



RICHMOND JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

Season 2017

RJFC PRESIDENTS REPORT

435 Reasons why we do what we do

The above figure represents how many boys and girls we had represent the Richmond Junior football club in 2017, we have once again seen growth in both the boys and Girls teams and see no reason why this will not continue next year and beyond, Auskick was again a big hit with around 150 participants, and a big thank you to Craig Lake on his efforts this season.

Looking back at Season 2017 we have seen a continued relationship with all our partners; the Richmond Central FC, our senior partners down at Kevin Bartlett Reserve and the City of Yarra. Also, the Melbourne Indigenous Transition School and our sponsors, have all contributed to build a stronger more vibrant club.

Off the field we decided to set up for the next few seasons by ensuring Kevin Bartlett Reserve was fully catered for with all the items required – Canteen equipment and Football equipment were all purchased, more equipment at Citizens Park to cater for the growth, we also added new members to the committee.

On the field we saw many highlights, more players than ever and 5 teams making the finals, 3 of which made a Grand final. Congratulations to the U14 Boys who are now premiers in their division and also to the U10 Boys Yellow premiers in their lightening premeriship. Individually many players polled well in the YJFL Best and Fairest and represented the YJFL in representative teams.

We also had a player that represents the Big V in the U12 School carnival in Darwin – congratulations to Jagga Smith, a truly great effort

On the social side of things we again had some very well attended functions, thanks to the social committee for again organising these events (Sara, Tania, Troy, Alice and Guy), also a big thank you to Mick, Bomber and Basil, they do a great job week in week out, and we appreciate the effort.

Looking ahead to the Summer squad, all of the coaches are in agreeance that the focus should be on improving the skill of kicking, so we will put a plan in place to ensure this occurs, but we will need help.

Finally I would like to say thank you to everyone, Players, Coaches, Team Managers, Support staff, Parents, and lastly the committee members Jane Stevens, Jo Tyrell, Lachlan Mosley, Greg Dowd, Craig Lake, Chris McNeill, Troy Chandler and Mick Young - you have all contributed towards the 435 players being able to enjoy the great game of Aussie Rules at our great club.

Andrew O'Halloran
President Richmond Junior Football Club

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YJFL B+F RESULTS

Congratulations to the following players for placing in the YJFL count:

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|---------------------------|------------|-----|------------------------|-----------|-----|
| Jagga Smith | U11 Gold | 3rd | Herschel Waters | U13 | 2nd |
| Hamish Hudson | U11 Gold | 6th | Paul Babui | U13 | 3rd |
| Matthew Haberfield | U11 Blue | 7th | Will Stevens | U14 | 3rd |
| Edward King | U12 Blue | 4th | Milla Bornas | U14/15G | 2nd |
| Clare Wong | U12G Brown | 7th | Conor Loel | U15 (3) | 2nd |
| Shania Marrakuy | U12G Gold | 5th | Teigan Otter | U15 (3) | 5th |
| Naomi Gaykamangu | U12G Gold | 7th | Emily Convey | YouthG | 4th |
| Magdalena D'Amico | U12G Gold | 8th | Ubil Chol | Colts (3) | 2nd |
| Latoya Tipioura | U13G | 4th | | | |

RJFC TEAM AWARDS 2017

U/8 BOYS BLACK

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|------------------------------------|----------------------|
| U/8 Boys Best & Fairest | Frederick Heath |
| 2nd Best & Fairest | Romain Corley |
| 3rd Best & Fairest | Oliver Robinson-Howe |
| Coaches Award | Frederick Karutz |
| Most Consistent | Tom Le Busque |
| Most Improved | Auguste Crawford |

U/8 BOYS YELLOW

| | |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| U/8 Boys Best & Fairest | Maximilian Kerr |
| 2nd Best & Fairest | Cameron Koppens |
| 3rd Best & Fairest | Benjamin Tuckwell |
| Coaches Award | Billy Jones |
| Most Courageous | Pek McMahon |
| Most Improved | Mitchell Irwin |

U/9 BOYS BLACK

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|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| U/9 Boys Best & Fairest | William Barker |
| 2nd Best & Fairest | Evan Hoolihan |
| 3rd Best & Fairest | Milo Webb-Johnson |
| Coaches Award | Henry O'Bryan |
| Most Determined | Patrick Dwyer |
| Most Improved | Oscar Mosley |

U/9 BOYS YELLOW

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|------------------------------------|---------------|
| U/9 Boys Best & Fairest | Ford Thompson |
| 2nd Best & Fairest | Miles Pacey |
| 3rd Best & Fairest | Oliver Smith |
| Coaches Award | Thomas Doull |
| Most Determined | Albie McInnes |
| Most Improved | Paulo Lara |

U/10 BOYS BLACK

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|-------------------------------------|------------------------|
| U/10 Boys Best & Fairest | Flynn McNamara |
| 2nd Best & Fairest | Ari Glover |
| 2nd Best & Fairest | Oliver Baillie |
| Coaches Award | Charlie Sweet |
| Most Determined | Harrison Hinde |
| Most Improved | Heidi Slifirski-Krista |

U/10 BOYS YELLOW

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|-------------------------------------|----------------|
| U/10 Boys Best & Fairest | Caleb Anstee |
| 2nd Best & Fairest | Jack Fennell |
| 3rd Best & Fairest | Lachlan Dowd |
| Coaches Award | Edward D'Amico |
| Most Valuable | Julian Brunt |
| Most Courageous | Will Stone |

U/10 GIRLS

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|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| U/10 Girls Best & Fairest | Harriet Crock |
| U/10 Girls Best & Fairest | Lucy Murphy |
| 2nd Best & Fairest | Rebekah Di Campi San Vito |
| 3rd Best & Fairest | Wynifred McIntyre |
| Coaches Award | Yasmine Ronai |
| Most Determined | Maisie Larionoff |

U/11 BOYS YELLOW

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|-------------------------------------|--------------------|
| U/10 Boys Best & Fairest | Matthew Haberfield |
| 2nd Best & Fairest | James Little |
| 3rd Best & Fairest | Jonty Chandler |
| Coaches Award | Hugh Middleton |
| Best Team Man | Thomas Ballek |
| Most Improved | Sonny Edelmaier |

U/11 BOYS BLACK

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|-------------------------------------|-----------------|
| U/11 Boys Best & Fairest | Jagga Smith |
| 2nd Best & Fairest | Jack Morice |
| 3rd Best & Fairest | Hamish Hudson |
| 3rd Best & Fairest | Austin Wyatt |
| Coaches Award | Wil Ransom |
| Most Determined | Ollie Collinson |

U12 BOYS

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|-------------------------------------|--------------------|
| U/12 Boys Best & Fairest | Michael Cannalonga |
| 2nd Best & Fairest | Edward King |
| 3rd Best & Fairest | Angus McNeill |
| Coaches Award | Hamish Webb |
| Most Consistent | Asher Claney |
| Most Reliable | Joshua Michaels |

U/12 GIRLS BLACK

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|--------------------------------------|----------------------|
| U/12 Girls Best & Fairest | Keira Vamvakitis |
| 2nd Best & Fairest | Magdalena D'Amico |
| 3rd Best & Fairest | Naomi Gaykamangu |
| Coaches Award | Quinn Simpson-Tuckey |
| Most Determined | Kenita Bush |
| Most Improved | Scarlett Brydon |

U/12 GIRLS YELLOW

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|--------------------------------------|------------------------|
| U/12 Girls Best & Fairest | Mia Krisohos |
| 2nd Best & Fairest | Clare Wong |
| 3rd Best & Fairest | Sophia Jacka |
| Coaches Award | Nellie Wade |
| Most Consistent | Milla Eades |
| Most Improved | Heidi Slifirski-Krista |

U/13 GIRLS

| | |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|
| U/13 Girls Best & Fairest | Alexandra Williams |
| 2nd Best & Fairest | Shaniya Cooper |
| 3rd Best & Fairest | Latoya Tipioura |
| Coaches Award | Lucy Robotham |
| Most Improved | Chloe Waddell |
| Most Improved | Annie Wilson |

U/13 BOYS

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|-------------------------------------|--------------------|
| U/13 Boys Best & Fairest | Herschel Waters |
| 2nd Best & Fairest | Lachlan O'Halloran |
| 3rd Best & Fairest | Jacob Batch |
| Coaches Award | Ciaran Loel |
| Most Improved | Fletcher Chandler |
| Most Consistent | Ewen Kossyvas |

U/14 GIRLS

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|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| U/14 Girls Best & Fairest | Isabella Salatino |
| 2nd Best & Fairest | Annabelle Power |
| 3rd Best & Fairest | Lily Martin |
| Coaches Award | Charlotte Marshall-Acheson |
| Most Reliable | Chloe Mansfield |
| Most Determined | Lily Young |

U/14 BOYS

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|-------------------------------------|----------------|
| U/14 Boys Best & Fairest | Will Stevens |
| 2nd Best & Fairest | Jack Double |
| 3rd Best & Fairest | Zach Dowd |
| Coaches Award | Blake Poynting |
| Most Consistent | Patrick Shaw |
| Most Improved | Ethan Lukacs |

U/15 GIRLS

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|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| U/15 Girls Best & Fairest | Milla Bornas |
| 2nd Best & Fairest | Avemaria Malietoa-Brown |
| 3rd Best & Fairest | Dasheille Reid |
| Coaches Award | Molly Wigley |
| Most Tenacious | Abby McGuire |
| Most Consistent | Charlotte McLean |

U/15 BOYS

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|-------------------------------------|------------------|
| U/15 Boys Best & Fairest | Hugo Boreham |
| 2nd Best & Fairest | Teigen Otter |
| 3rd Best & Fairest | Jack Stewart |
| Coaches Award | Hunter McConnell |
| Most Determined | Luca Salatino |
| Most Improved | Albert Hood |

YOUTH GIRLS

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|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Youth Girls Best & Fairest | Emily Convey |
| 2nd Best & Fairest | Layla Fahour |
| 3rd Best & Fairest | Jessica Larking |
| 3rd Best & Fairest | Zahli Dowd |
| Coaches Award | Esther Seymour-Pessah |
| Most Reliable | Abby Jensen |

COLTS BOYS

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|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Colts Boys Best & Fairest | Ubil Chol |
| 2nd Best & Fairest | Dexter Ryan |
| 3rd Best & Fairest | Tyler Constable-Armstrong |
| 3rd Best & Fairest | Sol Zimmermann |
| 3rd Best & Fairest | Flynn Economos |
| Coaches Award | Connor Philpot |

RJFC CLUB AWARDS 2017

RJFC YOUNG BOYS TEAM OF THE YEAR 2017

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|-------------------|-----------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| Ari Glover | Ford Thompson | Jonty Chandler | Oliver Smith |
| Austin Wyatt | Frederick Heath | Lachlan Dowd | Oliver Robinson-Howe |
| Benjamin Tuckwell | Hamish Hudson | Matthew Haberfield | Romain Corley |
| Caleb Anstee | Jack Morice | Maximilian Kerr | William Barker |
| Cameron Koppens | Jack Fennell | Miles Pacey | |
| Evan Hoolihan | Jagga Smith | Milo Webb-Johnson | |
| Flynn McNamara | James Little | Oliver Baillie | |

