



RICHMOND JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

Season 2014

YJFL B+F



Congratulations to
Herschel Waters & Teigan Otter.
YJFL Best & Fairest 2014, U10 & U12

Also placing in the YJFL count:

Zach Dowd	U11	5th
Mohammed Makuc	U11	7th
Liam Foo	U11	9th
Alexander Argyropoulos	U12	4th
Peter Vamvakitis	U13	2nd
Alexander Angelis	U13	4th
Ubil Chol	U14	6th
Sol Zimmermann	U14	10th

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RJFC COMMITTEE REPORT

Season 2014 – What a year !

From a participation perspective our numbers continue to grow. The RJFC has over 150 registered players and we were delighted that for the second year running we were able to field two tackers teams. Adding to that news, we had a record 115 registered Auskickers which gives us confidence of a very healthy club in the coming years.

Our teams continue to strive to be the best that they can be, which is credit to the coaching panel and their many willing assistants. This year saw four teams make the finals and two progressing all the way to the Grand Final – unfortunately falling tantalising close to providing more flags to unfurl at Citizens Park.

From a talent pathway viewpoint, we were proud to see ten representatives across all teams invited to the YJFL presentation night. Congratulation to Herschel Waters (U10) and Teigan Otter (U12) in being awarded their divisions best players by the League's umpires. We also congratulate the eleven U13 and U14 players invited to YJFL and Oakleigh Chargers development opportunities.

Off the field we saw a lot of activity – the arrival of the coffee machine, the launching of the website, increased insurance for players, the RJFC hoodie program and the inaugural tackler night game just to name a handful of initiatives. All of these happen as the result of a someone in the club saying “how about we have a go at.....”. We welcome and encourage any more great ideas that continue to build RJFC.

Looking towards season 2015 there are new challenges and opportunities. The YJFL has introduced an U8 competition and modifications to rules up to U10. This means more teams and more volunteer help needed. The RJFC will continue to invest in player development initiatives such as the Tom Roach squad and is investigating additional investment support our hard working coaches.

Finally, a collective thank you to all families, players, coaches, team managers, trainers, runners, water carriers, timekeepers, boundary and goal umpires, umpire escorts, sponsors and other volunteers – It takes literally hundreds of sets of hands to make a season work and all of that effort is warmly welcomed and acknowledged.

Go Tigers.

RJFC Committee

Greg Dowd, Craig Lake, Lachlan Mosley, Les Quarrell, Jane Stevens, Mick Young.



RJFC CLUB AWARDS 2014

RJFC Best and Fairest

	Tackers Yellow	Tackers Black	U/10	
B & F	M.CANNALONGA	J.SMITH	H.WATERS	
2nd B & F	X.BOROVEC	E.KING	S.GRIFFITH	
3rd B & F	J.LITTLE	A.CLANEY	T.ZAFIROPOULOS	
Coaches	J.MICHAELS	O.COLLINSON	L.MOSLEY	
	U/11	U/12	U/13	U/14
B & F	Z.DOWD	T.OTTER	P.VAMVAKITIS	S.ZIMMERMANN
2nd B & F	W.STEVENS	A.ARGYROPOULOS	A.ANGELIS	T.M/GEORGIOU
3rd B & F	P.SHAW	J.STEWART	J.BATEMAN	P.MANETAS
Coaches	B.SWENSON	A.COLLESS	J.PRASAD	M.BOL

RJFC Major Awards

FRANK MCMAHON	A.LAKE	LIFE MEMBER	N.SIEVERS
FEISEL MIR	B.PARKER		
JOSHUA WEIR	P.COLLESS		
TOM ROACH	W.RANSOM		
JIM GURTUBY	H.WATERS		
PHIL BALLIS	M.WILLOUGHBY		
	T. CONSTABLE-ARMSTRONG		
GOLDEN FIST	O.KRANER-TUCCI		

