

# BELROSE RUGBY LEAGUE

## 2015 ANNUAL REPORT



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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The 2015 season must surely go down as one of the disrupted starts to a season, rain, school holidays and ANZAC meant the season didn't get going until May.

Like most of the local clubs playing numbers were down this year however we were still able to field teams in all divisions with the exception of 16's and while Grand Final success alluded us this year there were a number of notable highlights.

A-Grade made their way through to the A2 Grand Final and were beaten in a nail biter by a last minute penalty goal from in front of the posts. Well done to Scott Hanley and the boys. Our Sydney Shield side finished another successful season losing to Windsor Wolves in a tough semi-final match. This is three out of three semi-final appearances for this side, not bad for a local footy club up against league heavy weights Wentworthville and Cabramatta who are all supported by licensed leagues clubs.

Our Under 19s were desperately unlucky going down to Avalon in their Grand Final, This was an achievement in itself after the Mark Soden coached side didn't have a side two weeks into the competition. It was great to see a few local boys return to the red and gold after a couple of years away.

In the juniors one team made it through to the Grand Final with the Mark Tam coached U12's who also struggled for numbers all year fighting their way through to the big game.

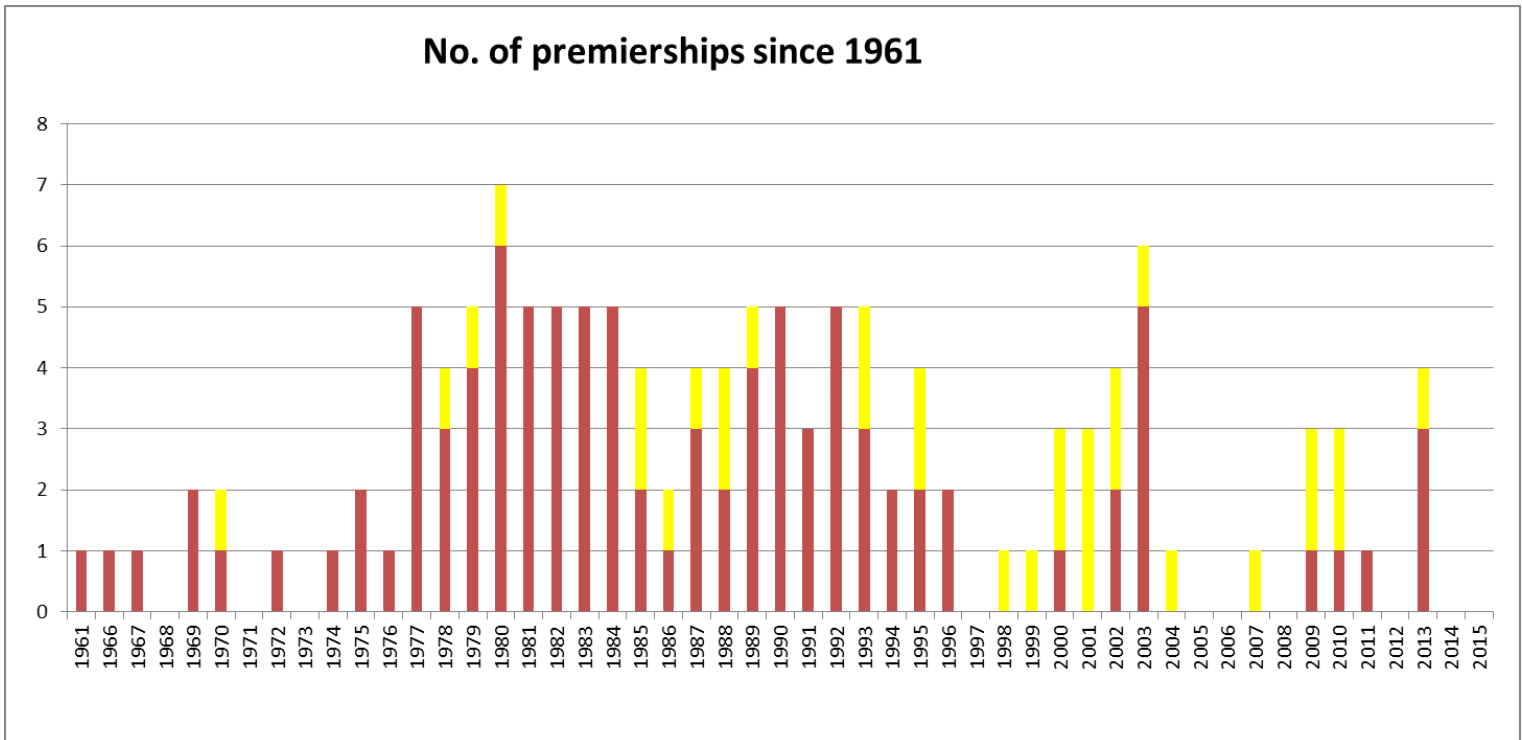
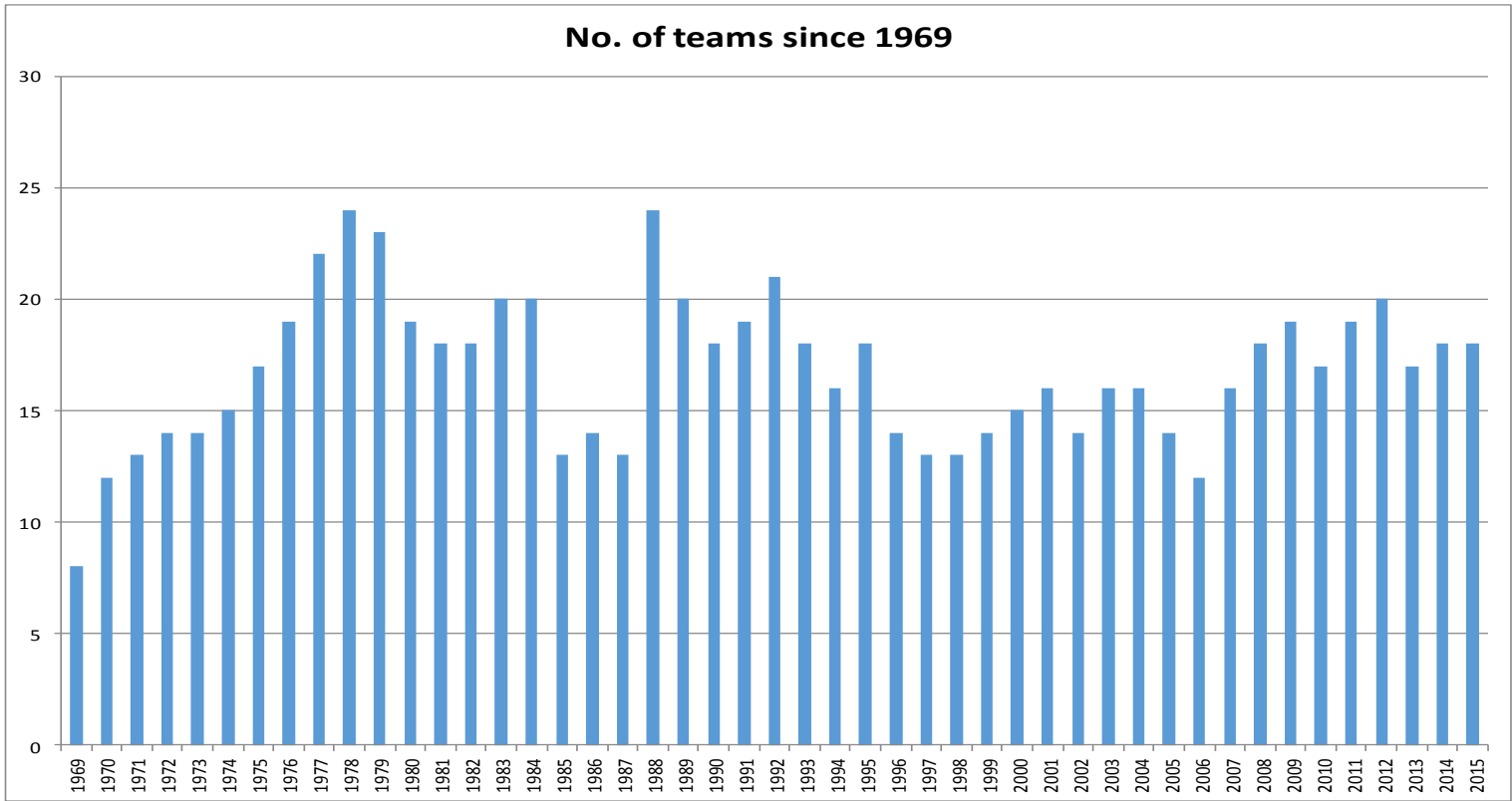
Congratulations to all teams and a big thank you to all our coaches, managers, trainers and First Aiders without you we simply would not get teams out on the paddock each and every week.

Belrose is fortunate to have a number of very generous and loyal sponsors who make an enormous contribution to the club through the good times and the bad it is important that we support them whenever possible.

With only a five man Board this year it has been tough and extremely busy. Thanks to Eric, Barry, Sean and Mark for their hard work and selfless commitment to the Club.

Finally, thanks to all the parents and players of Belrose Eagles you make the club what it is. See you all at touch footy which is back to its rightful home on Thursday nights.

Regards,  
Scott Collins



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Geoff Toovey

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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

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## 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

### MILESTONES

300 Games	Tom Needham – A Grade
250 Games	Luke Betts – A Grade
200 Games	Ben Georgas – Under 19's Christian Bate – Sydney Shield
150 Games	Daniel Dunn – Under U13's Charlie Griffith – Under 15's Josh Stracey – Under 15's Matthew Nugent – A Grade Phil Domjen – A Grade Jimmy Curtis – Sydney Shield
100 Games	Austin Lynch – Under 10's BJ Reisp – Under 12's Luke Sully – Under 14's Keia Maino – Under 17's Josh Moi Moi – Under 17's Jack Hogarth – Under 17's Isaac Arnold – Under U17's Luke Hurditch – Under 17's Jake Layton – A Grade James Mortimer – Sydney Shield

### PERPETUAL AWARDS

Scott Wildash Trophy	Scott Hanley
Presidents Trophy	Tom Needham
Norm Pounder Senior Grade Coach of the year	Mark Soden
Barry Bowtell Junior Grade Coach of the year	Gary Watman
Lindsay Spencer Senior Player Award	Alex Mammone
Glen Henderson Clubman Award U19's	Harry Georgas
Mike Peters Award	Brad Martin
Senior Grades Clubman	Paul Gosling
Junior Grade Manager of the Year	Ian Lynch
Stirrer's Paddle	Adam Begaud
Rolling Pin	Joanne Asprey



## SECRETARY'S REPORT

2015 a year that has left many saying if only we might have gone further. Belrose clearly needs to improve on our current results. The challenge is always there to improve however many coaches will highlight the personal best this year for many of our players.

Without doubt 2015 most exciting performance was from the under 19's who struggled to get a team on the field for the first two games. Scott Collins showed determination to hang in when others were giving up on having a team. Mark Soden was asked to Coach as the appointed Coach could not see a team. Playing some of the best football seen in the Junior League the team went within 2 points of winning their grand final. The Under 19 became our best performing team in 2015 from an extremely difficult start. A lesson for us all

The final results for all our teams in 2015 were

Sydney Shield 2nd Qualifying Finalist

A Grade A2 Grand Finalist

U19 Grade Grand Finalist

U17 Grade Semi Finalist

U15 Grade Preliminary Finalist

U14 Grade Preliminary Finalist

U13 Grade Preliminary Finalist

U12/M Grade Semi Finalist

U12/W Grade Grand Finalist U12/B

U11/M Grade Finalist U11/W

U11/W Grade Preliminary Finalist U11/B

U10/W Grade Finalist

U9/M Grade Semi Finalist

U9/W Grade Preliminary Finalist

U8 Grade Uncompetitive

U7 Grade Uncompetitive

U6/M Grade Uncompetitive

U6/W Grade Uncompetitive





## SECRETARY'S REPORT

This Annual Report has all the 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.

This season was our second year when players were required to register on line While the procedure is the way of the future if it was not for Clarissa Wilson ensuring that those who had problems with the online system had the correct email username and password I am sure we would have many more unnecessary problems. Remember all players and officials should keep their user name & password for 2016 and if you have lost this information your email will need to be recorded correctly for players Coaches & Volunteers to register.

Along with the Under 19 there were a number of new and outstanding developments in 2015

Scott Gresswell's under 8 made Grand Final day at Brookvale Oval after the Junior League decided to play all under 8 teams on the day although it was an uncompetitive

Hamish McLean under 10 had a good season kept together with a very good management group and were very unlucky to miss out on their Grand Final. The experience of this season will ensure a better outcome in 2016

Shannon Nevin is back coaching the under 11.'S He was able to see his team slowly improve all season. The future will be better for this team in 2016 with the stamp of a former Manly first grader at the helm.

All our Senior teams made the finals which should ensure that we will be out to do one better in 2016

James Mortimer as Captain Coach of Sydney Shield continues to have the energy to keep the Senior playing group together despite missing players every week. Mortimer got his team up for the finals after losing 9 matches in a row then winning 6 in a row . They won their first qualifying final against East Campbelltown a team who beat the twice during the season

Scott Hanley Captain Coach of A Grade at 37 years was one of the best players all year and despite losing players to the Shield side nearly every week never complained but says he has retired from playing.

Eric Galloway



## 2015 TEAM SPONSORS

	TDN Group	Tom Nettlefold
	PG Electrical	Paul Gander
<p>THE <b>FOREST PODIATRY</b> T: 9452 4433 www.forestpodiatry.com.au</p>	The Forest Podiatry	Sophia Hennessy
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	Vision Personal Training	Alison Facer
	Smart & McKenzie Real Estate	Ian McKenzie
	Warringah Crane & Transport	Phil Johnston
	Altrex Auto Accessories	Paul Heggarty
	Citizen	Chris Daly
	The Belrose Hotel	Glen Pocklington
	Pro-Asset Painting Maintenance	Mark Estivo
	M&M Landscapes	James Mortimer
	GDI Property Group	Steve Gillard
	Pegasus Print Group	David Austin



## TOUCH FOOTBALL REPORT

2015 brings our junior touch games back to Thursday nights. This is mostly due to the persistence of our Club President, Scott Collins who began “hounding” the Council for a permanent field allocation from January this year. He was finally successful in August of this year and it would appear that we now have a permanent allocation of all fields on Lionel Watts oval. Moving forward this is a major advantage for the club and should eliminate any further resistance from Council or the Sporting Union.

The 2014 season still ran successfully on Friday nights however our volunteer list was small and our player numbers, particularly in the senior competition were down. This year we have over 1300 kids playing on 12 fields over 6 timeslots. As well, the under 16 Rugby League team will be assisting with the competition to raise funds for their trip away in 2016.

This social and community event still creates a wonderful atmosphere for the area. As the major fundraiser for our club it would be great to see more club members volunteer their help with the bbq or field set up. There is a small band of people who “pull this comp together”. But I would particularly like to thank the ladies who covered the registration night and then the t-shirt collection for me in my absence.

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 2015 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 2016.***

***Eric, Kerrie, Andrea & Clarissa***

BELROSE RUGBY LEAGUE FOOTBALL CLUB LTD

# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY  
2nd DECEMBER 2015

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



BELROSE RUGBY LEAGUE FOOTBALL CLUB LTD

NOMINATION FOR POSITION OF DIRECTOR

To be received by:-

The Secretary  
PO Box 52  
Frenchs Forest NSW 2086

Sunday, 22 November 2015

We \_\_\_\_\_ hereby nominate

\_\_\_\_\_ for the position of

Director, BELROSE RUGBY LEAGUE FOOTBALL CLUB LTD.

Proposer \_\_\_\_\_ Badge No. \_\_\_\_\_

Seconder \_\_\_\_\_ Badge No. \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee \_\_\_\_\_ Badge No. \_\_\_\_\_



BELROSE RUGBY LEAGUE FOOTBALL CLUB LTD

NOMINATION FOR  
COACHES & MANAGERS  
FOR SEASON 2016

Applications in writing stating qualifications to:-

The Secretary  
PO Box 52  
Frenchs Forest NSW 2086

Required by 23 November 2015.

Applicants will initially be appointed to age group and will be responsible for the entire age group until a 2nd Division Coach is appointed.

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 2016.

I have read and understood the role and responsibilities of a Team Coach as outlined in BRLFC Job 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 experience & qualifications are as follows :-

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Contact email address: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile # \_\_\_\_\_



# APPLICATION TO MANAGE

## All grades

I \_\_\_\_\_ hereby applies to Manage  
the \_\_\_\_\_ team in 2016.

