win on just 3 days rest with only 13 players and 3 Under 14's playing up. We then backed that up with another great win in the minor semi on short rest again, before being bundled out against Cromer in the preliminary final. We weren't exactly helped out by some dubious decisions though.

Although we didn't quite go back to back this year, I was really impressed with the way we battled the last month of the season with our back against the wall. We managed to win 3 games in 7 days, all of which were do or die for us. That accentuated the character of this side and how far we've come.

Congratulations to Lachlan Brown who played his 200th game for the club at the end of the season. It's a tremendous achievement. Welcome to the club!

I'd like to say a huge thank you to Zac, Cooper and Josh, the three U14's boys who played the final few games for us. All of you showed your talent and weren't out of your depth despite playing 2 years up. You guys were integral to our success down the stretch.

A big thank you must go to Brad Martin for his tireless work as assistant coach. You do an outstanding job every year mate. Also to Browny who was always at training and available to go and fight our battles down at the junior league! I'd like to extend that to Alf and Sue who were a huge part of our season as trainer and manager/scorer. Finally, thanks to all of the parents who not only supported us throughout the year but also helped us fundraise for the trip.

I loved coaching this side again this year! We have a lot of talented guys and enjoy training hard and playing for each other. Bring on the trip away and let's have another crack at it in 2015!

Go Belrose.

Luke Grant Coach

#### **UNDER 16s PLAYER PROFILES**



#### Will Arnold:

After returning from a couple of years out of the game, Will was a major reason behind our success this season. Whether he was playing at fullback or in the halves Will was one of our most consistent performers each week. He plays well above his weight and was extremely safe under the high ball this year. It was great to have you back Will.

#### Jack Hogarth:

Jack had another great year on the wing and scored some quality tries on the end of our back line. His defence on the edge improved throughout the season, especially in the finals series. Jack's competitive nature makes him one of the toughest players on the team... And we can't forget that he finished the year with a 100% goal kicking record!

#### **Nathan Douglas:**

Dougo had another excellent season in 2014. Throughout the second half of the year, Nathan was one of our best performers. Every time he touched the football he was damaging and made a ton of line breaks. He's a smart player who works really hard on his game and continues to improve. Whether he played in the centres or second row, he always contributed.

#### **Callum Armstrong:**

There's no doubt that Callum is one of the most dangerous players in the competition. His size and speed make him a nightmare to tackle and he has the potential to run the length of the field every time he gets the ball. Callum scored some thrilling tries again this year and made big plays when we really need him to. Another great season.

#### Senan O'Sullivan:

Senan was one of the most improved players on our team this year. Playing on the wing, he saved tries with his solid defence and managed to score a few as well. Senan was always willing to take the ball up when we were coming off our line and consistently made great metres from scoots. It's great to see guys like Senan keep getting better.

#### Keia Maino:

There aren't many guys who are as talented, determined and tough as Keia. Playing in the halves again this year, he scored plenty of great tries and played his best football in the big moments. He is pound for pound the best defender in the competition. I think our mid season struggles really reflected how much we missed Keia and highlighted how influential he is to this team. Well done KDogz

#### Isaac Arnold:

The skipper had another outstanding season, showing why he is one of, if not the best halfback going around. Isaac set up as many tries as he scored and was damaging every time he took the ball to the line. He's a tough competitor and lead the team extremely well this year. "Enjoy your offseason mate!" Definitely the highlight my year! Congratulations on another great season Isaac.

#### Josh Moi Moi:

Moi Moi was really consistent again this season and was one of the leaders of our forward pack. He hit the ball up hard all year and made plenty of metres every time he ran the ball. Josh really stepped up for us in the middle of the season when we were down on troops which was impressive. Good job Moi Moi, congrats on another quality year.

#### Josh Brand:

Brandy provided great service out of dummy half as he always does and led the forwards around the field really well. As per usual, Josh scored a number of barge over tries from hooker which has become his specialty. He always picks his moments to run and is damaging when he does so. His communication out of hooker also continued to improve.

#### **UNDER 16s PLAYER PROFILES**



#### **Daniel Watkins:**

In his first full season playing up, Watto was a revelation. Nearly every game, he lead the tackle count and made countless hit ups. I honestly can't remember Watto missing a one on one tackle all year. He fit into the side extremely well and was a huge reason behind our success. Hope to see back with us again next year mate!

#### **Nathan Argue:**

Nathan brought physicality and passion to the forward pack which we sorely missed at the end of the season when he went down with an ankle injury. When we needed to force an error or someone to lift the side, Nathan always stood up and made the big hit. He was a part of our damaging left edge in attack and has great skill for a forward. Nathan's developed into a real leader in the side.

#### Carlo Maruca:

This year, Carlo took his game to the next level, becoming one of the most reliable players in the team. He played in a number of positions when we needed him to but excelled in the second row. Carlo defended extremely well through the season and was particularly strong when chasing from marker. Always a hard worker and was a vastly improved player

#### Joel Martin:

Joel had another fantastic season for us and was among our best players week in and week out. What stands out most about Joel is his huge motor and how dominant he is in and around the ruck, particularly on the blind side. His footwork separates him from other forwards in the comp. There is absolutely no doubt that he also possesses the best head step in the club! Love your work

#### Lachlan Sarv:

Sarvie was another who battled the injury bug this year but was able to contribute strongly when he was on the field. He has great speed and feet at the line which makes him a dangerous ball runner. Sarvie made plenty of important tackles throughout the year and is a guy who is always willing to put his body on the line for the team!

#### Sione Oliveti:

Hampered by an ankle injured, Henry finished off the year really strongly making a huge impact of the bench. He looked much more damaging with the ball in his hands and made great inroads in the opposition's defensive line. A healthy Sione brings much needed fire and aggression to our side. Look after that ankle!

#### **Gus Bailey:**

Although Gus missed some games due to Union and a sore lung (well it was actually pneumonia), he was one of our best performers this year. I don't think I've ever seen someone save tries at fullback as consistently as Gus does. It's amazing! He's an explosive ball runner who looked like scoring every time he touched the footy. There's no doubt we were a better side with Gus.

#### **Luke Hurditch:**

Making a mid season return from Union and a trip to the US, Luke was a huge for us down the stretch. He hits the ball up harder that anyone I've seen and made a big difference to our defence around the ruck. The highlight of the year had to be when Luke got absolutely belted returning a kick in the minor semi final. What was even more impressive was the fact that he hit the next one up too and made 40 metres. Tough player!

#### Lachlan Brown:

Browny reached his 200th game this season and did a great job for us throughout. He scored one of the tries of the year, leaping for a cross field kick against Harbord. What really impressed me was his defence on the wing and some of the tries that he saved. Congratulations on 200 games mate

### **UNDER 16s PLAYER PROFILES**



### James Carlson:

James was a new comer to the U16's, playing up for us this season. He always gave it his all and was a pleasure to have around the side. When his number was called, he always got stuck in. Unfortunately James hurt injured his knee and missed the last couple of months of the year. It was great to have you on board mate.

#### Josh Lenon:

After a strong start, Josh was unavailable to play the second half of the year due to work commitments. It was unfortunate for us and we really missed his presence in the forward pack. When Josh was in the side he was always made a great contribution. Hope to have you back next year Lenon.

Name	2014 Games	Tries	Goals	Total Points	Previous Points	Total Club Points	Previous Games	Total Games played
Will Arnold	14	5	0	20				
Isaac Arnold	15	10	29	96	550	646	82	97
Callum Armstrong	15	20	0	80	303	383	67	82
Nathan Argue	11	2	0	8	24	32	38	49
Gus Bailey	6	3	0	12	218	230	80	86
Josh Brand	14	8	0	32	150	182	101	115
Lachlan Brown	11	1	0	4			190	201
James Carlson	7	0	0	0			135	142
Nathan Douglas	15	1	0	4	48	52	31	46
Jack Hogarth	13	2	1	10	90	100	80	93
Luke Hurditch	5	0	0	0	68	68	89	94
Josh Lenon	6	2	0	8	92	100	86	92
Carlo Maruca	14	0	0	0	12	12	16	30
Josh Moi Moi	11	1	0	4	32	36	91	102
Keia Maino	9	8	0	32	84	116	84	93
Joel Martin	14	7	12	52	228	280	106	120
Henry Oliveti	10	0	0	0	4	4	10	20
Senan O'Sullivan	14	2	1	10	0	10	14	28
Lachlan Sarv	9	1	0	4	14	18	49	58
Daniel Watkins	14	1	0	4			39	53

### **UNDER 14s REPORT**



The 2014 season started as usual with registration day where you get an indication of numbers for the upcoming year. You also get an idea who is and isn't playing through the grapevine of the boy's mutterings and gossip. So saying that we ended up with a squad of 20 guys, after losing some and gaining some and a few drop off along the way.

After a good season last year we thought we would get a jump start on our competition and did 6 weeks of pre-season fitness training down at Collaroy and Warriewood Beaches which we benefited greatly by winning our first 4 games. Then we went in to a slump losing our next 4. Then through a bit of soul searching, hard work etc w e started to get some confidence back and started to play some good footy. We probably had a 50-50 win/lose percentage for the remainder of the year. Our captain Josh (Chiggers) and vice captain Adam were injured for one game, so I was very proud to see Charlie and Cooper step up and fill in these roles and with Aiden taking over the kicking duties they all did great jobs. During the season we had 3 guys reach significant milestones. First was Jack Wilson - 150 games, the next week Zac Stracey -150 games then James Beange - 100 games. Well done gentlemen. With 10 teams in the competition we ended the regular season in 5<sup>th</sup> position. So we were then in a knock out semi in 1<sup>st</sup> division against a team who is now probably our nemesis Asquith! They knocked us out in the grand final qualifier last year. Yes again they knocked us out. We played quite well but Asquith were just a bit too strong for us on that day (at the time of writing Asquith qualified for the grand final). I personally don't enjoy Asquith's style of play with grubby cheap shots and complete arrogance towards the teams they play and spectators so I am very proud of all of our guys in the manner in which we play and the way we conduct ourselves win, lose or draw. It's an absolute credit to yourselves and our parents.

Personally my goal was to achieve 1<sup>st</sup> division semi finals again. It wasn't going to be easy as Beach Hill had rejoined the competition. We still made the 1<sup>st</sup> division semis so I am happy with the team's achievement. We are a very strong team in a very strong age group. So guys keep your heads up and reflect on a top season. As our coach I couldn't be happier with you. All of your hard work, effort, skill and maturity this year was awesome.

I do have a few thankyou's – firstly I would like to thank all of our supporters, parents, siblings, grand-parents and friends for all your cheers of support. You are all brilliant and the team loves it thanks. Next is our two trainers Darren Chignell and Adam Begaud and our first aid Sean Wilson you three are superb and you would go a long way to find three more professional on field men than you guys there are none better! You were all great – thanks. Also thanks to Sam Stracey who helped in any role when asked – Lastly to our fantastic manager Peter Juchau for all his hard work behind the scenes and on the table on game days. Thanks mate you did a great job which helped me immensely.

That is all from me and remember Go Belrose.

Dean Griffith - coach

### UNDER 14s PLAYER PROFILES



#### **James Beange**

#### Tries -0, Goals - 0, Points - 0, 14's games - 13, Prev games - 92, Total Games - 105

James plays mostly second row, this year he ran the ball a bit more often and is more than capable, but his defence is awesome. I've said it before but he still has the best defensive technique in the club. He is also very tough. Good year James.

### Aiden Begaud

### Tries -5, Goals - 1, Points - 22, 14's games-15, Prev games - 102, Total Games - 117

Aido is a tough competitor who is a good defensive player. He is also a very strong runner of the footy and is more than capable of finding the try line. He plays centre and was our goal kicker for 1 game. He possesses plenty of skill, I wish he would trust himself more, then we will see the best of him. Go for it Aido.

### Josh Chignell

### Tries -3, Goals - 36, Points - 84, 14's games-14,16's games-3, Prev games - 33, Total Games - 50.

Chiggers plays front row, is our captain and goal kicker. He is our big white rhino who powers in defence and charges through teams in attack. Josh is a very tough customer and powers all game. He is also a very talented ball player who has a great off load. As captain he is level headed and leads the way all day. Chiggers is also a superb goal kicker. He must be super fit as his work rate is enormous. Great year Chiggers.

### **Cooper Dreves**

### Tries -3, Goals -0, Points -12, 14's games-15,16's games - 3, Prev games - 18, Total Games - 36

Super Cooper – how tough is this guy. He has had problem shoulders all year but you wouldn't know ithe never whinges about it. In attack he takes the defence on and has a good offload at times. In defence he tackles all day long occasionally giving away penalties or holding on too long. That is ok as that was his instructions. I feel sorry for teams when his shoulders come good. The tougher the game gets the tougher Cooper is. He just loves it – good stuff Coops.

#### **Aaron Fogarty**

#### Tries -8, Goals - 0, Points - 32, 14's games-15, Prev games - 0, Total Games - 15

Aaron like his twin Kyle had their first year with Belrose. They previously played for North Sydney Clubs and were not wanted by any of those clubs this year and I'm not sure why as they are nice young men who can play footy. So as far as I'm concerned their loss and our gain. Now Aaron is a confident bloke and it shows in his footy. He runs hard and is a great defender. He is generally positive and loves nothing better than scoring tries. He also has attitude not to let opposite numbers get the better of him. Aaron has a great sense of humour and I certainly hope he comes back to us next season.

### **Kyle Fogarty**

### Tries -3, Goals - 0, Points - 12, 14's games-14, Prev games - 0, Total Games - 14

Kyle is a very good footy player and when he believes that he will be even better. He is more than solid in defence and an excellent ball runner who loves scoring tries also. Now Kyle needs to get into the game earlier and not let it pass him by. Then he is capable of being our best on the field. He still had a top year – Kyle's sense of humour is different to Aaron – still a funny bloke.

#### **Charlie Griffith**

### Tries -2, Goals - 0, Points - 8, 14's games-15, Prev games - 133, Total Games - 148

This year I moved Charlie from centre to hooker and he revelled in that position. His work rate went through the roof. He is an efficient ball distributor and when he scoots from dummy half is v very hard to stop. Charlie's defence this year was awesome – he was belting guys a lot bigger than him with ease. I was super proud of Charlie's maturity when he was captain for one game. He is a great team man and super tough to boot. Great work bud.

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#### Jack Juchau

### Tries -0, Goals - 0, Points - 0, 14's games-10, Prev games - 0, Total Games - 10

Zac in his first year of rugby league started a little shyly. As the year went on and he started to get to know the other guys better his footy improved more and more. He played mostly wing and has heaps of speed. Unfortunately as he was coming into his own he broke his wrist. A good first year mate. Next year you will kill them.

#### **Ethan Koch**

### Tries -0, Goals - 0, Points - 0, 14's games-15, Prev games - 30, Total Games - 45

Ethan is another outside back for us and I think he had his best season so far. Now Ethan is a bit blasé off the field but on it he knows his role and not many got past him. I was always confident with Ethan out wide for us. Ethan also smashed some poor kid at Lionel Watts. Go Ethan.

### **Saxon Nevin**

### Tries 4, Goals - 0, Points - 16, 14's games-12, Prev games - 34, Total Games - 46

Sax came back to us this year and I couldn't be happier about it. He has maturity beyond his years on and off the field. He played mostly 5/8 and organised our team on game day and at training. I never heard him say a bad word or get upset with his team mates. He also had a few injuries but you couldn't keep him down. Sax you're a great player and were a great help to me. Thanks Sax.

### Riley O'Connell

### Tries -2, Goals - 0, Points - 8, 14's games-13, Prev games - 18, Total Games - 31

Riley plays in the back row and is more than handy. He is a strong defender and usually very hard ball runner. My only criticism of Riley is he sometimes needs to look for support when he makes a break. Riley is a great guy and an absolute pleasure to coach. Thanks Riley.

### **Josh Stapleton**

### Tries -1, Goals - 0, Points - 4, 14's games-15, Prev games - 23, Total Games - 38

Josh is a pretty quiet person but a pretty good footy player. He is fairly versatile also. He can play in the outside backs and the back row. He knows his job and does his best. His defence is his best quality and he has a superb technique. When he picks up a bit more speed he will be a terrific player. Another one I can trust to get it done. Great year Josh.

#### Josh Stracey

### Tries -1, Goals - 0, Points - 4, 14's games-13, Prev games - 126, Total Games - 139

Josh plays hooker/second row. This year he fell behind in speed in saying that he works harder than anyone to make it up. He has a big heart and never wants to let anyone down. Another of Josh's assets is he has a dense build and can inflict pain in defence. So mate all I can say is learn to improve on your weaknesses and utilise your strengths more often. I think you are a much better player than you think. Go hard mate.

#### **Zac Stracey**

# Tries -9, Goals – 0, Points – 36, 14's games-15, 16's games -3, Prev games – 147, Total Games – 165

Zac is a serious competitor with a massive amount of passion and I love watching Zac play when he is at his best. Zac is super fit, strong, has speed and defends like a demon. Zac also knows how to find the try line and I am happy when he decides to back himself. Great work Zac.