RJFC TEAM OF THE YEAR 2014

T.OTTER	Z.DOWD	M.HABERFIELD	A.ANGELIS	P.MANETAS
D.FITZPATRICK	H.WATERS	W.STEVENS	J.SMITH	B.SWENSON
S.ZIMMERMANN	P.VAMVAKITIS	E.KING	A.CLANEY	M.CANNALONGA
P.SHAW	A.ARGYROPOULOS	J.LITTLE	J.BATEMAN	X.BOROVEC
S.GRIFFITH	J.STEWART	T.ZAFIROPOULOS	T.MANGAN-GEORGIOU	

RJFC TEAM AWARDS 2014

Coaches Awards

Tackers Yellow

Most Valuable	M.HABERFIELD
Most Improved	G.LOWERY
Most Determined	H.WEBB

U/10

Most Determined	J.BATCH
Most Consistent	L.HANRAHAN

U/12

Most Improved	A.BLACKBURN
Most Courageous	D.SPINA

U/14

Most Improved	H.SURKITT
Best First Year	W.TRALAGGAN
Most Consistent	B. FIELD-PIMM

Tackers Black

Most Valuable	T.ALCOTT
Most Improved	F.BUTT

U/11

Most Valuable	M.MAKUC
Most Promising	J.DOUBLE

U/13

Most Valuable	D.FITZPATRICK
Most Improved	J.LAKE
Most Determined	K.BLOOMFIELD

Encouragement Awards

T.BALLEK	S.TRALAGGAN
J.MORICE	J.PRENDEGAST
M.STRANG	O.RUNTING
Z.VAN DIJK	B.TYRRELL

RJFC MILESTONES 2014

100 GAMES

JAMES LAKE, JORDAN BATEMAN, TOM HAKINS, PETER VAMVAKITIS

50 GAMES

CIARAN LOEL, BLAKE PARKER, LEO MOSLEY, HARRY KITCHEN, JOE MARTIN, JACK DIVENUTO, MARK LEE GRAY, ZACH DOWD, SAM CASSERLY, ATTICUS ALBERSTEIN, JACK STEWART, ANGUS COLLESS, PATRICK SHAW, LIAM FOO, WILL HANNAN, ALEX PROSSER, JOSH PHILIP, ARCHIE BLACKBURN

TACKERS BLACK



TACKERS (B)

Back Row: Freddy Butt, Lachlan Idle, Ben Morgan
3rd Row: Tom Rourke, Angus McNeill, Ben Tyrrell, Taj Alcott, Antony Zafirooulos
2nd Row: Rachel Lowrie (Team Manager), Timothy Alcott (Asst. Coach), Edward King, Harvey Williams, Asher Claney, Jimmy Prendergast, Jagga Smith, Mick Smith (Asst. Coach), John Ellis (Coach)
Front Row: Oliver Runting, Kyle Grieve, Hugh Middleton, Wil Ransom, Jeff Rudland (Coach), Ollie Collinson, Jack Cowley, Patrick Colless, Zach Lukacs
Absent: Sam Tralaggan, Kane Ransom (Asst. Coach), Charlie Foo, Josh Hansen

Tackers Black started the season welcoming back old hands Asher Claney, Angus McNeill, Freddy Butt, Patrick Colless, Kyle Grieve, Lachie Idle, Harvey Williams, Ben Morgan, Eddie King and Josh Hansen. We then welcomed the players chomping at the bit to play after they were turned back last year with the YJFL age rules change; Ben Tyrrell, Jack Cowley Jagga Smith, Wil Ransom, Antony Zafiropoulos and Ollie Collinson. Then we had players who had a year to think about it and decided they wanted to give it a go; Taj Alcott, Sam Tralaggan, Jimmy Prendergast, a transfer from another club; Charlie Foo, and finally first year players; Ollie Runting, Zach Lukas, Hugh Middleton, Tom Rourke.

From the opening bounce of the first match this Tackers team showed we were going to be competitive, with lots of run, good skills and preparedness to play for their new team mates. Often face with opposition that seemed to be a foot taller, we usually held our own and fought out every match, with more goals scored for, than against.

A highlight of the season was the intra-club Friday night match against Tackers Yellow played under lights at Citizen's for the first time - if it could've been played it in above zero temperatures it would have been perfect!