My experience & qualifications are as follows :-

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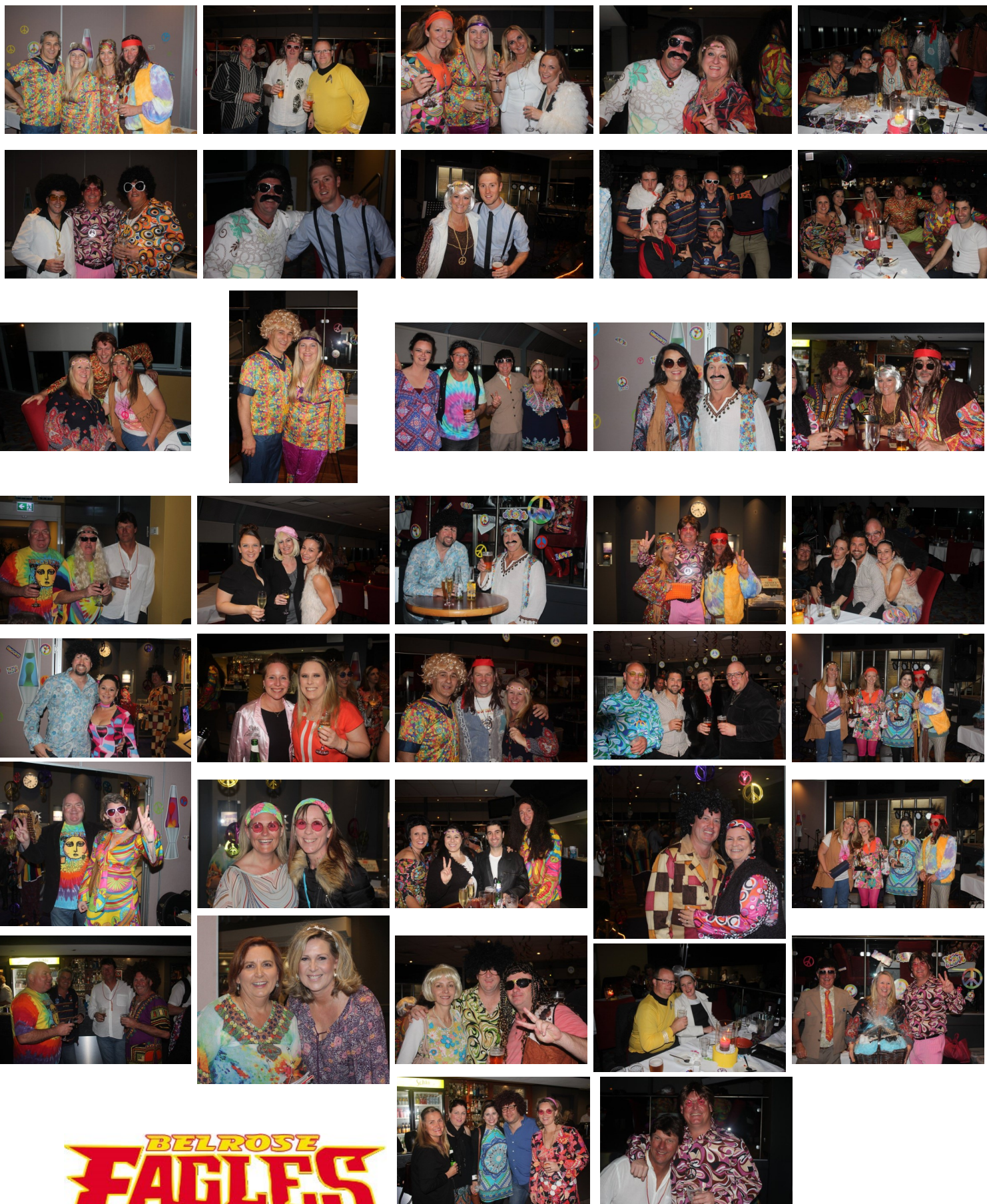
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Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Contact email address: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile# \_\_\_\_\_

# 60's NIGHT 2015





# GAME MILESTONES



Congratulations  
Ben Georgas  
200 Games



Congratulations Jimmy Curtis  
150  
Belrose Senior Games



# SYDNEY SHIELD



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2015

## SPONSORS

WARRINGAH CRANE & TRANSPORT



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BELROSE HOTEL



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CITIZEN



Played 22 Games Won 10 Lost 12 Points for 546 Points Against 514

## SYDNEY SHIELD TEAM REPORT



Another successful year in the NSW RL 3<sup>rd</sup> rank competition under now experienced Captain Coach James Mortimer. The team plays home games at Lionel Watts and has travelled as far as Campbelltown to play Western Suburbs and Windsor in the west. This is classed as a semi professional competition with all games video and managed by independent NSWRL Ground Managers, Interchange Officials and NSWRL referees with all home teams required to supply a doctor.

The team is a mixture of local players & those who have come to the Club over the years plus a few players sent to us from Manly Under 20's and NSW Cup

Belrose entered this competition to ensure that our local players can strive for the highest Grade possible particularly as the A Grade competition in Manly has moved away from paying players. NSWRL have the money to invest in the competition and the Junior League cannot support the players the way the NSW RL can.

This year we were fortunate to have Ian McKenzie coordinate the fundraising for the Sydney Shield & A Grade. Ian had experience a few years back when he was a director and Belrose were required to raise much larger amounts than we need now to support teams in A grade and Jim Beam Cup. Ian re introduced the sponsors raffle which gave the group over \$16,000. Those who contributed are listed on our website under Business Supporters of the Senior Grades. We were indeed fortunate to have the support of Major Sponsors listed at the front of this report. Without all this financial support we would not have been able to enter a team in this competition

## SYDNEY SHIELD PLAYER PROFILES



The Team has a small group of helpers who are always there to assist. Sue Alder heads the list as head first aider. She organises support and welfare of all players from doctors physios and on field trainers. She is much respected by all the players. Another who is always there to help on training nights and game days is Paul Gosling Paul has made an outstanding contribution to the Senior teams since he came to the Club in 2003. If he says a ball has been lost it will never be found. James Mortimer require the service a more help this year and Adam Rutherford & Mark Estivo assisted James all season with Ian McKenzie & Michael Bate taking on team support work on game days . Michael he can do anything including proving he is the super jumper washer

The team had many ups and downs during the season with injury and unavailability to key players during the year making it difficult to get near same team on field each week. After Round 7 when Belrose beat Auburn in ANZAC night game at Lionel Watts and had beaten Peninsula Seagulls at Rat Park in a brutal clash Belrose were comfortable 4<sup>th</sup> on competition table. Unfortunately the team lost the next 9 games and were sitting last on the 13 team competition despite only losing by a few points in all but one game. How it turned around was beyond belief with the team winning the next six games to move from 13<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> The team then defeated East Campbelltown in the first week of the finals .The second week proved disappointing as we were a couple of key players short and the team went down to Windsor who had finished 2<sup>nd</sup>

This is a competition that will see changes and challengers but Belrose will be up to the challenge in 2016

Now for the player profiles

**ABRAHAMS Beau 2<sup>nd</sup> Row Played 9 games 1 Try** Beau started the season well and showed some extra speed around the rucks After missing a few games through injury played U19's experience this season will make him one to watch in 2016

**BATE Christian Centre Fullback Played 18 Games 17 Tries** Sunshine had a great season 17 tries from 18 games is outstanding but his defence saved many tries.

**BETTS Luke Utility Played 7 games** Another 250 game Belrose player who never let the team down when called up

**BETTS Tom Utility Played 1 game** Called up to play got injured and was out for three months and the team lost the next 9 games. 100% winning form from Tom

**CAMERON Shannon Front row Played 4 Games 1 Try** Many think we could have won the Shield if Rammie had played all season. Injury put him out but proved he can still play

**COOPER Nathan Lock Played 16 games** Coops is a much needed player has the ability to shine in every department This year was not his best but is young enough to play for years and make a difference.

**CURTIS Jimmy Front Row Played 16 games 2 tries** Jimmy came back this year to give the pack a bit of size. Well in his last few games he brought back memories played his 150 game for Belrose this year.



# SYDNEY SHIELD PLAYER PROFILES



**DOMJEN Phil Wing Played 20 games 12 Tries** Phil made the Shield side from last year's A Grade didn't have the speed of a traditional winger backed up well and found the line when others may have not. Solid defender.

**FIELDEN Ryan Full back wing Centre Played 6 Games** KFC (Kieren Foran Cousin) was a find of the season got man of the match against the Seagulls at Rat Park Another to be put out for the season by injury

**GIBBONS Mitchell Half Played 4 games 1 try** A talented player who did well when called upon. Able to give good service to outside backs

**GRIEVE Shem Utility back & forward Played 19 Games 1 try** Shem is still improving and had his best season with Belrose. The most versatile player in the team can fill in from wing to Second Row Always shows 100% effort

**Andrew Halstead Centre Wing Fullback Played 21 games 6 Tries** Another improving player who should be even better next year. Adds size to the backline and is starting to use his size to advantage

**JONES Liam Utility Played 1 Game** Season ended with injury

**LOWE Chris Second Row Played 6 games 1 try** A late signing this former Belrose player was very prominent in the teams late run to the finals

**MAMMONE Alex Front Row played 21 games 6 tries** Outstanding season and the leader of the Pack. A damaging runner and an aggressive brutal defender. Never had a bad game the teams most Valuable Player

**MARANDO Dave Hooker Played 22 games 1 try** This popular player who continues to call all the shots around the rucks. Saved stacks of tries with his last ditch defence. Only player to play all 22 games and still parties better than all at the end

**MATTHEWS Taylor Half | Played 11 games 3 tries 1 field goal** A disappointing season for Taylor got suspended for 2 weeks for a shoulder charge against a bloke twice his size playing for Seagulls

**MAWHINNEY Ryan Wing Centre Played 8 games 2 Tries** Ryan has always been a good player Always plays above his weight. Shone when he got opportunities late in the season

**McKENZIE Alex Five eight Played 6 games 2 tries** A livewire 5/8 who suffered an injury then had to leave overseas. Was missed at the backend of the season. The only player to execute Marando's Mouse Trap

**MORTIMER James Full back Half played 19 games 6 Tries 12 Goals 1 Field Goal** Morts is the glue that holds this team together Has lost a bit of speed but when he came into half back towards the end of the season his ability to read the game & set up gaps improved the whole team.

**MURPHY Corey 2<sup>nd</sup> Row Played 21 games 10 Tries 58 Goals** Another to have a great season settling to 2<sup>nd</sup> row Love to be in trenches with this bloke A great goal kicker as well as a damaging defender still has a centre's step to score tries



# SYDNEY SHIELD PLAYER PROFILES



**NEEDHAM Tom Front Row Played 4 Games** Tommy was not called up to play as many games this year but never let the side down when selected

**NUGENT Matthew Utility Played 5 games** A great clubman always available to help out Shone when the limited opportunities came his way

**PALMER Peter Utility played 2 games** Came to us from North Queensland had couple of games and got injured

**PICKERING BEN Prop Played 21 games 2 tries 300 game** Belrose player who continues to improve Now looks & works like a front rower and can be relied upon to spend good time on the field. 350 games is looking good

**RETI Damian Centre Played 16 games 10 tries** Gifted and much needed player who was relied on a bit too much to break the defensive line. Made more meters than anyone scored some great tries

**ROCHE Bryce Hooker Played 3 games** Bryce is a very young player with ability. Probably tried too hard in this grade Will be better next year after a successful season in U19 years

**ROSSER Scott Five eight Played 15 games 4 tries** Orange boy and a late signing after injuries. Proved a very reliable & capable player His Combination with Morts at the end of the season was vital to the teams late run. Sorry we lost 9 games before he had to learn the silly victory song

**SAUNDERS Adam Second row Played 12 games 3 tries** Saundy is an experienced player who know and reads the game well. Every game you can see him following Marando around the park Still a very solid and much needed second rower

**SAUNDERS Kyle Wing Played 8 games 5 Tries** While Kyle has played many games for Belrose is contracted Manly under 20's. His ability to fine the line and use the sideline makes him a very professional winger. It was good to see him on TV at the Belrose Hotel score a try for Manly in their game against the Tigers to get them to the Grand final playoffs

**SIMS Jordan Second row Played 7 games 1 try** Another under 20 Manly Player who pick up the Man of the Match in one game. His extra speed and solid defence was always a help

**SZEREMTA Ken 2<sup>nd</sup> row Played 8 games 1 try** Kenny was a bit of a surprise packet Came up after some good performances in A Grade to be selected Never stop trying in defence and made meters with the ball

**TUITUPOU Josh Centre Played 5 Games** Josh who was in our 2013 premiership side came back this year. Just when he was showing a bit of form got injured at put out for the season

**WINNELL Brenton 2<sup>nd</sup> Row played 5 games 1 try** Another late signing from Morts Orange connection and another who was put out for the season through injury





# SYDNEY SHIELD PLAYER PROFILES



## LINDSAY SPENCER MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

Alex Mammone

## BEST & FAIREST

Damian Reti

## BEST BACK

Christian Bate

## BEST FORWARD

Corey Murphy

## COACHES AWARD

Shem Grieve

Eric Galloway





# A GRADE COACH'S REPORT

## A Grade 2015 – The Stanza Report

A Grade this year, a good year, considering the injuries we had.

Apart from the run of the mill injuries we had some terrible ones. Jake Layton and Cam Wall's broken legs and Jonesy and Coshy's shoulders, but somehow we still made Second Grade Grand Final. Not the First Grade we talked about, but we still came together at the back of the season.

A Grade is a tough side to coach. The worst part is players going up and not knowing who you have from week to week. The best part of coaching this side is seeing guys go up to Shield and playing well. Like Kenny and Kyle. They took their opportunity, played great footy and stayed there. Well done boys. I think most of our side played up there at least once during the year, apart from the two old blokes, Missy and I.

We struggled for most of the year with numbers, but our saviours were the Under 19's. They always helped, even when they were struggling with their own numbers, so thank you very much from me and the boys.

Next year looks very good for the Belrose club and A Grade. We have some good young players coming up from the 19's. If we keep the guys from this year I think we will be playing the 1<sup>st</sup> division Finals.

I would like to thank everyone that was involved with helping me this year both on and off the field. Our trainers Liam Alder, Blair (Ralphy) Dixon and Liam Jones. Also Scott Collins, Mark Abrahams and Paul (Goso) Gosling.

My assistant coach Brock Reti and the man that couldn't be replaced Mr Tom Nugent. Thank you very much.

There is one person I haven't mentioned and that is Sue Alder. She has been the heart and sole of the Senior Squads, forever. She's our Mum, she is our rock. She works tirelessly to make sure we are ready to play every week. From organising our gear, to strapping and making sure we look after our injuries and then running the water. Suey, you will be missed terribly but let it be known, I love you and all the boys too. Thank you so much for everything you are the best.

Scott Hanley  
(Captain / Coach)





# A GRADE TEAM REPORT

## BRLFC 2015

### A Grade

53 players registered to represent Belrose A Grade by the end of the season.

Of those 18 only took to the field once.

The remaining 35 managed the following for the Belrose Eagles A Grade.

Best and Fairest: Sam St George-Cox

Best Forward: Luke Betts

Best Back: Mitchell Gibbons

Coaches Award: Michael Higgins

Scott Wildash Trophy: Scott Hanley

Congratulations gentlemen.

We scored 200 points for the season, with 41 tries and 18 conversions.  
(48 points less than last year)

We had 376 points scored against us. (20 less than last year)

Of the 16 games we played, we won 4.

In the regular season 3 and 1 in the Semi's, yet made the Grand Final.

**An A2 Grand Final. Result: Avalon 14 - Belrose 12**

Most Games:	Scott (Stanza) Hanley			All 16 of them
	Luke Betts and Sam St George-Cox			15 games
	Michael Higgins, Jake Layton and Mat Nugent			14 games
	Mitch Ballard, Mitch Gibbons, Hayden L'Estrange			
	Brock Reti, Ken Szeremeta and Laz Tekuleka			12 games
Leading point scorers:	Jake Layton	3 tries.	16 goals.	44 points
	Beau Abrahams	4 tries.		16 points
	Kevin Reed	4 tries.		16 points
Percentage Kicks:	Jake Layton	16/22		72.7% (2014 - 75.6%)
	Kyle Saunders	2/2		100.0%
	Scott Hanley (0/4), Tom Needham (0/1)			
	Mitch Gibbons (0/1) and Damian Reti (0/1)			0.0%



## A GRADE TEAM REPORT

Players Sin Binned: 4 off Stanza (4 times), Hayden L'Strange, Tom Betts and Damo.

Players that moved up to Sydney Shield:

Congratulations to Phil Domjen, Kyle Saunders, Tom Needham, Ryan Mawhinney, Charles Buttrose and Ken Szeremeta on a regular or semi regular basis's. Also to Luke Betts, Mat Nugent and anybody else who helped.

The team would like also to thank our sponsors Smart and McKenzie Real Estate, Altrex and The Belrose Hotel 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 Mark Sodden and the boys from the Under 19's, who played up when needed. Which was often.

My personal thanks too, to Dave Paterson. Assistant to the Manager, Photographer and all round Legend.

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

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

**"Next Year"**

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## A GRADE PLAYER PROFILES

### **Ryan Mawhinney - 6 games A Grade, (180 total plus S/S), 3 tries**

Came and went during the year, what with injuries and Shield duties. Consistently good. Can't ask for more than that.

### **Kevin Reed – 6 games, (6 total), 4 tries.**

Joined us in round 3 and had 5 games out on the wing. Returned for the GF. Worked hard every game, mostly trying to understand the rules and bagged 4 tries for his efforts. Apparently it's not that complicated.

### **Anton Wright - 3 games, (3 total)**

First year with Belrose, Anton got busted in the trials, disappeared for a while and returned at the business end of the season. A very handy Centre. Look forward to a whole season next year.

### **James Eaton - 8 games ( total), 1 try**

Returned from an apparent "career ending" injury of 3 years ago, because "He couldn't stand it any longer". Made up for any lost time immediately and was always strong out wide.

### **Laz Tekuleka - 14 games (26 total), 1 try.**

Second season. Even keener, if that's possible.

### **Charles Buttrose - 7 games A Grade, plus S/S (201 total), 3 tries**

Turns up, plays his socks off, goes away. Repeat. Thankful for what we get.

### **Jake Layton - 14 games. (101 total), 3 tries and 16 goals**

Was having a great season at 5/8, until.... Hopefully not career ending.

### **Mitchell Gibbons – 12 games. (57 total) 3 tries**

The player that the opposition learn to hate. Gibbo makes sure of it and it doesn't take him long. Best Back.

### **Michael Higgins - 15 games, (192 total),**

Another solid season only missed the one game. Always at training, always at the bar. Hence the Coaches Award.

Old guys do it better.

### **Scott Hanley - 16 games, (118 total), 2 tries, 4 Sin Bin's (Record)**

Likes an extra 10 minute break most games, which the ref is happy to give, mainly for the peace and quiet. Pest.

### **Mat Nugent - 14 games A Grade, 3 games S/S (150 total) 1 try**

Finished his travelling, was promoted to prop for most of the season. Enjoyed the change?

### **Sam St George-Cox – 15 games. ( total) 2 tries**

Strong season, start to finish. Best and Fairest covers the effort. Well done Coxy!





## A GRADE PLAYER PROFILES

### **Tom Betts - 7 games (238 total), 2 tries.**

Now a regular in A Grade, ripped in the first 2 games and fractured an eye socket, at Shield. Returned round 11 and got straight back into it.

### **Luke Betts – 15 games, plus S/S (250 total plus) 3 tries**

Mr Consistent. Played almost every game, got a few promotions into SS. Big effort for first year in A Grade.

Best Forward

### **Tom Needham - 11 games A Grade + games Shield, (300 + SS). 1 try**

Congratulations Tommy. That's all, Congratulations, 300 times.

### **Ken Szeremeta - 12 games, plus S/S (46 + total) 3 tries**

Kung Fu or Karate Kenny, (That's stereotyping), played as much Shield as he did A Grade. Damn fine effort.

### **Brocke Reti - 12 games, (18 total)**

Doubled the number of games played last year. Considering he was only going to help Stanza out this year, he's proved he's hopeless at quitting.

### **Hayden L'Estrange – 12 games, ( total) 1 try**

Gave us a couple of games last year out of the 19's and became a handy regular this year, if only to keep Stanza company in the Sin Bin.

### **Cameron Dwyer – 8 games, (8 total)**

First year, not just with Belrose but ever. "Hot and Dangerous" fast became the catch cry that defined Cam!