RJFC BOYS TEAM OF THE YEAR 2017

| | | | |
|-----------------|--------------------|---------------------------|--------------|
| Angus McNeill | Flynn Economos | Michael Cannalonga | Will Stevens |
| Asher Claney | Herschel Waters | Nicholas Trott | Wilson Pole |
| Blake Parker | Hugo Boreham | Patrick Shaw | Zac Marriott |
| Brayden Swenson | Jack Stewart | Sol Zimmermann | Zach Dowd |
| Conor Loel | Jack Double | Teigen Otter | |
| Dexter Ryan | Jacob Batch | Tyler Constable-Armstrong | |
| Edward King | Lachlan O'Halloran | Ubil Chol | |

RJFC GIRLS TEAM OF THE YEAR 2017

| | | | |
|-------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|
| Alexandra Williams | Isabella Salatino | Magdalena D'Amico | Sophia Jacka |
| Annabelle Power | Jessica Larking | Mia Krisohos | Sophie Noonan |
| Avemaria Malietoa-Brown | Keira Vamvakitis | Milla Bornas | Wynifred McIntyre |
| Clare Wong | Latoya Tipioura | Naomi Gaykamangu | Zahli Dowd |
| Dasheille Reid | Layla Fahour | Rebekah Di Campli San Vito | |
| Emily Convey | Lily Martin | Shania Marrakuy | |
| Harriet Crock | Lucy Murphy | Shaniya Cooper | |

RJFC FINALS TEAMS BEST PLAYER 2017

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|------------------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|
| U10 Girls | Georgie Kerr | U13 Boys | Blake Parker |
| U10 Boys | Lachie Dowd | U14 Boys | Ben Wilson |
| U12 Girls Black | Maggie D'Amico | U15 Girls | Dasheille Reid |
| U12 Boys | Edward King | | |

RJFC CLUB AWARDS 2017

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|--|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Frank McMahon | James Lake | Retiring Colts | |
| Golden Fist | Joshua Hansen Vik Matineo | Alan Dang | Leo Hanley |
| Fiesel Mir | Mae James | Alexander Lake | Liam O'Brien |
| Joshua Weir | Oliver Reynolds Rosemary Beadle | Benjamin Field-Pimm | Nathan Ku |
| Tom Roach | Luca Spinaze | Dexter Ryan | Peter Manatas |
| Tilly Lucas Rodd | Rita Cahill | Harrison Surkitt | Sol Zimmermann |
| Jim Gurtuby | Ubil.Chol / Connor Loel | Henil Kothari | Stidworthy Dube |
| Phil Ballis | Benjamin Field-Pimm Peter Manatas | Johnson Pham | Tai Chu |
| Best Clubman (<i>Shaw, Rudland, Frangoulis Trophy</i>) | Liz & Simon Haberfield | Joshua Di Campli Sal Vito | Tex Mangan-Georgiou |
| Life Member | Craig Lake | Lachlan Pollock | Tyler Constable-Armstrong |
| | | | Ubil Chol |
| | | Retiring Youth Girls | |
| | | Jessica Larking | |

RJFC MILESTONES 2017

Ollie Collinson, Jack Morice, Wil Ransom, Jagga Smith, Ben Tyrrell, Hamish Hudson, Ollie Runting, Tom Rourke, Matt Haberfield, James Little, Tom Ballek, Kobi Kas, Hugh Middleton, Jack Cowley, Antony Zafiroopoulos, Harvey Williams, Kyle Grieve, Tim Singh, Nick Sutton, Josh Hansen, Josh Michaels, Jacob Marquet-Walker, Zac Marriott, Jay Martensen, Liam Fowler, Ethan Lukacs, Blake Poynting, Yor Chol, Ralf Schwidlewski, Lachlan Pollock

Ciaran Loel, Leo Mosley, Herschel Waters, Zach Dowd, Sam Casserley, Will Hannan, Hunter McConnell, Flynn Economos, Harry Kitchen, Connor Philpott, Dexter Ryan, Seb Sedergrreen

James Lake

50

100

150



Season 2017 for the Under 8 Black team was all about learning and growing our skills. Over the course of the season all the boys were able to learn and develop their skills in their very own unique ways.

We set our team rules that included ‘see ball get ball’, ‘share it with a friend’ and most importantly have fun.

I can certainly say that all the boys achieved the team rule of having fun.

As a coach I was very proud of the way they all developed over the year and I really look forward to seeing them develop even more in their football journey.

Well done to all and GO TIGERS!!!

Jason Le Busque
U/8 Boys Black

| Player | Description |
|------------------------|---|
| Auguste Crawford | Exceptional effort all year in the contest and seriously improved his kicking skills. Really reliable in contested situations. |
| Freddie Heath | Creative by hand and foot and always able to bring his team mates into the game. |
| Freddie Karutz | In an under ball getter who performed well in all zones. Loves to run and carry and good around the goals. |
| Hugo Salatino | Silky skills at the start of the season and developed even further. Was a ball magnet at times and could always be relied upon to hit a target. |
| Jordan Percival | Excellent with his marking and setting up plays from the back line. Always reliable to clear the ball and give it to a team mate. |
| Joseph Rutledge | A very consistent year where he developed his skills greatly. Awesome goal towards the end of the season was great reward for hard work. |
| Lachlan Sweet | Hard at it ball winner who was creative in all zones. Developed his kicking skills over the season and was always reliable by foot. |
| Liam Birrell | Was outstanding at times in the forward line with his ability to involve others and also his ability to score a goal. |
| Matias Pimienta | Pocket dynamo who worked very hard on improving his skills all year. Great run and carry and delivery on his left. |
| Oliver Robinson-Howell | Silky with his skills and always involved in the contest. Great leap and always provided a contest. |
| Romain Corley | 100 miles an hour. Our fastest and most consistent runner. Kicking long is a specialty. |
| Sam Curtis | Brilliant effort in improving all his skills. In and under and always up for the contest. |
| Tom Le Busque | Skilful disposal and good outside running. Always assisting team mates and happy to snap a goal when the opportunity presented. |

U/8 BOYS YELLOW



With the intention of watching and helping the coach with his first training session by the end of training and a little persuasion from Mr Mosley I found myself taking on role as Coach of new formed under manned under 8's team yellow. With many of the players either new to the game or making the leap from Auskick., it was impressive to see the improvement and development in skills from each player they could recite the team rules, they would encourage each other on the game and would sing the Tigers song with gusto, some till they went blue in the face. They had come a long way as a team and as the coach I was very proud, not by the great goals they kicked or the games they won (without a scoreboard) but by the way they loved the game and playing as team and coming off the ground smiling in between telling each other of game changing action they did

The Yellow team could only be team because of Assistant coach and great man Stewart Irwin who provided enormous contribution to the skills development with the boys but also was a great support to me and the best and flawlessly organised team manager Catryn Tuckwell. Lastly to all the parent volunteers who not only supported the team with nothing but positive encouragement but always were happy to take up one of the numerous key roles in getting the game up and running, special mention Angus and Hannah.

Rick Phelps
U/8 Boys Yellow

| Player | Description |
|--|---|
| Charlie Cowley | Improved his skills throughout season and is a great team player |
| Ozvaldo Da Silva | Quick and impressive skills by foot or hand. |
| Jastegh Gujral | Started late in the season but become a key defender for the team |
| Alexander Hill | Kicks with precision and always gave 100% with a smile |
| Mitchell Irwin | Always trained hard and it showed on the field . Great team mate |
| Billy Jones | Quiet and determined consistent winner of the ball |
| Max Kerr | Dominated games from any position he played . Exciting and one to watch . |
| Cameron Koppens | A tackling machine! Gutsy and determined Racked up impressive stats every game. |
| Pek McMahon | Gives everything each game. Silky skills and the best side bumper going around |
| Austin Pacey | No one sings the tigers theme song like him .Put in some promising performances as well |
| Alex Samuels | Quick and slick a great team player and goal of the year contender |
| Sammy Thompson | Put together some great games and continued to improve. all season |
| Ben Tuckwell | Biggest skill improver for the year . The General of the backline. Impressed me ! |
| Will Tyrrell | Can kick , Can Mark , delivered week in and week out for the team . loads of potential |
| Catryn Tuckwell <i>Team Manager</i> | A absolute superstar team, manager. My best on ground every week. "The Queen of Competence" Much appreciated |
| Stewart Irwin <i>Assistant Coach</i> | Appreciated his enthusiasm and dedication and the time he put in to improving the skills of all players Positive encouragement. and patience personified. "Champion " |

U/9 BOYS BLACK



Firstly would like to thank all involved for the privilege along with Hyph and John of coaching a fantastic group of boys being U/9 Black. Sincere thanks Hyph and John.

Huge thanks to Mary for her flawless first up Team Managing effort.

Also thanks John Barker for his weekly report always entertaining and inclusive.

Finally thanks to Lachie, Josh and all of the parents for their support throughout, really important and appreciated.

On a football note there were quite a few new faces and it took a few games to find our feet, however once we did the improvement in each and every player was phenomenal. The highlight being the 2nd last game of the year against Sth Yarra, the way we shared the ball and played team football was seriously the best we'd seen from any side all year. Full credit to the boys for continuing to turn up to training full of enthusiasm keen to learn after some tough games early to get to that point. Well done.

Special thanks and congratulations to each and every player for the way they conducted themselves playing with great passion whilst displaying fantastic sportsmanship.

Thank You

Mick Murphy
U/9 Boys Black

| Player | Description |
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| Bustling Billy Barker | Never leaves anything in the tank was our engine room all year and learnt to get the ball to his teammates. |
| Tristan 'the peoples champ' Bodis | Great reader of the play and always in the right place, unselfish and great team man. |
| Patrick 'Danger' Dwyer | Ultimate teammate, king of the one percenters. Dangers teammates and the tiger army love the big fella with the big headband to match. |
| Eza Ezalenko Garnaut | First season and took a while to find his feet, once he did there was no stopping him. Fierce attack on ball and great hands by years end. |
| Evan 'The Extractor' Houlihan | Always gives his all, continually improves all parts of his game. A real competitor. |
| Kai 'The Interceptor' Maynard | Reads the ball very well and took countless intercept marks, also starred when switched to the ruck. |
| Will 'Da Beast' Miles | Fantastic mark and kick in specialist, another huge improver with a bright future. |
| Oscar ' Buckets' Mosley | The improvement was astounding, the first few weeks he was rarely near the ball by the end he was absolutely dominating with his sticky hands both in the air and at ground level. |
| Will ' The Murphinator' Murphy | With genetics that would make Koutafidis blush his pinpoint passes and deadly goalkicking were a feature. Has a real crack. |
| Henry 'Bomber' O'Brien | YJFL are cashed up on the back of the extra revenue Bomber brings as he drags them through the gates, big improver who showed super courage. Crowd favourite. |
| Luca 'Dizzy' Spinaze | Freakish ability to get the ball out of heavy traffic with all round skill to match. Daicos like! |
| James 'The Rock ' Stone | Ultra consistent, thwarted numerous attacks by backing his judgement and attacking the ball, great year. |
| Ashby 'Mangler' Seabrook | A tackling machine, struck fear into opposing midfielders when they knew 'The Mangler' was on his game. |
| Charlie 'Legs' Tanner | Talented big man who showed plenty, great mark and ferocious attack on ball. Will dominate when he grows into his limbs. |
| Leaping Leo Tobin | Silky skilled first year player who improved all year, one to watch next year with a season under his belt. |
| Rex Big T Walsh | First year player who took to it like a duck to water, always knows where to be and takes a big grab. |
| Milo Superboot Webb/Johnson | Prodigious left shoe, unselfish and skilled. Added something to his game every few weeks and will benefit from the full size grounds next year.. |

U/9 BOYS YELLOW



It was a great season, the boys completed the set of skills and game plan that was set out to be achieved at the start of the year. This was simply to man up and to run into space when we had the ball. This was achieved at training focusing on a game of keepings off with added rules to enhance the boys awareness of game day.