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### **Ryan Sutton**

### Tries -0, Goals - 0, Points - 0, 14's games-13, Prev games - 0, Total Games - 13

Ryan is another 1<sup>st</sup> time league player and only got better as the year went on. He was a constantly tough defender and ran the ball well. Ryan suffered a hamstring injury during the last couple of games and didn't get much game time in those games. Beware of Ryan next year he will improve on this year no doubts about that. Well Done Ryan.

#### **Keiran Thor**

### Tries -0, Goals - 0, Points - 0, 14's games-14, Prev games - 41, Total Games - 55

Now Kieran is a good kid but it took Keiran a lot of the year to learn that I was serious about training and playing properly and most of the season wasn't performing as I asked. He did his own thing. Once Keiran started to listen to me he played much better and was able to hold his own. So I was please Keiran matured and hope he continues the trend for next year. Hope to see you back next year.

#### Josh Van Zweiten

### Tries -1, Goals - 0, Points - 4, 14's games-15, Prev games - 26, Total Games - 41

Josh is a great kid and a more than handy footy player. His defence is solid and attack is also pretty good. He possesses speed and is a terrific team player and doesn't want to let anyone down. Now we haven't seen Josh for a couple of years but I was just glad he was back. He refused to start or finish training unless he had shaken my hand, what a great quality from such a young man.

#### Mitch Watman

### Tries -2, Goals - 0, Points - 8, 14's games-13, Prev games - 0, Total Games - 13

WOW, Mitch is the team's cult hero. I don't t think I have seen one individual have so much influence over so many in all my years. In saying that it's more remarkable that it's his first year of rugby league. Mitch is half the size of everyone but his presence is 3 times as big and that's just at training. When Mitch plays he just tries to do his job and try to learn. Then next he will get the ball and score a try, which he seems happy about then he craps himself as the whole team is about to squash him against the goal post and nearly suffocate the poor bloke just to celebrate with him. Seriously it was great to have Mitch on board he did himself proud as he has the heart of a lion. Great stuff Mitch.

#### **Jack Wilson**

### Tries -5, Goals - 0, Points - 20, 14's games-15, Prev games - 148, Total Games - 163

I expected another good year from Jack and he didn't disappoint. Jack was very crucial to me as he can and does play a versatile role for the team. He can play any position in the backs and more than handy at hooker. Week to week he was shuffled around and never really complained. So I applaud him for that. Top year bud and thanks.

### Adam Wyard

### Tries -8, Goals - 4, Points - 40, 14's games-12, Prev games - 13, Total Games - 25

Adam is our vice captain and half back and what a great player and leader he is. He is seriously tough when needed and seriously devastating in attack. He is no individual player either, he is happy to be a team player more often than not. His ability to bust the line is probably the best in the comp and he is also always there to back up others which are the main reasons he scores often. Adam you have a special talent for our game so please come back and do your stuff with us again. You are a champion.

### Team Awards:-

Best and Fairest – Josh Chignell Best forward – Cooper Dreves Best Back – Adam Wyard Coaches Award – Charlie Griffith

## **UNDER 14s STATS**



No.	NAME	U14'S	U14'S	2014 TOTAL	U14's	PREV.CLUB	TOTAL CLUB
140.	IVAIVIL	TRIES	GOALS	TEAM POINTS	GAMES	GAMES	GAMES
1	Josh STAPLETON	1	0	4	15	23	38
2	Kieran THOR	0	0	0	14	41	55
3	Charlie GRIFFITH	2	0	8	15	133	148
4	Aidan BEGAUD	5	1	22	15	102	117
5	Ethan KOCH	0	0	0	15	30	45
6	Adam WYARD	8	4	40	12	13	25
7	Jack WILSON	5	0	20	15	148	163
8	Josh CHIGNELL	3	36	84	14	33	47
9	Joshua STRACEY	1	0	4	13	126	139
10	Cooper DREVES	3	0	12	15	18	33
11	James BEANGE	0	0	0	13	92	105
12	Riley O'CONNELL	2	0	8	13	18	31
13	Zac STRACEY	9	0	36	15	147	162
14	Peter SEALE	0	0	0	0	88	88
15	Josh VAN ZWIETEN	1	0	4	15	0	15
16	Cameron FAULKNER	0	0	0	0	0	0
17	Zack JUCHAU	0	0	0	10	0	10
18	Mitchell WATMAN	2	0	8	13	0	13
19	Ben WEST	0	0	0	3	0	3
20	Ryan SUTTON	0	0	0	13	0	13
21	Aaron FOGARTY	8	0	32	15	0	15
22	Kyle FOGARTY	3	0	12	14	0	14
23	Saxon NEVIN	4	0	16	12	0	12

### **Team/Club Milestones 2014**

Jack Wilson 150 Games Zac Stracey 150 Games James Beange 100 Games Josh Chignell 50 Games

### **UNDER 13 MAROON TEAM REPORT**



This 2014 season, whilst not as successful on the field as the previous two years, was still another extremely enjoyable season both on and off the field. Again we had a large group of players – 30 in all were registered this year and that meant we were able to field 2 sides again this year. We welcomed four new players to the club – Will Bassett, Joel Halliday, Kristian Atherton & Jimmy McLafferty.

We had a host of boys bring up milestone games this year. Finn Cantrill celebrated a major milestone of 100 games for Belrose. Congratulations also to James Mirabito, Billy Purcell, Josh Glass, Mitch McCombe and Sam Le Geyt for bringing up 50 games for the club during the season. It is a marvellous achievement by all the boys and they should be commended on their efforts.

A big thank-you to Brad Thornton who put his hand up to coach the Whites this year. Brad did a great job and the coaching & support he provided to the boys during a tough season was much valued by players and parents alike. I would also like to thank Dave Mackie for again doing the game day managerial duties for the Whites – it is much appreciated.

I would also like to thank all the boys from the Under 12's who helped out our Whites team in multiple games during the year – without your help we would not have been able to field a side on a couple of occasions.

#### **Under 13 Maroons Season Report**

Again in 2014 the Maroons made it to the semi-finals in what has been another successful year. The boys played with spirit and passion and again this year I am extremely proud of them. Yes, we did not have the same success as last year in making the grand final. In fact, to lose both semi-finals in very close games this year was very disappointing for us all, it will provide great motivation for us going into 2015.

We finished the season proper in third spot on the table – with nine wins, a draw and four losses. No doubt, our best effort all year was against Harbord where we came so close to toppling them. After leading 6 nil at half time we were beaten 8 to 6 in an epic encounter. Just a pity we did not get another crack at them!

We faced Mona Vale in week one of the finals and it was a draining encounter..........for many reasons! After starting poorly we clawed our way back into the game and led 28 to 20 with only six minutes left. Unfortunately a couple of errors cost us dearly and Mona Vale scored on the bell to force extra time — in which they went on to beat us 42 to 38. This led us into the knockout semi-final against Asquith. Whilst we had beaten them soundly during the season on three occasions we found out the hard way that it is a new season in the semis! They out muscled us on the day and we went down by 22 to 10. No doubt we were a bit flat on this day and I think the events from the previous Saturday took more out of us both physically and emotionally than we thought. It was a tough afternoon for all, and whilst we came second on this day, I was still proud of our team. We will use this feeling to drive us when things get tough next year!

### **Special mentions:**

Simon Molyneux – thanks for all your help during the year. At training every week, at every game (well, nearly) and for special meetings held in Hews parade from time to time. Your support is much appreciated and the team does not survive without your help.

Simone Reisp – another year as the best manager in the league and a great help to me. Your passion and commitment can never be doubted, your love for these boys unequalled and the amount of work you do each week is very, very much appreciated. Thank-you.

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### **UNDER 13 MAROON TEAM REPORT**



A big thanks to Carmen Don for being our 1st Aid guru all year – you were well needed this year with a few boys getting bumps and bruises & breaks along the way! And of course Stuey Don for trainer duties & photography.

Big thanks to Brad Thornton for taking on the role of coaching the Whites - you did a great job and I know the boys and parents really appreciate your contribution. Thanks also to Mark Glass, Mike Le Geyt & Pete Asprey for your assistance through the year. Thank-you again to all the parents who support their boys and allow them to play. Your support and friendliness makes it all worthwhile Thanks for all your efforts on canteen/BBQ/raffle tickets/social nights, etc.

To the boys, yet another really enjoyable year and I hope you had a good time along the way. I really

hope you all return again next year so we can do it all over again – and hopefully go a bit deeper into the semi-finals in 2015.
Thank-you again to the club & board members for allowing me to coach the Under 13's this year. This has been another great year for the club and I hope the success on and off the field continues for many years to come.
Tim Fitzgerald



**Lachlan Don –** Lachie had another powerful season for the Eagles and should be proud of his efforts. 'Unit' is a big, solid strong forward and coupled with his abundant speed when in the clear, he is a real asset to our team. His potency in attack is highlighted by him being our top try scorer for the year with 13 tries – a fine effort. His work ethic on the field has improved every year and he is a great character to have around the team. Another excellent year Lachie and keep up the good work.

**Finn Cantrill** – Finn played a few different positions this year – starting in the five-eighth role moving to full-back and then finally finding a real home at hooker for the last half of the year. After copping a few knocks early in the year Finn finished the year off in great form in the dummy half role and posted 11 tries for the year. Finn had two outstanding games this year – firstly against the premiers Harbord and then in the last round of the year against Asquith where he scored a hat-trick and was the match winner. Keep working on your skills around the ruck in both attack and defence and you will reap rich reward in the seasons ahead.

**Joel Halliday** – A new recruit this year Joel was a very handy acquisition to the team. After a strong pre-season Joel started the year in the full-back role and in round one was the best player on the paddock and his efforts really enabled us to leave Ferretville with a hard fought draw. Joel then was plagued by niggly injuries to his back and then when he was starting to gain full fitness suffered a nasty broken collarbone injury that ruled him out for the second half of the year. I hope we see you again next year Joel as you have a lot to offer both on and off the field.

**Kristian Atherton** – Another new player to the club, and indeed his first year of footy and what a great debut year it was. Kristian showed real promise in the first couple of trials and slotted straight into the back row of the scrum for the start of the season. The more games he plays the better he will continue to play as he is a determined, dangerous ball runner and a real weapon in defence when in the mood. Kris will continue to improve his positional play as he learns more and more about the game and I know he has a big future. Well done Kristian – a fine first year in this great game and you should be well proud of your efforts.

**Will Bassett** – Wow – what a great debut season from Will. After seeing the light and moving across from soccer, Will made an instant impression. A naturally gifted runner with the football he opened up opposition defensive lines with ease during the year and bagged himself 9 tries. Will also made a name for himself in defence and his physical, 'in your face' defence meant that opposition teams dared not run at him twice! We need this aggressive attitude in defence to permeate through all the other players if we are to contend for the title in the years ahead. He is another player who will benefit from playing more & more games and it is scary how good a future Will has. Well done Will – can't wait till 2015.

**Jon Lowe** – A fine young player and man who is an absolute pleasure to coach. Always at training, always listening, concentrating and doing his best he is a role model for all the other players in the side. Jon played a lot of the season at hooker and did a 'tradesman' like job. Jon's defence has always been his strength and it continued to be this year with a tackling performance against Cromer this year at St Matthews farm second to none. Jon was also asked to move around to play in the outside backs later in the year and, whilst I am sure it is not his preferred position, he did so without complaint and showed what a great team player he is. Thanks Jon for returning this year – we loved having you back.

**Mitch McCombe** – After an injury plagued year last year, Mitch was able to have a much better year this year. With limited outside backs during the year due to different reasons, I asked Mitch to play on the wing for most of the year and he did so with aplomb. Mitch can tackle like the best of them when he concentrates and did so every week this year. The reality of playing on the wing means that Mitch cannot get involved as much as he would like, but he still needs to go looking for the ball a bit more from that position. Thanks again Mitch – I enjoying coaching you as you are a friendly, co-operative young man who is great to have in the team.



**Ethan Lowry** – In another impressive year, Ethan yet again gave his all for this footy team. Enthusiastic, passionate and a real worker he displays all the traits that a coach loves. While not the biggest boy in the side, Ethan does the work of two players during the season – especially in the defensive department. As Ethan's continues to grow and work on his speed he will undoubtedly take his attacking game to the next level. To the casual eye, Ethan may not be noticed during the game as he is not the fastest or biggest player on the field – but his coach see's all the work he does every game and has nothing but admiration for him. Add to this Ethan's work ethic at training and you can understand why is a coach's delight.

**Liam Fitzgerald** – It was another impressive year for Liam and he continues to be a leader of this group. He continues to roll up his sleeves each week and do the tough work around the rucks in both defence and attack. He is a real talker on the field and we need a few more players to join in to help out the team when times are tough! Whilst he did not threaten the scorer himself - needs to find a couple more yards of pace (could be tough being a Fitzgerald), he was involved in many scoring raids and his lead-up work created plenty of chances. Congrats Liam – I am again proud and it is great to have you in the team.

**Lachlan Molyneux –** 'Rabbits' assumed the role of half-back for the Maroons this year and did an exceptional job. Earning his spot after playing a couple of years in the 'Whites', Lachie fitted in perfectly. With a good kicking game, a savvy pass on him and the ability to take on the line 'Rabbits' offers a lot of value to our team. When he does attack straight & with speed he can have the defence in two minds and then provide opportunities for the ball runners. We will continue working on his defence, and as he is not the biggest lad in the side, he needs to concentrate on good low contact technique when appropriate. You should be proud of your efforts this year Lachie – you led us around the park and I am sure that you will continue to get better and better in the years to come.

**Billy Purcell** – Unfortunately for Billy, the footy gods were not kind in 2014. After a promising start to the year Billy was struck down by pneumonia that kept him out for six weeks. Then after a one game return he suffered a neck injury at school that proved to be the end of the season. It was a bitter pill to swallow for Billy and easy for me to tell you to not take any risks but you have your whole life in front of you and you cannot take any chances with neck/spinal injuries. You will always be a part of this team.

**Mitchell Gray** – Playing in the left centre position again this year Mitch had some real highlights. He scored another 9 tries this year, some of them memorable especially one Saturday afternoon at home against Cromer where the noise from the grandstand after a couple of 'Mitchy' specials reverberated for hours. Mitch, when focused can tackle better than most – he is strong and his technique is good. Mitch can take his game to a new level when learns how to get completely involved in the game – sometimes he needs to go looking for the ball more often rather than wait for it to come to him. All in all, another fine year Mitch and congratulations.

**Luke Sully** – Luke finished the year on 98 games for the club and will bring up a great milestone in round two next year. Luke is always a contributor and possesses real sped and footwork. He played some fullback, five-eighth and then found his home back in the centres later in the year and again delivered a top year of footy for Belrose. As always, Luke's defence is strong and will not let you down. He can become a better footballer by going looking for the ball more often in attack – some days in footy it just does not come your way and that is when you must go and find the footy. Thanks for another enjoyable season Luke & I look forward to you chalking up game 100 next year.

**Matt Reisp** – Another of our real leaders in this team and again Matty produced a stellar season. When he has his mind fully on the job he is as devastating a forward there is in this competition. He can charge into the rucks and come out the other side and in defence he can 'hit & stick' as good as anyone. Invariably, when Matty has a good game we win the game of footy. He continues to rack up plenty of try's and he has the knack of putting himself in the right spot to score close to the line. Even though he does not like the Rabbitohs, I really enjoy having Matty around at training and especially on game day. Onward to 2015 Matty!!

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**Jacob Preston** – Unfortunately high school and rugby commitments meant that Jake was not able to play many games for us this year. In fact, it was when we were struggling for numbers due to injuries & sickness during the latter part of the year that we asked if he could help us out – and being the trooper he is he put his hand up to help. Not surprisingly, when he did return he got straight back into it and played some great games. His effort in our losing semi-final against Asquith was massive and he nearly got us home with his second half performance. Thanks again Jake – you are welcome anytime.