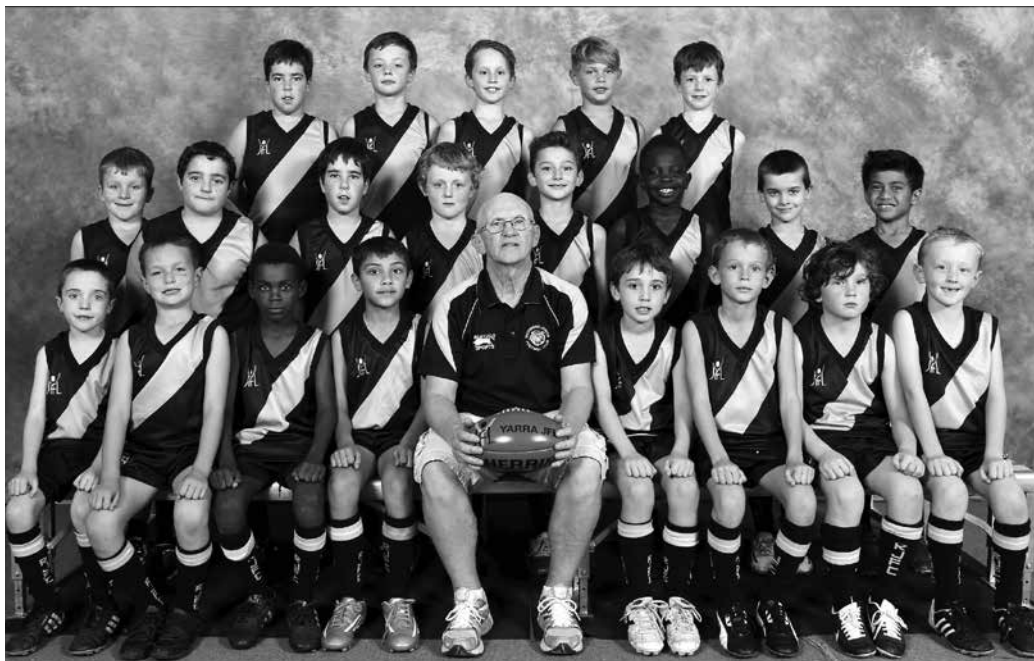
Thank you to the our great group of coaching helpers, Kaine, Mick, Tim, assistant coach John, and Rachel our team manager.

We will now spend the off season trying to unlearn tackling and shepherding to prepare for the YJFL rule changes next year.

Jeff Rudland Tackers Black Coach

PLAYERS	RD 1	RD 2	RD 3	RD 4	RD 5	TD	RD 6	RD 7	RD 8	RD 9	RD 10	RD 11	RD 12	RD 13	RD 14	TOTAL
Jagga SMITH	5	5	5	3	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	1	5	5	5	69
Eddie KING	4	4	2	2	4	4	3	4	2	2	1	5	4	4	4	49
Asher CLANEY	3	3	3		2		1		4	3	2	3	1	1	2	28
Ollie COLLINSON				1		1	4	2	3	4					3	18
Taj ALCOTT	1	1	4	5				3	1	1		1				17
Freddy BUTT				4	1	2						4	2	3		16
Will RANSOM		1					1	1	1		4	1	3			12
Josh HANSEN		1			3	3	2									9
Sam TRALAGGAN		2										2		2		6
Ben TYRRELL								1			3					4
Angus MCNEILL			1				1			1						3
Ben MORGAN	1							1	1							3
Patrick COLLESS	2														1	3
Oliver RUNTING	1					1										2
Tom ROURKE									1							1

TACKERS YELLOW



TACKERS (Y)

Back Row: Xavier Campbell, Griffin Lowery, Xavier Borovec, Josh Michaels, Hamish Webb

Middle Row: Zachary Van Dijk, Andrew Alexellis, Pedro Campbell, Edward Shea, Michael Cannalunga, Fource Nyeiker, Kobi Kas, Misericordiae Brown

Front Row: Henry Sutton, Max Strang, Maysra Alyas, Timmy Singh, Phil Ballis (Coach), Matthew Prosser, Thomas Ballek, Jack Morice, James Little

Absent: Matt Haberfield, Denise Van Dijk (Team Manager)

Tackers Yellow had a great year, welcoming many of the old Tackers back and also introducing a lot of new players to the Club.