On the field and off! Looking forward to more next year.

### **Luke Jermyn – 4 games, (4 total)**

Had to use Police records to identify Luke as eligible to play. Thank goodness for Mug Shots.

### **Kyle Saunders – 5 games, (5 total) 2 tries, 2 goals**

Player the first 5 games and got scouted by Mort's. Our loss, Shield's gain. Big effort for us in the finals. Thanks.

### **Mitch Ballard – 12 games, (12 total) 1 try**

Was Mister 9 out of 10. Training, Game day, always there. Last game .....? (Over seas kills us.)





## A GRADE PLAYER PROFILES

### Under 19's

Beau Abrahams: 3 games. Shield, A Grade and Under 19's. In that order. (4 tries)

Cody Abrahams: 5 games.

Daniel Martin: 8 games.

Bryce Roche: 8 games.

Christian Anderson: 2 games.

Ben Georgas: 4 games.

Andy Layton: 6 games.

Cameron Wall: 1 game.

Tragically broke his leg helping out in the Memorial game against Christian Bros.

### Others:

Jack Cosh - 1 game A Grade + 1 game Shield, (203 total)

Liam Jones - 1 game Shield, (131 total)

Nathan Garnham - 1 games A Grade, (220 total)

### Shield Players:

Christian Bate, Damian Reti, Phil Domjen, Ben Pickering, Nathan Cooper, Chris Lowe, David Marando and Peter Palmer.





## UNDER 19s COACH'S REPORT

Wow, what a strange year!...

Round 1, forfeit due to lack of numbers. Round 2, Bye (Neil resigns) Round 3, Harry rings me during that week and says we are without a coach, can you do it and we can give it one last shot at getting a team. We put together a list of 'definites', 'possibles' and 'long shots'....lots of texting and phone calls, and that weekend we had 13 players. Not only did we have a team but we won beating Asquith at Asquith where I saw what was to be one of the biggest hits of the season when Cody Abrahams nearly killed this poor winger. I said to the boys "winning is magnetic"....win the games and players will come (sounds like 'Field of Dreams' ). Low and behold we kept winning and more players kept joining. Though we ended up having 25 players on our roster and not to mention the six U/17s, who played for us at some stage, most weeks we were scratching to get 13 or 14 guys still. A big thanks must go to Tom Collins for being our chief recruitment officer and getting lots of guys to help out at different stages. Shaun Daly, who was one of the original players for this team starting in U/6s, was not only a very welcome and handy late addition to our team but he also did his share of recruiting too getting some of his rugby mates to help out. We went on to be beaten by only one team all year. More about that later...

First training session I asked everyone 'what positions do you play and what is your preference?' then we just molded things from there. Training sessions are an obvious vital part of the teams success and being U/19s, guys have varying commitments like work, TAFE, other training, so we did our best with who we had. I must thank Tom Collins, Josh Thornton, Benny Georgas, Charlie Soden, Cody Abrahams, Andy Layton, Daniel Martin, Josh Smith and Christian Anderson for hardly missing a session, fantastic guys. Sometimes this is a good thing as you get to spend a little more time with each player and work on parts of their game that we can improve, and the improvements were very pleasing. I believe in trying to make each player the best they can be, giving them confidence to do it and when playing, if they do their best and we lose, I can live with that. Having said that, not one player can be accused of 'not having a go". This attitude makes a coach smile.

A few of the team were asked to help out in A grade and because they did such a good job, were asked at every opportunity. Christian Anderson was getting better each game and had his opportunity to help out against a pretty tough Christian Brothers midway through the season. He went very well and came off with a big smile on his face. Footy is about being challenged and Christian more than handled his.

Before I go any further, I said few times what a great bunch of guys we had in our team. And I will say it again. I will never say something for the sake of saying something....and everyone of them were a pleasure to be around and a true credit to their families.

Players came and went and came again, but there was a core that were there all the time. These people know who they are and came to each game smiling ready to attack who ever was wearing







## UNDER 19 COACH'S REPORT

the opposing colours. Josh Martin, Daniel Martin and Andy Layton were fantastic every game and to each of their credit, could've been given man of the match but all three didn't need an award to perform. they did it time after time. Andy isn't allowed to go skiing ever again during the season, but if he does, he needs to not worry about other people's safety that ski in his way because he did his ACL doing just that. My advice... just run over them next time....and tell them that my coach told me to. It's funny how one door closes and another one opens. The week Andy did his knee, we were gifted with a new player to our team who'd been playing up in the higher grades and is part of the Canterbury Bulldogs system, Bryce Roche. Bryce was a big part of our finals charge....and had Andy's good mates saying..."Andy who...?"

The only side to beat us during the season was a very arrogant Avalon side. We knew they were the team to beat and we had to improve and change a few things if we were to do so. We were also fortunate to have Beau Abrahams join us, who like Bryce had been playing up higher. I happily stole him from A grade but Stanza wasn't very impressed, to say the least. We changed what we had to change, though, as we didn't have good numbers at training for most of the year, it had to be simple and effective and it was. We played Avalon at Avalon with all their ferrals present, in the first major semi with 14 players which soon turned into 13 after Jordan Thomas (who if you had 13 Jordans on the field, you'd never lose) hurt his ankle very badly., and if Jordy's hurt, he's hurt. Anyway, we gave it to them and kept giving it to them. They truly didn't know what hit them, they had to use everyone of their 19 odd players. Marto doing 2 hit ups a set. Dlad, Kurtis and Cody hitting them with everything. Beau was terrorising them on the edge. Bryce's all round dummy half game was great, Tom's organising, Jake getting us going forward brilliantly. Charlie, Benny and Keia (who'd just played a full game in U/17s) were busy helping out the forwards at any chance and Shaun was covering any holes....it was one of those ding dong games where there's nowhere to hide and we weren't hiding. Basically we gave it to them. 16 all. 2 minutes to go, Tom slots a field goal beautifully then, for some god only knows, reason, the referee disallows it. Very very strange/wrong decision. But after all they are Manly junior league refs, so anything is possible. I've never been so proud of a bunch of guys. Sometimes you can win without winning!!

The final against South Gosford (Berowra) was a dominant display where we brutalised them, which was great because we had many scores to settle with them. Three highlights of this game for me was 1. Benny Georgas diving to catch a ball from the kick off that you wouldn't see many first graders attempt. 2. Jake Morrison absolutely steam rolled the big mouth hair bear front rower, leaving him on the ground wondering what actually hit him and 3. Straight after that Josh Martin, Daniel Martin and Beau Abrahams were racing each other off the line to get the first person who ran the ball up. I'd never seen this before but loved it. We beat them very convincingly in more ways than one.





## UNDER 19 COACH'S REPORT

Now back to the Avcats again and the grand final. We knew we had their measure and so did they. It was always going to be a close one and all we needed was a fair deal from the referee, and that was never going to happen!! Before the game I asked Bevan could I approach him to get some clarification on his interpretation of a few rules and one was how the markers should be standing, trying to draw his attention to Avalon getting out too early and you wouldn't want to know, they got away with murder out of there. It was disgraceful not to mention all the other 'leg ups' he gave them. Still we hung in there and competed well but every time we looked threatening something else caused him to put the whistle in his skinny little mouth. They had enough field position and ball to win two grand finals. I must say though, this is where lack of numbers at training consistently came back to haunt us. Tough, determined and gutsy will only get you so far....we didn't have the attacking polish we needed when we had our opportunities. Everyone tried hard but it wasn't to be. We went down 10-8. There was a big empty feeling for everyone as we truly knew we could've done it. Shaking the opposition coach's hand, he said to me..."we didn't deserve that win today" and I said "yes I know you didn't". But they had more points on the board at the final whistle. In the end, it was a great season with a great bunch of guys and I had great help. From no team to arguably the best team.....all I can say is, wow what a strange year, and I loved every second of it.

Now the thank yous....

Harry it was your passion and enthusiasm to give it one last shot and it worked. He's been with this side for the last 9 years and saw them right through to the end. Your commitment and dedication to this team over all the years is exceptional and your help for me was so appreciated.

Dave White, lives in Narrabeen, doesn't have a boy playing in the team and never missed a training or a game. Your happy positive demeanor is welcome in my company any day of the week. Thanks mate.

Dave Patterson, again doesn't have a son playing in the team, this year, but was our manager and organiser who did a brilliant job. Every time I thanked him for his help, he'd say no Mark it's my pleasure and thank you for having me.

All three of these gents were there for the boys with no agenda just wanting the best for the team. All were positive, happy and a pleasure to be around. Forming a team and winning games just doesn't happen, great people like this make it happen.

Lastly to the board, canteen staff, bar staff, people on the BBQ and all of the other people who work tirelessly for free so we can have a great club and the boys get to play footy, you're all wonderful. Thanks for making the club, the club.

Mark Soden





## UNDER 17s COACH'S REPORT

The 2015 season was many things. It was exciting, frustrating, challenging and above all, longer than expected. In early March when we were getting five guys to preseason training, our chances of fielding a team looked dire. To the boy's credit, they recruited hard and we managed to put together a really talented team. We welcomed a couple of new guys to the club as well as the return of some familiar faces.

The season started off in reasonably strong fashion, as we won 2 of our first 3 games, with victories against Avalon and Asquith. However in the middle part of the season, the struggle was real! We dealt with a number of injuries to crucial players and ran out with 11 or 12 for what felt like the majority for the year. Although we were playing far from our best footy, we lost 7 games by eight points or less. We were in almost every match, we just couldn't quite run teams down with the number of players we had. We lost quite a few games, a number of teeth but never our will to fight. To be honest, it would've been easy to pull up the stumps and call it a day. But that's never been how this team operates. We closed out the seasons with wins against Asquith and Narraweena to clinch what seemed like the most unlikely of finals berths. Unfortunately our season ended to eventual premiers Avalon in the semi's but it was an amazing effort to make it as far as we did with the resources we had.

This team has won a premiership and been a perennial finals contender for a number of years. Yet I can honestly say that this year is up there with the proudest I've been of the boys. It's draining and challenging to get up for games each week with 11 guys or occasionally a few more. To not only compete but to contend like we did is a great achievement. I'm pretty sure I say this every season and I'll say it again... It is a pleasure coaching this footy team. We have an outstanding group of guys who are really close knit and love playing for each other. It's not a chore going to training in the middle of winter; it's something I look forward to.

I'd like to finish off by thanking our great support team. Brad Martin does an outstanding job as assistant coach and trainer. He's an integral part of what we do. Also, to Brownly for his role as trainer and organising a lot off the field. Thanks to Sue Martin for her amazing work as team manager, often a thankless job. Finally, to Mr Dave Bailey who won the award for the most trainings attending (and that's including the playing group). A big congratulations also goes to those guys who surpassed 100 games for the club this season. Keia Maino, Josh Moi Moi, Isaac Arnold, Jack Hogarth and Luke Hurditch all reached that milestone in 2015.

Another season in the books; bring on the next one.

Luke Grant





## UNDER 15s COACH'S REPORT

Well 2015 started for us as usual losing 8 players from last years squad of 20, luckily we were able to recruit 5 new and ex players so we started the year with a squad of 17. Again we did some preseason training at Collaroy and Warriewood Beaches, which I'm convinced assists with our early season fitness as we played quite well in our trial matches and early games. This season was extremely frustrating for us as we seemed to get a lot of luck - all bad. We sustained some serious injuries and illness, wet weather and forfeits against us to name a few. Regularly we struggled for numbers at training which made gelling as a team difficult and the first part of the season we struggled to get 13 on game day. Luckily we managed to borrow a couple of guys from the u 14's which helped us greatly. Half way through the season we gained another player which relieved a bit of the pressure. Leading into the semi finals we had about a 50-50 win/loss ratio so we ended up finishing fourth. Not too bad with the season we had so far. Going into the elimination semi we were reasonably confident of progressing to the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of the semis as we had beaten Harbord twice through the year. Alas no joy as Harbord won a close game of 20-16. A disappointing result for us.

I can't say we didn't try as all of our guys busted their guts to get victory. Individually we have some serious talent in our squad but we do need to learn how to play better as a team which in the end was probably our downfall.

In concluding, I certainly hope all or most of our guys return for next year for another crack at the title. Also we have our big trip to New Zealand at the end of the season. Stick together boys as you deserve a change of fortune and maybe next year is your year.

Now I must make a few thanks. Firstly to all the parents who helped in canteen and on BBQ all the dads who ran the line on game day. Next up is Darren Chignell who is our hydration technician and Sean Wilson who is our Chief First Aid Officer both of you blokes show great professionalism performing your duties which is unrivalled on the Northern Beaches in any code or sport.

This season I was lucky enough to gain the services of Leum Jones as assistant/co-coach. Leum also plays in our A-grade/Sydney Shield teams. He brought his knowledge and experience with him and passed plenty on to our boys which I'm sure all of them benefited greatly (especially the Malcolm's) Cheers mate and thanks for your help you were awesome.

Last but not least is Kylie Chignell – even though it took some convincing she took on the role of our manager and what a great job she has done. Kylie and her staff did not miss a beat. She is full of passion for this team which shone through to all of us. If all the boys played with her passion I think we would be undefeated. Thanks so much Kylie you are brilliant. That's all from me best wishes to all thanks Griffo.

Dean Griffith



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## UNDER 15s PLAYER PROFILES

### Lachlan Alcock

**Previous Game 0, 2015 Games – 12, total 12 Tries- 0, 0 – goals**

Lachy is a new guy to our team and code this year saying that he is a more than handy second rower. He has plenty of speed and strength and aggression. He also was willing to learn and got better each week. Great first year mate.

### Aiden Begaud

**Previous Game 117, 2015 Games – 8, total 125 Tries- 0, 0 – goals**

Aido has had an up and down year this year. He suffered from some back injuries for the first 2/3 of the year and his confidence suffered a bit. But when he put a few games together near the end he started to show how good he is.

### Josh Chignell

**Previous Game 47, 2015 Games – 12, total 59 Tries- 10, 28 – goals – 96 points**

Josh is our captain and he is a great leader. This year he moved from the front row to 5/8 for the balance of the team. I'm not sure he was 100% happy about this but never whinged once. He always puts in his best effort wherever he plays. He has a happy knack and determination to find the try line and is a great team man. Great job mate.

### James Beange

**Previous Game 105, 2015 Games – 9, total 114 Tries-0, 0 – goals**

James or Sid as the boys call him slimmed down over the off season and looked a little light to play in the forwards again and after 1 tackle he proved me wrong again. This guy is a serious tackling machine and is very conscious of not making a mistake and punishes himself mentally if he does. Hey mate forget about it, make up for it and move on. He's a great player and a great guy.

### Cooper Devries

**Previous Game 33, 2015 Games – 6, total 39 Tries- 1, 0 – goals – points 4**

Big Coop is as tough as they come. He broke his thumb in the 2<sup>nd</sup> game and played 20 minutes before revelling this fact to the medical staff. Unfortunately he then missed the next 6 games but came back and played the last month. His tackling style is a bit different to most but more than effective. Hope to see more of you next year.

### Aaron Fogarty

**Previous Game 15, 2015 Games – 12, total 27 Tries- 17, 0 – goals – points 68**

Aaron as you can tell loves nothing more than scoring tries. He is a serious ball runner and when in the clear almost impossible to stop. In saying this he also has shown he possesses a good offload and set up a few tries also. He is also very aggressive in defence. Super year mate can't wait to see you do it again next season.

### Kyle Fogarty

**Previous Game 14, 2015 Games – 12, total 26 Tries- 8, 0 – goals – points - 32**

Kyle prefers to play in the forwards and is more than handy second rower but I prefer him as an outside back so when he received a few shoulder problems he was OK to go out wide and straight away it showed as he ended up scoring some great tries and is tough to get around in defence. Hope to see you back next year.





## UNDER 15s PLAYER PROFILES

### Charlie Griffith

**Previous Game 148, 2015 Games – 12, total 160 Tries- 7, 0 – goals – points - 28**

Charlie played lock this year and he thrived from it. He still continues to tackle anything in his way but his running game came to the fore. Every time he ran he would make ½ or full breaks and only desperate last minute defence stopped him scoring more tries this year. There's no stopping those sturdy legs once they get going! Great season mate and you'll only be better next year.

### Declan Montgomery

**Previous Game 0, 2015 Games – 7, total 7 Tries- 0, 0 – goals**

Dec's came to us from rugby via the twins. He started mid way through the year when we were down on troops. Dec's is a front rower who was quickly learning our code. He cemented his spot early and wasn't going to give it up. He was easily the hardest tackler in our team and gave us plenty of starch up front. He really seemed to enjoy himself getting mixed up in the tough stuff. We need you next year mate.

### Riley O'Connell

**Previous Game 31, 2015 Games – 11, total 42 Tries- 3, 0 – goals – points - 12**

Riley easily had this best season. He really took it upon himself to step up in the forwards when Chiggers moved to the backs. He is very passionate about his game and the team. Defensively he is as good as anyone but his bull like charges with the ball were a standout as was his massive work rate. Riley was always voted for in our players player award each week which means his peers also noticed all the hard work he put in. Awesome year buddy.

### Baden Shepherd

**Previous Game 25, 2015 Games – 12, total 37 Tries- 7, 0 – goals points - 28**

Baden came back this year and he really excelled. I think he enjoyed his role as our fullback as he scored some great tries. He possesses plenty of speed and is extremely strong. He often saved our bacon in defence also. Great job mate can't wait to see you power on again.

### Shaun Stavropolous

**Previous Game 0, 2015 Games – 11, total 11 Tries- 0, 0 – goals**

Shaun in his first year of league was initially very shy but he started to relax and improved each week. He mostly played wing but was keen to learn. I hope Shaun fills out but during the off season as he does understand the game well and will only be better next year.

### Josh Stracey

**Previous Game 139, 2015 Games – 12, total 151 Tries- 0, 0 – goals**

Josh like Charlie played his 150<sup>th</sup> game for the club. An excellent achievement mate. Now Josh plays mostly second row and does know his role – he tackles hard and doesn't shy away from running the ball either. He is a great team man. Super work Josh.

### Harry Thompson

**Previous Game 0, 2015 Games – 11, total 11 Tries- 0, 0 – goals**

Harry joined us from rugby and mostly played wing or centre and each week showed us he has plenty to offer. His best qualities are his speed and willingness to get involved where he could. He scored the best team try of the season early on in the trial match. Great to have you around thanks Harry.





## UNDER 15s PLAYER PROFILES

### **Mitch Watman**

**Previous Game 13, 2015 Games – 11, total 24 Tries- 0, 0 – goals**

Mitch in his second year with us showed what he learned last year. Now there isn't much of him but he is more than reliable to get his job done. I certainly hope Mitch becomes better than reliable and involves himself a bit more as I think he is better than he does. Well done Mitch.

