

**BELROSE RUGBY LEAGUE**

# **2021 ANNUAL REPORT**



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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, Ben Georgas, Christian Bate, Michael Higgins, Jack Wilson, Beau Abrahams, Charlie Griffith, Ryan Mawhinney

### **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, 2016, 2019



## ACHIEVEMENTS

NSWRL Sydney Shield	2013
A Grade	1967, 1988, 1989, 1993, 2002, 2003, 2009, 2019
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, 2017
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, 2017
Under 11	1976, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1990, 1995, 2020
Under 10	1972, 1974, 1975, 1977, 1979, 1981, 1982, 1989, 2003, 2018
Under 9	1978, 1980, 1981, 1986, 1988, 1990, 1991, 1992, 2001, 2019
Under 8	1977, 1979, 1980, 1984, 1987, 1990
Under 7	1978, 1983, 1984, 1989, 1992, 2010

\* Denotes Minor Premiers in the current year



## HONOUR ROLL

### MILESTONES – 2021

#### **150 Games**

Daniel Martin

Josh Martin

#### **50 Games**

Taylor Anderson (U14)

Luke Loughman (U14)

Mitchell Bruzzano (U9)

William Bruzzano (U9)



## PERPETUAL AND PERSONAL AWARDS

Scott Wildash Trophy	- Not awarded in 2021
Presidents Trophy	- Not awarded in 2021
Norm Pounder Senior Grade Coach of the year	- Not awarded in 2021
Barry Bowtell Junior Grade Coach of the year	- Not awarded in 2021
Lindsay Spencer Senior Player Award	- Not awarded in 2021
Barry Johnson Award	- Not awarded in 2021
Volunteer of the Year (Club)	- Not awarded in 2021
Stirrer's Paddle	- Not awarded in 2021



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CAN'T WAIT TO HAVE YOU BACK IN 2022!**



## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

After what was a difficult and fragmented 2020 and a watered down but successful Touch season, our thoughts and hopes were that 2021 would be back to some sort of normality. We started strong with good numbers and looked forward to a great season.

Solid recruiting in ALL age groups, both boys and girls, was to see the Club stronger than ever, with many former players' children slipping on the 'Red & Gold' for the first time this year, another team of young girls stepping up to play 'Blues Tag' and the A Grade & Sydney Shield back and ready to compete again.

Our teams were showing plenty of determination and were looking good for a solid season but unfortunately COVID 2.0 put the brakes on that, as we all bunkered down after a handful of games. It is this determination that will bring us all back together in 2022.

Many thanks to ALL the Players who came back this season, and their Parents, without you we do not have a club.

The Coaches and Managers, thank you for your continued dedication, striving hard to improve and develop our players each week.

The Volunteers of our club are AWESOME! As a Board we love your commitment to seeing to everything go to plan, for not only their own child but for others and the visiting Teams. Seeing the smiles on the player's faces at the end of the game is what it is all about, THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

Finally, thank you to my fellow Board Members, Deb, Eric, Bri, David, Scott and James, we have faced some challenges over the past two seasons which have definitely tested us. Your commitment, resilience and determination to see the Club always move forward is a testament to your dedication and character.

Regards

Sean Wilson

President



## CLUB SECRETARY'S REPORT

Well just when we thought we scraped through 2020 fairly unscathed, 2021 had other plans. Unfortunately, whilst there wasn't too much of a season to analyse, we were all kept busy as per usual with many highlights.

Firstly, I was extremely honoured to be the recipient, on behalf of the club, of the inaugural #RESPECT club award. The NSWRL #RESPECT club of the Year is awarded to the clubs who actively engage in promoting the #RESPECT messages via social throughout the season and instilling the #RESPECT messages in their clubs. To say we were humbled is a massive understatement and we can only hope that this recognition can be mirrored in the future.

Building from the strong foundations of the previous year, I was delighted to see that our participation rates overall increased exponentially and the female contingent more than tripling in recent years. Much of this success can be attributed to the hard work of the Wilson trio (Sean, Jack & Kai) and of course Hanna Clare who have built these squads up from the ground.

Every year I am more and more impressed with the energy our volunteers have. This group of people bring so much to this establishment including skills, advice, experience, friendship, vision, leadership, inspiration. But aside from all of this, in our time poor world the greatest contribution is their time.... Which is nothing short of utterly amazing.

Now that we are coming out of the other side of lockdown, I am extremely proud that we will be hosting our Touch Football season and will be forever grateful to Briohney Anderson for the hard work and dedication she's put in to getting the comp up and running **from scratch** in the shortest period of time. The thanks and overwhelming gratitude from the community clearly shows the gratefulness many feel.

Pandemics aside, the 2022 Footy year is shaping up to be bigger and better than ever and I am extremely excited to see what's in store.

Deborah Kennedy  
Club Secretary



The final table position for all our teams in the 2021 season was as follows  
(Note: due to the season not being finished, positions below are at the last game played):

Sydney Shield	Season abandoned
A Grade (Silver)	2nd
U15 (Silver)	2nd
U15 Blues Tag	8th
U14 (Silver)	3rd
U13 (Bronze)	2nd
U13 Blues Tag	6th
U12 (Gold)	6th
U11 (Maroon)	7th
U9 (Maroon)	8th
U8 Grade	Non-competitive
U7 Grade	Non-competitive
U6 Grade	Non-competitive



# *Thank You*

The Canteen Committee would like to thank everyone for assisting in the Canteen & with BBQ duties during the 2021 Season.



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Wishing everyone a great Summer and we  
look forward to seeing you all again in 2022.***



## SYDNEY SHIELD TEAM REPORT



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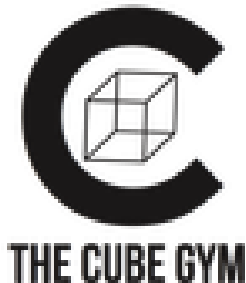
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**Games Played: 12**

**Won: 3 Draw: 1 Lost: 8**

**Points for: 268 Points Against: 350**

2021, another year of Corona Virus and a stop-start season. The Sydney Shield coaches Junior Ahkam and Adam Saunders were busy from October 2020 looking for new players to sign. By January and the first training session there were positive signs with up to 40 players at training at Narrabeen High School under the eagle eye of John and Maurice Kennedy.

The season started slowly with a wash out round and a Bye, however we finally started in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Round at Forestville Oval against the all-season competition leaders St. Marys. We did not go as well as expected and the team was changed for the next game against Windsor (away). This game showed what we could do as Belrose led 20-nil after 20 minutes. Unfortunately a late charge from Windsor saw us finish with a draw, and it took until our 4<sup>th</sup> game against Cronulla Carringah at home to record our first win.

The season was not going as hoped as many players were out injured and we were lucky that our coaches were able to find players from outside the squad. Playing Hills district at home, we lost Jamie Buhrer, Steve Tavita, Jackson Williams, Jake Pickering, and 5 others. Despite these setbacks the team came back and beat Windsor at home, and managed to pick up former NRL Player Justin Horo and his 2 brothers to cover the injuries and play for our 2<sup>nd</sup> Round game





against St Marys. This turned out to be an exciting game where Belrose had the lead with 20 minutes to go. As it turned out this was the last game of the season, and the competition was cancelled due to Covid 19.