We were lucky enough that RJFC Life member Phil Balis was called back into service to coach the team. He inherited a team of mixed experience, but shared enthusiasm and determination.

There were some tough matches early on, and during the first few, it looked like the kids were a flock of birds following the ball and each other around the oval. That changed quickly and significantly due to Phil and his close team of expert helpers, James Little and Neill Campbell. Phil helped all players develop their skills and play as a team, rotating players around the ground to learn all the positions. By the time Tackers Yellow came up against Tackers Black for the Friday night Spectacular under lights, (the first since Phil and Tackers Yellow coach, Jeff hosted such night event some 36 years ago!!), Tackers Yellow were a team to be reckoned with, rivalling AFL passions and excitement in the crowd.

Phil's delightful stated aim at the start of the year (he's not a man of many words, but is a man of thoughtful words) was to instil confidence in all of the boys - in which endeavour he was extremely successful.

By the end of many muddy training sessions and weeks of massive handfuls of snakes (reverting back to the flock of birds but only at 3/4 time), all of the kids chased the ball and had a ball.

Phil's managed to fuel the fire in the bellies of all of the Tackers who are now asking their parents how many sleeps until the next season commences.

Denise Van Dijk Tackers Yellow Manager

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UNDER 10

Back Row: Judd Martin, Lachlan O'Halloran, Thomas Zafiropoulos

3rd Row: Ciaran Loel, Jacob Marquet-Walker, Nick Seddon, Nathan Lowery

2nd Row: Tania Barry (Team Manager), Andrew O'Halloran (Coach), Blake Parker, Ewen Kossyvas, Harry Christensen, Thomas Smyth, Jacob Batch, Oscar Sutton, (Lachlan Mosley (Asst. Coach), Nick Kossyvas (Asst. Coach)

Front Row: Zac Marriott, Lucas Judd, Sebastian Macaulay, Leo Mosley, Herschel Waters, Sebastien Griffith, Jay Martensen, Lachlan Seddon, Mariowe Glover
Absent: Liam Hanrahan, Spencer McConnell

What a fantastic year the young boys had!

Statistically it was a very successful year, 14 wins and 1 loss (by only 1 point) in the home and away season and then we made it to the grand final and lost only by 7 points! The only team we did not beat was Ashburton W.

The team and personal goals at the start of the season were to; develop all players in different positions, teach the boys how the game can be played, improve the skill level of individual players and most importantly to have fun! All of these goals were well and truly achieved!

On a personal level I thoroughly enjoyed coaching the boys. The support from all at the club was tremendous, especially early in the year when both Tania and I were finding our feet - many thanks to Les, Craig, Mick and Bomber.

The parents were also great and they really supported the coaching philosophy I had in mind. There was consistent help from the parents who were more than willing to volunteer their time and skills on a weekly basis. Developing relationships with the parents on a personal level was an added bonus!

The group of boys were particularly fantastic. As the year progressed they learnt what was expected of them, making it easier to coach and progress their development more efficiently. Their ability to listen and follow instructions improved and their enthusiasm, energy and sense of fun was always evident, making the whole experience more enjoyable for all!

I'd like to acknowledge the personal achievement of Herschel Waters who is to be congratulated on a magnificent year. His League Best and Fairest Award and his Best on Ground Medal in the Grand Final were well deserved. These achievements were acquired through diligent practise and hard work. Well done Herschel!

I'm certain that the coaching staff, the team and all parents, enjoyed a wonderful 2014 football season!