With the team being kept together for the first time after the previous year being rotated, it was difficult in the first four rounds to see much improvement. However, as the team got to know each other we came together and the run and improvement was noticeable every game thereafter.

The smile was hard to lose on a Sunday afternoon after watching the boys play like they did.

From a pack of team yellow players sometimes 2 or 3 bringing down an opponent or with link up play that took the ball from the oppositions back line with a string of hand balls to our talented forward line for a goal. Or there was the day we had 7 players versus the oppositions full team, we played together and bet the odds handsomely. I could go on...

The new boys that came in at the start of the year were great assets that added to our solid core of players and became an integral part of Team Yellow. The future I believe is whatever we can dream of with this team of boys as their talent, commitment and passion will take them a long way.

Thank you to all the parents for your support as it was felt and appreciated. Thank you Jade for being a wonderful Team Manager.

We have gained Greg Thompson who is very excited to work with the boys and myself as an assistant coach next year. We have begun our preseason thoughts on the way we are aiming to tackle next year which is to keep on improving but most importantly making sure the boys keep loving their football.

We hope you all find time to have a kick with your sons over the break to keep their enthusiasm alive and their skills honed for the 2018 season.

See you all in 2018 on a full-sized ground, set positions and no more zones, Go Tigers!

Joshua McInnes
U/9 Boys Yellow

| Player | Description |
|-------------------------|--|
| Albie McInnes | Consistent all season. Always went for the 2nd and 3rd effort to lay great tackles. Significant improvement and has become someone the team could rely on to always win the hard ball. Well done Son. |
| Alexander Black | First year player that has enormous talent, run and carry of the ball into space so fast no one could catch him, excited for the future watching Alex learn and love the game. |
| Angus Barrington | First year player. One game was called the wall of Angus as the opposition just couldn't get past him due to his will for them not to. Vast improvement and a joy to coach, magnificent work Angus. Awesome to know it was your first year of football. |
| Bailey Runting | Bailey is what they call an inside player. When Bailey wanted the ball nothing would stop him with many a time Bailey being the last one up from under the pack getting the ball for his mates. Great tackler and his improvement was outstanding. Magnificent work Bailey! |
| Barlow Mc Carthy | First year player that as has come to know his strengths and has begun to take on the game. Was awesome to watch him demand his way through the opposition leaving them in his wake. His ruck work improved each game. |
| Ford Thomson | Pure talent. Worked on giving off and getting back to bring others into the game. Very consistent exciting player to watch, loved the run and carry but also the hard work Ford did with the hard tackles and the backing into packs to take the special marks. Very courageous Ford. |
| Gregory Cutts | Very talented young man that always had a special comment, worked on running on instead off snapping around body and consequently has added a string to his bow in how he can get around players. Little legend. |
| Jack Little | Mark of the year, some of the marks Jack took this year were awesome. Worked on looking for his mates and improved each game. Always had great poise when in possession of the Ball. Awesome improvement Jack |
| James Grieve | Exciting is what the future has in hold for James with passages of pure talent shown through the year, always trained the house down and improved weekly. I said he was one speed James at training as he always did it flat out and the loudest. |
| Jed Grey | Very determined is a way to describe Jed. He acknowledges what needs to be done and does it. Many an opposition player was left in disbelief as Jed got past him or disposed of the ball that the opposition had minutes before. Vast improvement and very cool. |
| Miles Pacey | Always played with passion and learnt to look for his mates more. Very consistent. When Myles was focused on a player there was no way they were getting past him with the ball. I watched many a time as Myles looked after his mates picking them up and looking after them as a true Captain would. |
| Nelson Karutz | If not worried about his AFL team the Tigers, he was always focused on the job at hand with a few awesome goals later in the season. I believe he is going to be a weapon in the forward line for years to come. |
| Oliver Smith | Best kick in the league with many a 50m torp seen flying game day when Oliver got hold of it. Pleasure to coach with a nod of acceptance when I spoke I knew he would get the job done. Very cool Oliver. |
| Paulo Lara | First year player that took the league on, awesome ruck work, great team man, very consistent. The way Paulo naturally has taken to the game has been amazing. His taps in the ruck to his mates would make the AFL best look like rubbish. Champion. |
| Tom Doull | Finished the year off very well, was great to watch the way he and his zone area worked together as a team, great tackler and always consistent in his efforts. The team could rely that Tom would get the ball when it was his time to make the effort. |
| Tommas Assender | Best team man, always looked for his mates whenever he had the chance, always trained the house down at training, listening to what needed to be done which represented how Tom played on game day, awesome and a joy to coach. |

U/10 GIRLS



A big thank you to following people who made the RJFC Under 10 girls 2017 season enjoyable and successful. The RJFC Club & Committee. The Parents who taxi the players around and pitch in and help with training and on match days. The number one team manger Karyne Murphy. Assistant coach Sarah Di Campli San Vito who is a young coach with a bright future. Trainer and helper at training Anne-Marie Di Campli San Vito. And following people who gave up their time to help with training, Ben Tyrrell, Sam Crock, Will Stevens & Patrick Shaw. Water carriers Ned Murphy & Jacqui Crock. And to the girls who filled in for us throughout the year.

A special thanks Sam & Paul Crock who organised Cat Phillips, AFLW player from Melbourne FC to speak to the under 10 Girls before their lightning premiership day grand final. Cat made what was already a special day one that they will remember forever.

But mostly I want to thank the RJFC under 10 girls for a fantastic 2017 season. They are a great bunch of footballers. They played their hearts out and improved with every game.

Girls you represented RJFC with distinction and were a pleasure to coach. Thank you and well done.

Go Tigers!

Ralph Tyrrell
Coach Under 10 Girls

| Player | Description |
|------------------------------------|--|
| Emily Bond | Determined utility who plays whatever role she is asked. Season highlight: Emily was named captain one week and set a great example to her team mates. Well done for the year Emily. |
| Emma Brunt | Very skilful player who makes spectacular plays. Season highlight: Some great marks and clever plays during the lightning premiership games. You know where to be and can out-mark almost anyone. Well done on a great 2017 Emma. |
| Harriet Crock | A strong in and under player, who also has outside speed and a super long kick. Highlight: In the game against Warrandite, Harriet kicked the ball so far it went out of the ground. Twice! I heard someone say if you were any tougher you'd rust and I think that's true. You showed leadership and were named the captain of the midfield. Thanks for a great year H. |
| Rebekah Di Campli San Vito: | A determined player with a long, long kick. Season highlight: Our team plan is to kick to the boundary when in defence and you did it to perfection. A few times you kicked the ball from defence all the way into the forward line! Thank you for a great season and well done being named captain of the backline Rebekah. |
| Emma Hilbert | Has a great feel for the game and makes every play count. Season highlight: At a crucial stage in a lightning premiership game, you broke free and executed a blind turn!!! It was like we were watching an AFLW player! Well done on a great year Emma H. |
| Georgie Kerr | A fierce competitor who battles on whatever the game throws at her. Season highlight: Rucked all day during the lightning premiership. Georgie gave us first use of the ball and never gave in. |
| Maisie Larionoff | Comes to life in the forward line and always delivers a goal. Season highlight: One home game you put on a show by booting four goals in one quarter! Well done on a great season Maisie. |
| Wynifred McIntyre | Makes herself a target with strong leads then battles to keep the ball going our way Season highlight: At training you teamed up with a team mate when they felt left out. You then brought the whole group together. Everyone felt a part of the team thanks to you. Well done on a great year Wynnie. |
| Lucy Murphy | A goal sneak who has speed to burn. Season highlight: One day against Fitzroy you ran into an open goal, but a team mate was open so you handballed to them. And that wasn't the only time you did that this season. Well done Lucy on showing leadership and being named the captain of the midfield. |
| Ashley Phelps | The tackling machine! Season highlight: Three tackles in a row in one passage of play. You single handedly stopped the opposition in their tracks. Effort is three quarters of the battle with footy Ash. You will go far. Well done on a great 2017 |
| Zoe Reeve | A really well balanced and clever footballer. Season highlight: In your last game with us this season against Glen Iris, you broke clear time after time. In one passage of play gave your first, second then third effort. It was amazing to watch. Well done Zoe on a great season. |
| Jessica Rice | Fast naturally skilled player with a bright future. Season Highlight: Against Warrandite, Jess sprinted free, took a casual bounce and kicked a beautiful goal. Thanks for a great season Jess. |
| Yasmine Ronai | A super fast, smart footballer with a big future. Season highlight: Your constant run. Week after week you never gave in. You took on every role you were given and set a great example at training. Well done on a great 2017 Yaz. |
| Esther Shapero | Fast determined and focused. Nothing gets past Esther. Season highlight: Was how quickly and how well you fit into the team and your chasing and tackling during the lightning premiership. You stopped goal after goal. Well done Esther. |
| Carrie Somes | Our pocket rocket improved with every game. Season highlight: At the start of the year Carrie and most of her team mates were getting used to tackling. By the end of the year you were so tough you shook off tackles and kept on going. Well done Carrie, you had a year to be proud of. |
| Abbey Tyrrell | Tough, determined and fearless. Season highlight: Abbey filled in for us a few times and was on standby for our lightning premiership game if needed. Abbey added clean one grab skills when she played. Thanks for helping out Abbey and playing whatever role you were asked. |
| Sophie Tyrrell | Takes strong high marks and wins most ruck contests she's in. Season highlight: In the game against Kew Comets Sophie's effort was fantastic. Tackling once, then going again. Well done on great year Sophie. |
| Samantha Venetus | Steady, skilful player who reads the game well and knows where to position herself. Season Highlight: Sam you worked hard and became a reliable and dependable team mate who played the game with a sense of joy. Thanks for a great season Sam |
| Isabella Vessey | Talented, hardworking and mobile first year player who played a key role for her team. Season highlight: When we set up into positions, Isabella was given the role of defensive midfielder. She listened, tried her best and saved her team time after time. Well done on a great season Bella. |



The Under 10's Black team had a fun season and hopefully everyone enjoyed it as much as we have.

With extra players required for the bigger ground we needed to recruit to make up two full teams. Thanks to everyone who spread the word around school and friends to bring down some fresh faces. With great numbers we then split the teams between Yellow and Black with a view of keeping both teams very even. This is always tricky as a few kids missed playing with school buddies but everyone just got on with playing football. We feel it worked out really well and our mid season pie night / practice match was really close and competitive. Both teams played in a different division and we congratulate U10's Yellow on winning the Lighting Cup! Well done!