The team cannot operate not just with the support of the Board, the coaches Junior and Saundy, and also Mark Abrahams, Paul Gosling with the assistance of Scott Collins, and also John and Maurice Kennedy were a great help.

There were also many who helped this year in many different ways off the field:  
Sue Abrahams, Clarissa Wilson, Briohney Anderson in the Canteen - your help was really needed  
Dave Paterson and Matty Anderson were always there to help on game days.  
Thank you all.

It was good to see the A Grade Coach Al Astley work with the Sydney Shield boys and to see so many players from A Grade get a run in Sydney Shield.

EJG

Now the most important part, the Players:

**ABRAHAMS Beau - Wing /Centre**

**Played 7 games: 1 Try**

Beau is an ideal utility player in the backline and has ability to play as an extra forward. Missed the later games due to injury.

**ARMSTRONG Lachlan - 2<sup>nd</sup> Row / Centre**

**Played 8 games: 5 tries**

Locky had a great season but also missed the late games due to injury. We saw some strong 2<sup>nd</sup> row performances and some great tries when he went to the centres.

**BETTS Luke - Utility**

**Played 1 game**

Unfortunately Luke got hit in the first game and was out for the season. Very disappointing for a great Club stalwart.

**BETTS Tom – Utility**

**Played 3 games**

Tom helped the team out as usual while committed to A Grade. Never lets you down this bloke

**BILSBOROUGH Nick - Prop**

**Played 9 games: 1 Try**

Nick came back this season and worked very hard. Was rewarded with some top performances



**BISHOP Willie – Halfback**

**Played 4 games**

Willie was asked to play due to our injuries and never let us down

**BUHRER Jamie - Lock / Hooker**

**Played 7 games: 1 try, 3 Goals**

Jamie was a great help on many levels for the team. His drive is at another level. Really missed his on-field presence.

**COLLINS Tai - Wing / Centre**

**Played 3 games: 1 Try**

Tai is a young player who came to the Club for the first time, and was promoted to Shield through A Grade. Put in a great effort.

**COLLINS Tom - Utility**

**Played 1 game**

Tom came back to help out this year, would like to see him back to his best.

**ERU Luke - Hooker**

**Played 2 Games**

Luke was another find who helped out due to our injuries. Love to have him back next year.

**FLETCHER Ryan - Utility**

**Played 5 games**

Ryan made the team through A grade, went well and never let us down

**FOGARTY Aaron - Wing / Centre**

**Played 11 games: 13 Tries**

Aaron had an exceptional season. Was the Club and competition leading try scorer and impressed a lot of people.

**FOGARTY Kyle - Wing**

**Played 8 games: 4 Tries**

Kyle had a very strong season on the wing this year, and approach each game with great energy and enthusiasm

**GRIFFITH Charlie - Utility**

**Played 2 games**

Charlie was another who came up from A Grade to help out. Will get better with more opportunities in the top grade

**HALSTEAD Andrew - Centre / Wing**

**Played 3 games**

Andy had injury problems this year but continued to help the team, particularly in setting up video seasons. Continues to be clubman.



**HORO Jayden - Utility**

**Played 6 games: 2 Tries, 1 Goal**

After a season in A grade last year, Jaden was called on to help out the top grade. He is a solid and experienced backline player who added a lot to the team.

**HORO Jordan - Wing**

**Played 1 game 1 Try**

Jordan came to play with his brothers but unfortunately only played the one game before the season was cancelled

**HORO Justin - 2<sup>nd</sup> Row**

**Played 1 game 1 Try**

Former NRL player signed to help out at the end of the Season. Had just the one game but would have loved to have seen more of him in Belrose colours

**KENNEDY Maurice - 5/8**

**Played 2 games**

Maurice came out of retirement to help. Proved that he has still got it

**LAWLER Damian – Utility**

**Played 3 games**

Damo made himself available and helped out when he could. Good to have him around again.

**LAYTON Andrew - Hooker/ Lock**

**Played 9 games 2 tries 3 Goals**

The season was just getting going and Andy was playing some of his best footy. Must have been disappointed the season was stopped

**MANIO Keia - Wing Fullback**

**Played 1 game**

Keia stood by a number of times. A really good player but was not always available.

**MARTIN Daniel – 2<sup>nd</sup> Row**

**Played 12 games 2 tries**

DLad had another consistently good year. The only player to play every game.

**MARTIN Joshua - 2<sup>nd</sup> Row**

**Played 4 games 2 tries**

Marto got injured in the first game and was out for most of the season but still a top team leader

**MEREDITH Daylen - Centre**

**Played 3 Games 2 Tries**

Daylen came to us from Manly always went well when available

**MITCHELL BEN - Prop**

**Played 4 Games**



Ben came back when we had half the team out with Injury. Big, young, and mobile. He brought his brother for a couple of games as well.

**MITCHELL JACK - Prop**

**Played 2 games 1 Try**

Jack came from Canberra to play when we were short of players. Would have loved to see more of Jack

**MORRISON Jake - Prop**

**Played 4 Games**

Fridge had other commitments this year, but when available was a great help

**NOOVAO Tearikiteau - Utility**

**Played 5 games 1 Try 4 Goals**

Tea got to play when we were very short. Showed he can do a few things the young ones can't.

**NORTHCOTE Mackenzie – Prop**

**Played 6 Games**

Mac 's 2<sup>nd</sup> year and getting better each season. A young player with a bright future.

**PALAU George - Hooker/ Wing**

**Played 2 games 1 Try**

George is another experienced player but could not get on the field enough

**PICKERING Jake - Fullback**

**11 Games 5 tries**

Picko started well, had to take the field with injury at times but still a key player in every game

**PLATI Giuseppe - Utility**

**Played 10 Games 1 Try** Giuseppe played in nearly all forward positions this year. Finished as prop but could play anywhere

**ROWLEY -BATES Nathan - Utility**

**Played 2 games**

Nathan is a good Clubman and helped out from A grade when asked. Had some good moments

**SEFUIVA Wesley - Halfback**

**Played 10 Games: 1 Try, 10 Goals**

Wes came to Belrose from Gordon Rugby. Got better as the season went along, hope to see him back again next year

**TAVITA Steven – Prop / Lock**

**Played 11 games: 5 Tries**

Stevie had some great games during the season. Knows the game well and is a great asset to all players and Coaches

**THOMAS Wesley - Utility**

**Played 2 games**



Wes came to us from the Warringah Rats. Unfortunately, they found out and he couldn't play anymore. Would love to see him next year

**TULIVAITI John - Utility**

**Played 1 game**

Another Union Player we would like to see next year

**TUPU Charlie – Wing**

**Played 1 game: 1 Try**

Charlie is a very exciting winger but had Union Commitments. Would love to see him next year also

**WOLLOGHAN Rhys - Centre**

**Played 3 games**

Rhys came out of retirement to help out. Still a class above

**WILLIAMS Jackson - Prop**

**Played 7 games**

Jacko added experience to the front row and had a number of outstanding games. Unfortunately, Injury got him too.