Andrew O'Halloran U/10 Coach

PLAYERS	RD 1	RD 2	RD 3	RD 4	RD 5	RD 6	RD 7	RD 8	RD 9	RD 10	RD 11	RD 12	RD 13	RD 14	RD 15	TOTAL
Herschel WATERS	4	1	3	5	4	2	2	1	1	1	1	4	5	3	4	41
Sebastien GRIFFITH	5	1	5		2	4	3	1	1	1	4	1		1	1	30
Tom ZAFAROPOULOS	3		2	3			1	4		5			4		3	25
Liam HANRAHAN										4	5	1	3	1	5	19
Leo MOSLEY		2	4	2	1	1	1	2		1				5		19
Seb MACAULEY	1						4		5	1		5				16
Jacob BATCH	1				5			3	4	1						14
Ewan KOSSYVAS				4	1	5		1	3							14
Zac MARRIOT		5	1						1	2	1	2				12
Nathan GLOWERY		3				1	5				2	1				12
Ciaran LOEL	1	1								3		3		2	1	11
Blake PARKER	2						1	5	2							10
Lachlan O'HALLORAN			1			3	1			1		1	1		2	10
Lucas JUDD				1							3			4	1	9
Marlowe GLOVER		4											1			5
Blake PARKER				1	3											4
Jacob M/WALKER											1		2			3
Harry CHRISTENSEN														1	1	2
Jay MARTIESEN						1							1			2
Lachlan SEDDON			1		1											2
Gum BOL												1				1
Tom SMYTH												1				1
Spencer McCONNELL														1		1
Oscar SUTTON											1					1



UNDER 11

Back Row: Ralf Schwidlewski, Patrick Shaw, Makuc Madhuk Mohammed, Brayden Swenson, Liam Fowler

3rd Row: Ethan Lukacs, Robert Seddon, Blake Poynting, Giovanni Malietoa Brown, Adam Davies, Oscar Wise

2nd Row: Jane Stevens (Team Manager), Chris Swenson (Asst. Coach), Zach Dowd, Ben Wilson, Will Hannan, Atticus Alberstein, Sam Casserly, Greg Dowd (Asst. C), Martin Eckholdt (Asst. Coach)

Front Row: Tyler Seddon, Tobias Naylor, Hunter Seabrook, Alex Prosser, James Casserly (Coach), Jack Double, Will Stevens, Josh Phillip, Liam Foo

What a great year! I hope the players and parents enjoyed it as much as the coaches.

To come off a premiership year, go up a division, change 8 players in the team and pull up 2 goals short of going back to back was awesome.

When we set out, it was to make it fun and achieve 100 touches per player per week. A strong midfield and some outside pace encouraged a game of run and carry.

As the year went on and kicking and leading improved, this was complimented with targeted delivery of the ball.

It was the preliminary final that displayed how far our team had come. Last year's grand final opponent was smashed 13,13 to 1,5. Well done to each and every player for your contribution and improvement over the 18 games.

And remember "winners have parties, losers have meetings."

James Casserly U/11 Coach

PLAYERS	RD 1	RD 2	RD 3	RD 4	RD 5	RD 6	RD 7	RD 8	RD 9	RD 10	RD 11	RD 12	RD 13	RD 14	RD 15	TOTAL
Zach DOWD	5	1	4	5	5	5	4	5	3	5	5	3	5	5		60
Will STEVENS	4	1	3	4	3	3	5	2	5	1	4	4	4	2	5	50
Patrick SHAW	1	5	1	2	1	4	2	3	4	4	2		1	3	4	37
Brayden SWENSON	1		5	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	5	3	1	1	25
Sam CASSERLY	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	3	3	2	2	1	3	25
Liam FOO	2	4	1	1	1	1	3	1	2			1		4	1	21
Makuc MOHOMMED	1	3	1	3	1		1	4			1		1	1	2	19
Jack DOUBLE	3		2	1	4	1	1	1		2			1	1	1	18
Giovanni M/BROWN		1			1	1	1	1				1	1			7
Will HANNAN	1	1		1		1	1		1					1		7
Josh PHILIP	1	1				1				1			1	1		6
Blake POYNTING			1							1	1			1	1	5
Adam DAVIES	1	1							1			1			1	5
Ralf SCHWIDLEWICZ	1		1		1		1								1	5
Tyler SEDDON	1								1	1	1					4
Atticus ALBERSTEIN	1											1		1		3
Ethan LUKACS								1			1					2
Robert PIPER-SEDDON										1			1			2
Alex PROSSER												1			1	2
Liam FOWLER												1				1
Tobi NAYLOR							1									1
Ben WILSON							1									1
Oscar WISE													1			1