The game is very different from the previous year and our goal was a year of learning, extra fitness on the full ground and still keeping it fun. We welcomed down 6 new players who mostly had never played before but they picked things up very quickly. We often had 22 players which gave us a full bench and a lot of rotations. We tried hard to give everyone an opportunity to try different positions and even rotations the bench, this can be a challenge. We also tried to keep our matches competitive and pushed players to master a position or two which seemed to work well with only the one match we struggled in.

Overall it was a mixed year in regards to the results but our team improved each week, everyone had fun and LOVED playing football.

A big shout out to **Jack Stewart** (U15's) who joined us for our training sessions. Jack was an amazing asset and someone the team really looked up to. This was part of a Duke of Edinburgh volunteering program for Jack and he is one of the busiest 15 year old's you'd meet. Keep a watch on the name as Jack Stewart as a very talented cricketer on top of fantastic young man. Thanks again!

Also a huge thanks to all the parents for helping out with game day duties and carting the kids around. I'm very pleased it was no team issues and everyone really helped out and let us get on with the coaching. We had no shortage of runners, water carriers, goal umpires, orange cutters and snake providers. This is all part of creating a great family environment and well done for being so involved.

We are really proud of the everyone in the team and believe that each player improved during the year. With so many new players it was a great opportunity to create a real team bond. Well done Tigers!

The countdown is on for 2018 and we really do hope that everyone will be back in action. We are on the same size ground but everyone comes back a bit taller, quicker and more experienced than the previous year. With the addition of a ladder things become a bit more competitive but after the amount of improvement this year the team is very well placed for success.

Steele, Rob & Michelle

| Player | Plays Like | Reason |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|--|
| Oliver Baillie | <i>Jack Ziebell</i> | Loves the contested ball and a good goal sneak |
| Ronan Birrell | <i>Taylor Duryea</i> | Plays the lock down defenders role to perfection. Never gives up an easy goal. |
| Zac Chapman | <i>Daniel Wells</i> | Offers great outside speed, kicking class and loves a goal |
| Wil Collinson | <i>Patrick Crips</i> | The clearance and tackling king |
| Jonathon Conlon | <i>Levi Casbault</i> | Centre half forward who takes the big contested mark and has a booming kick. |
| Luis Crawford | <i>Josh Green</i> | Goal sneak and works hard to lock the ball in the forward line. |
| Cameron Culshaw | <i>Brandon Ellis</i> | Wins plenty of his own ball playing off the backline. |
| Ariel Glover | <i>Cyril Rioli</i> | Applies tackling pressure to anyone and doesn't mind a goal either! |
| William Graham | <i>Scott Pendlebury</i> | Hurts the opposition with his silky skills |
| Harrison Hinde | <i>Toby Nankervis</i> | Competitive all day in the ruck against taller opponents |
| Henry Lake | <i>Jack Stevens</i> | Ball Magnet who can win it against the shortest or tallest opponents. |
| Luke May | <i>Orazio Fantasia</i> | You need a bit of razzle dazzle to be able to kick goals without a boot on! |
| Flynn McNamara | <i>Adam Trelor</i> | Blinding pace, evasive skills and a great long kick |
| Darcy Merritt | <i>Isaac Smith</i> | Uses his pace to burn off opponents up & down the wing. |
| Aiden Shaw | <i>Josh Caddy</i> | Constantly provides a contest and takes on the tackler at every opportunity |
| Charlie Somes | <i>Bachar Houli</i> | Great defender who provides plenty of drive out of the backline |
| Charlie Sweet | <i>Jarrold Roughead</i> | Excellent on ground leadership and playing under adversity |
| Corbin Szulc | <i>Jack Watts</i> | Great hands, quick and a pretty cool dude |
| Abbey Tyrell | <i>Alex Rance</i> | Calm under pressure. Helps out team mates and controls the backline |
| Reginald Vandenberg | <i>Liam Shiels</i> | Gets the best opposition player every week and tags them out of the game |
| Harry Wong | <i>Jack Riewoldt</i> | Forward who constantly presents as a target for his team mates and capable of a good mark. |
| Taidgh Zenisek | <i>Tyrone Vickey</i> | Full forward who plays out of the goal square and works into a dangerous spot for his team mates |

U/10 BOYS YELLOW



A great bunch of kids to coach. They love the contest, and love playing with each other every week.

We worked hard on running and carrying the ball, as well as the contests, and the improvement each week was immense.

Some great highlights for the year, with a great 'come from behind win' against Fitzroy late in the season leading into a successful lightning premiership. It was great to see them all hold up the flag with pride.

Everyone contributed to a successful season, but nothing was more inspiring than the way these guys celebrated each others achievements as a team.

Thanks to Darren and Steve, and for all the supportive parents and helpers during the year

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Anthony Rahilly

Under 10 Boys Yellow Coach

| Player | Description |
|-------------------------|--|
| Alex Dobell | Rugged back pocket. Attacked the ball off the backline each week with great intent and his improved kicking skills. A great season |
| Archer Donaldson | Versatile all year – played all positions with skill and poise. Some great moments as he threaded his way through the packs into the clear. Some important crunch goals when needed. Strong season. |
| Archie O'Brien | Used his height and strength well all year, and played well wherever we needed him. His pace with ball in hand enabled him to break the lines well. |
| Caleb Anstee | Great season. Kicked many goals using his left and right. Has added a huge amount to his inside game to compliment all his outside skills. His 'point at the mark and play on', and winning goals in the lightning premiership were a highlight. |
| George Rourke | Another great year. A ball magnet running machine. Spread well all year and was all over the ground when we needed him. Plenty of goals in a great team game. |
| Jack Fennell | Powerhouse. Don't argue with Jack as he bounced his way through packs and scared the opposition with his fierce tackling all year. Lost count of how many runs through the centre he had each week. Another great year. |
| Jack Hannan | The true swingman. Cleaned up in the back half and kicked goals went forward. Had a strong year all around the ground with his running and courage. |
| Jake Williams | A late starter this season, but played an important forward role as he brought the ball to ground and attacked with ferocity. |
| Julian Brunt | Our spiritual leader who lead us in song each week. Took control of situations and showed great leadership all year in his dashing runs at goal. Plenty of highlights all year with his run (and bounce ?). |
| Luca D'Angelo | Always there to take on the opposition and get his hands on the ball first. A good inside game all year and improving each week. |
| Luca Stocklinger | Tried hard each week and attacked the ball with intent |
| Luke Davis | Another one of our important cogs in the back half, closing down the opposition when he could. Improving his game each week. |
| Michael Trott | First year playing and came on each week with his attack on the ball and handball. |
| Riley Hajdinjak | Played centre half forward most of the year, where he utilised his skill and overhead marking to his advantage. Great forward tackling pressure all year. |
| Seth Leary | Played both ends of the ground but most comfortable at full back with his long kick outs and tackling pressure. Always celebrated kicking a goal. |
| Teddy D'Amico | A true centre half back. Always there and reliable with his strong marking stopping many attacks and his running skills, taking on everyone as he started most of our rebound attacks. |
| Thomas Airey | First year and improved each week into a power forward. As he got confidence, the opposition fell off him as he powered his way through packs to kick. His first goal and celebration by the team was a highlight. |
| Wentworth Walker | A strong year playing around the packs up forward and down back. Ended up with a bag of goals for the year as a great reward for his efforts |
| Will Rahilly | Played the wings perfectly all year and his marking, attack on ball and kicking to position was a highlight. Some great marks and goals, finishing strongly with a massive effort in a great lightning premiership. |
| Will Stone | Courageous all year. In and under each week and taking the ball away quickly from the packs. His pace a highlight in a strong season. |



The coaches were very proud of the way the u11 Black boys acquitted themselves throughout season 2017.

Our main focus during training was to reinforce correct skill technique and in doing so it was imperative that all players handled the ball as much as possible throughout each training session. We also incorporated many game sense activities that helped the boys improve their decision making, positioning and awareness.

During the games, the boys consistently fought hard with amazing determination and commitment. The effort, teamwork and willingness to work hard both in offence and defence was evident in every game we played.

We believe the boys have developed individually, as team mates and as leaders and have the potential to grow even further next season.

I would like that thank our wonderful team Manger Liz Rourke, for her outstanding communication and organization and also our parents group for their continued support throughout season 2017.

The coaches felt privileged with the opportunity presented to us to provide guidance, support and encouragement to your boys.

As we look forward to season 2018, we strongly encourage all boys to continue to work on their skills as we prepare to take on many of the stronger clubs in the U/12s competition.

Overall it was an enjoyable season for all.

Well done!

Mick Smith
Under 11 Boys Black Coach

| Player | Votes | Description |
|------------------------|-------|---|
| Alec Harling | 1 | Elusive forward that opposition found difficult to match up on |
| Alex Clara | 6 | Reads the play extremely well often raking up numerous possessions in defence and midfield |
| Angus Manners | 3 | A clever midfielder/defender with a tenacious attack on the ball. A leader on the field |
| Austin Wyatt | 33 | Marcus Bontempelli type midfielder that excels in all positions. A gifted athlete capable of winning a game off his own boot. |
| Ben Tyrell | 14 | Alex Rance like key defender who monstered the opposition with his strength and power |
| Christian Ball | 4 | A quick, tough and versatile player who brings a real physical presence to the team |
| Hamish Hudson | 33 | A superb strong high marking forward / ruckmen who often dominated games throughout the season |
| Jack Morice | 36 | A ball magnet whose penetrating long kicking was a highlight to watch throughout the season |
| Jagga Smith | 39 | Adam Treloar like midfielder with an incredible work rate and desire to succeed. Humble and Hungry. |
| Mathew Maniatis | 1 | Eddy Betts like lively forward who doesn't shy away from the bigger bodies |
| Monty Wallace | 4 | A versatile player that can dominate in any position. Excelled in the ruck towards the back end of the season |
| Oliver Runting | 1 | Thrives with any role he is given. A fleet footed wingman with pace to burn |
| Ollie Collinson | 22 | The blanket. A tackling machine that clings to his opponents and makes his teammates walk tall around him |
| Oscar Croce | 2 | Can play forward and back with his long powerful kicking a highlight throughout the season |
| Tom Rourke | 3 | A key forward with a strong presence with Tony Lockett like accuracy |
| Will Ball | 10 | Versatile player who excelled in all positions on the ground. Can play tall and small making him difficult to match up on |
| Will Ransom | 28 | A polished midfielder with brilliant skills who used every possession to the team's advantage |
| Zack Lucas | 1 | A nuggetty defender who often sacrifices his own game for the betterment of the team |

U/11 BOYS YELLOW



It was a great year for U11 yellow. Many of the boys were playing their third season together which contributed to our wonderful team spirit and sense of camaraderie. Most pleasing was the never-say-die attitude of each and every member of the team. Some of our best performances were against teams higher up the ladder and although we did not win every game we were always competitive and never gave in.

The signs for the future are fantastic – every boy improved as the year went on. Congratulations in particular to Matt Haberfield, James Little, Thomas Ballek, Kobi Kas, Jack Cowley, Hugh Middleton and Antony Zafiropoulos on reaching their 50 game milestones.

A huge thank you to Troy Chandler for his brilliant work as Team Manager and Thornton McCamish and James Little for their amazing support as Assistant Coach and Trainer. Thanks also to Blair Loveday (Goal umpire), Marty Postregna (Boundary umpire), Brian Douglas and Simon Haberfield (Runners) and Greg Edelmaier (Water carrier) and all the parents for their help with the weekly jobs. Well done to all the boys! I really hope you all enjoyed the year and that you sign up to play again next year. Go Tiges!