### **Jack Wilson**

**Previous Game 163, 2015 Games – 11 total 174 Tries- 7, 2 – goals points - 32**

Jack was our hooker this year and he excelled. In this role his defence was the best I've ever seen from him. His service from dummy ½ was great and he scored a few sneaky tries as well. He looked the fittest I've seen him and backed up regularly. Jack really reads the game well. Great year mate.

### **Liam Wolfgramm**

**Previous Game 0, 2015 Games – 5, total 5 Tries- 0, 0 – goals**

Liam in his first year with us showed he can play, unfortunately he had a bad finger injury so had an interrupted season. Liam is the biggest of our players so he needs the fitness at training more than anyone. We definitely didn't see the best of him but hope his luck changes next year.

### **Adam Wyard**

**Previous Game 25, 2015 Games – 10, total 35 Tries- 3, 6 – goals – 24 points**

Adam is our ½ back and with Chiggers organises the team well. He plays as hard as anyone and as tough. Adam owns plenty of speed and agility with his determination regularly gets him through the defensive line. Adam's ball playing really improved this year and put many guys through holes. His competitiveness is his greatest asset. Great job Adam.

Liam Fitzgerald - 2 games  
Mitchell Grey - 1 Game  
Lachlan Don - 1 Game

These three boys from the U14's helped us out when we desperately needed them throughout the year and we certainly appreciated their assistance. Well done and well played thanks guys.

Best and Fairest	Riley O'Connell
Best Back	Aaron Fogarty
Best Forward	Charlie Griffith
Players Player	Riley O'Connell





## UNDER 15s PLAYER STATS

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UNDER 15'S 2015 PLAYERS STATS							
						up to 2014	end of 2015
JUMPER #	NAME	U15 Tries	U15 Goals	U15s Game	2015 Total Team Points	PREV. CLUB GAMES	TOTAL CLUB GAMES
1	Jack Wilson	7	2	11	32	148	159
2	Mitch Watman			11		13	24
3	Aaron Fogarty	17		12	68	15	27
4	Aidan Begaud			9		117	126
5	Baden Shepherd	7		12	28	-	12
6	Josh Chignell	10	28	12	96	47	59
7	Adam Wyard	3	6	10	24	25	35
8	Cooper Dreves	1		6	4	33	39
9	Josh Stracey			12		139	151
10	Riley O'Connell	3		11	12	31	42
11	Kyle Fogarty	8		12	32	14	26
12	James Beange			9		105	114
13	Charlie Griffith	7		12	28	148	160
14	Harry Thompson			11		-	11
15	Lachlan Alcock			12		-	12
16	Liam Wolgramm			5		-	5
17	Shaun Stavropolous			11		-	11



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## UNDER 14 MAROON TEAM REPORT

This 2015 season was another extremely successful season both on and off the field. We welcomed four new players to the club – Jordan McLean, Mitch Van den berg, Rohan Jerath & Jack Boxall as well as welcoming back Zak Power. We had a special milestone game for Luke Sully who celebrated 100 games for Belrose. Congratulations Luke - it is a marvellous achievement and I commend you on your commitment to the Belrose Eagles.

What a crazy year it turned out to be for this side. It was a rollercoaster ride that saw us bow out in the first round of the semi-finals. This year we finished the season proper in third spot on the table – with ten wins and four losses. During the season we had a win over every other team in the competition so we know we could compete well in the semi's.

We faced Mona Vale in week one of the finals and unfortunately we did not play our best footy in the first half. After being down 10 – 0 after four minutes (and not yet touching the ball) and then 16 to 0 after 8 minutes the boys fought back to trail 16 – 10 five minutes before half-time. But two very soft late tries saw us in a big hole at half time. We showed a lot of fighting spirit in the second half, but the bird had flown, and we were beaten 34 – 20. We must learn our lessons from that game and be smarter and better prepared next year. In fairness to our effort, Mona Vale did go on to win the competition and no other team got any closer to them than we did in our semi-final.

Onto some thank-you's - Simon Molyneux– we do not survive without your efforts with these boys. All the hours you spend helping myself is what clubs and teams are built on. Your opinions and views I rely on heavily to make the best decisions for this team of boys. However I am still not sure whether you rank higher than your wife in the team support staff structure.

Manager Moly – what a star. Michelle stepped up to a role that is not well sought after and has done a superb job. Your efforts all year long with emails, organising home game canteen/bbq and game day sign-on's and most importantly support to me as both a friend and coach, in at times trying circumstances, will never be forgotten and always appreciated. Thank you

Big thanks to Karen Abraham who did the table manager gig on game day for the team as well as doing canteen shifts for both the U9's and the U14's – you are a true star in my book and teams only exist when the likes of yourself pitch in – great job Karen and much appreciated. Thanks again to Carmen & Stu Don for their First Aid & Trainer roles on game day through the whole year (even when their son was out injured) – we do not play without your help too.

Thank-you again to all the parents, who support their boys and allow them to play the greatest game of all. Your support and friendliness makes it all worthwhile Thanks for all your efforts on canteen/BBQ.



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To the boys, yet another really enjoyable year and I hope you had a bit of fun along the way. You worked hard during the year – it was a tough one with a stack of injuries but you showed real team spirit with minimal numbers at times and that provided you with many highs along the way. I really hope you all return again next year so we can do it all over again.

Thank-you again to the club & board members for allowing me to coach the Under 14's this year. This has been another positive year for the club and I hope the success on and off the field continues for many years to come.

Tim Fitzgerald

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**James Mirabito** – This season had patches of inspiration from Jimmy. With continued attention to his fitness, core skills & running game James will reap some major benefits. No doubt the highlight this year was his snapping tackle on his rival big man from the Mona Vale pack in the semi-final – I did not see many better tackles all year. Keep up the good work James and we will see you again next year.

**Mitch McCombe** – Another very strong season from Mitch which saw him play a combination of wing & second row. He unfortunately had to sit out a number of games late in the season with a broken finger and returned for the semi-finals. My advice would be to remain confident, get yourself more involved with the ball and back your own ability – you have plenty of it.

**Joel Halliday** – In his second year of footy Joel again was unfortunately plagued by injuries. Moving to the forwards this year Joel started the year very consistently and was one of our form forwards until injury struck. The second half of the year was tough as he was out for an extended period with a nasty teeth knock sustained against Narrabeen (where he showed true courage to play on as we had limited numbers) & then close to the semi-finals did a tendon in his shoulder that again outed him and prevented him from being fully fit for the semi. Well done Joel on sticking out a tough year.

**Zak Power** – We welcomed back Zak about two thirds of the way through the season. He answered an SOS call when we were really struggling with injuries and really appreciated him returning. He had lost none of his attacking prowess – his tall athletic frame enables him to cover the ground and by running good angles he is a real asset in attack. This also allows him to play many positions in either the forwards or backs. Thanks again Zak & I hope to have you running around again for us for all of next season.



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**Jack Boxall** – Jack was another who answered a call to help us out late in the season and he starred. He played centre and wing for us in the four games he played and excelled. His defence was superb in all games as he made a great transition to league from Union. He was good in attack with limited opportunities but he showed he has a great step & is prepared to get in and have a run when things are tough. Great to meet & welcome you to the club Jack & I hope you return next year where we will get you in closer to the action.

**Jack Begaud** – Jack again gave his all for the Eagles this year, playing some inspirational games and contributing week-in and week-out. Jack played a key role in our forward pack and whilst a lot of what Jack does is not spectacular it is certainly noticed by the coaching staff & appreciated. On his day, Jack's tackling technique is excellent and it inspires the players around him Congratulations on another successful year with the Eagles Jack and hope to see you in the mighty Eagles colours again next year.

**Sam Legeyt** – It was a shortened season for Sam this year. Due to other commitments he decided to withdraw from the team in the middle of the season. Up until that point Sam had contributed to the team in a variety of positions and had performed capably. Good luck in whatever future sports you play Sam.

**Will Bassett** – Will continued to excel in his second year with the Eagles. Moving him to the fullback position concerned me early as his presence in the front line may have been missed (especially in defence). However, Will took to it like a duck to water and was again our most potent weapon in attack. He did not miss a beat and involved himself at every opportunity. His defence was superb, saving many a try through the year & included the best tackle I have seen in a long, long time against Avalon at Hitchcock Park. Will knows he needs to work on his on-field discipline which let himself & the team down on a couple of occasions this year – leave the refs along and keep it positive Will. Great year Will – you played great football all year long & were deservedly rewarded with selection in the representative side for the area.

**Beno Anderson** – This year was a very successful season for Beno in which he played every game. He started the year in the halves but moved to the dummy half role in the second half of the year. Beno showed some real touches of class out of there and when he goes to the line and delivers he causes havoc in amongst the opposition defensive line – the more he does that the better player he will become. His defence whilst on the improve will get better with more confidence – he can tackle but needs to commit to each tackle. Beno also kicked some handy goals for us this year which is another string to his bow. Another fine year Beno, one that you should be proud of.

**Lachlan Molyneux** – 'Rabbits' had a great season this year – leading the team around the park every week and playing with real passion. He was the 'go-to' man in attack, setting up many attacking raids and his combination with Beno & Fitz continued to improve as the season progressed. The reason we played some attractive footy and scored some great team tries was in no small part due to his involvement & by the end of the year he was starting to take on the defensive line which not only makes him a dangerous player but helps our attack immensely. 'Rabbits' played every game this year, and in a year where we struggled with injuries and numbers, I greatly appreciate his commitment to this team & would pick him as my halfback over any other halfback in the competition.





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**Jordan McLean** – A new player to the club in 2015, Jordan fitted in perfectly from day one. It is often tough coming to a new club and making an impact but Jordan was able to do so right from the start. He was keen in defence and when he was able to get his hands on the football he showed that he had some smart attacking skills to go with him. Unfortunately Jordan suffered a nasty break of his upper arm in round three against Mona Vale which ruled him out up until the week before the semi-finals. Congrats Jordan on a fine first year and we hope to see you back in the red and gold again next year.

**Mitch van den Berg** – Another new player to the club in 2015, Mitch also fitted in perfectly from day one. Mitch had limited Rugby League experience but showed some real potential this year. Footy can be a game of confidence and in games where Mitch backed himself he delivered some big plays. He is one of the larger boys in the team and can slot in anywhere in the field. He predominantly played wing and centre where he made some powerful bursts. With more games under his belt and match fitness I can see Mitch developing into a very handy footballer with the Eagles next year. Well done Mitch.

**James Le Goadec** – James had a slow start to the year – sidelined through a knee complaint for the first part of the season. When he returned James was a bit gun shy & took a few games to find his footy legs again. But when he did get some games under his belt I was thrilled with the progress he made in the second half of the season. James was a contributor in every game and improved his skill level each week – he did a lot of little things well in attack in running straight & backing up. He scored a cracking try in the last round against the Ferrets and was warming up to a big semi-final until unfortunately he cracked a rib playing Rugby and was out for the season. Thanks again James for a quality year

**Lachlan Don** – Lachie can be a game breaker on his day. Lachie started the year in tremendous form scoring seven tries in the first 4 games. Unfortunately footy can be a cruel game and with a minute to go in that 4<sup>th</sup> round game in which he had demolished Avalon he suffered a broken ankle in a tackle when throwing the last pass for a try. After a long lay-off he returned a few games before the semi-finals and was just getting his confidence, form & fitness back when we were eliminated in week one of the semi's. I know it was a frustrating year for you Lachie, but you have a lot of good footy in you in the years to come, so get fit & strong in the off-season and come back full steam ahead in 2016.

**Josh Zotti** – The most improved players this year, Josh has grown into a powerful running forward. Josh has gained a lot of confidence from being able to run hard and straight onto the footy – and opposition defences do not want to deal with him. He is also a much improved defender and his work rate increased ten-fold this year. Josh is a confidence player and needs to back himself each week and you will see him rise to a new level again in 2016. Well done Josh on a great season and I look forward to even further improvement next year.

**Matthew Abraham** – A real consistent year for Matthew this year. Matthew stepped up and played with commitment every week no more evident in his early round game against Mona Vale where he put his body on the line all afternoon against a rampaging opposition. He is another confidence player who played on the wing most of the year for us and showed bravery under the high ball all season and was rewarded with a great try of a bomb in the semi-final against Mona Vale. I really enjoy coaching you Matthew and it is a pleasure to have you on the team bus.



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**Liam Fitzgerald** – The captain of the side Liam led by example all year. He is always busy in the middle of the ruck and he consistently topped the tackle count. Moving to the hard to fill five-eighth role, he developed into a key ball player this year and 'laid-on' some nice balls for support players. He also scored a number of 'meat-pies' late in the season which he certainly let the coach know about! Congrats Liam – fine year my boy.

**Mitchell Gray** – Mitch shows patches of raw power in defence pulling off some of the biggest hits of the year and if he can concentrate even further and commit to every tackle he will mature into a fine player. He underestimates his speed and devastating power in attack – on his day no-one can handle him down the left edge and if he goes searching more for the ball he will be just as powerful all over the park. Mitch was unfortunately unwell and missed the semi-final and we missed him which showed what an important part of the team he is. See you next year Mitch.

**Luke Sully** – Now a one-hundred game veteran Luke is a key member of this footy team. The afternoon that he celebrated his milestone game was without a doubt the highlight of the year for the coach – to see how much it meant to Luke brought a tear to my eye. And we beat those pesky Narrabeen boys as well – it was a great afternoon of footy up at Lionel Watts. Painfully for Luke he suffered a badly broken snoz halfway through the year which had him out for eight weeks – Luke returned a few games before the semi's and picked up where he had left off – being solid in defence and a real weapon in attack. Luke is an integral part of this team who gives his best every week.





# UNDER 14 MAROON PLAYER STATS

No.	NAME	U14'S TRIES	U14'S GOALS	2015 TOTAL POINTS	U14'S GAMES	U15/U13 GAMES	2015 GAMES	PREV.CLUB GAMES	TOTAL CLUB GAMES
1	LUKE SULLY	7	0	28	9		9	98	107
2	LACHIE MOLYNEUX	2	22	52	14		14	72	86
3	MITCHELL GRAY	11	0	44	12	1	13	49	62
4	JORDAN MCLEAN	0	0	0	5		5	0	5
5	MATTY ABRAHAM	1	0	4	13		13	66	79
6	WILL BASSETT	12	0	48	13		13	15	28
7	BENO ANDERSON	2	7	22	14		14	80	94
8	MITCH van den Berg	2	0	8	10		0	0	10
9	JAMES LE GOADEC	1	0	4	7		7	31	38
10	JOSH ZOTTI	6	0	24	14	1	15	79	94
11	LACHLAN DON	10	5	50	8	1	9	70	79
12	JACK BEGAUD	0	0	0	13		13	123	136
13	MITCH MCCOMBE	0	0	0	10		10	58	68
14	LIAM FITZGERALD	7	0	28	13	2	15	123	138
15	JOEL HALLIDAY	4	0	16	10		10	7	17
16	JAMES MIRABITO	0	0	0	13		13	55	68
17	JACK BOXALL	0	0	0	4		4	0	4
18	ZAK POWER	1	0	4	6		6	16	22
19	ROHAN JERATH	0	0	0	6		6	0	6
20	SAM LEGEYT	0	0	0	8		8	51	59



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# UNDER 13 TEAM REPORT



2015 has been an interesting year for our playing squad. We progressed well into international rules this year and the boys really appreciated the step up in game skills required to compete at the U13 level. For the first time with this age group, we ended up with only one team with quite an exodus of our players to private high school commitments. Regardless, we picked up two new players in Dane Ratcliffe and Jordan Leigh this year who slotted straight into our forward group. With all the boys in one team, we had better options and a very close knit playing group. Those players who had only played in a Whites competition ended up with some great experiences playing at a higher level. We did have a range of skills across our group but that made our choice of which position the boys played week to week challenging.

Bill was a great assistant coach this year. He has great ideas on ball plays and really helped keep the boys focused at training and game days. Some of the boys passed a few major milestones this year, Matt Watman, Ryan Stapleton, Sam Rogers, Kieran Sault, Flynn Irvin, Joel Chappelow and Luke Brennan Lamb all achieving 50 games or more for the Club this year. A big milestone for Daniel Dunn achieving over 150 games for the Club is a fantastic example of commitment to the game and his age group. With only one team in the squad, there was not so many opportunities to play additional games this year but these Club milestones are quite an achievement for these boys, particularly Daniel. Kye Lambert was our highest point scorer this year with three tries and nine goals. Kye, along with Joel Chappelow, spent many hours after training this year working on their goal kicking skills. Both boys became rather accurate with their kicking and Kye was able to regularly kick goals from the side line. I only wished for more opportunities on the field for Kye. Ben Watkins was our highest try scorer at eight tries, one at least for the U14.

A number of the boys went early in the season to the Manly U13 Rep training early in the year and the improvement in their skills was very evident. Both Kye Lambert and Ben Watkins made it into the squad to play representative games and Kye went on to play three/four games for the squad. Well done to all the boys who made the effort (and the parents for taking them) as it really developed the boys skills which made a real difference for the team.

## Season in Review

We started the pre-season well with a number of wins. Our first game of the season vs Mona Vale we came back from a 10 nil half time score line to win 14-10 at full time. This win was a stand out for the season, and propelled us into the Maroons level completion. Overall, we managed more success this year with our wins over Narrabeen being the closest. For the first Narrabeen game away, we were nearly robbed at full time with a penalty goal against us. With the ball bouncing off the post and Matt Watman gathering up the loose ball, we were very satisfied with a 2 point win. Our second game vs Narrabeen at home was just as close with a drop ball by Narrabeen at full time securing our two point win. The Club victory song never sounded as sweet with these two wins. Another very comprehensive win was our game against a new comer to the competition, but a strong team, Berowra. Whilst they may not have been at full strength, we needed to play very well to win. The ball skills and game play during this game was a great example of how well the boys developed this year. We made it to the finals at the end of the season, but were bundled out by a strong team in Beacon Hill. The boys made me very proud of them in this game, it wasn't easy but they kept their heads up and kept trying to the end.



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A few of the players moved around positions this year. Matt Hall played a number of games in the halves but was probably at his best as a free range second row/lock player. Adam Mochrie played a fantastic game against Beacon Hill but promptly broke his ankle on a scooter after not following Coaches instructions. Don't tell Adam, but this forced us to move some of the boys around to different positions and it actually made a real improvement in the team, although we sorely missed Adam at centre. We moved Kye Lambert into the halves and he was clearly in the right position and in his element. I hope to be able to really develop his skills in U14s in 2016 as he made real difference to the team effort. We moved Max Gander to fullback and he has real potential there, although he didn't get enough game time to really show what he can do. Our new players, Dane Ratcliffe and Jordon Leigh, matured their skills late in the season, and put in a rewarding effort in their last few games, very noticeable effort from them both when we played Beacon Hill during our last game.