**SEASON AWARDS:**

**BEST & FAIREST** TBA

**BEST BACK** TBA

**BEST FORWARD** TBA

**COACHES AWARD** TBA



## A GRADE TEAM REPORT



Well, to say that the season was one of success might be a stretch unfortunately. Covid has probably stopped us having a real chance of getting a great result in our division.

From the outset with my trusty assistant coach Shawn “Boxhead” Ballesty (best trainer the boys have), Trainer /water man Tim Mansfield, and of course our Manager Deb Kennedy we were under the pump attracting players. Plenty said they were in, and many maybes. That said, our core group of a bare 12/13 dug in and we looked pretty good. The pre-season was strong, a couple of good trials and we were shaping up not too bad.

That said being the main support for Shield played a bit of havoc losing players at critical times and we did struggle for players, but as true A Grade we keep on going. We lost key players to injury unfortunately which didn't help cause hopefully they will be back next season, maybe not Piggy!

Our early games were a bit scappy but we were in the hunt for a large part of each game. We managed to attract a few more players and slowly our numbers grew. The split in the competition to two divisions helped us greatly, a few more players and a whole new enthusiasm and suddenly we have wins!!

We had great numbers at training and a good feel throughout the team and we began building confidence ready to play, we were still getting new players right up to the stopping of



competition.

So what's next you ask... Good question.

I'm pretty sure speaking for the guys there's unfinished business and I suppose depending on how the next competition is structured, A Grade will return to the winning way we enjoy.

I'd like to thank the guys from Shield, Junior and Adam who were a big help getting us up to speed, Goz, Scotty, Mark, and of course Eric.

Finally and on behalf of myself, Box and Tim I'd like to thank the club for the opportunity to have a crack at coaching this great club.

But lastly to Deb, thanks for your support and help I know it's not easy being manger with so many things to do weekly.

Cheers

Al, Box & Tim



## UNDER 15 TEAM REPORT







## UNDER 15 BLUES TAG TEAM REPORT



This year was a COVID impacted year which is quite sad especially considering how pumped all the girls were to be back on the footy field.

Despite the tough season, the girls would come to training and turn up to games with electrifying energy and the determination to never give up, which I love to see in a young team.

This season we played a total of 9 games, the most memorable being our win against Willoughby 32 – 4. Each week everyone gave it their all and unfortunately letting a couple of games slip through our fingers in the finals minutes made it tough to watch, but knowing how hard everyone had played gave me confidence that the next week we'd be competitive again.

A huge thank you to our team manager Bec for sitting on the side lines each week to score our games and to also notify everyone on where our next game would be.

And to Hanna, thank you very much for putting in all your spare time in your busy life to our team, to run out the girls some water and to give them some encouragement when my words wouldn't get through to them. And a special thanks to all the parents for getting the girls to the games and training on time.

It has been an absolute pleasure to coach these girls once again and I hope to see you all next season for some more coat hangers.

Jack Wilson  
Coach U15's Blues Tag



## **2021 RECORD**

Played – 9                      Won – 1  
Lost – 7                        Bye – 1  
Points for – 90              Points against – 208

## **AWARDS**

Best and fairest: Holly

Best forward: Laura

Best back: Tyla

Coach's award: Katie



## UNDER 14 TEAM REPORT



Another year of footy under COVID restrictions in 2021.

The boys once again ripped in for an unsettled season, which unfortunately happened to us for the second consecutive year. Despite all that, we had some great performances and showed courage in many games this year.

As a team, the boys had fun and showed a lot of improvement throughout the year. Hopefully next year we can have a full season without interruption and really have a good crack.

I would like to thank everyone involved with the team this year, especially our Manager Nic Loughman, our Trainer Luke Baker, and all of the parents who got the kids to training and games.

Congratulations boys on another year and hope to see you all next year.

Coach Jase



Player Awards:

<b>Best &amp; Fairest</b>	Jet Chan
<b>Best Forward</b>	Jack Antcliffe
<b>Best Back</b>	Josh Hickin
<b>Coach's Award</b>	Benjamin Lindsey

U14 Statistics:

Team TOTAL	2021 Tries	2021 Games	2021 Goals	Total Club Tries	Total Club Games
ANDERSON, Taylor	1	6	0		53
ANTCLIFFE, Jack	4	6	0		106
BAKER, Jacob	0	6	6		14
BROOKER, Mitchell	0	5	0		12
BRYANT, Koby	2	6	0		40
CHAN, Jet	5	4	0		106
VROOM, Toby	0	6	0		6
CURRY, Bowen	1	4	0		23
GLYNN, Benjamin	0	5	0		5
HICKIN, Joshua	4	6	0		39
LINDSAY, Benjamin	0	6	0		39
LOUGHMAN, Luke	1	5	4		50
TABRIZI, Arvin	0	6	0		6
NEDERLOF, Marcus	0	6	0		79
O'FEE, Jack	0	6	0		63



## UNDER 13 TEAM REPORT



I would like to start with “what a mad year we are all living”. We all had in the back of our minds that after 2020, 2021 would be so much different but it wasn’t to be.

The year started well. We got all the same players backing up again as well as a few new ones. As we had good numbers and new coaches I was able to get Allan on board early, and we had a good game plan sorted which we started with. Along with myself also helping out with A grade I was able to bring all that info from the training and drills they were doing down to our boys. We were also looking at getting the A Grade boys involved with our training runs and we were going to go to twice a week and rev things up once the comp got split. Well, we were one week into that plan until we got shut down again but this time for the rest of 2021.

I found that our boys were coming along nicely and were starting to play some really good footy, but we did not get the chance to add to that in the second half of the year. The one thing that did stand out was that the boys are getting bigger and more physical now, and the bumps and bruises are not the kind that a wet sponge, a hug, or a treat from the canteen after the game will fix. All this means is that our boys need to get themselves, bigger, stronger, fitter, and ready for 2022. They need to be training hard in the off season and eating good foods to help their bodies grow, and be ready for the start of the season... we need size!

Personally, I love coaching I think I am more the just a coach. I like seeing how the lads are doing week in week out at home and at school, and I would like them all to know any time, any place, I am a person they can call if needed. The next few years are very important for all of them to become good young men in and around our neighbourhood. I believe we would have done very well in the second part of the year it was starting to build - “build it and they will come “ *-field of dreams.*



It was a fantastic introduction with Allan Murray coming in to help with the side this season. His role was to sit back and just watch players do their thing on and off the field as I did with Peter, and just add his little bit with helping the plays improve their personal games and increase the ideas of how each play needs to play in the position that they were playing. He saw a lot of things that I did not, and never would have. His eye for detail and the small things in a player's game was fantastic, and what he did in the first half of the year was great. Even in the last training season he was still picking up things and work with players one on one. This started to have effects with a few of the boys playing in key position he was working on when and where they need to take over the plays, running into gaps putting other players in gaps, when to run our plays, and what plays to run at what time. This started working well with our Half back and Five-eight Joe and Benn in particular, and at the end Allan and I could see as Coaches that things were starting to sink in. Think of what could have been with more time together...