Steve Ballek
Under 11 Boys Yellow Coach

| Player | Votes | Description |
|------------------------------------|-------|---|
| Antony Zafiropoulos | 4 | Great last couple of games, developed as a great forward target, team-player, booming kick |
| Felix Ricketts | 5 | Gutsy, determined, team-player, fearless tackler, never shirked the contest, an inspiration to his team-mates |
| Griffin Kas | 4 | Great all-rounder, huge improver as season went on, good skills, team-oriented |
| Henry Sutton | 8 | Great skills, handy forward, quick off the mark, reads the ball well, brave |
| Hugh McCamish | 1 | Great in-an-under player, quick off the mark, good skills, great team player |
| Hugh Middleton | 7 | All-rounder, played well in a number of different positions, great team player, versatile, goal-kicker and good mark |
| Jack Cowley | 6 | Always in the action, reliable defender, good extractor, hard to beat in one-on-one contest |
| Jack Loveday | 4 | Settled into full-back role, reliable, great kick, gained confidence and composure as the season went on |
| James Little | 48 | Ball magnet, great mark, terrific foot skills, tireless runner and possession gatherer and proven goal-kicker |
| Jonty Chandler | 38 | Hard at it mid-fielder, single-minded determination to get the ball, backs into packs, never gives up, consistent ball-winner |
| Kobi Kas | 1 | Fearless defender, determined, always puts his head over the ball, tough competitor |
| Louis Elam | 3 | Great athletic ability, improved in games playing forward late in the season, huge potential |
| Luca Catalini-Trumblecame | 7 | Came into his own late in the season, pacy wingman, nice skills, gets into space well |
| Marco Tauiiili-Filo | 4 | Gutsy, fearless, all-rounder, line-breaker, reliable in defence, big improver |
| Matt Haberfield | 56 | Dominated games with his vertical leap, pace off the mark, run and carry, goal-kicking ability and marking |
| Misericordiae Tauiiili-Filo | 6 | Hard at the ball, direct runner, good mark, team-player, fearless tackler |
| Oscar Postregna | 5 | Goal-sneak, reads the play well, hard in the contest, great improver as the season went on |
| Pavle Macic | 7 | Breakout season in the ruck, imposed himself on the opposition, hard to tackle |
| Sonny Edelmaier | 19 | Versatile, consistent, great skills, ability to break the lines and run-with opposition players |
| Thomas Ballek | 29 | Team player, improved in all areas as the season went on, silky skills, great defender and tackler, good leader |
| Zac Douglas | 1 | Great first season, started to get his hands on the ball, potential tall forward |

U/12 GIRLS BLACK



At the time of writing this report the Under 12 girls team are set to play in a Grand Final in Gold Division on Sunday. Courtesy of a fantastic win over Banyule whom we had never beaten before.

The girls have fully deserved their Grand Final birth, as they have developed a fantastic tight knit bond and play for each other & not themselves. Early in the season we worked hard on developing the basics of the game (particularly kicking) & disciplined position holding. The girls have now progressed to more advanced aspects of the game such as release handballs, midfield rotations & huddle kick outs, although the good old fashioned "boot it long to our end" still has a prominent place in Under 12s footy. All in all (whatever the result on Sunday), the girls should be extremely proud of their season, they have played hard but extremely fair & have been a pleasure to coach.

Special thanks to Marcus our always cool headed Assistant Coach. Dan, our fantastic Team Manager. Max & Rachel, our ever reliable trainers & Shaun & Sharn, out tireless Runners.

Keep the kicking up during summer girls & I really hope you all play again next season.

Congrats to you all.

Rich Cahill
Under 12 Girls Coach

| Player | Votes | Description |
|------------------|-------|---|
| Amelie | 1 | Never, ever stopped trying & nearly pulled off a great goal in the prelim final. |
| Ava | 1 | Loves a chat & has a very strong right foot, will be our longest kick in seasons to come |
| Charlotte | 2 | Good little forward pocket goal sneak, who scored 2 great goals in early season games |
| Erin | 12 | A pleasure to watch Erin's improvement this season-outstanding goal in semi final helped us win the game |
| Keira | 52 | Best tackler in the league-tireless efforts throughout all games-great season |
| Kenita | 10 | Great listener, whom held the backline together on many occasions |
| Maddie | 10 | Our kick out specialist-awesome kicking technique which will hold her in good stead in seasons to come. |
| Maggie | 49 | Awesome season!!! Her run & breaking of the lines gained us many metres throughout the season-fitness machine |
| Naomi | 27 | Very talented, silky skills, look forward to watching her in the AFLW in the future |
| Phoebe | 2 | Ruck work outstanding in 1st season-allowed us to clear the ball from centre bounces on many occasions |
| Quinn | 12 | Should be extremely proud of her 1st season-smallest player in the team, but without doubt the biggest heart |
| Rita | 15 | Hugh improvement in kicking technique & game reading |
| Ruby | 2 | Who can forget those 2 magnificent goals in the prelim final-great improvement in 1st season. |
| Sandra | 1 | 1st season player whom had a magnificent finals series-big improver!! |
| Sarah | 3 | Bullet fast & loves to run, with kicking practise will be a gun |
| Saskia | 6 | We have unearthed a great ruck in Saskia, fantastic improvement in 2nd season |
| Scarlett | 16 | Hugh improvement in 1st season-stopped many goals at full back-very reliable!! |
| Shania | 18 | The bounce loving queen!!! Kicked many goals-great highlight package for the season |
| Sofia | 2 | Also spent periods in the ruck with great success, also learnt to release handball. Well done! |

U/12 GIRLS YELLOW



All the U12 Girls Yellow team should be so proud of themselves. I'm certainly very proud of them.

As a team comprising predominantly of new players and Under 11s playing in a strong Under 12 competition, this was always going to be a year focused on development, and that is exactly what we saw as the season progressed.

We had 12 girls play footy for the first time this year, and 8 of them began their experience after the season started. It was great to have them involved, and they all contributed to what is a strong team character, and they will be miles better for this years experience when they come back next year.

I wish our 2017 season was 5 weeks longer. Most of the girls were just starting to show their potential in the last few weeks as they began to understand the game, and as a direct result our performances improved as the season progressed. I was also just beginning to understand what each girl was capable of and where their best talents lay.

There is a good saying that *"What doesn't kill you makes you tougher"* and that rings true with our girls. They are certainly tougher and smarter footballers - the hard work and resilience the girls showed when things were lean will stand them in good stead for the rest of their footy careers, and hopefully the rest of their lives.

The girls have certainly learnt the craft of defence through necessity, and with a good preseason ahead, they can come out and show everyone what they're are capable of. Over the summer, I hope the girls can get out and have a kick with their Mums and Dads, Brothers, Sisters and friends, and have a footy in their hands as often as possible, so they can come back ready to keep the improvement curve curling upward.

Big thankyou's to all the parents who assisted at games and trainings - particularly Liz, William, Paull, Steele, Chris and Megs, and also a huge thanks to the Under 10 girls, Harriet, Lucy and Wyni, who always put their hands up to help out when our numbers were thin at the start of the season.

I hope the girls enjoyed themselves and are keen to play again. They have so much upside, and I can't wait to see them progress with their footy development next year and beyond. Go Tigers.

Lachlan Mosley

U12 Girls Yellow Coach

| Player | Votes | Description |
|-------------------------------|-------|--|
| Asha Gowens | 2 | Her two games at the end of the season show she has a natural game awareness and is a great team player. |
| Bailee Gill | 13 | Bailee's last few games were exceptional as she began to understand the game and where to run to. Should develop really well next year. |
| Bronte Mosley | 8 | Some great outside runs and key marks show the potential she has with another years development. |
| Clare Wong | 36 | So much class. When Clare breaks free, nothing can stop her. The footy world is her oyster. We really missed her when she wasn't playing. |
| Claudia Corley | 11 | The cheeky outsider has no qualms taking on opponents of any size. Quick and canny and willing to do hard work. |
| Gabby Stojanovic | 4 | Another fast learning first year player. Great skills and very athletic, got more and more confident as the season went on. |
| Georgia Culshaw | 4 | Loves the inside tough contest. Her skills and game awareness increased quickly as she played more games. |
| Harriet Crock | 5 | A real ball winner and has a good sense for goal. Gave the whole team thrust forward with her aggressive attack and run. |
| Heidi Slifirski-Krista | 13 | Started slowly, but her impact grew and grew to become a key player. When she furrowed her brow, the opposition had to watch out. |
| Imi Otter | 9 | Tall and strong, Imi's greatest asset is her willingness to get down low and do tough groundwork and chasing. |
| Kaitlen Swenson | 10 | Reads play brilliantly, with fantastic defence, contesting and ball winning. Will be a key player next year with a year under her belt. |
| Kasia Osawa | 5 | A fantastic runner and loves to get involved. Her improvement was dramatic with each game she played. |
| Leilani Seabrook | 5 | Really improved particularly in last weeks of season with her ball winning and competitiveness |
| Lorenne Koppens | 4 | Only started the season late, but showed her potential with speed, assertiveness and natural skill. |
| Lucia Baillie | 4 | Great developing ruck work, and learnt quickly where she had to be to have an impact. Great 1st season. |
| Lucy Murphy | 7 | Extremely quick and deceptive, and loves to take the game on. Her size belies the impact she has. |
| Maggie Philip | 11 | Part of the cheeky mosquito fleet. Was at her best in the middle breaking from a pack. |
| Mia Krisohos | 47 | Tough, skilled and unrelenting. An absolute tackle machine. So often saved our bacon in defence, and has a penetrating kick to start an attack. |
| Milla Eades | 14 | Always competitive and has a real go. Things happened when Milla was around. Was a very fast learner in her first year of footy |
| Nellie Wade | 12 | Somehow always ended up with the footy when you thought she was outsized or marked. Her willingness for the contest is amazing. |
| Pippi Brace | 5 | Developed her skills as the season progressed to winning inside ball. A surprisingly good kick, with lots of upside. |
| Rosie Beadle | 13 | Tall and athletic Ruck, with a willingness for defence. Got better and better as season went on and she gained in confidence. |
| Sophia Jacka | 35 | You wouldn't know this was Sophia's first year of footy. Always competitive and tough, she seems to love footy, and it shows in the way she plays. |
| Taylor Phelps | 6 | Another first year player who really developed into a ball winner inside, with some smart clearances. |
| Wyni McIntyre | 2 | A key contributor when she played with us. Loves a contest and is very determined. |

U/12 BOYS



I must admit coming in as the coach was quite a daunting task, any nerves were quickly overcome when the team made me feel welcome from the get go. We had a full side of players with a lot of boys and from day one it was down to business after walking away from our first win with a 134 – 0 win I knew I had a team of jets.

My Mottos for the year were:

- Talk to your team mates, encouragement and enthusiasm.
- Intensity from the first 5 minutes of the bounce to "set the scene" for the game.

The boys played with intensity all year and grew together as a solid unit, not to mention individually improving beyond expectation. They proved themselves as both footballers and leaders with their on field behaviour. We had a number of clubs mention the sportsmanship of our players which made all the coaches and staff very proud of the team.