**Spencer Spalding** – Another late season recruit who came back and helped us in our time of need. With similar school commitments, Spence was unavailable to play this year until late in the year and he was welcomed back by all. With a judicious kicking game Spencer came back into our halves area and provided great support for 'Rabbits' in the last five games. Thanks again Spence for your support and like

	UNDER 13'S MAROONS 2014 PLAYERS STATS												
	NAME	U13'S M TRIES	U13'S M GOAL S	U13' S W TRIE S	U13's W GOAL S	2014 TOTAL POINT S	U13's M GAMES	U13'S W GAMES	2014 GAMES	PREV. CLUB GAMES 2013	TOTAL CLUB GAMES		
1	Joel HALLIDAY	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	7	0	7		
2	Finn CANTRILL	11	0	0	0	44	15	0	15	90	105		
3	Will BASSETT	8	0	1	0	36	14	1	15	0	15		
4	Luke SULLY	6	0	0	0	24	13	0	13	85	98		
5	Mitch MCCOMBE	1	0	0	0	4	14	2	16	42	58		
6	Lachie MOLYNEUX	2	15	1	0	42	15	2	17	55	72		
7	Mitch GRAY	9	1	0	0	38	16	0	16	33	49		
8	Matt REISP	5	0	0	0	20	15	0	15	72	87		
9	Kristian ATHER- TON	3	0	0	0	12	14	1	15	0	15		
10	Lachie DON	13	2	1	0	60	14	1	15	55	70		
11	Jon LOWE	0	0	0	0	0	16	1	17	15	32		
12	Liam FITZGERALD	0	0	0	0	0	14	2	16	107	123		
13	Ethan LOWRY	1	0	0	0	4	15	1	16	50	66		
14	Jacob PRESTON	1	0	0	0	4	6	0	6	85	91		
15	Spencer SPALDING	0	11	0	0	22	5	0	5	50	55		
16	Billy PURCELL	0	0	1	0	4	2	4	6	49	55		

### **UNDER 13 WHITES TEAM REPORT**



No one complained this year about getting enough game time. Manning up at every game, the boys proudly represented Belrose often playing without reserves and some games down on numbers. From the start of the season the boys worked well together learning to support one another in tackling and support plays. Rather than one or two stars standing out this year the strength of the team was reflected in their commitment to rise up under adversity and play through pain and defeat.

Many of the boys who started this year were playing their first or second season of rugby league. Each player happily adjusted to new positions and was eager to learn new skills. We focused on the basics at training to strengthen the ball and tackling skills for the games. Some of these trainings were harder than the weekend matches. This helped the boys grow in confidence to be physical and manly.

This year we played Narraweena, Avalon, Christian Brothers, Harbord (Whites), and Narrabeen. In each game our boys were competitive for varying periods of time. The boys gradually developed confidence and 'mojo' as the season rolled on and the games became more exciting for all. Each of the boys knew that each game needed to be better than the last. It was encouraging to watch each of the boys become more competent in their skills and overcome personal fears of contact.

Three highlights of the season stood out to me. The first was early in the season when the boys played with just 12 against a strong Avalon Squad of 17. They played their hearts out against a very large and fast team. Three of our boys were clearly hurting by the second half yet would not come off the field to leave their mates alone. That day the boys owned each other.

The second was against Harbord. Ten minutes from full time and trailing by 20 points the boys were being penalised heavily. Rather than give in to the pressure and while sitting on their try line the boys collaborated to charge the opposition as in 'Brave heart' and together they yelled 'charge!' It was hilarious to watch but they forced the error, took possession and steamed down the field.

The Third was against Narrabeen when after ten minutes they found themselves 20 points down. The opposition began to mock our boys only to have it come back upon them. With two spectacular tries the boys came back to a half time score of 20-16.

The 13 whites are a group of young boys who learned three things. To be courageous, playing against larger and stronger sides each week. Secondly to be committed to their mates in spite of the pain they felt. Thirdly how to be winners, as not once this year did they drop their heads and give up. I call them champions! Well-done boys.

This year would not have been so enjoyable and manageable if it weren't for the assistance of Mike Le Geyt, Mark Glass and Pete Asprey. These guys were super-positive toward the boys and keen for them to do their best. Thanks.

Brad

### **UNDER 13 WHITE PLAYER PROFILES**



#### **Beno Anderson**

Playing at halfback, Beno went from strength to strength as the playmaker for the whites. He is developing his kicking and passing game as he learns to read the opposition and identify opportunities. Beno also is one of the heroic defenders of the Whites and his one on one tackles regularly saved the day for the team. He also demonstrated a growing leadership capability and confidence to call the shots on the field. Well-done Beno.

#### **Zach Thornton**

Zach played centre this year and started to take some runs up the centre. He was hungrier than he has ever been to get into the contact zone and muscle up in offence and defence. Zach really demonstrated quality assists in his tackling and enjoyed laying the 'Doona' on the opposition when possible. Zach was rewarded for his hard work with a late season try. He has been a positive influence to his teammates and always ready to encourage others after a play. Well-done Zach on a greatly improved season.

### Jack Begaud

Jack is a weapon when he comes on the field and never shies' away from a good wrestle. His great front-on defence and ball skills were an asset to the team. Jack played tirelessly every time he took the field and led by example. He played predominantly at Five-Eight and set up the forwards well for their runs. Jack is a quality tackler and tackles low with the aim of stopping the opposition in their tracks. He definitely punches above his weight on the field and shows courage and commitment at all times. Well-done Jack.

### **Josh Glass**

Josh was able to play a variety of positions this year as injuries took their toll on the team. Josh moved from the wing into the responsibility of Dummy-Half, and fed the ball to his team on both sides efficiently. He provided a slick service around the rucks and backed up with solid defence. Josh's great personality and positive outlook earned him the respect of his peers and coaches this year. His goal kicking was an asset to the team along with his creative kick offs. Almost 30% of his kicks were regained and set his team up in a great position to attack. Well-done Josh for your great commitment and effort.

#### **Tom Wight**

Tom grew in stature this year playing as a Centre. He clearly overcame the fear of the big men early in the season and moved in to tackle these running giants. Tom's courage to have a go and his commitment to develop his tackling were evident as the season developed. When Tom had the ball in attack he strongly advanced the plays for the team. Tom's strong respect for authority and willingness to learn new skills earned him the respect and admiration of his team and coaches. Well-done Tom for playing with desire and determination this year.

#### Oli Asprey

Oli is a wonderful young man who loves his footy. Due to a very unfortunate knee injury Oli had to hang up his boots early in the season. He was missed! As a young man Oli is a motivated and highly respectful who gives his all at training or on the field. At Dummy-Half he repeatedly set the platform for the team to attack from. His tackling and running game also reflect that of a developing Dummy-Half. Thank you Oli for supporting the team right throughout the year. 2015 lookout!

### Sam Le Geyt

Sam has only one switch and its 'full on'. He is one of the players who punches above his weight and carries a hefty load out on the paddock. Sam is a motivated and enthusiastic young man who walks the talk. He is an outstanding example of commitment and determination. As a tackler Sam puts his body on the line and takes down boys twice his size. He is one of our strike weapons in attack and has the knack of stepping through gaps and gaining big yards. Sam played many games through the pain barrier to save a try or make a break when needed. This year was an outstanding effort Sam, well done!

### **UNDER 13 PLAYER PROFILES**



### James Le Goadec

James was the right choice for second row this season. He ran well with the ball and enjoyed some colossal yard charging gains this year. He listens well to instructions and is developing his confidence to invest himself passionately each game. He was one of the strong men in the forwards who muscled up against some monster charges from oppositions. James always demonstrated seriousness at training and game days to do what was needed when it was needed. Well-done James. I am looking forward to watching your strength and skills develop in 2015.

#### Josh Zotti

Without a doubt Josh is a real character on this team. The boys love playing with Josh because he plays with strength and speed. Josh terrorized the opposition in both attack and defence. His tries and searching runs were instrumental in us winning a number of games. This year Josh clearly developed his passing game and his line running. His aggression in defence and attack turned many games around for the Whites. Josh was able to off load many times to his teammates after drawing the brunt of the defence around him. Josh has a great deal of potential to develop his game as he continues to develop new skills and keep working on the basics. He is a 'diamond in the rough' and I look forward to seeing him flourish in years to come.

### **Jackson Mackie**

Our fearless fullback, Jackson put his body on the line week after week and as the last line in defence. He is tenacious under the high ball and courageous in attack as he sets up plays out wide. His decision making this year was excellent reading situations well. Jackson often found himself up front assisting his teammates in the tackling zone. His turn of speed was another asset to the team as he would get us out of our half and out from pressure. Well-done Jackson for taking on your roll in the team with clear responsibility.

### Jimmy McLafferty

Jimmy debuted with the club this year and his speed and agility were quickly recognised. His willingness to play in both 13's teams in a variety of positions helped him get a feel of the game and its challenges. Jimmy quickly became known as a tackler as he would get in underneath the opposition and cut them down quickly. As the season went on Jimmy found his game was best in the centre. He could dart in and out of tackles and set up teammates in support. He scored a great try against Harbord. Jimy has become a well-regarded player on the team who has the respect of his mates. Well -done Jimmy on a great season.

### James Mirabito

James could not wait to play this year. His love of football and desire to get involved in the game are outstanding characteristics for this young man. James is a respectful and eager to learn player. He approaches training and the games with eagerness and positivity. James proved to be a real weapon for his team in offense especially in sight of the try line. He is learning to use his strength with intensity and thought. In defence he had some fearsome games strongly grounding opponents into the grass. James ball skills are excellent and his handling of the ball is outstanding. Another great season of committed footy. Well done!

### **Lachie Jefferson**

Lachie played in both the forwards and backs this year. He willingly went from Wing to Prop as the team managed its injuries. Lachie has no trouble mixing it with the big forwards. In fact he found the increased physical contact a catalyst for his own 'mojo'. A fearless Lachie appeared at times and he was intimidating to the opposition in both attack and defence. Lachie has developed in confidence and commitment this year and I look forward to seeing more of this next year. Well-done Lachie.

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### **Matt Abraham**

Matt is the happiest young man on a football field. His cheerful and cheeky smile voice his encouragements throughout each game. He is a big hearted player who never gave up and played at 100% every week. In defence he tackles from any direction and takes down monstrous opponents regularly. In some sets of six Matt would tackle four times. In attack Matt gains huge metres to set his team up on the front foot for attack plays. His courage and determination are contagious. He plays through pain, tackles relentlessly and muscles up against foreboding defence lines. As a young man he sets the bar high for his teammates who greatly respect him and his courage. Well-done Matt on a fantastic season.

### **UNDER 13 PLAYER STATS**

UNDER 13'S WHITES 2014 PLAYER STATS											
	NAME	U13'S M TRIES	U13'S M GOALS	U13'S W TRIES	U13's W GOALS	2014 TOTAL POINTS	U13's M GAMES	U13'S W GAMES	2014 GAMES	2013 PREV. CLUB GAMES	TOTAL CLUB GAMES
1	Jackson MACKIE	0	0	1	0	4	6	13	19	37	56
2	Jack BEGAUD	0	0	0	0	0	8	9	17	106	123
3	Zac THORNTON	0	0	1	0	4	0	12	12	14	26
4	Tom WIGHT	0	0	0	1	2	1	13	14	15	29
5	James LE GOADEC	0	0	0	0	0	1	14	15	16	31
6	Jimmy McLAFFERTY	1	0	1	1	10	6	13	19	0	19
7	Beno ANDERSON	0	0	1	0	4	2	13	15	65	80
8	Sam LE GEYT	0	0	2	0	8	6	14	20	31	51
9	Oliver ASPREY	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	5	53	58
10	James MIRABITO	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	12	43	55
11	Josh GLASS	0	0	0	4	8	0	13	13	44	57
12	Matthew ABRAHAM	0	0	0	0	0	2	13	15	51	66
13	Josh ZOTTI	0	0	5	0	20	6	12	18	61	79
14	Lachlan JEFFERSON	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	10	26	36

### **UNDER 12 TEAM REPORT**



2014 was a far more successful year for the playing squad. We noticed we could actually compete with the better teams in both the Maroon and White competitions. With a good level of belief in themselves, the boys really managed to lift their skill level this year and achieve some excellent results. We managed yet again to obtain a few new players to the squad, quite a number came from Forestville to join our ranks and one was a returning player. Most of our new players made a major difference to our skill level this year and we had one late comer in Tom Lacey to make a total of 30 in our playing squad. We fielded two teams yet again and appointed a new manager in Charles Dunn and a new Whites Coach in Bill McLerie. Some of the games of the Maroons and Whites players showed some awesome skills and really surprised all with their abilities.

Coaching has been a great challenge for Bill and I that we have both enjoyed. The move to international rules in 2015 will bring a new playing level for all the boys and Coaches. Some major milestones were achieved this year with a few of the boys that should be noted such as Max Gander and Ben Watkins achieving 100 games for the Club. Max was very keen to celebrate his milestone in front of a home crowd and he had to wait around 4 weeks to celebrate his efforts. Additionally Max managed to run on for 22 games for both the Maroon and White teams. Daniel Dunn played 23 games this season backing up for the Maroons team and really lifted his level of football skills this year. A newcomer to the squad in Matt Hall played 23 games for both White and Maroon teams and was by far the highest point scorer in the squad with 22 tries and 5 goals for the season; a great effort from Matt. Kye Lambert was amongst the points again this year with 9 tries and 2 goals and selection as a rep player for the Manly U12 squad, Joel Chappelow with 6 tries and 8 goals, Cody Gaughan with 6 tries and 6 goals and Noah Nevin crossed for 7 generally long range spectacular tries. Well done to Ben Watkins and Dan Stovold for being involved with the Manly U12 rep squad this year, they brought all the skills learnt back to the team for us all to benefit.

### Maroons and Whites Season in Review

The first three games of the season for the Maroons side were a success. This was a great start to the season and really set the expectations. We managed five wins this year and we were so close in a number of other games. We needed to move a few of our players to different positions this year, although our forwards generally only changed sides of the ruck. We focused on our game plays and worked hard on our overall team performance and tactics for each set of six that we needed to adopt. Holding onto the ball in every circumstance will really be the focus of our development for 2015 as this was the single difference between our own game level and the top teams of the competition. The commitment of the boys through the year was excellent and the level of improvement for many of the players was substantial. The inclusion of a number of new players to the squad made a difference to our skill level. We can only build on these skills for what I believe will be a successful 2015.

The Whites team had a sensational end to the season managing to get to the preliminary final against Narraweena only to be knocked out by 2 points one minute from full time. A number of the Whites players were new to the game this year and most of them were different players by the end of the season, the improvement in many of them was surprising and great to watch. The level of the football skills played by all of the Whites team this year was fantastic. To think; we lost to the competition leaders during the season only because we couldn't kick our goals with our best players on the day. A number of Maroons players lucky enough not to be locked in this year had a great time running with the Whites team. The performance of the Whites team was lifted many levels this season with the inclusion of a couple of key players such as Matt Hall and Jacob Fay who demonstrated some top level footy skills game after game. My congratulations goes to all

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the boys in the Whites team for a fantastic season and for going deep into the finals series. Perhaps 2015 will enable the boys to go one better.

We lose one of our players from the squad this year after he has played 128 games for the Club. Sean Wilkes' family have decided to move to the UK in September this year and I know we would like to congratulate Sean on his achievements with the Club and for his commitment to our age group. Sean has been an explosive player for the Maroons when he was in full flight and he will be sorely missed from the team in 2015. I implore Sean to pursue a career with one of the UK Super League teams in the future and keep away from those other sports, I know he will be an exceptional rugby league player in the seasons to come should he choose to do so.

### And we must thank....

My thanks must first of all go to Bill McLerie for stepping up into the position of Whites coach this year. Bill has a good sense for footy and made a substantial difference in the development of the Whites team through the year. The achievement of getting to the major final in his first year should not go unnoticed. I managed to learn a few things about footy myself this year from Bill and he has a wonderful manner in his coaching methods with the boys. I trust Bill can find the time to go again in 2015 as I believe he has a lot yet to offer in the way of coaching and developing the footy skills of our boys, both White and Maroon.

Charles Dunn remained fully involved with the squad again this year attending every training session, acting as a trainer for both Maroon and White teams and taking on the significant role of Squad Manager. Charles performed magnificently as our Manager and handled all the politics of BBQ rosters and dealing with club and junior league issues in his stride. I hope he can find the time to remain involved at this level again in 2015 as he was simply outstanding this year.

Our other trainers and game day assistants perform real and needed roles each week. Shannon Nevin was a great help this year with his on field support and his great technical knowledge of the game. I particularly appreciated his tips and thoughts he gave to me through the year which really made a difference to how we played certain games. Ben Lamb was a solid rock on the bench each week for the Maroons as was Dave Irwin once again for the Whites team. The role of scoring on the game bench each week should not be underestimated, Ben and Dave perform a vital role in support of the team and I thank them for their commitment and efforts.

Paul Gander supported the team with his company PG Electrical once again this year. Sponsorship of our teams is essential for the Club finances each year and the commitment of companies such as Paul's should be applauded for their support of junior rugby league. My thanks to Paul for his support and for his commitment to the Club and our players.

I would like to thank the families of our squad for their trust and support of the U12 coaching efforts this year. Bill and I are constantly questioning our abilities and level of coaching skills and always looking for ways to improve. The support from the boy's families on the side line has been excellent through the year and I have appreciated the quiet advice from many of you. Coaching is a lonely job at times, but your support and advice is definitely highly valued. Both teams finished the season strong this year and I have high expectations should we manage to get a good roster once again for 2015. Bill and I enjoy the commitment and I know we both enjoy watching the development of the boy's footy skills during the year. Thanks to all the parents for getting on the BBQ or behind the canteen counter this year, it all helps the Club development and their ability to support junior teams. I look forward to being involved with the squad again next year and believe that 2015 will be our best yet.