U/12



UNDER 12

Back Row: Jack Stewart, Angus Russell, Archie Blackburn

Middle Row: Hunter McConnell, Julian Meehan, Conor Loel, Jack Ryan-Knight, Alex Argyropoulos, Ethan Wischer, Jonah Haberfield, Ben Mennen

Front Row: Hugo Boreham, Paddy Walter, Dante Spina, Gus Murray, Colin Chipperfield (Coach), Sebastian Herbst, Angus Colless, Ethan Lee, Luca Salatino

Absent: Teigan Otter, Cameron Griffith, Liz Haberfield (Team Manager)

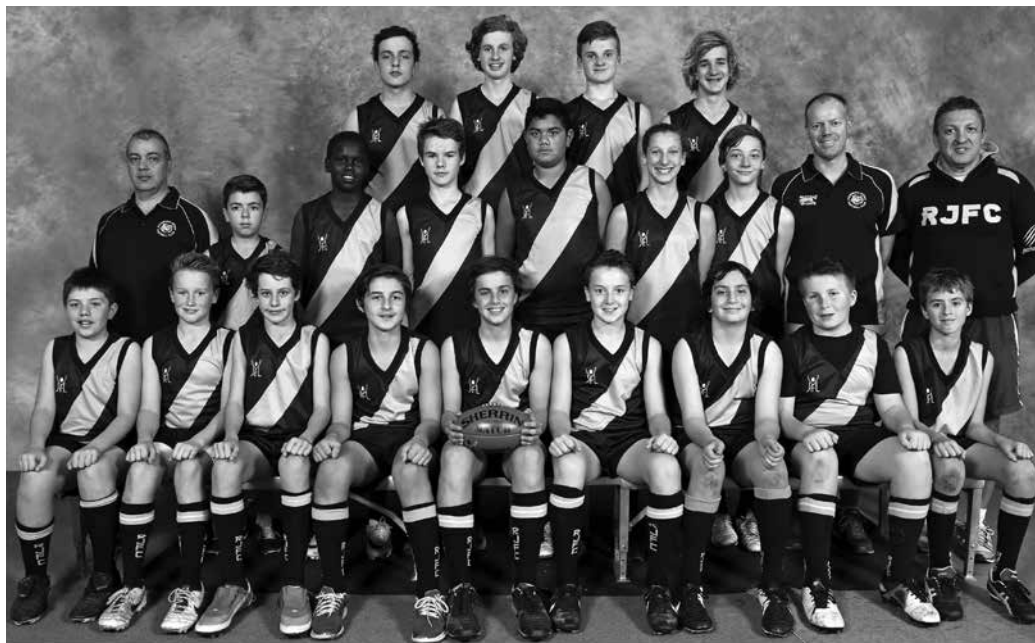
Finals have been a stumbling block over past seasons for this team and unfortunately this season was no different. Games can be won and lost by 'One percenters' and our elimination final this year proved to be one of those games. With scores level at full time and a gale blowing to one end we came up a bit short at the end of extra time but we gave it all we had.

Thank you to the fantastic group of parents and supporters and I am really looking forward to huge 2015

Colin Chipperfield U/12 Coach

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U/13



UNDER 13

Back Row: Peter Vamvakitis, Joe Martin, Kai Bloomfield, Griffin Bohn

Middle Row: George Vamvakitis (Team Manager), Christos Argyropoulos, Akol Akol, James Lake, Jordan Prasad, Dominique Quirk, Harry Kitchen, Anthony Bateman (Coach), Jim Angelis (Asst. Coach)

Front Row: Seb Sedergreen, Tom Hakens, Michael Rao, Alexander Angelis, Daniel Fitzpatrick, Jordan Bateman, Oscar Kraner-Tucci, Declan O'Regan, Rex Wilson