Once again Steve came full of energy and excitement every time we trained or played. You bring a great energy to the team, and had a change to be the Coach against Mona Vale and bought home a win - 1 from 1 well done Steveo. And behind all good men is a good woman, and we have one of the best in Frances. The greatest Manager and team mother to all of us. Teams don't work without good help and when I say you are one of the best I don't say it lightly. Our team would not even get on the field each week without you and I am sure you and Steve have a had a very hard time with work, but you always come with a smile and a care package when needed. I can't thank you enough I hope we see you and Steve again in 2022.

In finishing we had some very sad news this year as one of our teammates lost his dad while in lockdown. Our hearts and prayers go out to the family and you will always be in our hearts.

**Shawn Ballesty**  
**U13 Coach**

**Player Awards:**

Players Player: Jonathon Armatas

Best Back: Luke Bartollo

Best Forward: Benjamin Keller

Sportsmanship: Thomas Walker



Team TOTAL	2021 Tries	2021 Games	2021 Goals	Previous Club Tries*	Previous Club Games	Total Club Tries	Total Club Games
Armatas, Jonathon	6	7	0	4	101	10	<b>108</b>
Ballesty, Jhai	1	7	0		100	1	<b>108</b>
Bartollo, Luke	0	7	0	2	9	2	<b>16</b>
Cowling, Josh	0	7	0		9	0	<b>16</b>
Crookwell, Daniel	0	7	0		35	0	<b>42</b>
Greig, Lachlan	0	9	10	1	84	1	<b>93</b>
Gridley, Brock	1	5	0		7	1	<b>12</b>
Haes, Judah	0	6	0		24	0	<b>30</b>
Hiscoke, Beau	1	5	0	2	40	3	<b>45</b>
Keller, Ben	4	6	0	4	38	8	<b>44</b>
McCarney, Joe	1	8	0		30	1	<b>38</b>
Milne, Angus	2	8	0		82	2	<b>90</b>
Murray, Jackson	0	7	1		22	0	<b>29</b>
Pinheiro Bari, Rafi	0	6	0		9	0	<b>15</b>
Robb, Angus	0	6	0		8	0	<b>14</b>
Walker, Thomas	1	4	0	0	0	1	<b>4</b>
Wentworth, Alexander	2	6	0	3	8	9	<b>15</b>
Williams, Max	0	6	0	0	0	0	<b>6</b>

\*Stats in Tries scored from previous years based on previous 3 years only

## UNDER 13 BLUES TAG TEAM REPORT



After a successful inaugural Blues Tag season in 2020, I all but hoped that we had done enough to get the girls back for another year (Big Tick), but to get an influx of younger girls join our club to play in the U13's was truly amazing (some of whom should've been in the 11's). 'What?' So now we have two all-girls Blues Tag teams. Between the Coaching staff (Jack, Kai, Hanna, Jo and Myself) we decided although we would train on the same night, and with those numbers we had to separate and Jack would take on the role as Coach of the U15's and I would stay with the U13's teaching them the basics.

Considering the shortened season this year and only managing 9 games, the 13's girls were attentive and interested in understanding that this wasn't just touch footy but Blues Tag!

Their excitement to come to training and games was infectious which had me keen to get to game day to see their development from training. As the weeks went on they really were starting to get it! With solid defensive games at the back end of the season showing that when they work together pressuring the opposition good things happen.

One highlight for me was at Newport Oval in the cyclonic wind and driving rain, although they were all freezing, they committed to the warm up and even more so on the field. Showing determination beyond their young years, so good to watch.

The second highlight was 'The Game of the Year' we versed Cromer at St. Matthews Farm. I cannot remember what I said prior to kick off, but hey it worked. The girls' defensive line was strong, but it was their attack, racing out to a 8 – nil lead, then increasing that to 12 – 4 and holding that lead late into the second half, we unfortunately finished second on the day but left the ground holding our heads high and buzzing about the game.





Unfortunately, then came Covid 2.0 ending the season early, and taking the wind from our sails just when our confidence was on a high, but is the way life is, very unpredictable. I hope all the girls enjoyed their time and are keen to run around again in 2022.

To Ella, Hannah, Ruby and Sahraa, for stepping up into leadership roles with the younger girls, very admirable thank you.

A huge, thank to all the parents for their support throughout the year, for rushing girls from other commitments (dance, netball, etc) to get them to training and games, your efforts don't go unnoticed.

To Jo, thank you for the all laughs. Oh and the manager's duties that you love and the running commentary throughout the year, you are a legend, Cheers.

Thank you also to Hanna, having a young inspiring and motivated woman to mentor the girls makes coaching a young girls' team a little easier.

Finally to Jack & Kai thank you for your commitment and efforts, assisting the 13's throughout the year, it is definitely a proud moment when you can coach alongside both your sons, and watch them also develop as young men along the way.

I have had an awesome time Coaching and getting to know all the girls again this season, and I hope they return to play for 'Red and Gold' Thank you.

Sean Wilson

Coach U13's Girls Blues Tag

### **2021 AWARDS**

Best and Fairest – Ruby Stracey

Best Attacking Player – Ella Capindale

Best Defensive Player – Sage McConnell

Coach's Award – Virginia Shaw

### **2021 STATISTICS**

Played – 9

Won - 0

Came Second - 9

For - 40

Against - 344



## UNDER 12 TEAM REPORT



2021 proved a very challenging year for the under Belrose Under 12s Rugby League team.

Apart from the shared difficulties around COVID provisions, we were also elevated two grades to the Gold Division. In summary, after being Premiers in 2020, to be moved up to such a competitive division was a major challenge for the team. Despite some really gutsy efforts by the players, our best results were 2 draws which were our first and last games played.

This was hard to take after such a successful year in 2020 and to all the players and their families, I'd just like to confirm our commitment to getting back to some more successful performances in 2022. There is no guarantee that we won't still be a more difficult division, however I think with the experience the team had in 2021, we showed that we were close to some wins. Of the 9 games we played we were truly in the hunt for a victor in half of them.

It will take some work and commitment but I'm looking forward to getting back to it in 2022.

A big thank you to Andrew for managing and also to Joel and Matt who co-coached and ran training with me.