### Gary Watman U12 Coach 2014



**Luka Antico**. **Games:** 13 Total Club Games: 1 Tries: 1 Goals 1

Five-Eighth

Luka was a new comer to the squad this year and impressed from the first training session. Luka proved early on that he has great ball skills and quickly gained an understanding of the game. We did compete with his rugby commitments this year, but we managed to get him on the field, once after a mad dash back from Bowral! Luka played the entire year in the halves and was constantly working the ball for the team. His tackling technique was great to watch, he really demonstrated the right way to bring down the big guys with no fear. He has only just starting to work out the game of rugby league and I am keen to see Luka back in 2015. He has only just scratched the surface on his abilities. He has great prospects to go a long way in the game. Well done Luka, sensational first season.

**Luke Brennan-Lamb.** Games: 13 Total Club Games: 40 Tries: 3 Goals: 7

Right wing/Hooker-Dummy Half

Luke was a great discovery as a dummy half this year. He made some devastating runs from this position and really made a difference when his head was in the game. Luke doesn't know it, but he can be devastating from this position. Whilst small in stature, his vision of the opposition means he can make great choices on his run and his step is sensational to watch making him a very illusive player. He showed he needs the ball in his hand more in a game and can make a real difference. Luke also was a very effective winger on our right and needs only a small break to get through. Good season Luke, I am keen to see you back in 2015 with a real focus to go better in the U13.

Max Gander. Games: 22 Total Club Games: 109 Tries: 5 Goals 4

Second Row

Max is a great measure of our abilities during training and our success each week on the field. If Max played well, the team played well, if we were committed at training, Max was on fire. He has great focus on the field and is a sensational defender. Max ran a number of games with the Whites this year and was a great contributor to getting them to the finals. His achievement of a 100 games this year for the Roses and his preference to celebrate in front of a home crowd showed his commitment to his team and the Club. Max has had a great year and was by far our most consistent player featuring most weeks in the Coaches points. I hope the Maroons can get to the finals next year to give players like Max a real experience in the pressure games. Max is a great team member and he is wonderful to coach. You have had another great year Max and I look forward to seeing you giving your all on the field in 2015.

**Kye Lambert.** Games: 16 Total Club Games 32 Tries: 9 Goals: 2

Centre/Fullback

Kye played some games at centre this year but was a great contributor at fullback. After one or two games he loved the position, was good under the high ball and was sensational at stopping the opposition break away in defence. Kye managed to get across the line for 9 tries this year and he had a few games with the Whites making a real difference for them. Kye seemed to relish in the independence a fullback position brings and was so keen to try different options in attack. Kye's attitude to the team and the game is just the best. He was always keen to do well at training and always had a smile on his face no matter the odds. He managed to be selected as one of the Manly U12 rep players and benefited from the higher level training this year. You have had a great season Kye and you are just the best to coach, I am keen to see you do well in the U13 for Belrose as you have a great future in the game.



Jayden Mawson. Games: 12 Total Club Games: 22 Tries: 2 Goals 1

Hooker/Dummy Half

Jayden played most of the year at hooker and showed he was keen to do well again this year. He was so focused on the delivery of the ball to the halves every game as it made such a difference when he was spot on every time. He recognised the importance of this position and was always focused to do his best. His commitment in defence was great to watch. He had to come off a couple of times through the year after getting a knock or two in his no fear approach to tackle anything coming his way. Jayden had a great season and was very focused on working at developing his footy this year. He has plenty to offer each week and I hope his keeps involved with the game in 2015. Great year Jayden.

Alex Martin. Games: 12 Total Club Games: 18 Tries 1

Front row

What a season Alex had. He was a different player this year coming right into his prime. He made a real difference every time he had the ball in his hand. What a go forward he showed. His focus and attitude to his game was just sensational to watch. The try he scored early in the season was a classic front row try and was a real example of how Alex could use his size and skills to break though. For many of the games Alex was our go to guy to get us going forward. I think he nearly broke every first tackle and was great in defence. I hear Alex loves his rugby league and he can only go better in 2015. He is wonderful to coach and is a great team member. I am looking forward to him busting up the middle with the 2015 U13 with players hanging off him as he scores. Fantastic season Alex, you made a real difference this year.

Joel McGregor. Games: 15 Total Club Games: 25 Tries: 4 Goals: 7

Half Back

Joel was a natural at first receiver this year. His abilities as half back are next to none and he can take on the best. Joel can only get better in 2015, he has such abilities and only needs to unlock this himself and he can be unstoppable. He loves the game and brought his best to every game he played this year. Joel's tackling was a major improvement to his game this season, he was willing to take on bigger opposition and to hang on. He has a great vision of the game and his kicking game can be excellent. After two seasons in the halves he has great game sense and I look forward to Joel taking on a bigger role in the 2015 U13 and really showing his skills under the challenge of international rules. Great season this year Joel.

**Adam Mochrie. Games:** 17 Total Club Games: 83 Tries: 4 Goals 1

Lock/Centre

Adam came back to Belrose again this year after a couple of seasons at the Ferrets. He started in the Whites and showed his skills early on and he backed up a few games in the Maroons. Such were his skills I picked him up as a permanent member of the Maroons team. One of my best visions of Adam is scoring a try off a team move where he used his step to go through the line making it look so slick and easy. Adam played his best games at lock where his defence made a real difference to the team. Adam was so keen to have the ball in his hands and he made some great tracks into the opposition. Adam will be able to really excel next year in the U13 and I look forward to seeing his footy skills go one better. Well done Adam, so glad you came back to us, you have had a great year back with the Roses.



Noah Nevin. Games: 14 Total Club Games: 14 Tries: 7

Right Centre

What a find this boy was for the team. Noah was perfect for our back line this year and was just sensational to watch in the open running for the line. A number of his tries were long range and once he was away, no one could catch him. Tackling; a no fear player, would tackle any opposition player and would generally bring them down. Some of his defence was crucial to our team plays. Noah played in all games this year and really developed his skills through the season. He has a good awareness during the game and the more he managed to get the ball in his hands, the more devastating he could be. Noah is a great player to coach and was a valued member of the team with a great attitude at training and towards game preparation. I am keen to see him back in the U13 as he has a long way to go with our game yet. Sensational year Noah, so glad you came to Belrose.

Flynn Stapleton. Games: 12 Total Club Games: 12 Tries: 5 Goals: 4

Fullback/Wing

Flynn was another Forestville import this year. He brought an excellent level of footy skills with him and found himself at fullback for the first part of the season. He was able to inject himself into the attack at the best time and generally he managed to get himself across the line with a total of 5 tries this year. With his excellent timing and ball in hand he shows all his abilities as a footballer. Other sports and school commitments made it hard for him to focus at times through the year but when he could, he showed he could be a real impact for the team. I know he was keen to run at wing with his mate Noah and with that combination we had a very strong right side. I enjoyed coaching you through the year Flynn and hope we can have you with us in 2015.

**Dan Stovold. Games:** 13 Total Club Games: 37 Tries: 1 Goals: 1

Lock

Dan found a real niche for himself at lock, the position right on the middle of the field where he could get the ball in hand more and take it up hard. Dan's focus on his game is excellent and he has a cheerful and can do approach to all he does with the team. He was another of our U12 Development Squad players. He also was selected in the area team for Kur-ing-gai Hornsby also at lock. Well done Dan. He has a great future in the game and he has a high level of confidence. His defence was excellent this year and he showed glimpses of a great footballer. I value Dan's contribution each week and he is a quality member of our squad. Dan, you have had a great season with us and I so hope we find you with us again in 2015.

Ben Watkins. Games: 96 Total Club Games: 112 Tries: 5 Goals: 1

Second Row

Ben Watkins is a passionate team member and he loves his team and he loves to win. He is always looking to go one better and is always trying everything to get his team across the line. Ben has been one of our key players for a long time and sets the example for commitment each and every week. I look forward to developing Ben's game in 2015 to really focus on his role in the forwards. He has a hard running technique that he needs to unlock more that will see him be a devastating player each and every game, he has that ability. Ben was another of our team that achieved 100 games this year and he was selected in the Manly U12 Development Squad, in itself a great achievement. Ben played all our games this year and he should be a real impact player for the U13. Well done this year Ben, I love your passion for the team and the game and you will have a wonderful season in 2015.



Matthew Watman. Games: 14 Total Club Games: 41 Tries: 2

Left wing

Matt had a particularly solid year at left wing this year. He had some great opportunities to run the line and showed he has great focus when he needs to. The try he scored out wide vs Mona Vale catching a cross field kick from Joel McGregor was a real winner. He showed then he has some real ability to be a strong player out wide. Wingers are often forgotten but have such an influence on the game, it is a vital position and Matt and I had many chats about his contribution to the game each week. Matt loves his position and is a real team player prepared and ready for our training and game days. He will be a strong contributor in 2015 as his strength and maturity will really make a difference. You have been great to coach this year Matt and have had a top year, bring on 2015 for you to step up to real footy in the U13.

Sean Wilkes. Games: 12 Total Club Games: 128 Tries: 2

Front row

Sean Wilkes is an impact player when he wants to be. His go forward under pressure can be the most essential part of our team performance each week. Sean has the ability to break through nearly every tackle, possibly to work his way through the entire opposition; he just needs to know he can do that. His rugby commitments did take his focus from game day on occasions, and did we miss him when that happened. Sean is the hardest and toughest player of all when he is focused and committed, the challenge for him and a coach is getting him that way each week. Sean and his family are moving to the UK in September 2014 and Sean and his Dad Rob will be missed from the Club and from the team. I hope he has the opportunity to get involved with our game in the UK as I think he has real potential for a serious long term career. Sean, thanks for your commitment and dedication to the team and the Club, congratulations on your 100 games for Belrose, you are welcome back any time you choose, even in A Grade. Go well in the UK and go hard when you play our game over there. Well done this year Sean and best of luck.

### **UNDER 12 WHITE TEAM REPORT**



Really enjoyable season in 2014!!

The Whites team were consistently competitive in most of their games during the season. Which was a huge improvement from last year!! Finishing 4<sup>th</sup> didn't really reflect the improvement from our squad. The ball control from the boys was probably our biggest improvement area throughout the year. This went along way to keeping us competitive.

There were many highlights during the season:

- The game against Harbord (Minor Premiers) were we tackled our backsides off and ended up scoring 4 tries to 3, although goal kicking let us down in the end. This really showed what we were capable of.
- The final against Narrabeen...huge upset after being beaten all year by this team. To only have a few dropped balls throughout the entire game and completing set after set showed the boys could stay focused and not give the opposition a sniff.

Our back end of the season was fantastic and showcased what we were capable of. Although we did miss out on the GF by the smallest of margins, that's rugby league...great theatre. We never gave up and probably produced my proudest play/moment of the year in the final. Play went through roughly 10 sets of hands with players off loading and backing in wet weather conditions, although the end result was not what we hoped, the way we got there really showed me that all the training was worthwhile and the boys have improved tremendously.

The boys have all improved with their rugby league skills this year, game awareness and with greater application will come increased confidence and game performance.

A big thank you to Gary from the Maroon's team and also our Manager for both teams Charles Dunn, it was a big team effort this year, training the boys as a squad all year. Hopefully this will benefit the boys in the long run. Thanks to all the parents for their support and understanding throughout the year.

See you all in 2015.

#### Coach

Bill McLerie - U12 Whites 2014

### **UNDER 12 WHITE PLAYER PROFILES**



Declan Carlisle Games: 9 Total Club Games: 30

Winger

While small in stature, Dec developed real confidence in defence this season. With more training and application, Dec's play will only improve. Always eager to take the ball in attack and take the opposition on.

Joel Chappelow Games: 14 Total Club Games: 40 Tries: 6 Goals: 8

Five Eighth – 1st receiver

Joel's improvement during the season has been sensational!! Always willing to learn new skills and take them into a game situation. As one of our main ball distributors, Joel had a big responsibility, which he handled extremely well. Joel just needs to back himself more and the improvement will continue. Confident goal kicker, who can kick them from anywhere.

Spencer Dean Games: 13 Total Club Games: 13 Tries: 1 Goals: 3

Second row/Lock

After many years of recruiting we finally got our man!! Spence with his hard determined running got us going forward time and time again. Spencer played in the forwards this year, reads the game well and with that came many a fine intercept. Will develop into an accomplished player with a couple more seasons under his belt. Keep it going Spence.

Daniel Dunn Games: 23 Total Club Games: 148 Tries: 4

Half back – 1st receiver

Dan brought great experience to the team. A no nonsense defender who loves the hard stuff. With a great step and acceleration he left many defenders grabbing at thin air. Always led by example. Probably doesn't realise how good he could be. Just needs to back himself more.

Jacob Fay Games: 13 Total Club Games: 54 Tries: 3 Goals: 2

Lock

Mr Defence.

There's really nothing else to say. If only everybody could copy Jacob's tackling technique. He has a very strong desire to play the game. Loves the rough and tough stuff, always looking to get involved. Jacob's whole hearted effort in everything he did was a pleasure to coach. Sensational Jacob.

Cody Gaughan Games: 13 Total Club Games: 37 Tries: 6 Goals: 6

Second Row

Pretty good year for Cody as was shown by his try scoring ability. Loves to run wide on the edge of the ruck and terrorise the opposition players. With greater confidence Cody will be able to use his fend and step to his advantage. Consistent trainer who never missed a beat. Came up with the perfect kick off in the semi against Narrabeen, well done Cody.

Matthew Hall Games: 23 Total Club Games: 23 Tries: 22 Goals: 5

Fullback

Not a bad 1st season for the Roses!! Matt was our go to man all year, and didn't let anybody down. Has a massive fitness engine. Plays all sorts of sports but non better than rugby league. Always showed composure under pressure. Probably saved more tries than he scored. A pleasure to have in the team. Great season Matt!!

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### **UNDER 12 PLAYER PROFILES**



Flynn Irvin Games: 15 Total Club Games: 42 Tries: 1 Goals: 1

Wing

On his day there is no better winger in our comp. Just needs to switch on more. Showed he could follow the coach's instructions late in the season, which produced great results for Flynn and the team. Needs to use his acceleration and pace to greater effect. Very hard to tackle once he hits top speed. Keep at it Flynn.

Tom Lacey Games: 11 Total Club Games: 11 Tries: 1 Goals: 2

Second row/Centre

Another rookie this year for the Roses, once he got his techniques and game play sorted, Tom was able to take this into the game and produced outstanding rugby league. Able to play both forwards and backs, Tom's versatility was a great benefit for the team. Great season Tom!! Looking forward to seeing you back in the Roses next year.

Declan Mclerie Games: 18 Total Club Games: 58 Tries: 1

Hooker/Dummy half

A consistent performer for the team this year. Always putting the team first. Still some extra defensive commitment would improve his all-round game. Continual improvement during the season has seen Dec really enjoy his footy. Keep it up Dec.

Jackson Richards Games: 12 Total Club Games: 12 Tries: 1

Front Row

Another rookie...and a great find for our team. Jackson really stepped up and became one of our forward leaders. His powerhouse running with the ball was inspirational for the other boys. For his 1st season at league Jackson has shown he is a natural. Great effort Jackson.

Sam Rogers Games: 15 Total Club Games: 42 Tries: 3

Lock/Centre

Sam continued were he left off last year, as one of the best tacklers in the team. Big improvement in his ball handling skills too. Confident in his ball running ability, Sam took on the opposition at every opportunity. Mr Reliable and a great team man. Always willing to step up to any challenge set by the Coaches. Can play in the forwards or backs. Huge effort Sam.

Liam Ryan Games: 15 Total Club Games: 28 Tries: 5

Front Row

Liam's improvement just keeps on going, the White's forward enforcer! The most pleasing aspect of Liam's improvement has been his skill set. Able to beat defenders and offload like a pro. Only Liam's 2<sup>nd</sup> year at league, in a couple of more seasons there will none better. Keep at it Liam.

Kieran Sault Games: 15 Total Club Games: 47 Tries: 5 Goals: 2

Second row/Centre

Kieran had tremendous impact this year. With his strong running, was always a handful for the opposition. Always willing to mix it with the opposing defence, never taking a backward step. With greater focus can be a real star in this game. When he puts his mind to it, can score tries at will. Well done Kieran.

### **UNDER 12 PLAYER PROFILES**



Games: 14 Total Club Games: 47 Ryan Stapleton Wing/Centre Steadily improving throughout the year. Showed glimpses of the elusive ball running back that hides inside Ryan. Can be a very determined runner of the ball. Still we have only scratched the surface with Ryan. A great team man. Keep at it Ryan. Games: 7 Total Club Games: 19 **Ethan Watts** Second Row/Front Row Although only with us for half the season, Ethan showed us when motivated he could be a real handful in attack and defence. Hope to see you back next year Ethan.

### UNDER 11 MAROON COACH'S REPORT



With another season under our belts we look back and reflect on what could have been. An up and down year to say the least, with at the time a good decision to split the Under 11's into 3 divisions, unfortunately this gave us an odd number of teams and a very fractured season with byes and wash outs, we effectively played semi-final football every week we were on the paddock.

It has been a delight to welcome more new players and their families at the start and during the year to our team, the boys have also welcomed their new team mates with open arms making it easier on them to fit right in. I sincerely hope they have all enjoyed the season at Belrose.