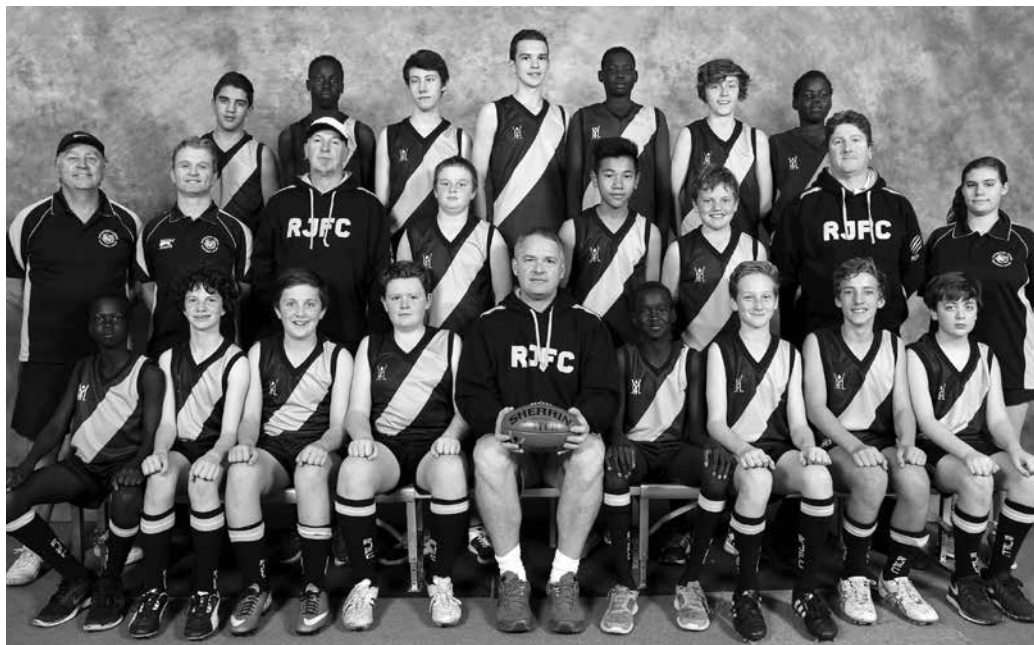
The U13s had a breakout year in 2014 – jumping from the Red division last year all the way up to Green in 2014. The team tackled this challenge with enthusiasm, excitement and determination.

This commitment and improvement from all players resulted in a fantastic season against some tough and quality opposition.

The kids were fantastic all year finishing 3rd, winning a tough 1st semi-final before bowing out in the Preliminary Final – well done to all players, officials and family supporters.

Anthony Bateman U/13 Coach

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UNDER 14

Back Row: Peter Manetas, Ubil Chol, Joshua Di Campil, Alexander Lake, Wang Nyieth, Tyler Constable-Armstrong, Majak Bol
 Middle Row: Jeff Armstrong (Asst. Coach), Luke Surkitt (Team Manager), Noel Mangan-Georgiou (Asst. Coach), Mark Lee-Gray, Johnson Pham, Jack Divenuto, Trevor Field-Pimm (Asst. Coach), Sarah Di Campil (Trainer)
 Front Row: Amon Nyieker, Harry Surkitt, Michael Willoughby, Will Tralaggan, Craig Lake (Coach), Ajack Leuth, Benjamin Field-Pimm, Sol Zimmermann, Will Skacej
 Absent: Dominic Rossetti, Tex Mangan Georgiou, Yor Chol

Sometimes things don't go to plan.....To steal a line from the great man Dennis Commetti, we entered the pack optimistically and left it misty optically".

The 2014 season however is one where continued to learn about a few things, be they about football, each other or ourselves.

On the football front we didn't win too many games. Importantly we continued our journey and learnt about switching play, zone defences, the importance of body positioning and the role a stoppage plays in a game plan.

Throughout the year, as always, numbers were a challenge. That however didn't define our season, it created an environment for us to learn about adversity and overcome it.

- To the dozen under 12 and under 13 players and their families that helped out, “thank you” doesn’t quite seem enough. Without your contribution there would have been weeks where we wouldn’t have played. You have demonstrated the strength of a football club in your actions.
- To the families of our players who gave so much during the year. There’s no manual or text book that has pages to cope with some of the situations we faced and overcame this year. Thank you once again.

Finally, the last month of the season clearly highlighted that with commitment to training and a fit squad we are a very competitive unit. To continue for another season we face another challenge – Lets have a crack at it and see how we go !

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