**JP Drysdale**  
**U12 Coach**



### Under 12s Players for the 2021 season were:

- **Archie Asprey** – Archie had a solid year in 2021. Archie continued with strong individual performances and was joined in co-captain role by both Jamie and Lucas.
- **Ashton Stewart** – Being a relative newcomer to the team, Ashton developed his game and earned himself a regular slot as half back for the team at first receiver and lead the squad in tries scored (4) and points scored (18).
- **Austin Riley** – Austin had another consistent year. He also spent some time at Dummy Half and continued his solid defensive efforts.
- **Billy Harland** – 2021 was difficult for Billie who was transitioning to a new school and was therefore only available intermittently. Nonetheless he contributed when available and ended the season with 14 points scored despite playing less games than most.
- **Christian Ignacio** – Christian is a natural rugby league player being a strong defender who can be relied upon to hold his spot in the line. Looking forward to making greater use of Christians abilities next year.
- **Cohen Quinn** – Cohen was a great team player this year. As we were making the transition to more structured play, Cohen did a great job in learning how to manage a position on the wing. He was patient in following the game plan despite the fact there was less ball getting out to the wing. We'll look to give him increased exposure in other positions next year.
- **Dylan Baker** – 2021 was Dylan's first season with the Belrose club and he made a great impact. Dylan combines his size and speed for some powerful running of the ball. He has a high work rate and always gives 100%, making him a valued member of the team. He also scored 2 tries in a season where points were hard to come by.
- **Dylan Moore** – 2021 was no doubt frustrating for Dylan who was impeded by a severe leg injury. Dylan is an outstanding young man who is an excellent team mate to all others in the team. He's a consistent allrounder with a high work rate. Hoping that he manages to recuperate and get back on the field next year.
- **Eva Ross-Clift** – Eva joined the Under 12s for her first season of league and did a great job. Being new to the game she had a steep learning curve and did a tremendous job. She proved herself to be tough and willing to take on bigger opponents in defence. She also quickly developed an understanding of positional play and showed that she has a lot of speed when given the opportunity to run.
- **Jamie Mauro** – Jamie was probably our best in 2021. He had a significant growth spurt during the off season and matched that with a growth in maturity. He put both to great use with some massive efforts. Jamie also joined the leadership group as co-captain.
- **Jayden Gunn** – 2021 was probably Jayden's best so far. With a larger role at first receiver, he grew in confidence with that greater involvement. Jayden scored 8 points being 4 conversions and making him our most consistent kicker.
- **John Drysdale** – John had a solid 2021 and continued to develop his defensive abilities. This consistency in defence is John's key contribution to the team and he is not afraid to tackle the largest opposition players. John is also a straight hard runner with a good step.
- **Leo Crapis** – Leo joined the Eagles in 2021 and proved that he also can punch well above his weight. Particularly in defence, Leo showed no sign of self-preservation as he threw



himself in to tackles against larger opponents. He also spent some time very effectively at DH.

- **Lucas Richardson** – Lucas put his hand up for more time at FR in 2021 and was solid. Lucas is passionate about football and gives 100% every week. This earned him a position in the leadership team as a co-captain.
- **Ollie Anderson** – As always Ollie tried his guts out and punching above your weight. His super high work rate at DH is a massive contribution to the team. Ollie is maturing as a footballer, and it was great to see was more passing and off-loading in his game this year.
- **Russell Baker** - Russel had a good year in 2021. He played a large role for team at DH and is very reliable ion his service to first receiver. He made good choices on when to distribute the ball also stepped up with some impressive defence efforts against larger players.
- **Maxx Valentine** – Max developed in his second season playing league. He’s a good runner of the ball and a tough tackler. He played an important part of the team’s defence wherever he was in the line. Looking forward to more next year!



## UNDER 11 TEAM REPORT



“The Rona” got us again!

After a tumultuous 2020, David Chalk sat me down and told me that since I am no longer physically able to go onto the playing field for season 2021, I would need to take the reins as coach.... a challenge I was a little stand off-ish with taking, but on reflection is something I thoroughly enjoyed.

With the assistance of Chalky and with Deb, as manager, once again making sure every possible detail was covered, we headed into the season having lost a few players but had gained the same amount which meant we had a group of 14 kids, 5 of which were new to the Belrose family but certainly welcome additions.

After an extremely positive trial and a some-what limited preparation due to players being unavailable due to various reasons and some weather problems, I thought we had a very capable and enthusiastic squad, but still needed lots of work.

After the early few rounds it was clear we could hang with ANY team in this comp, the trick was to convince the kids that they not only had the ability to hang with them, but should show a little bit of arrogance to signify that they belong, which from my perspective is the one thing I failed to instil as a coach. It was also clear that the new additions to the team combined with our originals were a perfect mix of experienced and crazy. (Which I personally LOVED)

Unfortunately, our early success in the first 5 rounds meant we were thrown into the Maroons division. Now, don't get me wrong, this is the division this squad of kids SHOULD be in, but at this time, we aren't quite there yet physically and more importantly mentally. This is where our



toughest challenge was this year, and the challenge we faced, was the 6 inches in between our ears and the belief that not only are we good enough, but we belong with the big boys.

Probably the thing I am most proud of in this group is that they never stopped trying. Facing massive half time scores, it would have been very easy for them to fold up shop and give up.....they never did. And as I told them, this is not something I can coach! These are the sorts of traits that winners have, a never say die attitude.

Every kid improved in some way, and with some more disciplined training, they COULD be an extremely successful team for many years to come. I told the kids this a few times, no matter who we played, I would never swap any of them for any of our opposition, showing my confidence I have in these kids. The kids will tell you that I always mention effort in everything we do, and I cannot fault any of our players for the effort they put in.

It is my hope that every single kid returns next year, in my opinion, we have unfinished business and if they can just believe in themselves, we can all get them to be successful not only on the footy field but in life.

I would like to thank Dave, Deb, Noddy and also the parents for your support this year. Fingers crossed we can actually get a full season in sometime soon....and when that happens, I can't wait to see what our kids do.

**Shannon Cameron**  
**U11 Coach 2021**



### Player Profiles

**Koby Avakian: (5 Games 2 Tries 2 Goals)** Kobes was one of the new brigade this year after a touch footy recruitment drive. This kid can move....plenty of speed and footwork to go with it, was really finding his feet before we were shut down. A fantastic first season of Rugby League Kobes, I hope it's not the last

**Jemma Ballesty: (7 Games)** This young lady can play! Jemma has that "Ballesty mentality" inside of her. We all saw it in the first trail of the year. That take no prisoner, no one mess with me attitude that makes her a vital asset to this team. While it isn't easy for her in a team with 13 boys she rarely complains. Now....If only I can get her to KNOW how good she is and do it every game.....

**Cooper Cameron: (7 Games 4 Goals)** Being the coaches' son isn't easy sometimes. Coop is tenacious and is the kid that is first to celebrate and hug his team mates. Pound for Pound probably one of the best hitters in the comp....if only he actually did it more often. Surprised even me with some handy kicks into the in-goal on a few occasions. Loves the hooker position which funnily enough, his father played at the same age....one thing is for sure with Coop, he can't wait for next year to hug everyone again.

**Kyan Chalk: (7 Games 3 Tries 4 Goals)**"Pockets" is that cheeky little halfback...the one with the little grin that infuriates front rowers. Plays well above his weight week in week out. A deft little kicking game and a show and go that Thurston would love, this little bloke just needs to learn that mistakes on the field are something you learn from, not beat yourself up about! A vital cog in our attacking machine. He's a beauty!

**William Covarr: (7 Games 1 Try 1 Goal)** Another of our new additions....this kid is **made** for Rugby League. He's a little bit nuts which we, as coaches, love. He faced a bit of adversity this year with a little head cut at training which I knew wouldn't hold him back, but even I was surprised at his game that followed the injury. He is certainly a handful at training, but he's even more of a handful on the field....tough and uncompromising with some silky skills. Hope to see you in 2022 Will!!

**Zach Grieg: (7 Games 1 Try 2 Goals)** By far the most improved this year. I saw him play touch in the off season and showed some speed which I never knew he had. I challenged him to bring that to the Rugby League field this year...a kid that big and that fast is dangerous. He met the challenge head on! Another kid when he realises how big and strong he is, will really start to impose his will, especially in defence. Keep improving Zach!