This awesome bunch of boys came together and stepped up to every challenge, on occasion coming out on top. When we stayed positive it showed in our football, fighting to shut out the opposition or to fight back into the contest, they showed maturity beyond their years in a number of games.

The clash at Beacon Hill although beaten on the score board the boys found their way and fought hard in the second half, a true test of character. Getting back into the contest against Mona Vale at Lionel Watts to square up the game for an 18 – all draw was also very pleasing and the boys also realising they can match it with the top of the table. The dominating display in our second game against Christian Brothers at Lionel Watts was clinical with all boys showing a new side to their defence shutting down the opposition 30 – 6.

The high light for me came in what would be our last game the semi-final at Ferretville Oval, against Christian Brothers, battling through 4 sets on our line, to the man the boys fought hard to get back into the contest and scored out wide with seconds left on the clock, all squared up the game went into extra time. Another courageous effort by all players but unfortunately CB did it again and knocked us out of the semi's. I truly believe if we'd won that game we could have gone all the way to the GF.

I hope to see all the boys back at this great club in season 2015, where we move forward with a slightly different team make up (13 a side) and full field, which hopefully will see us feature late into the season again.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our always generous sponsor Tom Nettlefold from TDN Security, for without his support things for the club would be more difficult, Thank you.

Thank you also to my fellow Board members for your support throughout 2014, cheers men.

To Mark, Darren and Greg congratulations on a sensational effort with the Whites team this year, making the Grand Final, it is just rewards for all the hard work you and the boys put in. Well done!

To the parents, siblings and others you should be as proud of the boys as I am and I thank you for your support throughout what has been a challenging season, it is greatly appreciated, your boys are a delight to coach and watch grow.

I would also like to thank Andrew for his efforts and support this season, it makes the job easier having quality people around you. Thanks Mate

Finally to John, thank you for your dedication to both teams this season, your efforts throughout the teams and club are greatly appreciated and it is truly a delight to work alongside you. Thanks mate.

Sincerely Sean Wilson Under 11 Maroon Coach

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### **AXEL CANTRILL:**

After playing his second season Axel is better for the experience, whether playing on the wing or slotting into dummy half he made the most of playing with his mates. His scoots from the play the ball were always good to watch as you wouldn't know if he'd get 5, 10 or 20 meters, a great effort Axe. Hope to see you back next season.

Games 2014 - 13 Tries - 2 Goals - 2 Total Club Games - 28

#### **BRANDON CARTER:**

Congratulations on reaching 50 games. Brandon loves his footy, first at training and almost last to leave. But this commitment show's come game day, one of our smallest but will take on the biggest and to their surprise they more often than not come unstuck. Brandon played a vital role in the team this season, by playing wing and dummy half. He quite often caught the opposition napping with a quick scoot; he also had a move named after him. Well done Brando look forward to see you in the Red & Gold next season.

Games 2014 - 14(M) 2(W) 1(U12) Tries - 2 Goals - 3 Total Club Games - 50

#### **MAX DOWLING:**

Max showed plenty of improvement this season, especially in his running of the football. He is starting to realise the harder you run the harder you are to tackle and with his height that throws another element into the mix. Max also had a better season in defence working and supporting his wingers whenever required. He may be quiet but talks the talk on the field where it counts. Great effort Max, see you next year.

Games 2014 - 14 Total Club Games – 28

### **JACOB GLASS:**

With his first season out of the way, Jacob came back for more. Showing in the trials he wanted to stay in the Maroon side. Jakes defence improved well during the season, at times making crucial tackles in the middle but he was also happy to run the footy doing his part for his team mates. Jake played in a few positions throughout the season taking it all in his stride he helped the team go forward. Well done Jacob look forward to see you in 2015.

Games 2014 - 14 Tries - 1 Goals - 1 Total Club Games - 29

### **ANDREW HINTZE:**

Lucky for us Andrew picked up where he left off last season, running strongly in every game on his way to his 50 game milestone congratulations. Andrew is always brutal in defence tackling like a champion, he always put his body on the line for his team mates. Another player with a move named after him this season, which worked on a couple of occasions, with more practice it will be a cracker. Great job Andy.

Games 2014 - 12 Tries - 1 Goals - 3 Total Club Games - 61

### **SAM JOSEPH:**

Sam and family were welcomed to the club mid-season, but already knowing a few boys he slotted straight in. A strong and devastating runner, Sam on almost every occasion carved up the opposition making plenty of meters. His defence was brutal always putting his body on the line. Great first season Sam, look forward to see you back at Belrose next season.

Games 2014 - 7 Tries - 5 Total Club Games - 7

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### **HUGH LARSEN:**

One of our speedy wingers Hugh had a good year with ball in hand, always runs with determination gaining many meters leaving the opposition in his wake. But it was his defence this season that was the stand out. He has taken his tackling to another level wether down low chopping them down or up top in that ball and all try saver that he did so many times. Awesome effort Hugh, see you back in the Red & Gold in 2015.

Games 2014 - 11 Tries - 1 Goals - 1 Total Club Games - 23

### **BEN MCKINNLAY:**

One of a couple of debutants this year Ben is tall and strong, when he puts his head down to run hard with the ball it often takes multiple defenders to bring him down, on most occasions breaking the first tackle. His defence improved as the season went on, finishing the year strongly and will be better next season for the experience. Welcome to the club mate will be fantastic to see you back next year, good job!

Games 2014 - 13(M) 2(W) Tries - 4 Goals - 3 Total Club Games - 15

#### **BJ REISP:**

BJ had another blinder of a year following up from where he left off last year. His flat out running style has the opposition defence taking a breath just as he hits, with many of them struggling to contain him, he often broke the line and found open pasture. His ball handling has also improved and is fast becoming a mainstay in our side. Great season BJ well done, see you in 2015.

Games 2014 - 13 Tries - 1 Total Club Games - 92

### **NOAH SMITH:**

Firstly congratulations on playing your 50th club game. What a cracking year Noah had, when he winds up and hits the line at pace he is extremely hard to bring down and what ball skills for a young bloke linking up with off loads you would normally see in NRL games, some of which leading to tries more than once. Noah's defence continued on from last year shutting down any would be attacker and combining with his other forwards. He always leads from the front with determination and emotion, a great team player. Fantastic season Noah looking forward to seeing you next season.

Games 2014 - 14 Tries - 4 Goals - 5 Total Club Games - 53

### **CHARLIE THOMPSON:**

Charlie came to us late in the season, but that did not matter and for a kid playing his first games of Rugby League he seamlessly slotted into the team. The boys all welcomed him and his good defensive technique. Well done Charlie hope to see you back in 2015.

Games 2014 - 6 Total Club Games – 6

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### **LUKE TUCKER – Captain:**

With Luke changing schools we weren't sure that we would see much of Luke this season, but luckily for us he played most games and steered the team around the park in his usual lead from the front approach, truly a bonus for his team mates. His attacking raids on any defensive line saw him on many occasion break the first line and if he didn't score one of many tries then there was an offload to someone in better position to score. Luke has all of the team in awe when he tackles; leading the team off the line crushing any attacker, there wouldn't be many that he didn't bring down. Sensational year Luke, see you next year.

Games 2014 - 11(M) 1(U12)

Tries - 6

Goals - 9

Total Club Games - 83

### **KAI WILSON:**

Congratulations Kai cracking the 100 game mark for the club, a very proud moment for your oldies. Another strong season from Kai this year, in attack with his now customary step (twinkle toes) when running forward he could gain many meters having the team heading in the right direction. Defensively this would have been Kai's best year realising that when you tackle with your shoulders it doesn't hurt and happy to help his team mates in the tackle or if injured he shows plenty of concern for his mates. Great job Kai see you in 2015.

Games 2014 - 14(M) 1(W) 5(U12) Tries - 8

Goals - 7

Total Club Games - 116

### **SAXON WOOD:**

Saxon had another awesome season, also hitting the 100 game mark for the club, truly a fantastic effort mate. Saxon inspires his team mates in every game, whether it a long range attacking raid to score or set up a try, or in defence in the front line showing aggression with a front on tackle or chasing down the opposition after a break. Saxon although targeted by the opposition his team mates stood by his side to help. Moving to centre and on occasion in full back always had the other teams on edge wondering when, will he strike next. Awesome year Saxon see you next season.

Games 2014 - 14(M) 5(U12)

Tries - 12

Goals - 8

Total Club Games – 109

#### **LUKE WOOLFORD:**

We welcomed Luke and family to the fold this year, having played many games of Union he had a reasonable understanding of what was to happen when he took the Rugby League field. Luke played in a number of positions for the team this year helping out where required. His skills with ball in hand were good but it was Luke's defensive efforts that improved throughout the season. Well done Luke hope to see you back next year.

Games 2014 - 13

Tries - 2

Goals - 5

Total Club Games - 13

### **DION YAZDANI:**

Another debutant to the Red & Gold in 2014, we welcomed Dion and his family to the club midseason with open arms. With Dion's size he is an imposing figure on the field and had the opposition straggling to bring him down when he took the ball to the line. His ball skills improved during the season along with his defence. Good job Dion look forward to seeing you next season.

Games 2014 - 7

Total Club Games - 7

Thanks also to Joel Kardash - 5 games, Zac Brand and Jamie Tam O'Connor 1 game.

### **UNDER 11s WHITE COACH'S REPORT**



What a season for the Mighty Belrose Eagles under 11's resulting in the boys making it to the 2014 Grand Final! What a turnaround from a team who only won 1 game this time last year. Firstly a big thank you to Darren Daley who gave me the opportunity to take over from where he left off. Darren provided me with a team of boys who came with the basic fundamentals of this great game rugby league. This year has brought many new emotions to all parties involved and has been certainly a great experience for me, I couldn't have asked for a better group of boys to implement our game plan on each game day throughout the season.

This year saw the Under 11 Whites have an even mixture of new blood and those more experienced coming back for their second, third seasons. The goal at the beginning of season was to make it to the Grand Final and the boys quickly developed each week on and off the field and I was quite impressed with the improving skills of all new players.

Every game day the boys gave their blood, sweat and tears which resulted in us achieving our pre-season goal. What a fantastic effort boys, the boys played to the game plan all year, well done boys! Highlights of the season for me was seeing the boys make the Grand Final, and the absolute joy on the boys faces when Geoff Toovey, the Manly First grade coach attended their training session in the run up to the Grand Final to give the boys advice on the big game. Another highlight was hearing the boys on numerous occasions huddled together singing the Belrose Eagles winning team song. I'm sure all the parents would agree it was pretty hard to tear them away from their team huddle and the camaraderie they displayed.

Overall I am very proud of all the boys and their efforts this year, particularly in the last few weeks of the season in which we played sudden death semi-finals football to make it to the Grand Final. What encouraged me throughout the season was the team's ability to dig dip and play well when the heat was on. I would like to say a big thank you to the additional assistance each week at training given to me by Darren Daley and Greg Holdsworth with keeping the boys hydrated on the field throughout the season.

Finally, I would like to thank all the parents for their assistance in, sitting at the scoring table, helping out with barbecue and canteen duties, running the lines and support in general. I would love to think we can expect all the boys back again next year and go one better next time!

Mark Tam Coach Under 11 Whites

### **UNDER 11s WHITE PLAYER PROFILES**



#### **BEN BERRY**

This was Ben's second season of Rugby League and what a second season it was. Forget about second season syndrome! Ben played most of the season as our powerhouse centre and developed into a fine dummy half forward, towards the backend of the season towards our run into the Grand Final with his extremely strong running and copybook tackling. What a great follow up season Ben, I hope to see you back next year.

GAMES 2014 - 16

TRIES - 3

GOALS - 2

TOTAL CLUB GAMES - 29

#### **BRYCE DALEY**

Mr Excitement! Bryce's game has picked up from where he left off from last year. His game was filled with excitement and played on instinct really taking it up to the next level with his exciting attacking flare. On many occasions his attack was considered dangerous, resulting in many more tries this year than previous years. Another bold effort and a fantastic season, hope to see you keeping the opposition on their toes again next year. Well done Bryce

GAMES 2014 - 16

TRIES - 11

GOALS - 11

TOTAL CLUB GAMES - 58

### **JOSH PETERS**

Another debutante player, Josh had a fantastic first year, picked up skills in the game well, and developed very quickly. Never afraid to take the ball up, he was our fast running winger who developed his skills as a fullback towards the end of the season. Josh came along nicely towards the end of the season, with blistering runs and strong defence. Fantastic efforts Josh, hope to see you in 2015.

GAMES 2014 - 14

GOALS - 1

TOTAL CLUB GAMES - 14

#### JAMIE TAM O'CONNOR

Captain courageous! Jamie's efforts will go down in Belrose rugby league folk lore. Playing in 2 sudden death semi finals leading his team into the Grand Final with a broken arm, legend! Our team captain who led from the front on every occasion putting his body on the line week in week out. Jamie's experience and thinking directed the team on and off the field each week and was instrumental in setting up tries for his team mates, as well as a few for himself. Definitely a star for the future!

GAMES 2014 - 15(W) 1(M) TRIES - 14

GOALS - 2

TOTAL CLUB GAMES - 33

### **RYAN JEFFERSON**

Mr versatility Ryan had a fantastic first up season, season saving many a try, and bringing the ball back up from kicks, making valuable ground. A skilful player who flexed his muscle on the week each week, Ryan was a pleasure to coach and always keen and willing to contribute. Congratulations on a great year Ryan!

GAMES 2014 - 12

TRIES - 1

TOTAL CLUB GAMES - 12

### **LACHLAN GALLO**

Lachie has continued to go from strength to strength with yet another great season. Lachie played most games with plenty of hit ups and lots of strong tackling picking up from where he left off from last year. I can honestly say Lachie performance this year consolidates his strength and presence he displayed last year. Keep up the great work Lachie, see you next year.

GAMES 2014 - 14

GOALS - 1

TOTAL CLUB GAMES - 65

### **UNDER 11s WHITE PLAYER PROFILES**



#### COOPER HOLDSWORTH

Well what can I say! Cooper was the quite achiever, letting his actions on the field speak louder than words. Cooper was bustling yet again at second rower. He has a strong running style and when he hits the ball at pace he made great yards for his team. His defence has improved greatly throughout the year, and he never takes a backwards step. Great effort Coops, hope to see you in 2015!

GAMES 2014 - 16 TOTAL CLUB GAMES - 43

#### LACHLAN JOHNSON

Yet another rookie making his debt, this was Lachlan's first year at rugby league and he was always very enthusiastic and improved significantly throughout the season, playing up front making those important hits up and tackling like a first grader with text book style. Starting off as one of the quieter players, his confidence grew immensely as the year progressed and he should be pleased with his great runs and tough tackling. Keep up the great work Lachlan, hope to see you again next year.

GAMES 2014 - 13 TRIES - 1 GOALS - 3 TOTAL CLUB GAMES - 13

#### **REUBEN LOWRY**

Pound for Pound Reuben would be the strongest playing in the squad who never took a step backwards from the big boys. Reuben developed into a fine dummy half who reminded me of Matt Balin in the way his plays the game, tough! Reuben was always keen to accept any challenge handed to him by the coach, giving 100% to the game always. Although smaller than some, he was never afraid to hit the ball up and put his body on the line to go the extra mile. Reuben was a standout this year in our run to the Grand Final. Well done Reuben, see you again next year!

GAMES 2014 - 16 TRIES - 2 GOALS - 1 TOTAL CLUB GAMES - 66

### DAVID MIRABITO

David impressed me this year in the way he listened to instruction and showed that once he understood the game plan executed it to perfection. David made impressive yards up the middle when the team needed to go forward. Enjoying his second season with the club David's game keeps improving with every game ensuring his continues to build the fundamentals for future solid performances. Never one to miss training, his commitment to the team never went unnoticed, building a strong platform to work from when he returns to the field next year. Well done David!

GAMES 2014 - 14 TOTAL CLUB GAMES - 43

### JOSHUA MCQUILLAN

Mr Metre eater, Joshua just makes metres every time he touches the ball. Josh proved to be an exceptional little league player, yet again another pound for pound strong man who never takes a backwards step from the big knuckle heads who he opposes each week. Small in stature, but big in heart, Josh was our utility player filling in at second row, dummy half and winger and showing what a little 'tough nut' he really is with his smashing runs and solid defence. Well done Joshua looking forward to seeing you play next year.

GAMES 2014 - 15 TRIES - 5 GOALS - 8 TOTAL CLUB GAMES - 26

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### **UNDER 11s PLAYER STATS**



#### SEAN MCLAFFERTY

Another debutante, it was Sean's first season with the club, but he played like it was his hundredth! Sean has a great skill set for the game, with his blistering pace, ball handling and very tough defence, and as a result, scored himself quite a few tries, and made the attacking player aware of whom they ran at. A player to watch in 2015!