After a blistering season of hard tackles, bumps and shepherds in the home and away season we ended up finishing 3rd on the ladder, we won a nail biting semi-final after some inspirational footy from every player and were a little unlucky to fall short in the preliminary. I have little to no doubt the team will be back stronger than ever next year after seeing this year's performance and growth.

As mentioned myself along with all of the parents and the club are extremely proud of each and every one of you, you fought hard, never stopped trying all year and gave it everything you had – well done!

A huge thanks to Cath Donnison who's organisation was spectacular – the team would not function without your helps organising the boys so thank you!

Chris as my assistant coach, extremely helpful for inside knowledge into other teams as well as being right hand man throughout the season. Greg King for his extra skill training towards the second half of the year.

Special mention go to all parents who provided support with photos, match reports and encouragement for the boys throughout the entire season!

Edward Lloyd
U12 Boys Coach

| Player | Votes | Description |
|---------------------------|-----------|---|
| Alex Chu | 10 | Really played into his role in with a very consistent year. Used his pace to run the lines and provided the team with great drive from half back and wing. |
| Andrew Alexellis | 2 | Our strongest player, burst out of the blocks with a four goal haul. Great set shot for goal and hard to out mark. |
| Angus McNeill | 25 | Hard working midfielder who wins clearances, provides run and has now become a regular goal kicker. 3rd in the B&F. |
| Asher Claney | 20 | A great football brain dominating in the midfield and off half back. Reads the ball well in the air and can make a calculated decision with the ball, very reliable. |
| Ben Morgan | 7 | Dukes! Some big games at Centre Half Forward where he provided a great target and kicked plenty of goals. Also a very good relief ruckman. Excellent finals series. |
| Charlie Johnson | 11 | The tough man! A utility who had a great year, back, forward and in the middle. One of our best tacklers who worked hard all year. |
| Ed Shea | 1 | Had a hard run with injury. A valuable player who was very versatile throughout when we had him. |
| Eddie King | 29 | His electric pace and beautiful kicking skills catch the eye but Eddie is the complete package. A fantastic year 2nd in the B&F and an invitation to the League B&F. Our players of the finals. |
| Freddie Butt | 3 | Big marking key position player who is now starting to realise his potential. Always puts the team first. Was our best player in the preliminary final, marking everything. |
| Hamish Webb | 10 | Great pace and courage make for a highly valued player running off half back, wing or in the middle. |
| Harvey Williams | 5 | A good driver in heavy traffic and a tackling machine. Played some terrific games mid-year filling in at Full Back. One of our big improvers. |
| Josh Hansen | 5 | The General! Holds the backline together playing the key defensive role. Knows just when to drop back or move up. |
| Josh Michaels | 16 | Mr Fixit. A great year in which he played in almost every position depending on team needs. Versatile, excellent overhead mark and tough. |
| Kyle Grieve | 7 | Loved a set shot. Kyle mainly moved between wing and forward and put his excellent kicking skills to good use. His enthusiasm knows no bounds. |
| Lachlan Idle | 8 | High quality and fearless tap ruckman who just keeps going. Hampered at times by injury, but an incredibly valuable member of the side. Never gives in. |
| Michael Cannalunga | 35 | Did everything asked of him and more. Incredible year. Our standard bearer when it comes to toughness in/under and a deserved B&F winner. |
| Nick Sutton | 3 | Reinvented himself as an elusive and effective half forward and grew as a footballer right through the year. Kicks goals and takes marks. A terrific team player. |
| Ollie CC | 2 | If we'd awarded a Most Improved he'd win it. Has grown in confidence and as a player as the year went on. His first goal for the club came in a clutch situation. |
| Paddy Colless | 4 | Consummate team player. Runs hard, does the one percenters and always looks for a better option, extremely reliable. |
| Tim Singh | 2 | Another big improver. Great with quick hands in the forward line, and has now brought marking into his game. His first goal remains one of the season's highlights. |
| Tom Pelchen | 4 | Has delivered big time in his second year of football. Provides pace and skill at both ends of the ground and is particularly handy around goal. |
| Tom Timbury | 2 | Provides a big target up forward and has become a regular goal kicker. Lacks nothing in courage and is a hard tackler – has a good strike rate down forward. |
| Wilson Pole | 18 | Our new recruit for season 2017 and we say we did 'very well in the draft'. Slotted in magnificently at Centre Half Back and everywhere else. Tough and skilled. |

U/13 GIRLS



The girls had a very competitive year, beginning well by winning our first three games.

Unfortunately, our season was soon undermined by a series of injuries which took their toll and more seasoned opponents from a number of well established girls' teams.

Despite being undermanned for many games, the girls were competitive in all, dominating games for long periods without being able to hit the all important score board. Often the final score did not seem a fair reflection of their effort.

At an individual level we had great contributions from the Melbourne Indigenous Transition School girls who were new to the club and warmly welcomed. It has been rewarding to see the continued improvement from all the girls in their second year of playing footy.

They are a very coachable group, who enjoy supporting each other, pride themselves on their effort, celebrate their successes as individuals and as a team, and want to improve their game.

We look forward to seeing them all return next year, and encourage them to keep working on their kicking over the summer. There is much to look forward to in 2018.

Cheers

Will & Claire

| Player | Votes | Description |
|-----------------|-----------|---|
| Alex | 34 | Thinks about the game. Runs hard, good on the ground, in the air, tackling, linking, and setting-up |
| Alicia | 14 | Controls our half-back line. Reads the play well, tackles, defends and then sets up attack |
| Anna | 17 | Great run and spread. Linked well with her team-mates across the ground, and won plenty of the footy |
| Annie | 3 | Continued to develop in the ruck, and around the ground. Prepared to run to position, tackle and chase |
| Ava | 6 | Willing to do her part for the team. Effective whether in defence, attack, or ruck |
| Beth | 7 | Became a real target up forward. Presented, ran to position, marked, and slotted some nice goals |
| Chloe | 25 | Gave us great dash and drive. Read the ball well, and used her pace to great effect |
| Evie | 3 | Had some real cameo appearances. Showed that she can mark, run and evade |
| Giulia | 1 | Played in a variety of positions for the team. Helped out her team-mates across the half forward, and half back lines |
| Grace | 1 | Reads the play well. Puts herself in the right spot, forward or back, and a good mark |
| Jade | 6 | A natural, close-checking defender. Was given a task most weeks and performed them well |
| Josie | 17 | Became a real target for us. Developed her overhead marking to complement her fierce tackling |
| Keirah D | 22 | We missed her drive for a large part of the year. We won most games when she played |
| Latoya | 28 | A creative player. Good both inside and out, in the air, on the ground, running and tackling |
| Lucy | 22 | A rock in defence. Knows when to defend, and when to attack. The ball rarely gets past her |
| May | 1 | Our crumbing forward. Played at the feet of the talls, and helped lock the ball in |
| Shaniya | 32 | A natural footballer. Showed great touch, dash, disposal, and ability to follow-up her own ball |

U/13 BOYS



2017 has been a very interesting season, after a slow and disjointed start, 2 byes and a long weekend in the first 6 rounds the boys started to find their feet and in a really even division finished the season in second position, after losing the first final by 9 points the boys bounced back to win the preliminary final by 13 points and progress to the Grand final.

In the Grand final the boys played extremely well, the intensity and determination by all was evident from the start, to be as undermanned as we were and still be within 10 points in the third quarter was a truly great effort.

Our motto going into the game was " NO EXCUSES" but to lose Paul, Calvin, Ewen and Will before the game and then Jay 5 minutes in was too big an ask for the boys and they ended up 22 points down at the end.

I was extremely proud of each and every player and the experience of playing in a Grand final will see them improve again next season.

Individually we seen many players improve and congratulations goes Herschel Waters and Paul Babyu on finishing second and third in the YJFL league best and fairest, Herschel also made the YJFL U13 first team, to the support staff and parent group, once again thank you, you are a great group to deal with and I hope you get as much enjoyment as I do from watching our boys play, to Tarn my wife and Team Manager well done and thank you, I realise I am a hard task master.

Finally to the boys, a big thanks I get a great deal of pleasure from coaching you guys and in hope that you all return in 2018 for another season

Andrew O'Halloran
Under13 Boys Coach

| Player | Votes | Description |
|-----------------------------|-------|---|
| Blake Parker | 9 | Playing forward and had a really good year, I love the way he plays and have no doubt that he will continue to improve – a great coaching move even if I say so myself Brock. |
| Calvin Cook | 5 | Was another player we missed in the Grand final, his goal sense and ability to kick a goal is a rare skill, we wish him all the best in the years to come. |
| Ciaran Loel | 20 | After a slow start moved onto the ball and really came of age, will be challenging his brother Conner for best footballer in the family in no time at all. |
| Ewen Kossyvas | 6 | A very reliable and consistent full back, missed him greatly in the Grand final, looking to move him forward in 2018. |
| Fletcher Chandler | 10 | The most improved player in the team, can play back or go into midfield, and had a great season. |
| Hemal Sharma | 3 | Another player who kept improving as the season progressed, can play forward or back and looking forward to seeing him develop further in 2018 |
| Herschel Waters | 48 | Runner up in the YJFL Best and fairest and missed 2 games, hunts the football and his work rate is top rate, another great lead from the front season. |
| Jacob Batch | 26 | The best CHB in the league and his rebound out of defence was fantastic to watch, his team mates love him |
| Jacob Marquet-Walker | 4 | A greatly improved player this season again due to school football, very reliable down back with his cool head and accurate kicking. |
| Jay Martensen | 13 | Unlucky in the grand final when breaking his arm, his attack on the ball and his running ability are second to none, I have no doubt he will be another one who improves in 2018. |
| Judd Martin | 6 | Improved immensely due to school football, on the ball or forward his strength and aggression were a real highlight, watch this space in 2018. |
| Kai Garnaut | 5 | After only 8 games of football, his improvement has been remarkable, on the wing or on the ball he has a real thirst for the contest, another player to watch in 2018. |
| Lachlan O'Halloran | 40 | Was great all season on the ball, his aggression, running and tackling were great for the team, look out opposition when his kicking improves in 2018. |
| Leo Mosley | 6 | The most skilled player in the team and showed glimpses of what he is capable of, when the penny drops watch out |
| Liam Hanrahan | 5 | Another consistent season and a player we ask to fill many different roles – have no doubt he will go to another level in 2018. |
| Luca Bornas | 3 | Again improved and if he continues in his development he will become a dangerous sneaky forward in 2018 |
| Lucas Judd | 3 | Another good season and a player who gets utilised in many positions, will hopefully settle him down on a wing in 2018. |
| Marlowe Glover | 5 | Can play back or forward and proved that on many occasions, I truly hope he picks footy over soccer next season as he is a popular team mate |
| Paul Babui | 15 | Was not only great to watch but great to coach, third in the YJFL best and fairest and we really missed him on Grand final day, we wish him well in the years to come |
| Spencer McConnell | 4 | Another player who showed improvement, with his size, strength and run he will again be one to watch in 2018. |
| Thomas Zafiropoulos | 8 | Really came of age in the finals and as I keep saying, once he realises to fight for that front position he will be unstoppable, seen some aggression and that is a good thing. |
| Will Abeyewardene | 3 | Another player who improved as the season progressed, was sick for the Grand final and we missed him up forward |
| Zac Marriott | 8 | His attack on the ball in the backline is great to watch, he saved us on many occasions and his tackling is a very special skill |

U/14 GIRLS



The early grading draw was against us playing teams which had 5yrs + experience, with some having a sprinkling of state players, which provided us with some early losses. However, our girls showed glimpses of what was to come and as always fought matches through to the finish.