**Cooper Gunn: (6 Games 1 Try 1 Goal)** After missing 2020 with a broken arm, Coop returned to fold with a fire in his belly this year. Someone you would hate to play against, but all his team mates feel 10ft tall knowing hes in the team. Coop pushes the boundaries every week which is where you need to play...on the edge, which I know rattled our opposition more than once. His Mum won't like me saying this but....Never change Coop, such a little competitor which every team needs.

**Jordan Keller: (5Game 1 Try 1 Goal)** New addition...the perfect back rower build...long and rangy but this kid can move as well. He's a nightmare to tackle and has a natural talent for his timing in defence, with some more technique will be someone to avoid running at, at all costs. He and Will could barely be separated which made it hard for our trainer to tell them apart....Solid first season Jordan, well done.

**Rylan Kennedy: (8 Games 4 Tries)** Ry is the beating heart of the team. The one kid that never gives in and drags his team mates with him. At 11 yrs. old is asking me to do extras on nights we don't train. He lives for this game and is so critical of himself it almost holds him back. Another kid that with time will learn



that mistakes are something you learn from, not something to dwell on. Ry's lust for success for this team needs to be bottled. I don't even need to encourage him to come back because not only will his mother throw him at me for the first session next year, but he will probably beat me there to learn as much as he can.

**Isaac Kretchmer: (8 Games 1 Try 1 Goal)** "Bull" is by far and away the most consistent player in this team, and it all comes down to his effort. His last run is as good as his first. He's an absolute pleasure to coach because you KNOW he will do what you ask. A kid that desperately wants to be a goal kicking 7....but when his warm up run consists of hoofing down Bakers Delight treats, I'm afraid that is all the hallmarks of a Front Rower....and what a Front Rower he is!!!

**Alex Milne: (7 Games 1 Try)** "Champa"....you're almost lost for words with Alex. He's a belter of a kid and every so often he shows you what he is really capable of...and sometimes it's scary...defensively he has the ability to fold people like lawn chairs. Its these things that show me he is MORE than capable of mixing it...another one who just needs to believe it himself and his improvement will be ridiculous. His hairstyles are always a talking point at training which he takes all in his stride...funny, talented kid

**Oscar Needham: (6 Games 12 Tries 4 Goals)**"The Freak" Blessed with speed and evasive skills that most people dream of, but the most impressive thing about Oscar is his dogged will to just compete on every single play. Often he is usually the last line of defence as he chases to the very end. If only I could get my hands on him at training more often but unfortunately for us, hes one of those kids who is good at every sport. Impressively made the PSSA Representative team this year....its very easy to see why he was selected. An out and out star and a player that Belrose needs to hang onto for a very long time.

**Hudson Sasikin: (7 Games 3 Tries 1 Goal)**"Huddy" was half of a duo that turned up for his first season of Rugby League this year. Can you believe he is the younger of the 2! Huddy made an immediate impact from his sheer size and strength on the field, an awesome debut where he seemingly carried half the opposition team across the try line. He's a gentle giant this guy, a cheeky little buggler but no one will mess with him. Another few games and I think he would really hit his straps, we just have to pry him away from that other sport and he will be good to go.

**Hunter Sasikin: (7 Games 2 Tries 4 Goals)** Hunter was the other half of the duo....and he proved to be extremely elusive in his own right. Not blessed with the raw power of his brother, but quick between the ears and on his feet and his efforts to improve continued to show through the season. Was part of a hooker rotation which I think worked really well. Is usually the last at training kicking goals. Like Huddy, with a bit more game time he will settle in to his place in the team and get a few more footy smarts too.





2021 Statistics:

	2021				Total			
	Games	Tries	Goals	Points	Games	Tries	Goals	Points
Alexander MILNE	7	1	0	4	89	13	3	58
Cooper CAMERON	7	0	4	8	83	19	11	98
Cooper GUNN	6	1	1	6	74	29	4	124
Hudson SASIKIN	7	3	1	14	7	3	1	14
Hunter SASIKIN	7	2	4	16	7	2	4	16
Isaac KRETCHMER	8	1	1	6	68	7	7	42
Jemma BALLESTY	7	0	0	0	29	0	0	0
Jordan KELLER	5	1	1	6	5	1	1	6
Koby AVAKIAN	5	2	2	12	5	2	2	12
Kyan CHALK	7	3	4	20	91	34	14	164
Oscar NEEDHAM	6	12	4	56	84	153	15	642
Rylan KENNEDY	8	4	0	16	116	91	5	374
Will COVARR	7	1	1	6	7	1	1	6
Zach GREIG	7	1	2	8	58	24	7	110



## UNDER 9 TEAM REPORT



We started the 2021 season full of hope with 8 players backing up from last years U/8's and 2 boys playing their first season. This was the first season where we kept score and there was a premiership ladder with a number of new rules introduced that the boys had to learn including having markers, kicking the ball in general play and the rotation of the 'First Receiver' and 'Dummy Half'.

Although results didn't go our way with a few blow-out scores against some much bigger teams, the boys always tried hard. They scored some great individual and team tries including a couple of tries off kicks.

Unfortunately, due to Covid, the season was cut short after only 9 games which was very disappointing as I believe the boys were starting to build, and there were improvements in different parts of their game which was starting to show on the footy field.

The boys were a pleasure to coach, they made both training and game day enjoyable with their willingness to learn and having fun with their mates.

I would like to thank my co-coach Shawn for your help as it definitely makes it easier with the two of us to train the boys and Jason for taking on the responsibility of 'Trainer' duties. Thanks also to Bron for managing the team and doing all the behind the scenes paperwork and organising and to all the parents for your help and support with BBQ, canteen duties, touch judge duties and for generally getting the boys to training and game day.

A special mention to William & Mitchell Bruzzano for achieving your 50 game milestone this season.

I hope everyone stays safe and look forward to seeing you next season.

**Anthony Bruzzano – U9 Coach**



## PLAYER STATS

Team TOTAL	2021 Tries	2021 Games	2021 Goals	Previous Club Tries	Previous Club Games	Total Club Tries	Total Club Games
BRUZZANO, William	2	9	1	28	49	30	<b>58</b>
BRUZZANO, Mitchell	4	9	1	28	49	32	<b>58</b>
FLYNN, Patrick		9	1	5	31	5	<b>40</b>
FRANKLAND, Jax	3	9	3			3	<b>9</b>
GEE, Balin	6	7	2	100	62	106	<b>69</b>
HUXLEY, Henry		7					<b>7</b>
O'FEE, Leo	1	9	1	12	18	13	<b>27</b>
PLUMMER, Jordan	16	8	4	28	8	44	<b>16</b>
ROCHAIX, Luca		9	1	3	19	3	<b>28</b>
SILADI, Ty	1	9	3	61	50	62	<b>59</b>



## UNDER 8 TEAM REPORT



We had a mix of old and new players for this short season. We had enough players for the season to have 2 teams, however, trained as one and on some weeks some players played 2 games.

All kids played well and seemed to be getting better as the weeks went on. Some of the team had more experience than others, which helped when we played some of the graded teams, including Avalon.