GAMES 2014 - 16

TRIES - 4

GOALS - 3

TOTAL CLUB GAMES - 16

### JOEL KARDASH

Another first timer, Joel was very enthusiastic and was always keen to learn. Joel has been blessed with the gifted step, who excels out in the open spaces playing on the wing. Joel was always involved wherever the play was and displayed blinding speed in the back line at wing which led to him scoring a few tries in his debut season. Great season, hope to see you again next year.

GAMES 2014 - 6(W) 5(M)

TRIES - 2

GOALS - 4

TOTAL CLUB GAMES - 11

### **THOMAS ARRAND**

Stand out rookie making his debut in this great game. Thomas had a cracker of a season fist up, what a great ball playing forward for his team. Thomas never failed to lead from the front with his barnstorming runs keeping the team moving forward and was always there in defence. A key contributor at training, and extremely passionate, Thomas was always a team player throughout the season. Great season Thomas, well done mate.

GAMES 2014 - 16

TOTAL CLUB GAMES - 16

### ZAC BRAND

Another great season for Zac, Zac provided the team with attacking flare taking it to the opposition with his majestic step which allowed him to open up the defence on many occasions throughout the year scoring some barnstorming tries for the history books. Zac defence also provide a strong hold never taking a backwards step always giving his all for his team mates. Well done Zac looking forward to seeing you play next year.

GAMES 2014 - 16 (W) 1(M)

TRIES - 2

GOALS - 2

TOTAL CLUB GAMES - 79

## **UNDER 11s PLAYER STATISTICS**



J M P E R	NAME	U11'S M TRIES	U11'S M GOALS	U11S W TRIES	U11's W GOALS	2014 TOTAL POINTS	U11's M GAMES	U11'S W GAMES	U12's / PTS	2014 GAMES	PREV. CLUB GAMES	TOTAL CLUB GAMES
1	Saxon WOOD	14	8	0	0	72	14	0	5/8	19	90	109
2	Brandon CARTER	2	3	0	0	14	14	2	1/0	17	34	51
3	Kai WILSON	5	6	1	1	38	14	1	5/8	20	96	116
4	Max DOWLING	0	0	0	0	0	14	0	0	14	14	28
5	Hugh LARSEN	1	1	0	0	6	11	0	0	11	12	23
6	Luke TUCKER	6	8	0	0	40	11	0	1/2	12	71	83
7	Jamie TAM-O'CONNOR	0	0	14	2	60	1	15	0	16	17	32
8	Noah SMITH	4	5	0	0	26	14	0	0	14	39	53
9	Rueben LOWRY	0	0	2	1	10	0	16	0	16	50	66
10	Andrew HINTZE	1	3	0	0	10	12	0	0	12	49	61
11	BJ REISP	1	0	0	0	4	13	0	0	13	79	92
12	Jacob GLASS	1	1	0	0	6	14	0	0	14	15	29
13	Bryce DALEY	0	0	11	11	66	0	16	0	16	42	58
14	Axel CANTRILL	2	2	0	0	12	13	0	0	13	15	28
15	Zac BRAND	0	0	2	2	12	1	16	0	17	62	78
16	Cooper HOLDSWORTH	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	0	16	27	43
17	Lachlan GALLO	0	0	0	1	2	0	14	0	14	51	65
18	David MIRABITO	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	0	14	29	43
19	Ben BERRY	0	0	3	2	16	0	16	0	16	13	29
20	Joshua McQUILLAN	0	0	5	8	36	0	15	0	15	11	26
21	Luke WOOLFORD	2	5	0	0	18	13	0	0	13	0	13
22	Ryan JEFFERSON	0	0	1	0	4	0	12	0	12	0	12
23	Joshua PETERS	0	0	0	1	2	0	14	0	14	0	14
24	Lachlan JOHNSON	0	0	1	3	10	0	13	0	13	0	13
25	Ben McKINNLAY	1	2	3	1	22	13	2	0	15	0	15
26	Joel KARDASH	0	0	2	4	14	5	6	0	11	0	11
27	Sean McLAFFERTY	0	0	4	3	22	0	16	0	16	0	16
28	Thomas ARRAND	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	0	16	0	16
29	Sam JOSEPH	5	0	0	0	20	7	0	0	7	0	7
30	Dion YAZDANI	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	7	0	7
31	Charlie THOMPSON	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	6	0	6

### **UNDER 10 TEAM REPORT**



**2014** saw an enormous growth in player numbers for the Under 10's. Following on from making round 2 of the semis in 2013, the parents rallied their contacts in the local schools and other codes resulting in nine (9) new players, only one of which had played Rugby League in the past. With a 2014 total of 27 players we were able to field two teams this year.

With 9 new players, 9 backing up for only their 2<sup>nd</sup> year and 9 old heads, we focused on skills development and learning the roles of each position. Although a challenge on some weeks, the players should be congratulated for a committed effort at training and commended for their attitude to both their losses and their wins. At every training session and game, an emphasis was placed upon developing a team focused attitude and enforcing that pride is the reward for hard work, regardless of the scoreboard. If you had done your job to the best of your ability, leaving nothing in the tank, you can walk off the field with your head held high.

A mixed season of results saw both squads in mid-week playoffs for finals berths. Great games, played under lights, both of them culminating in nail-biting finishes, with two points the difference in both games. The players can take much pride in the number of opposition coaches who approached me in the second half of the season, to congratulate them all on a year of amazing improvement. Very proud old coach right here. All in all an outstanding result given the quantity of new players, and with the talent developing, we all look forward to 2015 with excitement.

A great big thank-you to our team manager Kate, who is in her 3rd year as team manager and does an outstanding job organizing our players, supplying snakes, Band-Aids, player cards, nail clippers and is simply the most organized person I have ever met. A big thanks to Rob and the family for allowing Kate to do her job, not just on Saturdays but at mid-week club meetings, managers meetings and pre-season strategy sessions. We love you Kate.

To the parents, thankyou for being good role models for the kids, your encouragement of the players and your behavior on game day gave me no concerns. To all the Dads, who regularly ran the touch line, acted as team trainer on game days and who assisted at training, I am very grateful as without the parents committing to those jobs we can't run on, so thanks so much. Thankyou also to the mums and dads who filled in on the score table and to Gary Watman and Shannon Nevin, both of whose game knowledge, coaching skills and commitment to the team were warmly welcomed, thanks very much.

Coach: Steven Purcell

Manager: Kate McLean

### **UNDER 10 PLAYER PROFILES**



### Ben Watman – Jersey #1 Games 15 Tries 9 Goals 0

Ben Watman, proved his commitment to the jersey all year finishing with 9 tries and leading the try count for the Maroons. A consistent hard worker his effort on the paddock inspires the whole team. When we were behind on the scoreboard, you could always here the chant...Give it to Ben. awesome, he's a team lifter.

### Jack McLean – Jersey #2 Games 14 Tries 1 Goals 0

Jack has started to find his feet in attack this year with many ball running positions in his arsenal. Strongest when receiving the ball at centre and wing, where given room he makes great breaks. A great utility player who could be relied upon to slot into any role and perform to his best. Improving every year, he will lead by example in 2015.

### Matthew Gribble – Jersey #3 Games 11 Tries 3 Goals 5

Tragically Matthew had his season cut short, but remains one of the squads 'go to' players when on the paddock. A good ball runner and an ability to read the defence, he created many line breaks providing great field position. Missed in the back half of the season, I know he cant wait for next year to prove himself again.

### Charlie Johnston – Jersey #4 Games 14 Tries 0 Goals 7

Bulldozer Johnston, in his second season of league found himself in the forward pack most of the season, a solid runner with good hands he could be relied upon to bring us out of trouble with some spirited 'go forward'. He will trouble opposition defence as he grows in size and skills. His kicking game is as good as any, drop kicks, conversions and kicks in play, awesome.

### Jett Flanagan – Jersey #5 Games 15 Tries 1 Goals 0

Jetpack Flanagan, a quiet individual, but what a player he has developed into. When he puts on the headgear he becomes a hard ball runner. His attack combined with his efforts in defence have made him a standout in 2014. A player with good size, speed and skills, 2015 is going to be a big one for Jett.

### Alex LeGeyt – Jersey #6 Games 16 Tries 4 Goals 5

Alex was charged with new responsibilities this year, and spent the season in the forwards and centres. A reliable defender in the middle of the park, opponents soon learnt to off-load rather than take him on. A utility in the halves, he relishes the middle of the paddock. Hard to stop when close to the line, he capped off his 4 tries with 5 conversions. Always playing at 100%

### Joshua Harlow – Jersey #7 Games 16 Tries 8 Goals 2

Josh is one of those players that grows 6 inches when he puts on the jersey. In his 2<sup>nd</sup> year of Rugby League his skills simply took off. He would run the line, put on a step and scoot away, leaving players diving in his wake. 2<sup>nd</sup> highest Maroon try scorer. A consistent defender and very quick he pulled off many try saving tackles. A quality inclusion in any team and a player to watch next season.

# **UNDER 10 PLAYER PROFILES**



#### Jake Loughman – Jersey #8 Games 16 Tries 11 Goals 5

Jake Loughman was tasked with Captaining the Whites this year, and he led by example from whistle to whistle. Highest try scorer for the Whites and for the whole player group. An amazing defender, there were many times that he was the final hope and he would pull down players twice his size. He has developed a good understanding of the game and his ability to sniff out a gap is awesome. Eat up Jake, it only gets better for you.

#### Riley Walters – Jersey #9 Games 15 Tries 0 Goals 0

Riley is one of the seasons new recruits, built for a forwards role, he didn't disappoint with hard bustling runs all season. A committed player at training, and eager to learn, he will amaze as his skills grow and he learns how effective he can be as ball carrier. Expecting big things next year Riley.

#### Oliver Leigh – Jersey #10 Games 15 Tries 1 Goals 0

Passion personified is all I need to say, carried off by ambulance, multiple bleeds, you just cant stop him. Playing at fullback he showed great ball skills and speed. Always looking for more impact, he could be used as a utility forward as the pack tired. An excellent defender in all positions, Every coach loves a hungry player, and in Oliver we have one.

#### Breyton Gooden – Jersey #11 Games 16 Tries 0 Goals 0

Breyton has developed a love of ball sports, and in rugby league he gets his thrills when running the ball up and taking on the defence, one of the most improved from last years new starters, his skills in defence improved greatly this year as his determination and commitment to his team mates became his motto. His next season will be a cracker. Eat up Breyton.

#### Ava Regoli – Jersey #12 Games 15 Tries 0 Goals 1

Ava has a passion to be the best she can be, an accomplished touch footy player, her ball running and ball handling skills were second to none and when playing in the centres and wings would provide good impact when given an opportunity. Always looking for the offload, team mates can rely on Ava being there. Bringing down larger players in try saving tackles became her thing and the crowd would go up as she gave chase. A committed player, she is testament that hard work at training pays off on the paddock.

#### Angus McGregor – Jersey #13 Games 16 Tries 1 Goals 0

Angus, is a coaches dream, a utility player, big enough for the forwards, fast enough for the centres and defensive enough across the paddock to be relied upon. A fearless player, he consistently aims up from whistle to whistle. Always looking for more work, his energy is endless, He just gets better every year. What's 2015 got in store for you? Bulk up Angus.

#### Owen Mayer – Jersey #14 Games 15 Tries 6 Goals 0

Owen followed last years instructions and ate up big. A dominant player in the forwards he scored 6 tries this season. I think he surprised himself. He learnt where his strengths were and played to them, effective with his fend, he would leave diving defenders in his wake. Defensively improving again this year, next year looks to be a ripper for Owen.

# **UNDER 10 PLAYER PROFILES**



#### Daniel Marmont – Jersey #15 Games 16 Tries 2 Goals 1

Daniel is another of those players that grows 6 inches when the jersey goes on. A hard, fearless ball runner with a wicked step, he would regularly break the line. Always looking for more work, he leaves nothing in the tank. He is developing into a solid player, whose skill level has jumped enormously. We will be looking to get him more ball and expect big things from this hard worker in 2015.

#### Caleb Familton – Jersey #16 Games 15 Tries 2 Goals 1

Caleb is fast, but doesn't look it ,he gets around and past opponents with style and before you know it is striding down the touch line. A solid defender out wide he could be relied upon to halt an opponent coming his way. When placed in the forwards, his big strides were hard to tackle. One of those players whose next season will always be better, because he works hard and loves to compete.

#### Joshua Cooper – Jersey #17 Games 17 Tries 1 Goals 4

Joshua has cemented his position in the halves and consistently works to put his forwards thru the gaps. His ball skills are great and his kicking game is developing well. A slippery ball runner, he can be relied upon to read the game and drive the bigger boys forward. Cant wait to see how he improves during the off season.

#### Thomas Purcell – Jersey #18 Games 17 Tries 1 Goals 0

Thomas has been working hard to be the best dummy half he can be, and he accomplished that this year. Reliable in ball delivery he was consistently looking for opportunities which resulted in his first try this year, of which he was very proud. Growing in defensive ability and learning to control the play the ball, he will be a surprise package next year.

#### Thomas Martin – Jersey #19 Games 14 Tries 1 Goals 0

Marvellous to watch in full flight, Thomas would use his step, his fend and his speed to make line breaks that would bring the crowd to their feet. In his second year of League, he has shown an appetite for work and an ability to ignite his team with serious 'go forward'. Building on his defensive workload will see him become a powerhouse in 2015.

#### Noah Dowling – Jersey #20 Games 16 Tries 4 Goals 0

Noah is our gentle giant, built to break thru, it took Noah several weeks to realise he can take on the line and break away. One of the new boys to the squad, his defence was enormous and he finished the season an accomplished player. When he realises his talent he will consume all before him, bring it on in 2015 Noah!

#### Thomas Gibbs – Jersey #21 Games 15 Tries 2 Goals 0

One of the new squad, Thomas had a lot to learn this year, and he took to the task with vigour, slippery in attack and effective in defence, I expect he will shatter a few teams next year. Scoring his first tries late in the season, he realised what he's capable of and I think he would have loved a longer season. Build from what you've learnt and bring it day one next year Thomas, there is always next year.

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#### Caleb Aspin – Jersey #22 Games 16 Tries 5 Goals 3

Caleb, just darts out of the dummy half or 1st receiver and I pity the marker who tries to contain him. He caught many a tired defensive line napping and resulted in 5 tries and plenty of try assists. Exciting to have on the field, he can be a game saver in the tight ones. A player to watch in 2015.

#### Jimmy O'Reilly – Jersey #23 Games 15 Tries 2 Goals 1

Jimmy is one of the hardest workers in the squad, always up for work whether it be in attack or defence, he could be relied upon in any position. With plenty of learning under his belt this year, I believe next year will see Jimmy evolve into a smart footballer, with the ability to step and stand up any defender.

#### Isaac Nevin – Jersey #24 Games 10 Tries 4 Goals 0

Isaac is a bundle of energy and just loves his footy, brought down with an injury before the season started, he made up for it when healed. Can spot a gap, can spot the overlap and can be relied upon to deliver a quick ball out wide. Exciting to watch, when running the line, but to coaches delight and importantly just as good in defence as he is in attack. Big year ahead in 2015 Isaac.

#### Billy Holmes – Jersey #25 Games 16 Tries 0 Goals 0

Billy returned to the Eagles after a few years off. He didn't forget much and got straight down to work in both attack and defence. Can be a slippery runner when opportunities arose and his quick stepping will leave many a defensive line in his wake next year. Great to watch when in the halves and provides great ball to centres and wings. Great to have you back with the Eagles Billy.

#### Tristan Nederlof – Jersey #26 Games 13 Tries 2 Goals 1

Tristans first year in rugby league proved to be a cracker, two tries and a goal gets him on the board. Like all boys, he loves to run the ball up, and importantly he developed some great offloading skills later in the season, a team player, whose 2<sup>nd</sup> year will be huge. As Tristan learns where his strengths are he will be a player to watch.

#### Jordan Hiscox – Jersey #27 Games 16 Tries 2 Goals 4

Jordan loves playing league, and loves playing with his mates. Team comradery is built around this boy. Playing at fullback for most of the season, a coach can rely on his handling and when given room he would make some big metres with his ball returns. Always hungry for more work and when called in to the forward pack for a hit up, he was always ready and never let us down. A hard working player, he is an asset to any team.

# **UNDER 10 PLAYER STATISTICS**



JERSEY	PLAYER	PLAYED 2014	Previous Club Games	Total Club Games	2014 TRIES	2014 GOALS
1	Ben Watman	15	33	48	9	0
2	Jack McLean	14	28	42	1	0
3	Matthew Gribble	11	16	27	3	5
4	Charlie Johnston	14	16	30	0	7
5	Jet Flanagan	15	16	31	1	0
6	Alex Le Geyt	16	32	48	4	5
7	Joshua Harlow	16	16	32	8	2
8	Jake Loughman	16	14	30	11	5
9	Riley Walters	15	0	15	0	0
10	Oliver Leigh	15	27	42	1	0
11	Breyton Gooden	16	16	32	0	0
12	Ava Regoli	15	16	31	0	1
13	Angus McGregor	16	30	46	1	0
14	Owen Mayer	15	16	31	6	0
15	Daniel Marmont	16	12	28	2	1
16	Caleb Familton	15	12	27	2	1
17	Joshua Cooper	17	29	46	1	4
18	Thomas Purcell	17	29	46	1	0
19	Thomas Martin	14	15	29	1	0
20	Noah Dowling	16	0	16	4	0
21	Thomas Gibbs	15	0	15	2	0
22	Caleb Aspin	16	0	16	5	3
23	Jimmy O'Reilly	15	0	15	2	1
24	Isaac Nevin	10	0	10	4	0
25	Billy Holmes	16	36	52	0	0
26	Tristan Nederlof	13	0	13	2	1
27	Jordan Hiscox	16	0	16	2	4

# **UNDER 9 TEAM REPORT**



This year we welcomed some new players & families to the club and I sincerely hope you & your boys have enjoyed your experience with BRLC. We also welcome back players & families from last season, I equally hope you enjoyed the season as well.