Once the decision was made to form a "u/14 & u/ 15 development league" things took off for "Rance". We immediately gained confidence and rattled off 3 wins in a row, despite a loss or 2 through the middle of the season we rattled home with another 3 wins on end, as our confidence, ball movement and hunt for the ball increased.

By seasons end we finished with 7 wins from 10 games in the new league. We are a bit dirty because early grading games were kept for ladder purposes, and as result we missed the four on percentage. But in the end a great year, we beat all U/14 opposition, knocked off five u/15 teams and also won against a team playing finals.

A great year, all should be proud, and most importantly, the year was a bunch of fun for all.

Dave Martin

Under 14 Girls Coach

A special thanks to Jane who takes the team manager role to a new level. Also thanks to Chris, Max and Mel for their help, Louise for her various roles, and all the parents for making it come together.

| Player | Votes | Description |
|-----------------------------------|-------|--|
| Aisha Aly | 5 | Aisha Aly. Brilliant first year. Very fast, aggressive at the ball and by years end a booming kick. Final game playing at FB was a blinder. |
| Alice McNeill | 13 | Alice McNeill. Rucked tirelessly winning a majority of tap outs. Goal kicker when pinch hitting up forward. |
| Annabelle Power | 27 | Annabelle Power. Part of our speedy midfield. Highly creative, very evasive but also a player who makes multiple efforts at the contest. A brilliant year. |
| Bess Zimmermann | 9 | Bess Zimmerman. Really shone in the back part of the season particularly off HB. Showed great attack on the ball, good poise and the ability to clear the zone. Great 1st season Bess. |
| Carly Mollineaux | 11 | Carly "Gibby" Mollineaux. Stunning 1st season. Played predominantly CHB, attacked the ball, tackled ferociously stopping opposition surges. |
| Charlotte Marshall-Acheson | 22 | Charlotte Marshall-Acheson. Another brilliant half forward, broke opposition "walls" and spread back hard. We have terrific half forwards. |
| Chloe Mansfield | 23 | Chloe Mansfield. Nailed the up and back half forward role. Great mark, terrific competitor and runner. Worked brilliantly in tandem with CharMar. |
| Daisy Shea | 1 | A key forward with lightening acceleration when leading for the ball. Retired mid season. |
| Gabrielle Field-Pimm | 2 | A pacy wing who used her body well to win the contested ball. Retired mid season with her best game. |
| Grace Ricketts | 8 | Grace Ricketts. "the blanket". Hard as nails defender, can't recall her being beaten by an opponent. Always up for the challenge. Great first year. |
| Holly Lovett-Heaps | 4 | Holly Lovett-Heaps. Powerful back, good overhead and on the ground. Very solid defender and valuable team member. |
| Isabella Salatino | 34 | Outstanding 1st year player. Incredible speed, stamina along with great skills and game sense. Also has the best dance moves in the team. |
| Kirrilly Michaels | 4 | Kirrilly Michaels. Impacted wherever she played. Only has eyes for the ball, great tackler, terrific teammate. |
| Kirsty Dumoo | 2 | Kirsty Dumoo. Fleet of foot forward who created havoc with her skills. |
| Lily Martin | 24 | Lily Martin. In and under goal kicking mid, who can burst outside, best "don't argue" in the league. |
| Lily Young | 14 | Lily Young. In and out mid, who is a punishing tackler, but also very worked very hard on the spread providing forwards with multiple opportunities. |
| Marie Dumoo | 12 | Marie Dumoo. Running machine, who ruled the wings and space with her evasiveness, clean kicking and speed. |
| Natalia Di Campli San Vito | 4 | Natalia Di Campli San Vito. Hard working, tackle breaking forward who improved considerably over the year to become have a multiple goalkicking game. |
| Niamh Georgakas | 8 | Niamh Georgakas. Found a niche as a hard-working half back who played in front and attacked the ball, running off her opponent. |
| Phoebe Lake | 3 | Phoebe Lake. Terrific back half of the season, as she was rotated forward and back. Either end did a great job, really clean and great 2nd and 3rd efforts. |
| Shannon Tipuamantumerri | 8 | Shannon Tipuamantumerri. Played as a deep 1 on 1 forward and was highly creative, multiple goalkicker but also a fierce tackler. Best on ground smile. |
| Viktoria Mantineo | 22 | Vik Mantineo. Awesome season as FB, rarely, if ever, beaten and rebounded hard from defence. |

U/14 BOYS



After a hard loss in the 2016 Grand Final, this season for our team was about “redemption”.

The season started slowly, losing all four grading games.

Once grading was complete, the boys were placed in a lower division. From the first minute of the remainder of the season the team went out hard and won the next 10 games straight to finish the season on top of the ladder.

Redemption for our Grand Final loss from 2016 seemed achievable.

Throughout the season the team worked hard on our individual skills and game strategy.

Our goal of redemption hit a minor speed bump with a Semi Final loss to Kew by 7 points. The team rebounded in the Preliminary Final to beat Bundoora by 85 points.

The Boys Under 14 TIGERS get another shot at a Grand final. We are hungry to get that win.

As I said last year...Win or lose this Sunday I couldn't be any prouder of how the boys have played this year, our energy, growth and commitment to each other is all that a coach can ask for.

I have relished coaching this group and I have genuinely enjoyed seeing their growth as individual footballers. This team has set their own standards of excellence through how they conduct themselves on and off the field when representing RJFC.

Again, I want to thank my support team and all the parents who have rotated through various roles throughout the year. We have a great parent group which makes coaching a lot easier.

A special thank you to Jane Stevens (Team Manager) and Michael Shaw (Runner/Assistant Coach). Your support has been amazing.

Looking forward to 2018.

Chris Swenson
U/14 Boys Coach

| Player | Votes | Description |
|--------------------------------|-----------|--|
| Adam Davies | 13 | Highly talented ruckman who has become a very important member of the team. |
| Benjamin Wilson | 10 | Mr allrounder. We can play him anywhere and be confident that he will have a positive influence on the game in any position his put. |
| Blake Poynting | 20 | Our captain and our leader. He has respect from all the players on the field, the coaches and the parents. |
| Brayden Swenson | 25 | Valued forward who has awareness above his head and can take the ball high. |
| Callum Thompson | 3 | Has cemented himself as a Backman and steadily improving his game. |
| Calvin Doolan | 6 | Ultra-talented and skilful half forward. Everyone loved his back flip goal celebrations. |
| Chris Farnham | 1 | Livewire small forward who provided great tackling pressure and goal awareness. |
| Ethan Lamotte | 2 | Our full forward who always remains calm. We missed him in the finals. |
| Ethan Lukacs | 19 | Gives everything he has and keeps the boys pumped and on task. |
| Giovanni Malietoa-Brown | 5 | We can always rely on Gia to provide an oomph needed in a contest. Great energy to have around the team. |
| Harry De Santis | 1 | Popular team mate who is a brilliant and skilful player. Uses the ball well with his great kicking action. |
| Jack Double | 32 | Dangerous wingman who this season he has matured in his footy and has shown great speed and clean skills in the midfield. |
| Joshua Philip | 6 | Sneaky goal kicker who has worked at his game on the field. |
| Lewis Jan | 1 | His first season playing footy and was a much-needed help over the school holidays. Will be great to see him as a full time Tiger next season. |
| Liam Foo | 2 | Always providing pace from the half back line. The ultimate fill in. His team mates would love to see on the field more often. |
| Liam Fowler | 1 | Always reliable team mate in the back or forward line. Consistently gives his best effort to any position his placed. Another allrounder on the field. |
| Oliver Reynolds | 6 | Has found his feet in our back line and has made the most improvement throughout the season. Ultra-competitive pocket rocket. |
| Patrick Shaw | 26 | Has a work ethic like no other and can run and run and run. Plays multiple positions and always reliable to get to the contest. |
| Patrick Thompson | 5 | Improved his game this season and has played a key role in the forward line. Gives the forward line height and strength. |
| Ralf Schwidlewski | 7 | Hard working team mate who just kept improving and raising his game after every round. Utility player every team needs. |
| Rj Farnham | 2 | Smooth-moving midfielder/half forward, who uses his athleticism and pace to break games apart. |
| Ronnell Gammugirri | 2 | Attacking small forward who was an offensive threat. His tackling pressure was a key feature of our team's forward line pressure. |
| Sam Casserley | 11 | The bench is never quite while Sam is sitting on it. Can rely on Sam to get any job done on the field. Brilliant midfielder. |
| Will Hannan | 6 | Solid Backman who reads the ball well in the backline and rarely gets beaten. |
| Will Stevens | 50 | Classy Midfielder who has taken his game to an elite level this year. |
| Zach Dowd | 28 | Super midfielder who often gets the oppositions attention and quietly goes about getting his job done on the field. |

U/15 GIRLS



After more than thirty years in coaching I was finally seduced to the dark side yes I took on a girls team. And it is one of the most enjoyable things I've done in football. Not only did the girls have to learn to play footy I had to learn how to coach girls. To their credit they made my job easy with their want to learn attitude.

We had to battle early in the season lack of numbers hurt us but we went on we recruited more girls and became a really close band, what we lacked in skills we made up for in effort. We decided our best game plan would be to keep the ball moving forward quickly and structure up behind it. I was amazed at how well the girls learnt how to position themselves. So well did they do this we went all the way to a preliminary final.

As I said we lacked skill that will come VERY quickly with a pre season I hope the girls enjoyed the year as much as I did and all come back next year.

We could not have done any of this without the parents, to Jan and Jo-Anne a huge thank you they coached the parents brilliantly and the parents responded and gave me great support, to my runners especially Peter my apologies I know I'm not easy to run for.

A quick word on the youth girls who I was lucky enough to have some involvement with. You were great, a year like that would have broke lesser people for what its worth you won my admiration.

Phillip Ballis
(a very happy U/15s coach)



| Player | Votes |
|-------------------------|-------|
| Abby McGuire | 10 |
| Avalon Milner | 1 |
| Avemaria Malietoa-Brown | 33 |
| Caitlin Power | 12 |
| Carmen Lia Smith | 10 |
| Cassandra Smith | 1 |
| Charlotte McLean | 16 |
| Dasheille Reid | 30 |
| Elizabeth Sutton | 1 |

| Player | Votes |
|------------------|-------|
| Emily Muniratna | 1 |
| Laura Wilcox | 1 |
| Lily Cahill | 16 |
| Mia Pagonis | 1 |
| Milla Bornas | 37 |
| Molly Wigley | 4 |
| Natasha Olivetto | 9 |
| Siena O'Neil | 3 |
| Sophie Noonan | 18 |



U/15 BOYS



After a hugely successful 2016 season where the boys were crowned premiers we knew it would be tough to repeat the feat. After a change of coach and an influx of new players to the club our season was underway.

The team was placed in a higher division and were keen to prove themselves. Once the grading games were over we had a standing of 2 wins, 2 losses. Ultimately the season did not quite go as planned as a mixture of injuries and unavailability meaning we finished in 6th, 2 games outside the 4.