### And of course we must thank....

I can't thank Bill enough for his advice and guidance through the year. We had some funny conversations during game times, but this was clearly because we are both so passionate about our team and the boys on field performances. Bill has a great knowledge of the game and always brings a different approach to game options which keeps us looking for new ways to do things on the field. He had some good drills to run at training and kept the boys looking for better ways of running combinations on the field. Most of all, I thank Bill for keeping me level and focused during game times, which is always difficult when one is caught up in the success or otherwise on the field.

Charles Dunn kept up his commitment as Manager this year. I must say, whilst Charles never leaves you in any doubt as to what he thinks, he was outstanding again this year. His organisational skills are second to none. The trip to Blue Tongue Stadium to watch the Manly resurgence this year was a great experience, my shoulder is still recovering. Whilst not everything went to plan, the boys had a wonderful time and so did the Dads. I know he has a great weekend planned for our Father Son trip this year and I know all the boys are looking forward to it, I encourage all to come.

Ben Lamb spent a lot of time looking after the scores for us through the season and produced some great statistics for me this year. I didn't often publicise these stats but they made a real difference to me in working on the boys' skills and commitment during the games. A short thankyou to Flynn Hall who was there at training every Thursday, your quiet advice at times was insightful and either gave me better options or at least confirmed we were on the right track. Thanks for being there and providing your support.

My thanks to Paul Gander for his continued sponsorship of our team and the Club with PG Electrical once again this year. We all know that sponsorship of our teams is essential for the Club finances each year. Thanks to Paul for his ongoing commitment as it is essential for the support and development of junior rugby league.





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Of course, Bill and I don't get far without the full support of our families of the boys of the squad. It isn't just the Mum's and Dad's that support us, but the commitment to the team impacts generally all family members in one way or another. From a coaching perspective, we have to drill and control the boys at training and game days and I have to say, every parent without exception provided 100% support, no matter what throughout the year. You have all seen me frustrated on the coaching bench, but I have always been encouraged by your comments and encouragement. The Junior Coach of the Year award this year was very satisfying, but I owe it all to the support around me in Bill, Charles, the boys and all the families. We have a great squad and I look forward to all of you returning for U14 in 2016.

**Gary Watman U13 Coach 2015**



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## UNDER 13 PLAYER PROFILES

**Luke Brennan-Lamb.** Games: 10 Total Club Games: 50 Goals: 1  
Utility

Luke spent a few weeks away this year but still managed to rack up 10 club games. He played most of his games at hooker where he can be a difficult player to catch. He can be elusive and has a great step when in defensive traffic. He is only a little guy, but has the skills to match it with the best. He has great focus and is always looking to improve his skills and opportunities. He took on some big guys in defence and was always willing to have a go. He is a great player with some excellent skills, I am keen to see him as part of our squad in 2016. Great year Luke and well done at hooker this year.

**Max Gander.** Games: 10 Total Club Games: 119 Tries: 4  
Second Row, Fullback

Max was always keen to try different things during our games. I managed to get to know Max well this year as I picked him up on the way to training. He gave me some great feedback from the boy's level during our "in car" chats. Again, Max's defence proved his best skill. Rarely did he not top the tackle count for a game. He made a significant difference to our team defensive effort every game. We moved Max to fullback late in the season and he has some abilities here. Max is a real impact player when he runs onto the ball, he can play anywhere on the field, but is exciting to watch when he is in full flight. I hope we can see more of that as part of our backline in 2016. Max, great year.

**Kye Lambert.** Games: 11 Total Club Games 43 Tries: 3 Goals: 9  
Fullback, Five-Eighth

Kye really stepped up his performance this year being one of our most outstanding players. He really benefited from his experience with the Manly Development Squad and he brought this onto the field each game. Kye was superb at fullback and it was his defence that won us our games against Narrabeen and Berowra. We moved Kye to half back late in the year and he was starting to develop in this position. He captained the side for the last few games and I am keen to see him more in control of the game in the halves during 2016. We spent many hours together after training working on his goal kicking, his commitment and focus on this was exceptional, quite a responsibility for the team. But the hours of practice paid off as he was able to kick goals from out wide and made the difference for us to be able to win. Best year yet from Kye Lambert and he is a real asset for his team and the Club. I look forward to seeing you as an essential part of our team in 2016 Kye, simply well done mate.

**Alex Martin.** Games: 10 Total Club Games: 28 Tries 1  
Front row

Alex proved he was a strong player this year, meeting heaps of challenges with some of the bigger and stronger teams in our competition. At times with injured players on the bench, Alex was always committed to getting back on the field and doing his best for the team. Alex's best game was our second game against Christian Brothers. His focus and determination during that game was exceptional. He can really be an impact player when he wants to, I know he is not aware of his own strong abilities. His size and strength will be a real asset to us in 2016 and I look forward to him having another great season in the U14. Well done Alex.



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**Adam Mochrie.**                      **Games: 7 Total Club Games: 90 Tries: 1**  
Centre

Adam's season was cut short during the June/July holidays this year. He broke his ankle on a scooter after the Coach said to keep off them. But this was just Adam and his enthusiasm. His last game was against Beacon Hill at Forestville, late in the game he was sore and sorry for himself and limping with a knock, but, he stood up and made a tackle that saved a try, he made me very proud to be his coach in that moment. He loves playing in the backline, particularly at centre and he of all the players, really makes me see the difference we make to all the boys and their skills. He is a great player to coach and really responds to encouragement. I hope we can keep him on the field for all of 2016 as part of our U14 squad, a shorter season for you Adam but a good one, well done.

**Noah Nevin.**                      **Games: 11 Total Club Games: 25 Tries: 1**  
Centre

Noah, the flying centre. Less opportunities this year to get into the open, but at times he did and we all love seeing him at full flight. Noah's tackling made a real difference for us out wide. Moved from right to left centre this year to bolster our defensive effort and made a difference every game. Noah came back to us before the start of the season and I was glad he did. He made our backline very strong where he played, both in attack and defence. We need to find a way to get him more ball as he is a good player with great skills. He will be able to go one better in 2016 in the U14, I am keen to provide Noah the option of playing elsewhere on the field next year. You have had a great season Noah, you will be a great contributor to our squad in 2016.

**Ben Watkins.**                      **Games: 12 Total Club Games: 124 Tries: 8**  
Second Row, Five Eighth

Ben continued a significant contribution to the team this year by topping the try scoring count this year. His focus on getting over the line made the difference for us in the games we managed to win. He continued to encourage other players to perform and contribute through the year. He often slipped into the five eighth role to cover for other players who needed a rest. He was joint captain for the team for many games and led the boys in all the victory songs we had this year, the most satisfying against Narrabeen away. I expect Ben's size to grow significantly during the break and he will be able to use this to great advantage as part of our U14 squad in 2014. Great year Ben, love your commitment to the team.

**Matthew Watman.**                      **Games: 9 Total Club Games: 50**  
Left wing

Matt missed a couple of games this year due to the experience of an overseas trip. Matt has made the left wing position his own and is really starting to master the high ball and his vision in defence. When he was away, we really missed him. His contribution to the win against Narrabeen was Matt's highlight this year telling me when the ball bounced off the goal post at the end of the game, "I'd better get that ball first!" No tries this year for the left wing but there is no doubt Matt loves the game and is keen to get on the field each week. Matt really stepped up to the international rules this year and had a real focus on good kick return. Matt will be ideal out wide as part of our U14 squad in 2016. Good year Matt, well done.



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### **Joel Chappelow Games: 11 Total Club Games: 51 Goals: 1**

Half Back

Joel's contribution to our team each week was very consistent. When I asked him to step up his tackle count mid-season he started throwing himself at all comers no matter the size. He is only a little guy but stuck it out in the middle with the best all year. Joel's kicking game is a real secret. On field he has good vision and can put the ball on a coin if he wants to. He spent many hours after training with me practicing his goal kicking this year along with Kye. He was always competing and pushing both Kye and myself to go one better. Joel is a very accurate kicker in close and hardly misses. He only needs some more size to get the longer range needed for wider kicks. He loves his footy and will be an essential member of our U14 squad in 2016. Well done on a great year Joel.

### **Daniel Dunn Games: 11 Total Club Games: 159**

Lock Forward

Dan is a machine. He rarely came off for a rest this year as he is by far one of our fittest players. This shows in his ability to make tackle after tackle during all our games and chasing out from marker. He even managed to learn how to make some tackles around the legs this year, only some though! Dan has the most number of club games of all our players under his belt and it shows. He is not afraid of anything and when focused, is nearly unstoppable. We had to keep him in the middle as his tackle rate was first class. Of all players, he has the most to offer for 2016, he can be used anywhere on the field and I would love to see him running the ball wider. Fantastic year Dan, you will be sensation in 2016 in the U14's.

### **Matthew Hall Games: 11 Total Club Games: 34 Tries: 4 Goals: 1**

Five Eighth, Fullback, Lock

Matt is one of our players who works to play his best game every time. There is no slow game for Matt. He played a lot at five eighth this year and filled in at fullback. I think his best contribution came when we let him have his head in the forwards to just run, tackle and score. He is best when receiving the ball two off the ruck as he can hit the ball at speed and slice through the smallest gap. He strives to perform at his best no matter the game situation. I know he would love to represent the team in the rep squad, I am sure this will come in time. This was Matt's second year with the team and co-captained most of our games. In my mind, has more to contribute to our team yet. He is a wonderful player and I know he loves his team. I so look forward to having him as part of our squad in 2016. Great year Matt.

### **Flynn Irvin Games: 11 Total Club Games: 53 Tries: 1**

Right Wing

Flynn is a great winger and this showed in a number of games this year as he can really mix it up with the best. His game against Cromer at home was a standout, wanting to come off at half time until every team member told him how well he was playing. He makes a great contribution to our team and the back line. Flynn managed to get over the line this year and probably should have had a few more but for lack of good ball. I got to know Flynn well this year taking him to training and games, he never wants to come off and really matured as a player this year. It was by far his best year in the game. Great work Flynn, we will get you a few more tries in 2016, good year mate.





## UNDER 13 PLAYER PROFILES

### **Jordan Leigh**                      **Games: 9**    **Total Club Games: 9**

Forward

Jordan's first year in the game. Early in the year he struggled for form and to understand his role, it isn't easy starting at U13's. But later in the year you could see that he suddenly "got it". When he was the only forward willing to take the ball up and to take it under pressure and to make ground every time is all you can ask of a forward. He was one of the remaining boys willing to run it up against Beacon Hill in our semi-final. He managed some Coaches points at the end of the year, a tribute to how well he progressed. In 2016 Jordan will start to come into his own as he will start the season with a great understanding of his role in the team. Good season Jordan and welcome to the squad.

### **Declan Mclerie**                      **Games: 9**    **Total Club Games: 67**

Hooker

Declan played all year at dummy half. Missed a number of games due to injuries not related to football. He has an uncanny knack of being able to play on the muddiest field yet come off with his playing strip absolutely clean. Not sure what that is. Dec's contribution to his position can't be underestimated whilst he is on the field. It is a hard thing to deliver good ball to your halfback every single time, without fail. Dec was good at this working at his passing game every training session. Good year Declan, you are a great team member and I love having you as part of the squad. We need to keep you on the field more in 2016 as clearly we need to get that playing gear a lot dirtier! Good year Declan and well done mate.

### **Dane Ratcliffe**                      **Games: 10**    **Total Club Games: 10**

Forward

Another of our first comers. A few times during the year Dane really learned how to play his part on the field, I remember him getting smashed running sideways in one game, he didn't do that again! He learnt in the last part of the year how to run well and run strong. He is only a short chap but he has great strength. He only needs to know how to master running onto the ball at pace and he will be hard to stop. At times in defence, he made a real difference when he used his strength and stature to pull down the opposition. I hope to have him as part of the squad in 2016 as he has only just realised he can compete on the field. Good first year Dane and I look forward to seeing you play in the U14 next year.

### **Sam Rogers**                      **Games: 10**    **Total Club Games: 52**

Utility

Sam generally was used to fill in for our other players this year. We used him off the bench as a fresh player for him to make a difference. Sam normally ran in the forwards but also on occasions played as part of our back line. Sam had a great experience playing in a maroon's level competition this year. He was always willing to contribute no matter what the opposition. His whooping cough affected his fitness for a number of games this year. Great contribution during the year Sam, keen to see you stay in the game in 2016, you have a lot more abilities to provide yet. Well done Sam.





## UNDER 13 PLAYER PROFILES

**Liam Ryan                      Games: 11    Total Club Games: 39    Tries: 1**

Front Row

Liam provided great go forward for our team in the forwards, he also provided some real aggression when it was needed to lift the team (in a good way). He doesn't know his own strength, but he is strong and runs hard in his own unique style. He was one of our best forwards this year and his commitment to getting on and staying on the field was an example to other players. Even at the end of the season with other school commitments, he always put in 100% for the team on game days. I think every time I gave him a rest on the side line, he always was willing to go back on, no matter how tired he was. You have had a great year Liam, clearly your best. You stepped up well to the Maroons competition and you are clearly meant to be playing at this level. Great year Liam, you will be so good to have in our U14 squad for 2016.

**Kieran Sault                      Games: 4    Total Club Games: 51**

Second row

Didn't see Kieran much this year as he was away and was unable to play later in the year. But he managed to keep himself close to the team and get involved with all our social events, particularly the trip to Blue Tongue. Get back into the game in 2016 Kieran as your size and abilities will be needed.

**Ryan Stapleton                      Games: 11    Total Club Games: 58**

Second Row, Centre

Ryan started many of our games on the bench to back fill our forwards. He said to me early in the year he would prefer to play amongst the action in the middle, well, he played there nearly all year. Generally once Ryan came on, he stayed on and filled an essential gap in our team. Ryan's focus this year was his best yet, in fact a couple of his games through the season were the best he has played, getting amongst the Coaches points this year, one as Man of the Match. Finished the year with a few games at centre covering for injured players, I think one of the hardest positions on the field to defend at and he did well filling this position. Ryan, you had a great year with the team, your contribution and focus during training (particularly after that hit by Dane) was an example to all. Well done mate, I do hope to have you back again in 2016 as part of our U14 squad.



## UNDER 13 PLAYER STATS

	2015 Stats			Pre 2015 Career	Total
	Games	Tries	Goals	Games	Games
Luke Brennan-Lamb	10	0	1	40	50
Max Gander	10	4	0	109	119
Kye Lambert	11	3	9	32	43
Alex Martin	10	1	0	18	28
Ben Watkins	12	8	0	112	124
Matthew Watman	9	0	0	41	50
Joel Chappelow	11	0	1	40	51
Daniel Dunn	11	0	0	148	159
Matthew Hall	11	4	1	23	34
Flynn Irvin	11	1	0	42	53
Declan McLerie	9	0	0	58	67
Adam Mochrie	7	1	0	83	90
Liam Ryan	11	1	0	28	39
Sam Rogers	10	0	0	42	52
Kieran Sault	4	0	0	47	51
Ryan Stapleton	11	0	0	47	58
Dane Ratcliffe	10	0	0	0	10
Jordan Leigh	9	0	0	0	9
Noah Nevin	11	1	0	14	25





## UNDER 12 MAROON TEAM REPORT

The boys finished the season strongly and while making the final series again, unfortunately fell short of the final few hurdles. When we could get the full team on the field we displayed some promise and made it difficult for some of our competitors. Our biggest competition this year was commitments with basketball, touch/tag football and Rugby Union. Saying that, when we did train as a team, we did play like a team that is worthy of greater success. Perhaps 2016 may be a different story.

The Maroons welcomed three new players to the team – Romeo Bray, Austin Cleary and Charlie Herdman, with Austin and Charlie also making a significant contribution to the Whites team throughout 2016.

A special mention to Daniel Gallo and Paul Peters who put their hands up to run the Whites team during the season. Many thanks for pitching in and for all your help.

Kudos to Mark whom spread himself across both teams at training and game day. He continued his commitment to ensuring the boys not only had fun throughout the year, but ensured the boys improved as individuals within the team framework. At all times with a smile on his face. Thanks Mark.

A special thanks must go to Axel, Brandon, Charlie H, Jacob, Jamie and Kai who worked tirelessly for both teams at training and on game day. These boys often played two full games back to back. Without your commitment, and that of your families, fielding two teams this season would not have been possible. Great work boys.

Finally, a big thanks to all the boys who committed themselves to the game in 2015, and to the families that have provided support throughout the season. Whether it was help sitting at the table, running the side-line and helping in the canteen and BBQ – it makes light work for everyone involved.

Andrew Smith

Belrose U12's 2015







## UNDER 12 WHITES TEAM REPORT

The Whites head to the Grand Final for the second year in a row.

What a year the whites have had. We've seen the boys move from strength to strength. Developing their skills in every facet of the game. Working as a team with emphasis on both their attack and defence escalating the boys to great new heights! The boys had their fair share of disappointments mind you. We had a few forfeited games coupled with inclement weather however it challenged their spirits making the team even more determined to perform at their best where it counted most leading them into the grand final.

The Whites welcomed four new players to the team – Austin Cleary, Charlie Herdman, Oliver Smith and Reagan Miller all of which brought invaluable skills to the team. Welcome boys!

The boys remained strong and structured through the season as a result of the tremendous coaching skills offered by Mark Tam and Daniel Gallo who peaked the boys for the grand final like a Bart Cummings Galloper for a Melbourne Cup. It wasn't to be this year going down to Narrabeen 28/16.

Special thanks to our Team Manager Andrew Smith who kept us up to date each week with what was going on with the team. Thanks to all the people in the background who work with the Belrose Club so our boys can come back each year and play the game they love. A big thank you to Dave Berry who kept our energy levels at a high with his sizzling sausage barbecue (right up there with Jamie Oliver).

A valiant effort from all and a huge thank you!

Looking forward to the season in 2016

Paul Peters  
U12 Whites 2015





## UNDER 12 PLAYER PROFILES

### BEN BERRY

This was Ben's third season of Rugby League and what a third season it was. Ben played most of the season as our powerhouse centre or first receiver and developed into a fine runner of the ball, towards the backend of the season with his extremely strong running and copybook tackling. What a great season Ben, I hope to see you back next year.

### ROMEO BRAY

Romeo's made an excellent transition from Rugby Union to league this year with solid defence and punishing hit-ups. Romeo willingness to learn the game was evident at training and resulted in performances that improved each game.