This season presented us with a slight dilemma of having 17 registered players, too many for one side & not quite enough for two. So after some thoughtful consideration from me, Browny and a vote amongst the parents, we decide to form two sides (whites & maroons). A decision based purely on the boys getting as much game time as possible. Having two sides & not quite enough players proved quite challenging with several players often running off one field & running straight onto another. On one occasion against Narrabeen all of the boys backed up & played both games.

Both sides performed well considering on most occasions both teams played short with the maroons getting beaten in the second division grand final 24-12 by Harbord. More importantly for me was seeing an improvement throughout the year in all the players regardless of their ability & hopefully developing a better understanding of the game.

Well done & congratulations on a fantastic year of the footy!

I would like to thank the boys for a very enjoyable year. I hope everyone grew as players & took something positive away with them at the seasons end. I have to say some of the comments, chit chat & questions from you boys were absolutely hilarious, unfortunately not printable for the general public (IoI).

Thankyou to all the mum's & dad's etc. (Doris), for getting the boys to training & games.

Massive thank you to my right hand man Browny, his energy & positivity is infectious, a great clubs man.

To big Dave Macca, thanks for all your time & effort this year providing the glue that held the teams together & defusing the fires before they occurred.

To Hammo & Box, thanks for your time & effort you both put into mentoring not only the whites but the whole squad.

Last but not at all least the always reliable Ian Lynch for filling in/taking on the managerial responsibilities when needed.

Hope to see everyone back for another great season in 2015.

Paul (China) Clyne Coach

#### **PS. BON VOYAGE**

On behalf of the team I would like to wish The McInerney Family & The Melhuish Family all the very best in your future adventures. Safe travels.

# **UNDER 9 PLAYER PROFILES**



#### Riley Barwell (Captain)

Another fantastic season from our inspirational leader, a real feature of Riley's year was his straight & direct running, always taking two or three defenders to tackle him. Riley's defence was as solid as ever, on several occasion Riley made every tackle in a set. Fantastic year, Riley pleasure to coach.

#### **Austin Lynch**

Austin continued on from last years efforts with yet another solid season. There is no better sight than Austin striding out in the clear, providing a classic example in the grand final with an absolute ripper. Austin's front on defence coupled with his ability to chase down & stop certain tries which is becoming a feature of his game. Great year Austin!

#### **Cooper Joyce**

Cooper was given the responsibility of leading the whites this years as well as playing an important part for the maroons, of which he excelled. Leading from the front with his bumping hit ups gaining important metres for the team & backing up with his reliable defence up the middle. Solid year Coop, a coaches dream.

#### **Troy Iganacio**

Troy benefited from attending training on a regular basis, the more Troy trains & plays the better he gets, producing his best footy towards the end of the year. Troy often made good metres with his jinking & bumping runs providing a handful for the opposing teams. Solid defence, solid improvement this year well done.

#### **Kai Connors**

Kai has developed into quite a handy first receiver organising our attack & he also has a knack of scoring some pretty handy tries. Kai was given the responsibility of guiding the whites as well as backing up for the maroons a job he flourished in. Whilst solid in defence I think with a bit more confidence with this part of his game he will only get better.

Great year Kai, great to coach.

#### **Jacob McInerney**

Jacob has made dummy half his own this year with some unreal old school performances. Highlighted by his crafty scoots from dummy half resulting in more than a few tries thrown in with his no nonsense approach to defence and his fierce to win, making him a very handy player. He will definitely be missed next season. Best year so far, awesome season Jacob.

#### Dylan McQuillen

Dylan improved out of sight this year, his defence being the standout, it just goes to show that you don't have to be big to make big tackles. Dylan possesses a good pair of hands & can throw a nice pass and rarely misses a goal. Excellent year Dylan.

#### **Harrison Melhuish**

Big Harry certainly came out of his shell this year with a couple of impressive performances. Who will forget his non stop effort against Narrabeen in a hurry? Not many. If you put the effort in big man the rewards will follow. Really happy with your footy & the way it's progressing. We will miss you Harry, great year good stuff.

#### **Lachlan Arrand**

For his first year of rugby league, it didn't take Lachlan long to pick the game up, showing plenty of ability with the ball in hand braking the first line of defence on many occasions and then backing that up with solid defence. Excellent season Lachy.

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# **UNDER 9 PLAYER PROFILES**



#### Luca Bell

Luca has an excellent debut season, showing a willingness to get involved in both attack & defence. Luca's game against Beacon Hill in the first round was a standout. Luca's enthusiasm towards the game will ensure an even better year in 2015, fantastic year Luca.

#### **Aiden Barker-Leary**

Aiden started the season where he left off last year with some of his trademark swerving runs using his speed to evade defenders. With more confidence & involvement I know we will see more consistently in Aiden's game, great year Aiden.

#### **Daniel Stapleton**

Another Belrose debutant, Daniel showed plenty of potential with the footy with some handy runs up the middle, I am sure we will see more from Daniel next year.

Good year mate.

#### **Zach Stapleton**

Zach joined us this year along with his twin brother Daniel, better know as the (Zaniels). Zach also got involved in both attack & defence and will benefit from this year's experience next season. Encouraging year mate.

#### **Cooper Ballesty**

Cooper has had his best year for the mighty eagles, showing plenty of pace & evasive skills with some crafty runs, scoring some nice ties out of dummy half. Cooper's defence also improved this season, excellent year Cooper.

#### **Xavier McLean**

Xavier came over from soccer this year and slotted into the squad with ease, what Xavier lacked in size he made up for it with plenty of ticker. Not being afraid to take on the opposing sides, bigger boys in both attack & defence & he can kick a goal or two as well. Good year Xavier.

#### **Patrick Clyne**

Once again Paddy showed glimpses of his ability with some handy runs with the footy & pitching in with defence when needed. With a bit more application at training I'm sure we'll see an improvement in your performances. Well done Son.

#### <u>Isaac Finberg</u>

What a handy player to pick up this year, a very elusive runner of the footy, often craving up opposing defences with his swerving, kinking, bumping runs, backed up with solid defence. Looking forward to seeing what Isaac can deliver next season. Great year Isaac.

#### Ty Pounsett

Another first year player for the mighty Roses! Ty had had great first season showing amazing speed and agility. Ty made some fantastic runs unlucky not to score many tries, always willing in defence we can't wait to see what he can do next season. Great season mat!

# **UNDER 9 MAROON PLAYER STATS**



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	UNDER 9'S 2014 PLAYER	RS STATS	(MAROONS	5)				
JUMPER #	NAME	U'9s TRIES	U9's GOALS	2014 POINTS	2014 GAMES	PREV. CLUB GAMES	TOTAL CLUB GAMES	White Games 2014
1	Luca Bell	2	1	10	15	0	see whites sheet	
2	Issac Finberg	4	6	28	11	0	11	
3	Xavier McLean	0	7	15	12	0	see whites sheet	
4	Kai Connors	2	1	10	12	28	see whites sheet	
5	Cooper Ballesty	1	0	4	6	24	see whites sheet	
6	Jacob McInerney	3	0	12	14	51	69	4
7	Riley Barwell	17	6	84	16	68	84	
8	Patrick Clyne	0	0	0	5	50	see whites sheet	
9	Cooper Joyce	0	0	0	11	37	53	5
10	Harrison Melhuish	0	0	0	8	14	see whites sheet	
11	Aiden Barker-Leary	1	0	4	15	18	35	2
12		0	0	0	0		0	
13	Troy Ignacio	3	0	12	15	34	50	1
14	Austin Lynch	14	6	72	16	69	86	1
15	Dylan McQuillen	4	3	24	16	13	32	3
16	Ty Pounsett	1	1	6	16	0	17	1

# **UNDER 9 WHITE PLAYER STATS**

JUMPER #	NAME	U'9s TRIES	U9's GOALS	2014 POINTS	2014 GAMES	PREV.CLU B GAMES	TOTAL CLUB GAMES	Maroon games 2014
1	Luca Bell	1	0	4	12	0	27	15
2		0	0	0	0		0	
3	Xavier McLean	6	8	40	12	0	24	12
4	Kai Connors	5	1	22	9	28	49	12
5	Cooper Ballesty	6	1	26	10	24	40	6
6	Jacob McInerney	6	0	24	4		see maroons sheet	
7	Jett Sully	1	0	4	2		2	
8	Patrick Clyne	0	0	0	12	50	67	5
9	Cooper Joyce	1	2	8	5	37	see maroons sheet	
10	Harrison Melhuish	0	0	0	9	14	31	8
11	Aiden Barker-Leary	0	0	0	2	18	see maroons sheet	
12		0	0	0	0		0	
13	Troy Ignacio	0	0	0	1		see maroons sheet	
14	Austin Lynch	2	1	10	1		see maroons sheet	
15	Dylan McQuillan	3	3	18	3		see maroons sheet	
16	Ty Pounsett	0	0	0	1		see maroons sheet	
17	Zac Stapleton	0	0	0	11	0	13	2
18	Lachlan Arrand	5	0	20	10	0	17	7
19	Daniel Stapleton	1	1	6	10	0	10	3

# **UNDER 8 TEAM REPORT**



2014 season started with the usual worry of how many kids we would get back this year? Would everyone from last year return? Would we have enough for 2 sides?

After 2 weekends of registration U8's ended up with 20 boys, all keen as mustard to get going and play some footy! The squad included 5 new boys who had never played before. Perfect 2 full sides and the offer from David Chalk to run the Whites this season and we were off!

Coaching a squad of 20 energetic, keen, chatty and happy 7 year olds is always going to be a challenge but ground rules were set and "mostly" adhered to and I can truly say it was a pleasure to coach and train the boys all season!

With a mixed bag of both experienced and new players, the boys were graded and split into their 2 respective sides Whites and Maroons. Both sides trained together well which helped to promote skill sharing and unity and as the season progressed showed itself in the way individuals were growing.

The best thing about coaching for me is watching individual boys come out onto the field and experiment with the skills they are learning at training and in doing so they are becoming better, more rounded footy players! Well done boys!

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all those that have helped out this season especially the Whites coach David Chalk.

When you offered to coach this year I jumped at it and I'm glad I did. You bring a skill set to the boys that only someone who has played a lot of footy can bring and your read for the game is unsurpassed. This was evident in the way the whites progressed this season and each player has come away better for having you guide and encourage them this year. Patience is your virtue, strained at times but there in massive amounts!

Thanks Dave I really appreciate all you have done this season and will see you next season I'm sure.

To my lovely wife Jo thank you for all your organization of the 2 teams this year. It's a tough job that is rarely acknowledged and you have done an exceptional job again this year!

My trainer Stephen Abraham who continues to do an excellent job of running the water and keeping the boys focused with his own style of messages! My messages generally don't get through but instead your own unique style of positive reinforcement is heard "your soft" and "what is wrong with you?" are quite common! Whatever you say out there it is working so thank you Stephen, see you next season!

To my 2 scoring ladies Karen and Annette, without you the games cannot begin, you are always on time and ready to go! Jo and I thank you both very much and hope we will continue again next season.

To all the parents of BOTH teams thank you for the ongoing support, for allowing your boys to play this great game, getting them to training and games each week and helping out with bbq and canteen duties. This is a club run on volunteers and without your support and help we cannot keep moving forward!

Thank you all Coach Pete

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# **UNDER 8 MAROON TEAM REPORT**



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**Under 8's Maroons Report** 

At the end of last season I realized that when I combined my top players from the 2 under 7's sides and entered into our first year of competition in under 8's that we would have a pretty good team, little did I know how good they would be!

As I write this we are waiting to find out when the rained out Grand Final will be played and whether or not we can turn this awesome season into a dream come true!!

Belrose under 8 Maroons consists of 9 boys who are a combination of speed, hard running, devastating tackling, tenacity, skill and an overall on field awareness that is unsurpassed by any other team! This season we achieved Minor Premiers, with only 1 hiccup along the way.

We hit the semis with a week off and played the no.2 team Cromer, this was to qualify for the Grand Final and Cromer got up in a gutsy win 20-18!

The following week we would have to play Avalon (3<sup>rd</sup> on the ladder) to gain our spot in the Grand Final. This had a chance of being our last game of the season and the boys played like it was! No errors 20mins saw us at 32-10 in front with 10mins to go!A few high shots and a couple of dropped balls saw Avalon come back but we held them off for a well earned 32-22 win and onto the Grand Final

Cromer here we come.....

# **UNDER 8 MAROON PLAYER PROFILES**

#### **Ed Asprey** 1 Try 4 Goals

Ed continues to grow as a player. He slotted in nicely as an R2 with some hard running up the middle, strong defence and now goal kicking has been added to his skills! Keep it up Ed. Well done son!

#### **Liam Abraham** 7 Tries 7 Goals

Liam is the ultimate back up man! When he is not scoring tries himself, he is following and looking for the pass. Liam has the ability to tackle anyone, grab them, hold on and ride them to the ground! Keep it up Liam.

#### Jamie Anderson 7 Tries 8 Goals

Jamie continues to play an excellent style of footy. Fast, strong runs and powerful tackling. He really is an amazing player to watch. Well done Jamie.

#### **Brody McDonald** 1 Try 6 Goals

This season Brody has continued to give 100% whenever he plays. Hard tackling and fast runs are what he does best. He is always there in support and backs up in every tackle. Well done Brodes

#### **Danny Ryan** 25 Tries 9 Goals

Danny is the engine room of this team! He leads the way in running and always breaks 3 or 4 tackles before they slow him down! Awesome season, keep it up big boy!!

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# **UNDER 8 MAROON PLAYER PROFILES**



#### **Jett Sully** 26 Tries 4 Goals

Tries are becoming harder to get but Jett managed 26 this season! Our leading try scorer! Jett has speed to burn and usually catches the opposition off guard! They think they him, then WHOOSH he's gone! Amazing. Well done Jetty

#### **Kobe Dorsey** 6 Tries 2 Goals

Kobe is by far the toughest kid in this side, its body on the line every tackle for Kobe and he makes a lot! This time last year he broke his collarbone but came back this season tougher than ever! Great job Kobes

#### **Ethan Gray** 7 Tries 2 Goals

Ethan combines power with speed when he runs and he is most elusive player we have. They can't get hold of him. His defence is never ending and he launches at the opposition to bring them down. Well done Ethan

#### **Thomas Chappelow** 13 Tries 10 Goals

Thomas is amazing, he has the ability to inject himself into the game and always runs at the gaps. 14 games, 13 tries says it all! He reads the play better than anyone else and makes try saving tackles every game. Thomas is fearless in defence. Well done Thomas

#### **Milestones**

Jett Sully 50 games Ed Asprey 50 games

U8's play at Alliance Stadium



NAME	U8 TRIES	U8 GOALS	2014 TOTAL POINTS	U8 GAMES	PREVIOUS CLUB GAMES	TOTAL CLUB GAMES
Ed Asprey	1	4	12	16	33	49
Liam Abraham	7	7	42	16	30	46
Jamie Anderson	7	8	44	16	27	43
Brody McDonald	1	6	16	15	29	44
Danny Ryan	25	9	118	16	15	31
Jett Sully	26	4	112	16	41	57
Kobe Dorsey	6	2	28	16	13	29
Ethan Gray	7	2	32	16	12	28
Thomas Chappelow	13	10	72	14	15	29

# **UNDER 8 WHITE TEAM REPORT**



2014 was a real development year for the Belrose U8 Whites team with 5 of our 11 players playing their first game of Rugby League in Round 1. Despite this inexperience we ended up having a great year finishing the season in 5<sup>th</sup> position in Division 2 and making the semi-finals. We were unlucky to go down to Harbord's Maroons team 18-10 in that semi-final which we had every chance of winning with 10 minutes to go. All in all we had a sensational year with every player improving their skills and rugby league awareness throughout the season, and playing to a level that was beyond anyone's expectations at the start of the year.

The season started slowly for the 10 boys who came into 2014 with the Whites team as we were beaten 48-0 by Cromer in our first game. This was an important result for us as it gave us something to improve on as the year went on, and in fact we were leading that same Cromer team 18-4 halfway through our next game with them 6 weeks later. That change showed a huge improvement from our boys and really typified our season. We had similar results against Harbord Maroon, Harbord White, and Manly Cove to the point where each opposition coach commented on our improvement after each game we played against them.