We (Coaches and Manager) are super proud of the effort from all kids and can't wait to get back into footy next year, such a shame this year was cut so short.



First Name	Surname	2021 Games	2021 Tries	2021 Goals	Total Games	Total Tries	Total Goals
Lachlan	Andrews	10	5	6	48	89	6
Leo	Bird	1	1	0	9	10	0
William	Bray	8	0	1	17	0	1
Sam	Brennan	7	1	5	40	22	5
Cooper	Devries	7	0	1	7	0	1
Benjamin	Evans	7	1	2	16	3	2
Harrison	Greig	7	0	2	38	18	2
Phillip	Hall	8	5	4	81	77	4
Leo	Julian	7	4	3	38	67	3
Myles	Metcalfe	7	0	0	73	14	0
William	Meteyard	8	1	0	68	29	0
Leo	Murace	8	21	7	8	21	7
Koen	Needs	9	11	4	46	83	4
Bodhi	Robinson	6	1	1	15	1	1
Hunter	Smith	7	20	7	18	61	7
Miles	Smyth	7	0	1	7	0	1
Ethan	Stenson	7	1	0	7	1	0
Lola	Thorpe	7	0	0	15	6	0







## UNDER 7 TEAM REPORT



When we came off the field in June for a cheeky “month circuit breaker lockdown”, optimists like me hoped that we may return sometime this season. However, what we all suspected would happen came to pass, the 2021 season was no more.

Looking back, I regret not penning something more substantial then, as it seems somewhat unfair to try to critique the young men or attempt to recall their individual talents more than 100 days after the season abruptly ended. I fear that I would not give each of them the true justice they deserve, besides after nine games they were only just warming up. So, opposed to singling them out with individual profile summaries like we have in previous years, I will just speak collectively on what we have learned this brief season and what we can look forward to in 2022 ahead.

This is the second year in a row that we have been forced to cancel the season with less than ten games, which, I can safely say, has been extremely hard on the young men, who upon looking at them, are clearly starting to love the game. Another thing that is really important at this age is starting to instil in them a sense of ‘Club Spirit’ and getting the boys whenever possible to attend the senior matches. While understandably, many of us have wanted keep our kids away from large crowds the last two years – hopefully in 2022, with already a 90% vaccination rate on the Northern Beaches, we can look to get our squad up to the senior home games at our new, purpose-built stadium which will be ready by next year!



*Getting together as a team and missing Winter already*

We touched on this after the lockdown last year, however I cannot stress it enough – The men are growing up in the most unusual and trying of times – Rather than us feel sad for them though, we should try to band together and strive to make things normal as possible. I am proud to report that we did this most of the time, to the best of our ability.

For me personally as coach, in our short time together, we didn't get the time to really drill down into the technical aspects of the game this year – However, I was thrilled to see that the men starting

to develop their own personalities and thinking for themselves.

It was amazing to see them take on new things, learn how to overcome adversity alone without screaming for Mum and Dad, as painful as it was at times, I was also thrilled to see them learn to backchat, having the confidence to question things. All the things crucial in growing up.

What did bring me a huge sense of pride was watching a team united and come together as a family – Which means while they're bound to have some disagreements every now and then, however they were there for each other when it counted. It's an invaluable life lesson which will continue to remain a priority next year.

This year, the team faced an interesting obstacle, when Jaxx 'Crackers' Wieland departed as his family headed north. For the men who had developed a bit of a bond over the past two years, it was a sad time, as they were losing a mate – However, while Crackers was leaving, the group also got to welcome four new additions in Westie, Harvey, Jack & Carter – Who joined the flock and within weeks felt like part of the family. It was a great thing for the men to learn at this age, that people come, and people go, the most important thing is that you remember your mates. We wish Jaxx and his family all the best north of the border, we will make sure he gets one last Belrose trophy this year to add to his collection, and knows there is always a 'red and gold' jersey waiting for him whenever he wishes to come back to the fold.



*Goodbyes... Rex, Nash, Jim, Harry & some other bloke we forgot the name of.*





*THE NEW RECRUITS: The best of mates, the master embracing his new nickname, and the brothers who prove once and for all "Tough Guys Carry Teddies"*

One thing which makes ending the year so abruptly so hard, is that Under 6's and Under 7's are the two years when football is really just all about having fun. From next year, the men will start to want to keep score, develop competitive streaks, and as they get a bit bigger, they will start working harder. I for one will always be a little bit saddened that they didn't get the time that other generations coming through have had to experience the sheer joy of just getting to get together and throw the ball around, not competing and just playing Rugby League for the sake of playing Rugby League.

Before we sign off, I would like to first say thank you to everyone who made this year possible. Deborah Kennedy, David Chalk, Scotty Cable, Sean Wilson, the rest of the board and everyone involved at an executive level, if I haven't mentioned you by name, apologies but thank you for struggling through COVID to keep the club afloat. I know you all have families, jobs, and to take the time out to support our club and community, we really appreciate your sacrifice and sharing the time. Secondly, Briohney Anderson – Who made sure our young men got on the paddock in new playing gear this year by correctly guessing the entire teams' sizes - Eleven out of Twelve correct is extraordinary, I know who I am taking to Spring Carnival this year! Thirdly, I would like to thank the Prouting-Smith's – Benny & Erin for supporting the team and our Club as our Jersey sponsors this season. The simple truth is that the Club could not survive without the generosity and support of our local businesses. Thank you for your contribution. And finally, last but not least, a HUGE thank-you to Eric Galloway. Without Eric, there would be no club. Thank you for continuing your huge fifty years of supporting Belrose.

With 2021 now behind us, it is time to set our sights on the future horizons and what our plan will be for the next year. I would love to preface this by thanking every family in the Under 7's this year for their continued interest in the sport and welcome them all back to participate in the season next year. I wanted to give each family a small brief at the end of this year, to prepare for the year ahead in 2022. The premise for 2022 will be the same strategy as it has been the past two years – To help the young men grow on and off the field.



Our mission for the Under 8's of 2022 will be not only to teach them how to play footy, but also the importance of being part of a team – Our aim isn't just to create good footballers, but to equip the men with the skills and knowledge they will need to thrive as happy, well-rounded adults.

That said, the onus will be on all parents next year to find the right balance. While our mission is to keep it light, simple, and fun so they can still be kids. – We need to note that Under 8's is an incredibly important transitional year in their football journey. The field becomes bigger, they start playing by proper rules, there are no coaches present on the field, and it is the final year of non-competitive play – so it is essential that we have the fundamentals right by the end of the Under 8's year– To ensure they have fun in the Under 9's when they will have the chance to start winning competitions.

Next year, we will start to begin learning how to win games, this means getting the men to work a little bit harder, run a little bit faster, and take things a bit more seriously as we transition into a more structured and competitive style game that they will begin to play in coming years ahead. To assist in achieving this – we will be altering the make up of the coaching staff, to ensure that we can have the right people teaching the right skills, and ensuring it benefits the young men as much as possible.