### AXEL CANTRILL

Another player that makes watching rugby league a great sport to watch! Axel 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. Axel continued to take his game to the next level with his exciting attacking flare. A player to watch in the future!

### BRANDON CARTER

Brando is a dynamo that plays well above his weight. Never giving up in defence and terrorizing the opposition with energetic running from the dummy half position - Brando gives 100% on every play. Brando played a key role for the Maroons and the Whites this season and was instrumental in the Whites playing in back to back Grand Finals. Excellent season Brando – well done.

### AUSTIN CLEARY

Well what can I say! Austin was the quite achiever, letting his actions on the field speak louder than words. Austin was bustling in his debut season 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 Austin, hope to see you in 2016!

### LACHLAN GALLO

Lachie has continued to go from strength to strength in 2015 with yet another strong season in our forward pack. 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, especially in your defence, see you next year.

### JACOB GLASS

Jacob was a valuable contributor to both teams throughout the season. His commitment to training and eagerness to improve his game paid off on the field as Jacob grew with confidence each game. Jacob unfortunately suffered a serious neck injury mid-season; however he bounced back and finished the season strongly. Well done Jacob.

### CHARLIE HERDMAN

Charlie joined from Rugby Union this season and made an instant impact. With strong defence and explosive running, Charlie soon realised hard running up the middle was the key to success. Charlie played Maroons and Whites this season, how it was his leadership and game management that helped the Whites finish a solid season with a Grand Final appearance. Excellent transition Charlie – well done.





## UNDER 12 PLAYER PROFILES

### ANDREW HINTZE

Andy played a little wider than normal this season and enjoyed the open spaces. Andy's powerful and agile running left plenty of defenders laying in his wake. Andy's defence was as solid as usual and rotated into the forwards to share the load. Excellent work Andy – keep it up.

### RYAN JEFFERSON

Ryan had a fantastic second season on the wing and second row, saving many a try, and bringing the ball back up from kicks, making valuable ground. A skilful player who flexed his muscle week in week out, Ryan was a pleasure to coach and always keen and willing to contribute. Congratulations on a great 2015 season Ryan!

### SAM JOSEPH

Sam's skateboarding ability wasn't quite the standard of his rugby league ability and Sam missed a good chunk of the season with a broken ankle. Sam returned to the field with belling-ringing defence and explosive running. Sam's efforts were inspirational to his teammates and they lifted each time Sam was on the field. Great work Sam.

### BEN MACKINLAY

Pound for Pound Ben would be the strongest playing in the squad who never took a step backwards from the big boys. Ben developed into a fine runner of the ball. Ben was always keen to accept any challenge handed to him by the coach, giving 100% to the game always. Well done Ben great season.

### JOSHUA MCQUILLAN

Picked up from last season, Mr Metre eater, Joshua makes metres every time he touches the ball. Josh proved to be an exceptional 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 in 2016.

### REGAN MILLER

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. Regan was a standout this year in our push towards the finals. Never afraid to take the ball up and gifted with a natural ability to tackle the bigger boys in a classic text book style. Well done Regan on a fine debut season hope to see you again next year in 2016!

### JOSHUA PETERS

Another player who backed up for his second season, Josh had a fantastic year, he continued to pick up skills in the game well, and developed very quickly. Never afraid to take the ball up, he was our fast running full back who continued to develop his skill set. Josh came along nicely towards the end of the season, with blistering runs and strong defence. Fantastic efforts Josh, hope to see you in 2016.

### BJ RIESP

"Mr Perpetual Motion" – BJ never stopped and gave his all in each and every game. BJ celebrated 100 games with the club this season which is a fantastic milestone at such a young age. BJ was tireless in defence often making multiple tackles in every set of 6. Great stuff BJ – Keep up the good work.





## UNDER 12 PLAYER PROFILES

### NOAH SMITH

Noah impressed me this year in the way he listened to instruction and showed that once he understood the game plan. Noah continued to make impressive yards up the middle when the team needed to go forward. Noah's game continues to improve with every game ensuring his continues to build on the fundamentals for solid performances in the future. Noah's commitment to the team never went unnoticed, building a strong platform to work from week in week out. Well done Noah on a great season!

### OLIVER SMITH

Yet another rookie making his debut, this was Oliver's first year at rugby league and he was always very enthusiastic and improved significantly throughout the season, playing out wide and 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 Oliver hope to see you again next year.

### JAMIE TAM-O'CONNOR

Jamie's efforts continued from last season playing at halfback! Jamie 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 scoring a few for himself throughout the season. Well done Jamie on a solid 2015 season!

### CHARLIE THOMPSON

Charlie had a cracker of a season in 2015, what a great ball player for his team. Charlie never failed to lead from the front at five eight with his barnstorming runs keeping the team moving forward and was always there in defence. A key contributor at training, and extremely passionate, Charlie was always a team player throughout the season. Great season Charlie, well done mate.

### LUKE TUCKER

Another great season for Luke, Luke 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. Luke defence also provide a strong hold never taking a backwards step always giving his all for his team mates. Well done Luke looking forward to seeing you play next year in 2016.

### KAI WILSON

Kai was always very enthusiastic and was always keen to learn. Kai has been blessed with the gifted step, who excels out in the open spaces playing on the wing. Kai 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 strong display of skills this season. Great season Kai, hope to see you again next year in 2016.

### SAXON WOOD

Mr Excitement! Saxon'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 Saxon





## UNDER 12 PLAYER PROFILES / STATS

### DION YAZDANI

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

		Total club games	Whites			Maroons			Total		
			game	tries	goal	game	try	goal	game	try	goal
BERRY	Ben	39	10	1		2			12	1	0
BRAY	Romeo	8	1			7	1		8	1	0
CANTRILL	Axel	32				5	3		5	3	0
CARTER	Brandon	67	9	2	4	9		2	18	2	6
CLEARY	AUSTIN	12	8	1	1	6			14	1	1
GALLO	Lachlan	75	10			2			12	0	0
GLASS	Jacob	42	4		1	8	1		12	1	1
HERDMAN	CHARLES	5	4			3			7	0	0
HINTZE	Andrew	72	1	2	1	10	5	5	11	7	6
JEFFERSON	Ryan	17				5			5	0	0
JOSEPH	Samuel	13				6	1		6	1	0
MACKINLAY	Benjamin	24	10	9	2	1			11	9	2
MCQUILLAN	Joshua	30	6	1					6	1	0
MILLER	REAGAN	3	6	2							
PETERS	Joshua	21	7	3	3				7	3	3
REISP	Bj	102	1			9			10	0	0
SMITH	Noah	61				8	1	1	8	1	1
SMITH	Oliver	3	5			1			6	0	0
TAM-OCONNOR	Jamie	49	7	4		9			16	4	0
THOMPSON	Charlie	15				9	2	2	9	2	2
TUCKER	Luke	91				8	5	4	8	5	4
WILSON	Kai	133	7	10	4	10	2	2	17	12	6
WOOD	Saxon	119				10	9	4	10	9	4
YAZDANI	Dion	15				8	2	1	8	2	1





## UNDER 11 MAROON TEAM REPORT

It was my first year coaching this team and the goal was a better finish than 2014. From day one the boys took up the challenge and decided to improve their games. They are now at the age where turning up at training and having a run around doesn't cut it with the good teams. The boys soon realized, that if they listened and learnt and applied themselves then they would become better footballers and their enjoyment would increase which is all that I wanted.

The team improved week by week and it showed in the results as each time we played a team for the second and third time we improved considerably on the scoreboard. We were also the only team to beat the Minor Premiers during the year ending their undefeated run of 10 games which for me was the highlight of the year.

We finished second behind Christian Brothers and met them in the first semi to narrowly go down by 4 points in an absolute crunching game. On a hot Saturday afternoon the boys gave it there all and the parents talked afterwards about the character building moment that the game delivered. I hate losing, but when a team leaves nothing behind after the final whistle I stand and clap and embrace every boy with a smile, a hug and a "Well done Champ". That's why I love to coach and that's why Rugby League gives more to our kids than just fitness and fame, but more so character, strength and friendships that last forever.

Unfortunately we lost in our next Semi against Curl Curl who we'd beaten twice and they then went on to win the GF. The boys were very disappointed as they played their worst game of the year. It was a sad way to finish but, afterwards in reflection on the year the boys had showed more improvement than I ever thought they would. They should all be proud of what they achieved in 2015.

Thank you Kate for managing both teams. You did an amazing job as always.

Thanks to Michael and Mick for coaching the Whites and assisting whenever needed.

Thanks to Gary and Andrew for running the water and Mandi for scoring each week and any other helpers that ran the line, scored or helped out in any way.

Finally thanks to all the families for enabling me to have such a wonderful opportunity. I truly love being a part of your boys development both on and off the field and look forward to seeing them develop in the future.

See you all next year.

Shannon Nevin





## UNDER 11 MAROON PLAYER PROFILES

### **Ben Watman**

Is there anything that this kid can't do? He scored the most tries for us this season and was our most brutal defender. He is awesome in full flight and with his big stride is unstoppable. Mr constant had an awesome year and was a real go to man. Great season Ben.

### **Charlie Johnston**

This boys lives and breaths rugby league and he was the master of kicking the ball into touch off kickoffs to` gain possession. He loved hitting the ball up the middle with a big sidestep and his defense was solid. Nice work Charlie.

### **Caleb Familton**

Boy can this kid tackle. Caleb led our kick chase all year and crunched numerous opposition players. He scored some great tries as well and when you realize Caleb how good you actually are I think you'll improve even more. Great year big guy.

### **Caleb Aspin**

Mr Versatile played more positions than anyone this year which was so valuable to the team. He loved getting his hands on the ball and having a go which was awesome. Keep up your good efforts mate.

### **Thomas Martin**

One of our leaders in the engine room, Thomas thrived on showing the boys how to run hard and take a hit up. He always led the team up in defense. Keep leading from the front mate. Well done.

### **Matthew Gribble**

Matt had a good year out wide where he stepped his way through a number of times. His awesome try saving tackle in the semi final showed his commitment to the team and was a real highlight of the season.

### **Thap Pothasin**

For his first year of Rugby League this Thai Tornado showed a clean pair of heals in a number of run away tries this season. There will be bigger and better things for this kid next year. Well done Thad!

### **Oliver Leigh**

Our fullback turned flying winger Oliver was always keen to play and I think slept in his boots on Friday nights. He was master at the ball and all tackle and was always there as a great support to his Centre. Good stuff mate.

### **Jake Loughman**

Jake's middle name should be Courage as he was the king of chopping kids down with old school legs tackling and most were twice his size. He always did more than he was asked and was a valuable member of our team.

Love your toughness Jake!

### **Billy Holmes**

Billy was always happy to play any position in our side but was best at Centre where his hard running and tough defense kept other teams at bay. Keep up the good work Billy.





## UNDER 11 MAROON PLAYER PROFILES

### **Josh Cooper**

Our starting first receiver who guided the team around the park. He had a bullet pass and even showed off his show and go a few times slicing through the defense. He lives and breathes footy. Awesome Coops!

### **Isaac Nevin**

was the only boy to play every game and he lead the team in both attack and defense scoring the second most tries and leading all tackling stats. This kid never gives up and never goes down and was a real inspiration to the whole team. Top stuff buddy.

### **Josh Bassett**

A first year player that played out of his skin. He made Fullback his own and scored some great tries from Dummy Half with his zig zagging runs. You'll only get better next year mate. I look forward to that.

### **Daniel Marmont**

Daniel had a stop start season that was riddled with injuries. He was always keen to give his best in trying circumstances and always ran hard and tackled his heart out. I'm sure you'll have a better year in 2016 champ.

### **Noah Dowling**

This tower of a kid takes out the Hit of the year against Christian Bros in the Semi where I think the impact was mistaken for an earthquake up and down the Northern beaches. Always keen for a game and thanks for filling in for us buddy.







## UNDER 11 WHITES TEAM REPORT

Under 11 whites, by Coach Michael Holmes

Hello under 11 whites players and supporters. I'm sure you will agree that the boys and girl came such a long way this year from a fairly disastrous first game to a very competent rugby league side by the end of the season. It was a great experience to be a part of. Kate makes things VERY easy as the management is done so well and Mick is such a perfect guy to work with as our other coach; many thanks to them both.

I really liked the way we improved so much in both attack and defence and also the way we ended up creating a real team environment to support and look after each other. Your footy team mates often become some of your best mates for life and that mateship is the greatest thing about playing a team sport. It brings out our greatest courage and strength, and that's what I think you need in life.

I'm very proud of you all.

## UNDER 11 WHITES PLAYER PROFILES

### **Jordan Hiscox.**

Jordan is such a great competitor. You can just tell this boy has such a will to win. Jordan was hurt for the last part of the season but prior to this he played a key role and was always busy in both attack and defence. Well done on a great season.

### **Jet Flanagan.**

For those of you that were there at Avalon, Jet did the biggest hit of year on arguably the biggest player in the age. It really lifted the intensity of the entire team and for a few minutes after that, we were the vicious defending team we needed to become. I can't praise highly enough what moments like that do for a rugby league side. Jet is a star in defence and a very competent ball runner and looked at ease when I tried him at first receiver. A role he should try and develop. Well done on a great year Jet.

### **Ben Hall.**

Ben played his first year of rugby league and improved his skills as the year went on. Being our biggest player Ben just keep watching the footy on TV and improving your ball skills and agility and you are sure to be a star of the future. Well done.

### **Jack McLean.**

Jack had a fantastic season and really typified a solid improvement week after week. He did extremely well at dummy half with a quick clean ball and plenty of "scoots" as I urged him to do. His tackling was fantastic. Well done Jack on your 3 tries also.





## UNDER 11 WHITES PLAYER PROFILES

### **Owen Mayer.**

Owen had a great year and used his size to make great metres with the ball. He was smart in seeing when a dummy half was needed and responded quickly. Owen improved his tackling skills and was one of reliable ones to turn up to training. Well done on a great season.

### **Callum Long.**

Callum joined us for his first season of rugby league and what a year he had. Callum has a perfect build for a high class rugby league forward. He ran hard making loads of metres in attack and in defence did some of the biggest hits. No doubt one of our most improved players. Well done on a great year.

### **Tristan Nederlof.**

Tristan had a wonderful season. He was one of our top tacklers with a real willingness to dive around the legs. In attack he scored some great tries and was one of our best players. Well done on a great season.

### **Noah Dowling.**

Noah had such a cracking season as one of our teams real go to boys who always made great metres in attack and did some of the biggest hits of the year. Noah was our top try scorer with 11 tries and no doubt a star for our side. Well done mate.

### **Ava Regoli.**

Ava, what a dream you are to coach. Effort is such a fine quality in a person and your effort was always outstanding. Your tackling was outstanding and you were our second top try scorer always with lots of vision and skill to back yourself and make a try out of nothing. 9 tries for the year. Thanks so much on a stellar season.

### **Angus McGregor.**

Angus you were such a star for this team. You regularly got my player of the match with such a determined game effort week after week. You were exceptional in defence and always having lots of wonderful runs with the ball. Again such a wonderful effort week after week. Great job mate.

### **Riley Walters.**

Riley was a super star of our forward pack. He was one of our best go forward boys with the ball and was fearless in defence. You had a great year Riley well done.

### **Alex LeGeyt.**

Alex is one of the leaders of this team and had such an outstanding year. Alex plays first receiver as a natural and is a class act in that role. His kicking game was excellent and in defence I think he was our most consistent at putting the ball carrier on their back with a fierce determination. You really impressed me mate, week after week. Well done.

### **Jimmy O'Reilly.**

Jimmy had an incredible year for this side. As one of our "speedsters" Jimmy was our 3<sup>rd</sup> top try scorer with 6 tries. Jimmy also developed in to one of the team's top defenders with a willingness to "go in" without fear. Well done mate on an excellent year.

### **Thomas Gibbs.**

Thomas played a great season and developed his skills in both attack and defence. His tackling game just got better and better and was always willing to do his bit to help out his team mates. Well done mate on a great year





## UNDER 10 TEAM REPORT

We had a great season this year. We made it to the preliminary Final, and almost made it through to the Grand Final. We experienced the highs and lows of sport, but it has made us stronger and hungrier.

We welcomed three new players to the team this year - Cooper Stapleton, Josh Watkins and Ollie Fitzsimmons. All three guys were a pleasure to welcome to the "Roses U10" and we hope will stay and build on their development this year.

We also had a real milestone with Austin Lynch playing his 100<sup>th</sup> game for Belrose, which "Aussie" achieved on the last game of the year. A great milestone at U10!

A real part of the great spirit within the team this year was the dedication of the parents. We formed a great "Management Team" and Ian Lynch and I would particularly like to thank Shawn Ballesty (Assistant Coach), Luke Stapleton (Trainer/First Aid), Dave Connors (Trainer/stand-in-coach) and Tony Joyce (Trainer) for their help throughout the year at both matches and training. As well as Stephen Bell for jumping to do the Touch Judge duties whenever needed and all parents for helping out at the BBQ and Canteen when asked.

The Team and parents would also like to acknowledge the tireless work of the Club Board, Committee and those volunteers (especially Clarissa Wilson, Susan Alder and Dave Patterson) who work extraordinary hours to make sure the teams are on the field, equipped, canteen and BBQ operating, and scoreboard working! Thank you all very much.

The team development was really pleasing this year. As the season progressed, all players became aware of their roles and developed their games accordingly. As we all know, the best teams are built on structure and mateship.

This year our team learnt and comprehended the structure and base game plan. It is no doubt easy to see why they are all such good mates. I saw some amazing body language and situations whereby one team mate did or said something positive to another, either at training or during a game. That is special and something only you guys have and own – because you are part of that particular team.

Every day we need to grow as we hurtle towards next season. Why? Because nothing stays the same and you need to find something more. Other teams will do the same, so the smart thing is to stay one step ahead.

We'll set new goals, both individual and team, for next season and then come back, train hard and keep our development strategy and game plans in mind.

Keep your general health and fitness over the Summer and I look forward to seeing you next Winter.

Thanks for a great year (both players and parents). We have a lot of work to do to reach our full potential, but we have the players, the playing structure and team management to do it.

Hamish McLean





## UNDER 10 PLAYER PROFILES

### **Jersey No. 1 STAPLETON, Cooper**

Tries 2015 - 2 Goals 2015 - 0 Points 2015 - 8 Matches 2015 - 13 Total Club Matches - 13

His first year for the Roses and he made an impact. Built for rugby league, "Cooper S" excelled either with the ball in his hands or defending. He is a natural, with great footwork for a forward, robust and he loves the contact. He will continue to develop and become a key player for years to come.