Highlights of our season included our first win against Manly Cove at Lionel Watts in Round 5, after which the boys got to go into the dressing rooms and celebrate their win "just like in the NRL", and running out of the Home dressing room at Lionel Watts and through the tunnel (albeit at 8:30am on a winter's morning so the tunnel was fairly short) were great moments for the boys. On the field, we stole a draw against Harbord in Round 8 when Lachie Rogers dived over under the posts from a penalty tap 1m out after the bell had sounded, then had Carlo Zanella convert the try in the pouring rain to make the score 22-all. This after we trailed 18-4 with 10 minutes to go! That was an awesome day to be involved with these kids. Also not forgetting our Semi-final against Harbord's top U8 team where we lead them 10-4 with 10 minutes to go. Our kids played out of their skins on that day and I am sure every parent was extremely proud of them.

To be able to watch each and every kid in develop at a rate far greater than expected was extremely rewarding for our coaches and parents alike. We had a season full of ups and downs but each of the kids stuck to our principles of "Run hard, Tackle hard, Have Fun", and that is what this season was all about.

Thanks to Trent Freeman who was our trainer all year. He not only ran the water and messages on game day, assisted with drills at training, but dealt with me on the sideline – not an easy task. Also thanks to Tracy Clark who scored for us for a large part of the season and all other scorers who assisted during the last few games, and for Joe Macri, Paul Clark, and Steve Purcell for running the lines for us. Thanks also to the parents who brought the kids to the games every week – it made setting the team easier and much less stressful.

I look forward to seeing everyone back next year and thanks to all for a great 2014 season.

Dave Chalk - Coach Belrose Eagles U/8 Whites

# **UNDER 8 PLAYER PROFILES**



#### **Jake Chalk**

Jake's second year in Rugby League produced his best footy yet. "Mr Reliable" defended strongly all year in the middle of the ruck and was always one of the first out of the line to put pressure on the first receiver, often knocking over much bigger runners behind the advantage line. His reliable work out of dummy half always had us on the front foot and was very unlucky to have a great dummy half try disallowed in our semi-final against Harbord. A long range try beating 6 or 7 defenders early in the season was a highlight for his very proud dad. Jake was one of the big improvers this year and continues to develop after a strong year with the Whites in 2014.

#### **Conor Clark**

Conor achieved a significant milestone this year racking up his 50<sup>th</sup> game for Belrose against Mona Vale, not bad for a kid who had just turned 8 at the time! Not only was it his 50<sup>th</sup> game but he scored a great try after charging through the middle of their defence, and got Man of the Match for his efforts. That day typified Conor's tenacity and toughness for a kid who plays well above his weight in the middle of the field. He ran the ball hard all year and tackled kids well above his size without fear for his own safety, Conor gave 100% in every game for Belrose this year and was a great contributor to our team each week. Most importantly he did everything with a smile on his face and was a pleasure to coach.

#### **Marcus Freeman**

Marcus was a late season revelation and one of the kids for whom it just "clicked". In his last 5 games he scored 5 tries with the type of hard running that we always knew he was capable of. He scored two tries against Harbord which seemed to kick-start him in Round 11 and he never looked back. He was our—defensive organiser on the left side all year, marshalling the team and providing a roadblock for attackers trying to get down the left touchline. He was a leader in both attack and defence and he really enjoyed his footy this year, being the most enthusiastic player on the team. He is a pleasure to coach and has the size and ability to be a damaging player for Belrose in the future now that he has belief in his ability.

#### **Daniel Purcell**

Daniel was another one of the kids for whom footy "clicked" this year. It was great to see Dan's confidence grow both with the footy and in defence as he started to realise that he could match it with the much bigger kids. Some of this growth in confidence may have come with his new shoulder pads but he made a couple of memorable runs this year that saw him break through the line, only to be caught by the jersey by the last line of defence. Believe me when I tell you that it would have been hard to keep us off the field if he had scored! Daniel was always in the thick of it being the "chopper" in the middle of the ruck and always getting himself involved. A really good understanding of the game saw Daniel slot into First Receiver when our First Receiver was caught with the ball, or into dummy half when needed. Daniel claimed a milestone this year by kicking his first points in Rugby League by converting a try against Mona Vale and it was great to see the look on his face after the ball went over. Daniel was great to have around the team this year and was one of the biggest improvers.

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# **UNDER 8 PLAYER PROFILES**



#### Lachlan Willoughby-Winlaw

Lachie's first season with Belrose started strongly during the trials and he never looked back. Always in the thick of the action, Lachie was the guy who got us moving forward either running the ball straight and hard or taking off from First Receiver to gain cheap yards. Good ball skills and a strong defender, he was an integral member of our team throughout the season and provided the size and energy to take on the bigger teams. He scored 8 tries this year and was always amongst our best each week. It was great to have Lachie around the team as he provided a lot of energy and spark for the boys right when we needed it.

#### Carlo Zanella

Carlo split his time between soccer and his first year of footy, but hopefully his results this year will influence him to concentrate on footy next season. Fast and with a great step off both feet, Carlo scored 8 tries and was deadly in front of goal kicking 7 out of 7 conversions - he was also our top point scorer of the year with 46 points. Carlo developed a toughness as the season went on which saw him crash through the opposition defensive line on a number of occasions as well as burning them with speed on the outside. Our "go to" goal kicker, he nailed a conversion after the bell to earn us a draw against Harbord as well as scoring a try and kicking a conversion in the semi-final. Carlo one of the most improved players who gave 100% every week and we look forward to having him back next year.

#### Jayden Macri

Jayden is the quiet achiever of our team. He gets around with a minimum of fuss and does his job each and every game. Another one of the kids who "clicked" this season, Jayden developed a Benji Marshal type skip when approaching the line and had plenty of great runs when taking the first hit-up. He make a great try saving tackle against Manly Cove to save the game for us with only minutes to go, and made one of the tackles of the year when he stopped one of the Cromer kids flat in his tracks when he had plenty of momentum with him. Jayden is a great kicker who slotted 2 from 2 conversions this year and thumped the ball down field from kick-offs. He is always one of the first kids to training or the game with a huge smile on his face and is a great team player. Jayden was a pleasure to coach and will always be welcome in my team.

#### **Lachlan Rogers**

Built like a mini minor, heart of a Mack truck. Lachie is as tough as they come and plays well above his weight each and every week. He is tenacious and tough and plays at a million miles an hour every game. One of the big developers from last year, Lachie spent the early part of the season giving me a heart attack every time he ran close to the sideline, but developed an awareness of when to cut back in later in the season which was really impressive. Lachie scored two really memorable tries – the first one from a penalty tap after the bell against Harbord which gave us the opportunity to kick the conversion for a draw, and a length of the field effort off an intercept against Manly Cove late in the season. Always a pleasure to have around the team and a great team player. Giving everything each week also included two teeth in one game, which may or may not have been ready to fall out, but don't let that ruin the story.

#### **UNDER 8 WHITE PLAYER PROFILES**



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#### Cruz Beergah

Cruz came to Belrose for his first season of Rugby League with obvious ball skills but no experience in contact sport. As a pretty shy kid I thought it would take a bit of effort to bring him out of his shell, but that all went away when he ran on the field! "Mr White-line-fever" scored a great solo try with his first touch of the footy in his first game and never looked back. He was one of our best each and every week scoring 6 tries and making countless crunching tackles, often on much bigger kids. He was a very reliable cover defender, never missing a chance to either drive the ball runner into touch or knock them over before the line. Cruz scored a great solo try in our semi-final and was unlucky not to score plenty more throughout the season as he put himself into a try-scoring position on most ball carries. Cruz has developed into a complete footballer this year and will only get better the more games he plays. He was a pleasure to have around the team this year and I look forward to having him back next season.

#### **Dane Pounsett**

Mr 100% - Dane was a revelation this year coming across from Aussie Rules for his first season of Rugby League. He proved himself to be a complete player with great speed and toughness with the footy, and aggression and great technique with his tackling. He was one of the most improved players this year and was one of our best all season. Dane had a great year scoring 5 tries and saving countless others with his cover defence. Dane would often drop much bigger ball runners on the spot, or stop them in their tracks and wait for his team mates to finish them off. Dane was a great pleasure to have around the team and always gave total effort on the field. He showed great enthusiasm all season and will hopefully convert to Rugby League in full next year, much to his Dad's disappointment (bad luck Matt).

#### **Axel Vidnjevic**

Axel joined us halfway through the season and started getting to know the game after a couple of weeks. He had a couple of moments during his first few of games when he was getting used to the contact, but ended the season strongly picking up Man of the Match in our last regular season game. Axel proved really valuable with his damaging runs and strong defence in the middle, and impressed everyone with his improvement in such a short space of time. He will only get better the more he plays. His enthusiasm for rugby league was great for a coach to work with and I look forward to seeing more from him.

#### Milestones for 2014:

Conor Clark – 50 games for Belrose

# **UNDER 8 WHITE PLAYER STATS**



Surname	First name	Pre-2014 games	2014 games	Career Games	Tries	Goals	Points
Beergah	Cruz	-	13	13	6	3	30
Chalk	Jake	14	14	28	2	-	8
Clark	Conor	41	13	54	1	2	8
Freeman	Marcus	26	15	41	5	3	26
Macri	Jayden	30	14	44	-	2	4
Pounsett	Dane	-	13	13	5	1	22
Purcell	Daniel	23	13	36	-	1	2
Rogers	Lachlan	14	15	29	2	1	10
Vidnjevic	Axel	-	7	7	-	-	-
Winlaw-Willoughby	Lachlan	-	15	15	8	2	36
Zanella	Carlo	-	12	12	8	7	46
					37	22	192

#### UNDER 7 TEAM REPORT



2014 Another great year of football with the Belrose Eagles U7's football team, we had many highs this year and a great group of young players ready for the challenge each and every week.

This season we had lots of new players and some old heads(3rd/4th year at Belrose), all the boys seemed to form solid friendships quickly and grew stronger each and every week. The main focus with the boys this year was working together as a team and having fun whilst doing it, at times the boys struggled with working together as a team but when it came together they really seemed to get a kick out of it.

We also spent a lot of time on core skills this year with the boys passing, tackling, catch and pass, playing the ball, setting a defensive line and attack. The boys improved as the season went on with these skills and some weeks were very impressive with their new skills and creativity with the ball. At the halfway point in the season the day came when I was off the field, I was a bit apprehensive at first but the boys showed me that they were ready to take a stand for themselves and do this on their own. There we're a few teething problems at first but I was really proud of the boys and how they worked together as a team and talked to each other to organise what was happening on the field. I think the boys are ready for graded competition next year as a common question was are we winning, did we win, and my favourite we smashed em.

The most pleasing part of being a coach is watching the boys have fun playing football and I feel this year the boys had fun each and every week at training and on the weekends at the game. All the boys put in a great effort at training and at the games, you should all hold your heads high and be proud of the effort you put in and the improvement to your football.

I would also like to personally thank all our parents for all the help throughout the year whether it be on the BBQ or setup/pack down it is very much appreciated.

A big thank you to my manager this year Sasha McInerney for all her hard work behind the scenes you did a fantastic job this year, you will be missed next season. To my assistant coaches and trainers who helped out this year when I was overseas/unavailable (Sean Ballesty, Scott Gresswell) without your help the team would have suffered greatly, thank you so much for your help.

I would finally like to thank all my boys this year in our awesome U7's team, you guys make the job worth doing and make me laugh and smile every week on and off the paddock. We had a great year boys and I hope you enjoyed it as much as I did.

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Coach - Jase

# **UNDER 7 PLAYER STATS**



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	UNDER 7'S 2014 PLAYE	RS STATS					
JUMPER #	NAME	U7s TRIES	U7s GOALS	2014 POINTS	2014 GAMES	PREV.CLUB GAMES	TOTAL CLUB GAMES
5	Jack Antcliffe	3	0	12	13	39	52
2	Jai Ballesty	1	0	4	14	13	27
8	Caelan Barros	9	1	38	14	0	14
6	Jet Chan	1	0	4	15	14	29
4	Beau Gaughan	8	0	32	14	22	36
7	Cooper Gresswell	2	2	12	12	0	12
1	Benjamin Jewell	0	0	0	15	0	15
9	Jacob Lowry	4	3	22	14	14	28
12	Nathan McInerney	2	1	10	15	29	44
3	Oliver Melhuish	0	0	0	11	12	23

#### **UNDER 6 TEAM REPORT**



I would like to say a big thank you to all the kids in the team that made it such a good season to coach. It was honestly my privilege to help each kid in our team grow, learn and have fun playing our game. It also gave me the opportunity to enjoy football in a different way.

We started the season as all Under 6 teams do, spinning around on the field, looking at the marks our boot studs made in the dirt, watching the clouds and asking when the game was over. But as the season moved on you could see each kid grow with confidence and you knew they were improving. It's the simple things that make you smile as a coach. Looking over and seeing the teamed lined up ready to defend, making four tackles in row and running the ball straight.

For those in the team that will be playing in Under 7s next season, I know that your coach is getting players ready to give their all on the field. For those that can play Under 6 football again, I highly recommend it. The confidence the kids will get out of being able to tackle more and score more tries will put them in good stead for their playing career.

A big thanks to Andrew Baker and Pete Jordan for helping with training, running the water and dealing with those cut knees and tears.

Paul Clark

# **UNDER 6 PLAYER PROFILES**

#### Jonathon Armatas Tries -5

Jonathon is a wonderful player to coach. He has an eagerness to train hard and has a positive attitude on the field. Loves to run the ball. Most importantly, Jonathon is a team player. He should be very proud of his first season.

"Sportsmanship for me is when a guy walks off the court and you really can't tell whether he won or lost, when he carries himself with pride either way". Jim Courier

#### **Archie Aspery** Tries – 3

To watch Archie's confidence grow as the season progressed was fantastic. One of the fondest memories I'll take out of this season is when Archie tugged my shirt and asked if could have a run. To watch Arch score two tries in that very game was almost as great as his realisation that he can play this game. I look forward to watching you tear oppositions apart next year.

"Beside pride, loyalty, discipline, heart and mind, confidence is the key to all the locks". Joe Paterno

#### **Russell Baker** Tries -3.

Russell is the youngest and the smallest player on the team but has a heart that makes him twice his size. He ran the ball straight and hard, and did so with a smile on face every time. I really believe you will have a lot of fun playing in next year's Under 6 team.

"It is not the size of a man but the size of his heart that matters". Evander Holyfield

# **UNDER 6 PLAYER PROFILES**



#### **Deacon Clark** Tries – 2

Most importantly for our four-year-olds on the team is to get the experience of being on the field. He ran hard and fast every time he had the ball in his hands. It was great to see him burst through the middle of the Harbord team to score a runaway try. The confidence he will gain from this year puts Deacon in a good place for next season. Great job little man.

"The principle is competing against yourself. It's about self-improvement, about being better than you were the day before". Steve Young

#### **Lowri Dibble** Tries – 0

Our young lady on the team, it took a while to build her courage in a new game. Lowri's attack was great and she had lots of speed when if full flight. If Lowri backs her ability she will be unstoppable. Back in England now, I hope that Lowri continues to play football, be that league or soccer. The confidence that Lowri gained from this year will make her a formidable opponent. Good luck in London to the entire Dibble family.

"Do not let what you cannot do interfere with what you can do". John Wooden

#### **Christian Ignacio** Tries – 1

Christian's best asset this season was his defence. One of our younger players at four, Christian could pull off copybook tackles. It was wonderful to watch. That sort of defence puts Christian in good stead for next season. Christian will be a dominant player next season. He will be fun to watch.

"Push yourself again and again. Don't give an inch until the final buzzer sounds". Larry Bird

#### **Byron Jordan** Tries – 1

Due to Byron's good passing, he started the season as the team's dummy half. This helped Byron build belief in himself as the season progressed, to the point where he was happy to run the ball and be completely involved in the game. Another of my happy moments was Byron scoring late in the season. Be proud in your season matey, I promise you'll go well next year.

"Never give up! Failure and rejection are only the first steps to succeeding". Jimmy Valvano

#### **Jaime Mauro** Tries – 5

I told the parents at the start of the season, "The hardest thing to teach a kid playing football is to run at a line of kids that want to tackle them". NOT the case for Jamie, our smiling assassin. He hit the line hard. I really did look forward to when it was his turn to run the ball. A little warrior who tackled and chased hard. Keep smiling.

"If you train hard, you'll not only be hard, you'll be hard to heat". Herschel Walker

#### **Jordan Souter** Tries – 3

Jordy was one of the best defenders on the team. He wasn't afraid to get in and tackle and his technique was great. Early on we had some directional issues when he had his hands on the ball, also one of my fondest memories, but when he ran straight he ran hard and fast. Great to see Jordy get a double against Manly Cove in the wet. Run straight and hard next season Jordy, you will be unstoppable.

"The five S's of sports training are: stamina, speed, strength, skill and spirit; but the greatest of these is spirit". Ken Doherty

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