Unfortunately, due to work commitments requiring her to miss two Saturdays a month, Lauren can no longer carry on as team manager. Lauren, thank you for your dedication and hard-work in the duties of manager the past two seasons, putting your hand-up when no one else was available, and going from knowing absolutely nothing about Rugby League, to now arming yourself with enough knowledge to enter the NRL as a referee... They need the help!

In 2022, Stephen Thatcher will be signing on as the team manager. He'll be on hand to support the team with all of the administrative duties that are essential to the running of the team. I am also pleased to announce that Keven Allsopp will be joining the staff next year as co-coach. With the men getting older, and the game getting more technical, Keven, with his years of experience, will be able to help us concentrate on developing on a strong backline and robust kicking game – passing on his noteworthy skills. Meanwhile, I will continue on with the team, mainly focussing on the forwards – And we will work together on bringing the team together as a single unit.

My final request, I think we can safely say by now, it is pretty evident where each of the men's talents lie. Can you please have your child excited on playing in either the forwards or the backs next season. I would hate for anyone to arrive at training next year and be disappointed with where they are placed in the team. If you are unsure of where you think your child will play, please feel free to call me any time to discuss. Have a great break and see you next year!

Marcus Middleton  
U7 Coach



Team TOTAL	2021 Tries	2021 Games	Total Club Tries	Total Club Games
Allsopp, Carter	18	7	18	7
Bradfield, Billy	11	5	11	9
Bradfield, Harvey	3	3	3	3
Houston, Jack	26	6	26	6
Kotz, Noah	35	9	70	33
Middleton, Henry	33	9	75	41
Middleton, James	25	9	64	71
Prouting-Smith, Rex	29	9	61	18
Roarty, Nash	28	8	61	68
Thatcher, Oliver	31	8	37	17
Westren, Oliver	25	8	25	8
Wieland, Jaxx	8	4	26	11

## UNDER 6 TEAM REPORT



What a year 2021 was for our quick learning u/6's! The term "herding cats" was thrown around plenty prior to Luke and I taking on the u/6's gig and I can confirm that's exactly what it was like, but we have no regrets.

We were fortunate to have a full team and more sign up for the first training session and it wasn't long before we were playing back to back games with 2 teams once the season rolled around.

The vast majority of our team were playing their first season and underage, so training sessions were a learning experience for the kids, as well as Luke and I. They always turned up with plenty of energy, big smiles on their faces and an inability to listen to instruction, but we got better and better as a team as each week passed (thank god for Bull Rush).

Our season started off slowly as they found their feet, but it wasn't long before we had some superstar team performances. Figuring out which way to run was half the battle and once they understood the sideline was lava, we were absolutely flying. Tackling took a little longer, but once we dedicated our player of the week award to defence, they were jumping over each other to make tackles.

It was truly a pity that our season was cut short because we could see how much fun we were having as a team and that every one of our kids was playing with confidence, which was such a pleasure to see. Regardless, season 2021 was an absolute success and we look forward to seeing everyone return in 2022 in either the 7's or the 6's once again.

A big thank you to our team manger Natalie Alder. The kids, Luke and I certainly appreciated your help throughout the year.



Thankyou also to Deb Kennedy for being such a great sounding board for us first-time u/6's coaches and Briohney Anderson for always finding spare gear as our numbers swelled. Couldn't have done it without each of you.

Thank you to the parent for being so supportive and patient with not only the children, but also Luke and I. Again, it's a shame we couldn't finish the year off and see the whole squad grow further.

Last, but certainly not least, thank you to our U/6's. You brought the energy and emotion every week and you were a lot of fun for us to coach. We hope you enjoyed the season with Belrose and we look forward to seeing you all again next year.

Cheers,

Jamie & Luke





## **UNDER 6 PLAYER PROFILES**

### Eden Buhrer

Eden quickly realised she was blessed with serious speed and routinely ran around the opposition to score a lot of tries. Eden also loved to tackle, especially when she was promised a few lollies after the game. We look forward to seeing her get better and better.

### Haddon Ossington

Haddon is a quick learner and proved to be a great player for us from his very first game. With a wicked palm, the ability to break tackles and a willingness to tackle anything that moves, Haddon will only get better with another season next year.

### Zac Alder

Zac is an absolute joker and made his teammates and coaches laugh plenty throughout the year. On the field, Zac grew more and more confident as the weeks rolled past and by seasons end, he was making plenty of tackles and even scored a couple well deserved length of the field tries.

### Raphael Kotz

Raphy always had a smile on his face and was an absolute pleasure to coach. He would always put his hand up to have a run (even after only just having one) or make a big tackle. He scored a number of entertaining tries throughout the year zig zagging around the opposition.

### Cruz Bidois

Cruz was a little shy at first and it took a few games for him to gain his confidence. Once he was comfortable playing and training alongside his teammates, it showed with some bruising tackles and some great tries, where the opposition either couldn't catch him as he ran around them or couldn't bring him down when he ran through them.

### Josh Mead

Josh is such a happy boy and always gave his best at training and during games. Despite not being the biggest, he had the biggest heart and would always put his hand up to tackle and take a run against any opposition. Josh was rewarded for his toughness with a couple of well-deserved tries at the end of the year.



### Calla Robinson

Calla always had a great time at training. At times she loved patting stray dogs almost as much as she loved running and tackling. Calla is a great talker and used her experience from the year before to show many of her teammates how to tackle and score tries.

### Bodhi Duncan

Bodhi is a great listener and was a pleasure to coach. Every week we saw her confidence improve and she became a very willing tackler every week. Her confidence was rewarded with a couple of great tries to finish off the season and she'll only get better next year.

### Noel Vea

Noel is a ball of energy, always smiling and tackling his teammates. It took some time for Noel to gain confidence at training and on the field, but he certainly showed a willingness to run over the opposition and tackle anyone who came his way by the end of the season. His big smile after a tackle or a good run was infectious.

### Finn Lovett

Finn joined our team just as the season began, playing before and after soccer and he didn't waste any time making an impression. Finn showed plenty of energy and was consistently one of our best tacklers every week. He also showed plenty of speed during games to score some entertaining tries and he would happily let me know it too.

### Jordan Cameron

Jordan is always very polite and wore a big smile on his face at training and on gameday. Jordy was one of the first to put his hand up for a run and scored a number of great tries this year running around the opposition. As long as he learns to leave the sideline cones alone next year, he'll get better and better!

### Max Baldwin

Max joined us mid-year, playing before or after soccer, but that didn't stop him from throwing himself into everything. He ran the ball well and scored some great tries, but he particularly enjoyed competing with Finn for tackles on gameday.



### Jack Curtis

Jacko was a little shy this year, but you can see how good he can be when he was either tackling me or when he was wrestling his dad at training. Another year and we've got no doubt he'll be a force, so we look forward to seeing him back next year.

### Joseph Pepper

Like many of our first-year players, Joey took some time to gain confidence, but we could see how determined he was to keep getting better. Joey's effort was rewarded with a couple of big games to end the year where he made some great tackles and scored some brilliant tries.

### Dylan Meakin

Dylan is an absolute character and he showed a keen interest in tackling from his very first game. While he made quite the impression with his tackling display, his tries were a joy to watch, as he often went in circles to bamboozle the opposition before he'd slice through under the posts.







# *BELROSE* **EAGLES**