### **Jersey No. 2 BARWELL, Riley**

Tries 2015 - 20 Goals 2015 - 7 Points 2015 - 94 Matches 2015 - 13 Total Club Matches - 97

Another excellent year by Riley. He leads the way in defence week in week out and is our regular top tackler. Pure numbers don't tell the whole story, as he is equally adept in bootlace tackles or mid-section defensive hits.

He has the ability and agility to play anywhere in the backline, he was classy with the ball in his hands and hard to catch when on the run. His evasiveness, coupled with his speed, meant he scored plenty of tries again this season.

### **Jersey No. 3 IGNACIO, Troy Ignacio**

Tries 2015 - 3 Goals 2015 - 0 Points 2015 - 12 Matches 2015 - 13 Total Club Matches - 63

Troy loves football and it shows. An enthusiastic player who we could regularly rely on either as a back or a forward. He really became one of our top trainers this year, focussed on developing his skills and it was easy to see that his defence improved a few levels this season. Great work well done.

### **Jersey No. 4 MCLEAN, Xavier**

Tries 2015 - 2 Goals 2015 - 12 Points 2015 - 32 Matches 2015 - 14 Total Club Matches - 38

A player who focussed and developed his defence this season. Showed it's not the size that matters but the desire to get stuck in. Xavier's ability to follow the ball and provide service from the ruck allowed the team to move with momentum. Worked hard on providing consistent and valuable ball distribution to both sides of the field.

His running speed is growing and that is useful for penetrating dummy half runs.

### **Jersey No. 5 BALLESTY, Cooper**

Tries 2015 - 1 Goals 2015 - 4 Points 2015 - 12 Matches 2015 - 13 Total Club Matches - 53

Another player who just loves being a part of the Belrose club and this team. "Ballo" developed some direct running and awareness of the sideline this year, and with his increasing speed he is an asset to the team. Particularly as the team starts to shift the ball out to space and utilise our wide running backs. Expect some clinical sideline runs and tackles from Cooper in 2016.





## UNDER 10 PLAYER PROFILES

### **Jersey No. 6 LYNCH, Austin**

Tries 2015 - 21 Goals 2015 - 10 Points 2015 - 104 Matches 2015 - 14  
Total Club Matches - 100

Austin was a crucial first receiver all year and again showed his class by top scoring this season with 21 tries. "Aussie" played his 100th game this year and he will continue to learn the art of running a backline. Not only another first class defender, it was also great to watch him in one on one situations and when at full speed down the wing, either running the ball or last ditch, saving tackles.

### **Jersey No. 7 JOYCE, Cooper**

Tries 2015 - 4 Goals 2015 - 1 Points 2015 - 18 Matches 2015 - 14 Total Club Matches - 67

This guy simply had an awesome year. Played with grunt and intent in many games. "CJ" played his best when running wide, especially on the right edge. He has the ability to fend off the opposition and the footwork to create major metres for the team. Every team needs a running forward. We have ours!

### **Jersey No. 8 CONNORS, Kai**

Tries 2015 - 3 Goals 2015 - 6 Points 2015 - 24 Matches 2015 - 13 Total Club Matches - 62

No one can read the game as well as this guy. Plenty of hard work led to great improvement, and Kai looks so natural in the way he positions himself around the park. I'm not completely sure he knows how good he will be in time, but it will soon come and I can't wait to see it unfold. Great passing game and a text book tackling technique.

### **Jersey No. 10 MCQUILLAN, Dylan**

Tries 2015 - 2 Goals 2015 - 5 Points 2015 - 18 Matches 2015 - 11 Total Club Matches - 43

This guy can play anywhere! Many times I selected him to defend in between players because of his ability to tackle so well. When he fires up defensively he is bullet proof.

Dylan also has strength beyond his size and he deservedly went over for a couple of tries by taking on the defensive line and bulldozing his way over the white stripe. A reliable player in every position.

### **Jersey No. 11 BELL, Luca**

Tries 2015 - 0 Goals 2015 - 1 Points 2015 - 2 Matches 2015 - 14 Total Club Matches - 41

Plays out wide and has the potential skill set for a back three player. Luca naturally positions himself like an experienced fullback, exactly where he needs to, be as he loves the kick return. And, like all good fullbacks and their custodial duties, he can tackle. Front on, one on one or in a combination with another team mate. This kid can play footy - he is very effective.





## UNDER 10 PLAYER PROFILES

### **Jersey No. 12 STAPLETON, Daniel**

Tries 2015 - 0 Goals 2015 - 0 Points 2015 - 0 Matches 2015 - 14 Total Club Matches – 24

A player developing in the game primarily as a forward, Dan's enhanced ball running and security was just great to watch. He was always there for his hit up and he led the hit up count in one of the games towards the end of the year. To see his improvement this year has been both enjoyable and satisfying to watch and he will play a big part in this team for years to come.

### **Jersey No. 13 STAPLETON, Zac**

Tries 2015 - 0 Goals 2015 - 0 Points 2015 - 0 Matches 2015 - 14 Total Club Matches – 27

Zac played a mixed bag as both a back and as a forward this year and worked hard on ball security when carrying the ball. Another player who loves his footy, he worked hard at training and became increasingly skilled at running straight and using his legs to drive further on contact. He tackled the bags in the latter half of the year better than anyone and once that skill transitions onto the field - look out! Great improvement through the year.

### **Jersey No. 14 WATKINS, Joshua**

Tries 2015 - 6 Goals 2015 - 5 Points 2015 - 34 Matches 2015 - 12  
Total Club Matches – 12

This kid has nearly the whole gambit with some size, a strong running game, soft hands, a great passing game, competent tackling ability and include some kicking ability. On top of that he was all about his team mates. Josh has the special skill of noticing when a team mate needs a re-assuring word. Every successful team will have a player like "Tank" not only for what he adds on the field, but also around it.

### **Jersey No. 15 FITSZIMMONS, Oliver**

Tries 2015 - 0 Goals 2015 - 0 Points 2015 - 0 Matches 2015 - 12 Total Club Matches – 12

"Ollie" played his first full year of footy and looks so much more like a footballer. His effort and speed in defence was noticeable, as was his ability at running the ball forward. I look forward to seeing him rip in again next year and becoming an important team member.





## UNDER 9 COACH'S REPORT

2015 started with an influx of new kids, 5 in all and we lost one boy who moved away.

This meant we would have two teams of twelve with a reserve for each team, tight but not too bad.

The new boys we welcomed were;

Ben Dwyer  
Ethan Moore  
Oliver Gibb  
Noah Fallon  
Matt Bassett

A good mix of size and skill and we were happy to have them aboard.

As usual the preseason trials took place and David Chalk and myself graded the squad in to Maroon and White, and were happy with how the teams looked.

The boys trained as a squad and this year we introduced two trainings a week to help grow skills.

Training was hectic at times with 24 boys and with the additional help from Scott McGregor, Andy Fallon and Trent Freeman it became easily managed.

The Season can be summed up this year for both teams as a learning experience. If you show up to play footy then that's what you need to do for the whole 40 minutes.

We had our ups and downs but both teams tried really hard and I can't ask for more than that.

Thank you to the trainers, scorers, linesmen and parents who helped throughout the year, as I've said before, we can't do it without you – Thanks.

To my wife, Jo, who managed both teams this year, we all thank you and hope you'll be back next year.

To David Chalk (Whites Coach), your input is invaluable at training and on game day, and you really get the boys and know what is required to keep them moving. I for one will be sorry to see you go and appreciate all you've done over the last few years – Thank you David.

To Stephen, Karen, Scott and Anette, your help throughout the season is constant and it makes everything much smoother every week, I can't thank you enough.

U9's Coach  
Peter Asprey





## UNDER 9 MAROONS TEAM REPORT

The Maroons started the season with a Grand Final rematch against Cromer in which we smashed them, 32-12, and set a benchmark for the coming season – a Very Happy Coach!

But it was not going to be that easy. Inconsistency was an issue and the fact that I was trying to run two sets of attack made our games disjointed and confusing for the boys at 8 years of age.

A few losses in a row and we needed a rethink.

We simplified our attack and went back to basics in defence which seemed to work, but with six teams in our competition the damage was done and we were playing catch up on the leader board.

It was a season of ups and downs for the Maroons but the things that stood out for me was the boys' passion in attack and defence and the fact that they never gave up, finishing fourth overall.

Two sessions a week helped them to get a read on each other's skills and by semi's they started to look good.

The highlight of my season was hammering Narrabeen at Lake Park 42-18, as payback for last season (the only team who beat us) – Well done Boys.

In the semis we beat Narrabeen again and had to face North Curl Curl in the major semi.

Summed up, we weren't in the game from the start and they ended our season.

A Building Year is what we are calling this season and I can't wait for next season.

Coach Pete.







## UNDER 9 MAROONS PLAYER PROFILES

### Ed Asprey

Ed's season was as rocky as anyone's, a broken nose kept him out for four weeks but he continued to do the hard stuff up the middle and is growing in confidence every year – Well done boy, I'm proud of you.

### Liam Abraham

This season saw Liam grow not only in size but in ability. His tackling is unbelievable! It doesn't matter how big they are he gets them and stopped a lot of teams in their tracks from marker with hard aggressive tackles – Great job Liam.

### Jamie Anderson

Jamie's mild manner personality disappears on the field and he becomes SuperBoy. His broken play running is outstanding, his tackling is excellent and this boy can kick. In charge of kick offs and red zone runs Jamie does not disappoint – Great work Jamie.

### Danny Ryan

Danny is simply the hardest running kid I have ever seen. His goal is to get past you and he's happy to go over you as well, breaking 3-4 tackles every run. Late in the season Danny discovered offloading, leading to a few tries from his teammates - Keep growing Danny, Well done!

### Jett Sully

Wow, Jett's secret weapon – Blinding Speed! Isn't a secret anymore, other teams have finally figured it out, but that didn't stop Jett, our highest try scorer this year. Jetty continued to grow as a player, his biggest improvement this year was his tackling, outstanding, and saved countless tries at the back – Great job Jett, Keep it up.

### Kobe Dorsey

Kobe's passion for footy is unparalleled in our team and it shows on game day. His defence is fast and hard hitting and if he gets you, ouch! One of our best tacklers. Kobe also played FR this year and his kicking and read of the game are excellent, resulting in many team tries. Pound for pound, Kobe you are the toughest kid we've got – Well done Kobes.

### Ethan Gray

Pocket Rocket, Ethan, has the ability to score from anywhere on the field and does, they just can't get him. Ethan's work from marker was outstanding this year and he shut down many raids from bigger kids. His backing up this year earned him lots of second phase tries – Great job Ethan, Keep it up.

### Thomas Chappelow (Captain)

Thomas took on the job of FR this year and did it with a skill set and confidence rarely seen in a boy this age. Pass, Run, Kick were his options and he can gauge each set with what's required. Thomas reads the opposition better than anyone and he can see the holes he creates, usually running through or putting someone else in. Thomas had the team around the park as Captain this year and did an excellent job – Well done Thomas.

### Ben Dwyer

Ben had his first season with us this year and showed from the start that he has great skills and speed for a big kid. Ben's defence was also a standout this year and when he runs he is hard to stop – Keep it up Benny and see you next season.





## UNDER 9 MAROON PLAYER PROFILES

### **Matt Bassett**

This was Matt's first year with Belrose and it was a good one. Older brothers have ensured Matt is tough and it showed on the field, when he tackles he cuts you in half. Matt possess great speed and if he can't go around, he'll go through you – Well done Matt, second season will be a great one for you.

### **Ethan Moore**

This was also Ethan's first year at Belrose and he slotted right in. Ethan only knows one way, straight through the middle and he doesn't care how big you are. Injuries saw Ethan on the bench for a few weeks but he was keen to play even with a broken finger – Great job Ethan, see you next year.

### **Cruz Beergah**

Cruz started the season in the Whites and ended it with a well-deserved switch to the Maroons. Cruz's skills are very obvious, draw and pass, and running at holes are what he does best, Cruz was at home in the Maroon side. As he gets older and more confident he will become a very good football player – Well done Cruz.

### **Brody McDonald**

Brody started the season as always with confidence and good skills and he always does what is asked of him. As the season progressed an eye injury saw Brody have some time out of the game and when he returned he went into the Whites side to help rebuild his confidence. Brody led the way in the Whites, scoring each game - Well done Brody, see you next year.





## UNDER 9 WHITES TEAM REPORT

It is fair to say that 2015 was a bit disjointed for the U9 Whites but there were a lot of positives to come out of the season. Despite the 5 team competition where we had a bye every 4 weeks, the rain-outs, and school holidays right in the middle of the season, but that never stopped the boys from getting stuck in and having fun when they had the opportunity to play or train.

When we did get on the park we played some really good footy, and after an early season adjustment to the bigger field we started to get some momentum and push some of the more fancied teams in the competition. Similar to last season we had a number of new boys come and play with Belrose, with Noah Fallon and Oliver Gibbs joining the Whites for their first game of Rugby League in Round 1. The improvement throughout the year from both of these boys was very pleasing with Oliver scoring his first try with a great 40m solo effort against Cromer and Noah becoming a star out of dummy half.

Our entire team showed improvement as the year went on with skills development and on-field awareness the keys to taking the boys to the next level. We started to link passes, offload in tackles, and even ran a block play in our Semi Final that nearly saw us score from halfway. It is very pleasing for a coach to see individual development even if it didn't translate onto the scoreboard this year. I am confident that we are developing players of the future in this team and look forward to watching them go around next year.

A special mention goes to our early season Captain Cruz Beergah who was brought up to the Maroons mid-season through his outstanding performances in both attack and defense. Well done Cruz, you deserved your promotion. Thanks also to the Maroons boys (Ed, Liam, and Matt) who stepped in to help out when our numbers were low this year, thanks lads.

Highlights for the season were:

- 50 games for Belrose for Marcus Freeman, Brodie McDonald, and Jayden Macri.
- Playing in the Semi-Finals for the second year in a row
- The block play that nearly lead to a try in our semifinal against Cromer
- Giving it to Forestville in third round and forcing them to play all of the gun players to beat us

I want to thank my fellow coach Pete Asprey for committing his time, energy, and patience to training the boys every week. Pete was always early to the ground to set up each training session and the last one to leave after every child had been picked up. It is a huge effort to take care of such a large squad and as usual Pete did it without complaint. Thanks Pete, you are a legend.

I would also like to thank Trent Freeman who ran as our trainer all season and helped with training on Tuesdays. Not an easy job with long and complicated messages from the coach (and sometimes nothing at all) but just think of all the free fitness you got this year.

Thanks also to Ana for scoring for us, to Andy Fallon for scoring and managing in the last game, Joe Macri for running the sideline, Paul Clark and Jason Rogers for helping out whenever asked, to Scott McGregor for running/assisting at training and for taking on our mini projects, and for all of our parents for bringing their kids to the games and training. Thanks also to Jo Asprey for managing both teams again this year and doing a superb job as always.





## UNDER 9 WHITES TEAM REPORT

Thanks also to our co-captains Marcus Freeman and Lachlan Winlaw who lead the team around the park every week and stepped up when we needed a bit of inspiration. Well done lads.

We will say goodbye to a couple of our players next year as they look to take up different sports, but I want to thank all the boys for putting in their full effort and for being a part of our team this year. I wish those who are moving on to different sports/teams all the best and hope that you remember your time with the Belrose Eagles U9 Whites as fun and enjoyable. For those boys coming back next year, I wish you all the best and look forward to seeing you guys smashing it next season.

**Dave Chalk – Coach U9 Whites**





## UNDER 9 WHITES PLAYER PROFILES

### **Jake Chalk**

#### **7 games**

Jake had another solid season of footy this year as our dummy half and winger. He started the season with a great try from dummy half in the trials and threatened from within 5m all year. His defense on the wing was a stand-out, often stopping opposition speedsters in their tracks. Jake chased absolutely everything right to the try line this year and was always right there to try to pull off a try-saver at the end of a long run by an opposition player. Unfortunately this year will likely be Jake's last in Belrose colours but we hope he will be back some day.

### **Conor Clark**

#### **9 games, 1 Try**

One of our most experienced players with over 60 games already, Conor started the season slowly by his own standards but came home with a flourish at the end. In the last couple of games Conor really stepped up, charging through the middle of opposition's defense without fear and proving that if you run hard they don't want to tackle you. He was also strong in defense and was one of our best in the last few games, particularly in the Semi Final. Conor found his groove and I look forward to seeing more of it next year.

### **Jayden Macri**

#### **9 games, 3 Conversions, 50 games for Belrose**

Continuing on from his progress last season, Jayden had another really good year. The introduction of kicking in play brought Jayden's skills into the game and he proved a really solid and creative 5<sup>th</sup> tackle or kick option. Made a couple of important conversions for us this year and continued to grow in confidence as the season went on.

### **Axel Vidnjevic**

#### **8 games**

Axel was back for his second year with Belrose and we are glad he came back. As our go-forward man he got our sets off to a solid start with 10m+ charges every time he touched the ball, often from a tap. Axel also clicked in defense this year, putting his body in front of runners and bringing them down with good technique and pure guts. Easily the most improved player on the team this year.

### **Lachlan Rogers**

#### **9 games**

Lachie was a powerhouse this year getting stuck into everything. His ball running improved out of sight, and with more opportunities with the footy he made good metres and proved himself elusive and hard to bring tackle. His defense was strong and he worked tirelessly out of marker in defense. Huge season from Lachie this year.





## UNDER 9 WHITES PLAYER PROFILES

### **Lachlan Winlaw**

#### **9 games, 2 Tries, 1 Conversion**

Lachie went up another level this year mixing his size and ability with creative ball skills. The bigger field and kicking brought out another element to Lachie's game and he scored a couple of great tries with strong runs while setting up a few more with pinpoint kicks and good field presence. One of our co-Captains this year he lead from the front and stepped up, particularly in defense when the team needed it. Lachie continues to improve and is one to look out for next year.

### **Marcus Freeman**

#### **8 games, 1 Conversion, 50 games for Belrose**

Our co-Captain for the second half of the season, Marcus continued to be a strong organizer and leader on the field. Sometimes I don't think he knows how damaging a runner he can be when he winds up, but when he does – look out. Was a very clever 5<sup>th</sup> tackle option this year, often getting repeat sets from clever kicks or scoring tries from those kicks. Marcus was our marshall on the field, barking orders and generally organizing in defense. Another one who is has hinted at leaving us for another sport next year (soccer – yuck) but we wish him all the best and hope he comes back to footy.

### **Oliver Gibbs**

#### **8 games, 1 Try**

Ollie's first year in footy was great to watch. Fast and fearless, he has great potential and just needs more time on the field to get used to the flow of the game. Scoring a cracking 40m solo try late in the season and nearly pulling off another one in the Semi Final which were highlights for him this year. Ollie improved in both attack and defense and hopefully he signs up for more next year.