We had some outstanding individual performances throughout the season but as a team I think the highlights were a last minute win in Round 13 v Beverley Hills and a 4 goal win over top of the table Camberwell in Round 14.

Coaching this team was an experience to say the least, but I could not ask for a better group of boys. Having seen these players develop throughout the year has been amazing. With the core group now having played together for 6/7 years it has made my job a lot easier. The bond they all have together is what is so great about our club.

A big thank you must go to all parents and a special thank you to both Liz Haberfield and Colin Chipperfield who have supported me all season and wouldn't have been able to do it without them.

Bring on 2018.

Caleb Hounihan
U15 Boys Coach

| Player | Votes | Description |
|-------------------------|-------|--|
| Albert Hood | 6 | Have seen an enormous amount of improvement for someone that had not played much footy before this year. His aerial ability was enormous this year. |
| Anthony Wilson | 7 | Talented kid who was made to play in a variety of positions that were new to him and handled it with class and skill. Silky by foot and has great hands. |
| Archie Blackburn | 4 | Solid defender that competes all day and stood up against bigger opponents this year. |
| Ben Finney | 3 | Another player new to the club and unfortunately had a season ending arm injury. In the few games he played his ball use and game sense was vital. |
| Conor Loel | 23 | Had an interrupted year due to a few unfortunate injuries but was still an important asset to our team. Takes the game on and worries opposition teams. Reads the ball well and kicks a crucial goal when the team needs it. |
| Dante Spina | 4 | Hard and tough player. Played a different role at half back and was instrumental in shutting down opposition forwards. |
| Gus Murray | 2 | Attacks the ball like no other. Comedian in the group who gives 100% every time. |
| Hugo Boreham | 36 | Led from the front all year and was crucial in our midfield all season. Plays a lot taller than his body shapes suggest. Took his game to a new level this season. |
| Hunter McConnell | 9 | Mr. Consistent. A very hardworking half forward/ wingman who through his body around against much bigger opponents and has lovely skills in close. |
| Jack Stewart | 27 | One of the hardest workers in our team, always presents an option at Centre Half Forward and a talented player who can play in multiple positions. One of the best readers of the ball I have seen at junior level. |
| Jayread Ariuu | 5 | Attacking small forward who loves to kick a goal. Pressure he puts on the opposition is outstanding. |
| Jonah Haberfield | 9 | As per usual he was a general in the backline. Mostly competing against bigger boys and sometimes men I thought he was excellent in nullifying them. |
| Julian Meehan | 2 | Underrated defender in our side. His attack on the ball is unquestionable. Gets into very good positions and set ups well. |
| Junior Dirdi | 2 | Pocket rocket that developed in to a consistent half back. Lovely left foot and puts his body on the line. |
| Kydan Atkinson | 8 | Formed a dominant combination with our midfielders either on the ball or out on a wing. Lovely user of the ball and is elite in the air for his size. |
| Luca Salantino | 11 | Very underrated half back flank who has come a long way. Set up a lot of rebounds from the back half with his composure and awareness. |
| Mohamed Adam | 1 | Pluggersque full forward of old. Great tackler. |
| Nick Trott | 14 | Strong, tough ruckman that competes hard all day. Another of our new boys who fitted in to our team beautifully. |
| Patrick Shortell | 7 | A player with the ability to turn a match on its head. Was asked to play the new role of Centre Half Back and I thought he handled it very well. |
| Paddy Walter | 1 | Only played a handful of games after being away and some injuries but gave us added speed and polish. |
| Phil Brooks | 9 | Made the cross to us and couldn't have asked for anymore from this young man. Was willing to work and learn all year. A smart football brain. |
| Riley O'Halloran | 5 | Had a very consistent year as a half forward. Smart and gets in all the right places. |
| Rory Ball | 2 | A no fuss kid that does his role wherever you position him. Loves to kick a goal rewarded himself with a couple this year. |
| Teigan Otter | 31 | Started the year off slow but came into his own in the 2nd half of the season. Strong contested mark and a booming kick that helped set up multiple wins late in the season and had many teams worried. |
| Wayne Gaden | 2 | Added some real pace to our side, out running most. An exciting player to watch play the game. |
| Yor Chol | 12 | His best season I have witness in my 3 years involved. Has developed into a quality ruckman with some great tap work. |

YOUTH GIRLS



What an amazing, challenging year. Those challenges started with getting a team together (and a coach), second was keeping them together, third was demonstrating how fun and fulfilling footy can be and lastly enabling the players to up skill and get footy experience.

The first challenge came before my time. However full credit has to go to the team managers, Caroline and Natalie, as well as the club, led by Andrew and Lachlan. There were some lean times, but through their endeavours, we always got a team on the field. By the last game we even had a full team.

The second was solved mainly through the quality of person the club had recruited. It was impressive the way the players created a culture that was inclusive for every player whether they were friends before or not. Credit has to go to the players and their parents, for raising bright, inclusive and talented people.

The third and fourth challenges go hand in hand and a lot of the success has to be attributed to Phil Ballis. Between us we made training enjoyable whilst focussing on core footy skills.

With so many first year players (in a league with many multi year players) our skills needed work. However by the end of the season I was impressed (as were a lot of others) at how greatly we had improved as a group and individually.

Game plans were based around experimenting players in positions to find which roles they enjoyed and where their skills were put to best use. As the the season progressed we tried to get the best out of the players whilst instilling game based thinking and decision making. In the final games we went for a win, and we won a couple of halves, which is very encouraging for our season next year.

To coach these players was an absolute pleasure. They should feel proud of the way they conducted themselves on and off the field. Their attitude towards training (good numbers/many stayed back) was exemplary.

Many thanks to Phil, for coaching, to Caroline and Natalie, for managing, to Lachlan and Andrew, for leading, and to the wonderful parents, for supporting and volunteering.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone again in 2018 to continue what we've started.

Oliver Crombach

Youth Girls Coach

| Player | Votes | Description |
|-----------------------|-------|--|
| Abbey Jensen | 15 | Intelligent and versatile. Great rebounding footballer. Essential team leader |
| Allanah Frampton | 4 | Solid defender/ruck who led the halfback line for most of the year |
| Charlotte Mansfield | 2 | Competitive and strong in the air |
| Daisy Lloyd | 14 | Awesome athlete/footballer. Natural mid wanting to get her hands on the footy at all times |
| Dara Martin | 1 | Great athlete, only played a few games but showed she could be in our best next year |
| Devina Lai | 12 | Great kicking/marking/running. Very smart footballer |
| Dilara Gavas | 3 | Another smart footballer with a good kick who made training fun for all |
| Emily Convey | 27 | Natural footballer who has the game at her feet (and her hands) |
| Esther Seymour-Pessah | 9 | Strong footballer with good leadership. Natural ruck/forward |
| Gracie McCamish | 5 | Gritty defender who can match it with the best forwards |
| Jess McDonald | 1 | Naturally competitive and great runner. Great addition to the the team |
| Jessica Larking | 17 | Great kick, easy to coach. Listened and implemented game plans. |
| Katie Fabian | 7 | Joined later, but picked the game up quick to become an essential part of the team |
| Layla Fahour | 26 | Sharp mind, quickly made herself the most versatile player |
| Mae James | 15 | Born leader and gritty footballer. Very tough and a lot of fun to be around |
| Nellie Rowan | 5 | Versatile and smart footballer who finds the footy easily. Natural mid or forward |
| Zahli Dowd | 17 | Tough, focussed footballer, natural on-baller |
| Zara Guss | 13 | Natural athlete with great footy instincts. Can play anywhere on the oval |



The good, the bad and the unforgettable....

Over the journey, there's one thing assured with this team, a season is never boring !

After some solid recruiting we welcomed new players, familiar faces coming back to RJFC after a period of absence and last year's crop back for one last hurrah.

Preseason was terrific. We looked as fit as we ever had as the Sunday sessions down at Alan Bain Reserve saw the team build and each week we faced "heartbreak ridge" at the back of the power station, although we all feel sorry for the couples that had their "lovers lane" interrupted by our workouts.

The season dawned and during grading we had some solid hit outs. Unfortunately, injury and some concentration lapses saw us loose our way in the middle of the season. Significantly, some might say finally, our maturity shone through and we started to show patches of our capability culminating in a fairy tale last game....a good lesson for any future endeavours that sometimes things don't go to plan. Don't accept it, challenge it and change the course of your direction.

To the top age lads – Leo Hanley, Stidworthy Dube, Alexander Lake, Tyler Constable-Armstrong, Nathan Ku, Alan Dany, Liam O'Brien, Sol Zimmermann, Josh Di Campli Sal Vito, Tai Chu, Dexter Ryan, Henil Kothari, Ben Field Pimm, Peter Manatas, Lachlan Pollock, Ubil Chol, Johnson Pham, Tex Mangan-Gergiou and Harry Surkitt - Be it for one year, or many, Thank you.

To the bottom age lads – you were quite simply terrific. Thank you.

To the full parent group – Thank you allowing me the opportunity to coach your son's.

To the Match Committee – we did it guys, we made it to top age Colts. Thank you.

They say each group of kids in every team is unique. That each group is special. I'm sure that the case. However, somewhere out in the chapters of RJFC history I think we need to ensure there's a page or two put aside for this year's class. It's not just about the lads that played this year. But for the more than 90 boys and girls that ran out with these top age boys over the years.

- Please when you all get together for re-unions on the future, I want you to remember the journey and I challenge you to make your own list of "moments", like the one below, to take along so that all are remembered even if they are absent.....
- Has he really been deported?
 - What do you mean you were really born in 1999?
 - If he's still in primary school, how old was he when he started playing with us?
 - So you want to play today, but you haven't bought boots, socks, shorts or your jumper?
 - He'll be late...he's at the movies.
 - Trev....get out there. There's two of our team punching on at each other.

A couple of messages to close:

- To the bottom age lads....you've got a lot to prove next year. Make sure you give yourself every opportunity to succeed by having the right mind set.
- To the top age lads....Keep in touch. **That's what friends are for** and you have friends at RJFC for life.

Craig Lake
Colts Coach

| Player | Votes |
|------------------------|----------------|
| Alan Dang | 3 |
| Alexander Lake | 11 |
| Benjamin Field-Pimm | 4 |
| Connor Philpot | 16 |
| Daniel Fitzpatrick | <i>injured</i> |
| Dexter Ryan | 31 |
| Dom Rossetti | 4 |
| Flynn Economos | 24 |
| George Vasili | 1 |
| Harrison Surkitt | 9 |
| Harry Kitchen | 1 |
| Henil Kothari | 2 |
| James Lake | 11 |
| Johnson Phom | <i>injured</i> |
| Jordan Tamasese-Prasad | 5 |

| Player | Votes |
|---------------------------|----------------|
| Joshua Di Campli Sal Vito | 3 |
| Lachlan Pollock | 6 |
| Leo Hanley | 8 |
| Liam O'Brien | 1 |
| Michael Rao | 8 |
| Nathan Ku | 3 |
| Peter Manatas | 14 |
| Peter Vamvakitis | <i>injured</i> |
| Sebastien Sedergreen | 1 |
| Sol Zimmermann | 24 |
| Stidworthy Dube | 2 |
| Tai Chu | 3 |
| Tex Mangan-Georgiou | 9 |
| Tyler Constable-Armstrong | 24 |
| Ubil Chol | 40 |

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