### **Dane Pounsett**

#### **8 games, 1 Try, 1 Conversion**

Dane's second year in Rugby League was typically solid. His attacking defense (if that makes sense) was a stand-out, and once he got used to the bigger field he was one of our best in attack. Scored one of the best tries of the season against the eventual premiers Avalon, running nearly the length of the field at Lionel Watts. An unlucky arm injury cut short his semi-final where he was having another huge game.





## UNDER 9 WHITES PLAYER PROFILES

### **Noah Fallon**

#### **9 games**

Noah was new to Rugby League after playing “that other game” before coming to Australia. Although one of the smallest kids in the team, he showed great ball skills and tenacity which lead him to become one of our most dangerous dummy half runners. Never let his team down and tried hard in every minute of every game. A great first season for Noah who has the skill to be an excellent halfback in the future.

### **Carlo Zanella**

#### **4 games, 2 conversions**

Carlo split his time between Rugby League and soccer again this year and was a strong contributor to our team when we had him on the field. An elusive runner and an outstanding goal kicker, Carlo was a key performer this year and it showed in the games where we went well. Good team player and has the skills to be a really strong footy player.

### **Brodie McDonald**

#### **2 games, 1 Try, 50 games for Belrose**

Brodie joined the Whites late in the season and made an immediate impact. More opportunities with ball in hand allowed Brodie to show how strong of a ball runner he is, and playing first receiver had him in the thick of the action all the time. A strong defender with good game presence, it would have been great to have Brodie for longer this season as he contributed a lot in the short time he played with us. Brought up 50 games for Belrose late in the season, congratulations Brodie.

### **Cruz Beergah**

#### **5 games, 3 Tries**

Cruz started the season as our team captain and lead the team from the front until he was called up into the Maroons. His hard, determined running and solid defense earned him the promotion, as he was everywhere for the Whites in the games he played with us. Spending a lot of time at first receiver where he gets his hands on the ball suited Cruz this year and he will only improve the more footy he plays. Another one to watch with great potential.





## UNDER 9 WHITES PLAYER STATS

Surname	First Name	2015 Games	Career Games	Tries	Goals	Points
Beergah	Cruz	5	18	3	0	12
Chalk	Jake	7	35	0	0	0
Clark	Conor	9	63	1	0	4
Fallon	Noah	9	9	0	0	0
Freeman	Marcus	8	51	0	1	2
Gibbs	Oliver	8	8	1	0	4
Macri	Jayden	9	53	0	3	6
McDonald	Brodie	2	52	1	0	4
Pounsett	Dane	8	21	1	1	6
Rogers	Lachlan	9	38	0	0	0
Winlaw	Lachlan	9	24	2	1	10
Vidnjevic	Axel	8	15	0	0	0
Zanella	Carlo	4	16	0	2	4
<i>Abraham</i>	<i>Liam*</i>	2	*	3	0	12
<i>Bassett</i>	<i>Matt*</i>	1	*	0	0	0
<i>Asprey</i>	<i>Ed*</i>	1	*	0	0	0

\* Maroons players who backed up for the Whites



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## UNDER 8 COACH'S REPORT

A new year, a new coach and some new players. What a year for the Might 8's playing on Brookvale Oval before the Manly Game, a night time game against Narrabeen, just a few things our boys got to do this year!

We started the year with just one reserve, which was a little bit tough with the kids getting injured or being sick, but the call went out and we ended up with 4 reserves which gave us a little breathing room.

Overall a fun season for myself and the boys, I hope you all enjoyed it as much as I have.

A final note to thank all the parents for your support throughout the season and special thanks to Shawn Ballesty, Nick Barros, Jason Chan, Nikki Roberts, Michelle Nederlof and Josh Gaughan for helping out on the table and on the field!

Proud of our team and the encouraging conduct parents and players displayed.

Thanks again,

Scotty Gresswell (coach)





## UNDER 8 PLAYER PROFILES

**Aaron Clark** – the big fella of the team, had a good season and gained more confidence throughout the year.

**Aiden Sutton** – Came late into the season from soccer and still working on the change in rules, but fitted in with the team and performed well for his first season

**Beau Gaughan** – another top season for Beau, a talented player both in attack and defence! Had a really great season!

**Caelan Barros** – The fast guy of the under 8's and his second year in the game! Getting better and faster – great season.

**Callum Murray** – one of the smaller troops in size, but big at heart, played well all season.

**Jacob Lowry** – Defence, defence, defence! Can't this guy tackle, had a great year with strong runs and you guessed it, great defence – great season

**Jet Chan** – Little fire cracker this one, Jet has the ability to turn the opposition inside out which he did all year – another great season.

**Jordan Duce** – also a late start to the season, but was like a duck to water, hard runner and strong defender! Well done!

**Marcus Nederlof** – Marcus was the most improved for me this year, really came out of his shell in all area's – great season.

**Will Roberts** – a great dummy half, small in stature but big at heart. Will improved a great deal during the season! Good work

**Cooper Gresswell** – 2<sup>nd</sup> year for Cooper and he has improved in defence and especially in attack, had some great runs.

**Jhai Ballesty** – Another improved player, I think the switch was flicked for Jhai this year and his game came together, with focus and team work.





## UNDER 7 COACH'S REPORT

2015 was an exciting year of football. Firstly I was a bit nervous when I didn't know how many kids would join the team as some of the under 6's from last year had not turned 6 yet. Soon I had my team... 11 in total with only 4 players from last year, one player who had played under 6's when he was 5 and had a year off and the other 6 were total newbies!

These 11 players who represented the club in under 7's are a great bunch of kids who have a great passion for football. It was great to see the experienced players help the newbies in basic drills at training and then it was great to see the newbies eventually show the originals how it's done on the field.

Trials soon kicked off the start of the season giving us a definite benchmark of where other team's levels were and where we should be. We played Harbord first who gave us a hammering with 14 players on the field and to our players credit they did their best, kept a great positive attitude and were keen for the next training session to improve for their next game.

As the season went on the level of skill with all players grew as well as their confidence which out of everything was definitely a highlight for me.

We had players who could not hold the ball correctly to catch and pass who eventually could pass a ball better than most. Players who were scared to tackle who eventually became the best defenders and there were players who didn't think they could run the ball who were making line breaks.

Congratulations to all players as all received the Man of the Match medal and a Brunch Bar voucher at least once throughout the year for achieving and advancing their personal goals.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents and grandparents for taking the kids to training even on the days where it felt like it was going to snow.

Big thanks to Jo Asprey for the continuous heads up through the season and supplying the Man of the Match medal.

Massive thanks to Frances and Steve Armatas (Jono's parents) from the "Brunch Bar" for supplying the Man of the Match voucher each week.

Also a huge thank you to my lovely wife Janelle who has done a great job as Manager receiving, sending and organising emails and messages. She has made my job alot easier to organise games and training.

A big thanks to the big fella Pete, who is always there to help with training, passing on his experience and keeping me in check with his humour. It has been awesome having you around.

And lastly thanks to the fabulous kids for their dedication at training and the games. I am proud of the improvement you have made over the season. I really hope everyone has enjoyed this season as much as I have and I look forward to seeing you all in 2016.

Coach Pete.





## UNDER 7 PLAYER PROFILES

### **Byron Jordon - Jersey No. 1**

I have seen a lot of me in you this season. When you put your head down and have a crack, things happen. You have had a lot more ball this season making many metres and getting over the line. You can be on my team anytime. Looking forward to seeing what you can do next season.

### **Angus Milne – Jersey No. 2**

One of the newbies, after you first started I remember you going home not sure that you would be able to cut it at football. But you soon proved to yourself that you can run, crossing the line for a number of tries throughout the season and becoming one of our best tacklers. Great season Angus.

### **Stephen Khatchadourian – Jersey No. 3**

One of the newbies, twin to brother Harry and juggling soccer at the same time. You showed growth through the season. You always listened at training and took everything on board and brought it to the games on the weekend. Paired with your brother at training you were definitely role models for the others. Well done Stephen.

### **Jonathon Armatas – Jersey No. 4**

Not the tallest or biggest player but you definitely pack a punch. You worked on your defence proving you can take anyone down. With a ball under your arm you have been unstoppable making consistent metres and scoring many tries. Look forward to seeing you next season.

### **Lachlan Greig – Jersey No. 5**

One of the newbies, you joined the team as if you had already played two seasons. Definitely one of the quietest on the team but you have shown blistering speed with the ball and a natural talent for looking for the backup runner. You have teamed your skills well with Jono making many plays together. You have taken many hits this year but have shown courage in getting straight back up. Great first season.

### **Jordan Souter – Jersey No. 6**

What can I say, you played under 6's with a lot of energy and enthusiasm, like a loaded spring ready to be released and have brought that same energy to the under 7's. You are a classic old school tackler which you've mastered and a great ball runner, not being afraid to take on the defence. Great season Jordy.

### **Harry Khatchadourian – Jersey No. 7**

One of the newbies, twin to brother Stephen and juggling soccer at the same time as well. You have grown as a player, partnering with your brother you have shown agility and skill making many metres and crossing the line. Hopefully next season you can both make some more games and improve your skills even more. Well done.

### **Kobe McCann – Jersey No. 8**

One of the newbies, you pretty much tick every box for a great player. Quick with the ball with a great natural side step and always there as a support runner. You also have the ability in defence to read a runaway coming from the other side of the field to defend the line (future full back). And most of all you are polite and considerate of everyone. Great season Kobes.





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### **Matin Yazani – Jersey No. 9**

Again one of the newbies. Wow, Wow, Wow. The first time I saw you defend you came up against the biggest kid on the other team and you tackled him so well you forced him straight on his back. The first time you ran the ball I realised you were a wrecking ball because it took 3/4's of the other team to stop you. Matin you are a major key to the future success of the team. I can't wait to see what you can do next year!

### **Archie Asprey – Jersey No. 10**

My mate Arch. What can I say? Since playing under 6's you have grown into a more confident player consistently running the ball with force. You show great skill and knowledge of the game. My favourite moment of yours was when you had the initiative to run from dummy half and score a try. I can't wait to see what you can do next year because when you have your game face on you are unstoppable.

### **Daniel Crookwell – Jersey No. 11**

Dan after playing on year of league in 2013 and then soccer in 2014, I am so glad you decided to return to the game of league in 2015. You are not the biggest or strongest player but you always give 100% commitment. No matter what task I set for you, you take it on with full force. You always make me laugh and it's been a pleasure coaching you. Hope to see you next season.





## UNDER 6 COACH'S REPORT

A big thank you to all the boys for allowing me to coach them this season. It was an honour to be a part of their early football careers.

I started to write the individual reports, and, I was down to about a fifth players on the list before I realised I had written almost the same thing about each boy. That they always had a smile on their face and that they were a pleasure to coach. When I read through the remaining players on the list, I realised I could say the same for every boy on the list. Did we have tears at times? Yep. The odd walk off? Yep. But honestly, it was a pleasure to coach each and every boy.

We started the season with 14 lads (jumping to 15 during the season) and after discussions with the club and parents decided that we would run two teams. This gave us the opportunity to run two teams of similar ability each week and it all so the opportunity to rotate all the boys through both teams giving everyone a chance to play with each other. This would give our younger and less experienced boys an opportunity to watch and learn from the boys that had already had a season under their belt.

A big congratulations to the Iron Men on the team. Christian Ignacio and Deacon Clark played in all but 30 minutes of football for both teams. Big shout out to Dylan Moore, Jamie Mauro, Rylan Kennedy, John Drysdale and Russell Baker who all spent plenty of minutes on the field helping both teams out.

As a squad we scored 85 tries (not including gala days). That's about 7 tries per Saturday, which is outstanding. And most important, everyone got over the line to score a try. Always remember, it doesn't matter how you score the tries, you have to be on the field at the time to get the opportunity to score those tries.

Our defence improved with every game. It was great to watch the boys get more confidence with their tackling as the season went on. Dylan Moore, Christian Ignacio, Kyan Chalk and Jamie Mauro outstanding in defence. Great effort little guys.

A big shout out to all the parents who helped out this season. JP Drysdale filling a training for me at short notice was a massive help. Really appreciate mate. Thanks. The Kennedy' for running the lines, helping with the table and helping the boys when they were injured. Andrew Baker for running the water for me also a big thanks. A big thanks to all the parents who, in the middle of winter and when you may have had a couple of shandies on the Friday night, still managed to get the boys to the games on time at 8am.

You can't coach not one but two teams without having an excellent manager to assist. The admin that Sharon Ignacio takes away from me is a large load. Not only does Sharon handle all our teams' requests, including mine, there are dozens of email a week from the club, club meetings to attend and then she filters all that out to me and then to all the parents. She organises the rosters and make sure my team list for Saturday morning are okay. Couldn't have got through the year without you Sharon. Thanks you.





## UNDER 6 COACH'S REPORT

To all the lads who are playing Under 6s again next year I wish you all the best and I know the coach of team is getting a great group of boys who have a year of football confidence behind them. I am really looking forward to watching the Under 7s team next year. The experience you now have will put you all in good stead for an outstanding season.

See you in 2016.

Paul Clark

## UNDER 6 PLAYER PROFILES

**Russell Baker** - Games 13 - Tries 4 - Club Games 17 - Club Tries 7

Russell's second season with the 6s and it was great to see his green headgear flying down the sideline again. Bagged two tries in the first game of the year and was unlucky not to have a lot more in his season total. Front on defence was great. Always to have a run and did so with a smile on his face. Great work matey.

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

**Kyan Chalk** – Games 12 Tries – 1 - Club Games 12 - Club Tries 1

One of our younger players at four, Kyan could pull off copybook tackles. It was wonderful to watch. That sort of defence puts Kyan in good position for next season. Ran the ball hard and fought in every tackle. Developed a fantastic offload late in the season that set up two tries against Narrabeen. Great season little warrior.

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

**Deacon Clark** – Games 23 - Tries 18 - Club Games 39 – Club Tries 20

One of our Iron Men who, along with Christian, played all but 30 minutes for both teams this season. Gutsy effort. Great speed to leave defenders in his wake. Fun to watch (Certainly didn't get his speed from his dad). Thank you for allowing me to be a part of your early sporting career. Always remember that medals and trophies collect dust, the memory of your dad coaching you lasts forever.

*"There may be people that have more talent than you, but there's no excuse for anyone to work harder than you."* Derek Jeter

**John Drysdale** – Games 13 - Tries 7 – Club Games 13 – Club Tries 7

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

*"Do you know what my favourite part of the game is? The opportunity to play."* Mike Singletary





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### **Cooper Gunn** – Games 11 – Tries 1 - Club Games 11 – Club Tries 1

Most importantly for our four-year-olds on the team is to get the experience of being on the field. Cooper ran hard when he had the ball in his hands. It was great to see him burst through Manly Cove's defence to score against two of Cove's best defenders. The confidence he will gain from this year puts Cooper in a good place for next season. Great job little man.

*"Set your goals high, and don't stop till you get there."* Bo Jackson

### **Jayden Gunn** – Games 13 - Tries 9 – Club Games 13 – Club Tries 9

An awesome first season for Jayden and you should be proud of the way you played. One of my happiest memories of the season was watching Jayden score 3 tries in his first game with great speed. Blink and you will miss him scoring. Really worked hard chasing in defence. This season will only help build Jayden's confidence for next season. Great Job.

*"Don't look back. Something might be gaining on you".* Satchel Paige

### **Liam Hyde** – Games 12 - Tries 1 – Club Games 12 – Club Tries 1

To watch Liam's confidence grow as the season progressed was fantastic. One of the fondest memories I'll take out of this season is watching Liam score his first try late in the season against Manly Cove. 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

### **Christian Ignacio** – Games 23 - Tries – 16 – Club Games 39 – Club Tries 17

Christian's second season for the 6s and it was outstanding. One of my Iron Men, who along with Deacon, played all but 30 minutes for the two teams. Tackled his heart out for the entire season, and as his confidence grew the tries started to come in handfulls. A fantastic year and you should be proud.

*"Nobody who ever gave their best regretted it."* George Halas

### **Rylan Kennedy** - Games 16 - Tries – 5 – Club Games 16 – Club Tries 5

A wonderful first season for Ry. Ran hard every time he received the ball and wasn't afraid to put his head where he shouldn't in defence. Ry was solid week-in and week-out, which is rare for this age group. Tough little guy who always bounced back after getting a knock. Be proud of your first season Ry, and I look forward to you playing next season.

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

### **Isaac Kretchmer** – Games 10 - Tries – 1 – Club Games 10 – Club Tries 1

A great confidence building first season for Isaac and a pleasure to coach. Always keen to have a run and always ready to defend. Isaac improved with each game and with each game he ran the ball harder at the line. Awesome job little man.

*"Just keep going. Everybody gets better if they keep at it."* Ted Williams







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**Jamie Mauro** – Games 15 - Tries – 11 / Conversions 2 – Club Games 31 – Club Tries - 16

Back for season two and Jamie really stepped it up. Yes he scored a lot of tries, but it is his defence against some of the bigger kids in the competition that I will remember. Really brave efforts in bringing down some big boys at full speed. Gutsy. And always done with a smile. Great year tough guy.

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

**Alexander Milne** – Games 13 – Tries 2 – Club Games 13 – Club Tries 2

One of our little guys on the field 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. Tackled hard with his tag-team buddy, Kyan. Those two will stop trains coming at them next season.

*“If you can believe it, the mind can achieve it.”* Ronnie Lott

**Dylan Moore** – Games 15 - Tries 4 - Club Games 15 – Club Tries 4

Dylan joined us from the Lane Cove Tigers and there loss was definitely our gain. Dylan was one of the best defenders for the season. He wasn’t afraid to get in and tackle and his technique was great. With ball in hand he ran straight, he ran hard and he ran fast. Another one of our smiling assassins. Great season Dylan.

*“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

**Talen Smith** - Games 10 - Tries 2 – Club Games 10 – Club Tries 2

Talen is one of the youngest and smallest on the team and showed lots of heart running the ball at defences that were twice his size. Really gutsy effort Talen. With this season under his belt, I believe Talen will grow in confidence and be a strong player for the Under 6s next season. Well played mate.

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

**Liam Walsh** – Games Tries 4

Liam ran hard and fast every time with the ball and was unlucky not to have more tries for the season. Worked tirelessly in defence. A really solid season little man. Keep up the good work Liam, I look forward to seeing you play next season.

*“An athlete cannot run with money in his pockets. He must run with hope in his heart and dreams in his head.”* Emil Zatopek



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