



2021
RJFC
Richmond Junior
Football Club



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YJFL B+F Results

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

U11 Girls	Mathilde Beckers	1st	U15 Boys 1	Jagga Smith	2nd
U11 Mixed Brown	Cade Murphy	2nd	U15 Girls 1	Roxy Maslin	5th
	Thomas Sidebottom	5th	U15 Girls 2	Serina Gurruwiwi	2nd
U11 Mixed Blue	Toby Murrihy	4th		Abbey Tyrrell	4th
	Lenny Donaldson	5th		Wynifred McIntyre	4th
U12 Mixed Gold	Daniel Bullock	1st	U16 Girls 2	Emma de Jong	4th
U12 Girls Green	Tinka Williamsz	5th		Naomi Gaykamangu	7th
U13 Mixed Blue	Miles Pacey	6th	U16 Boys 4	Eddie King	4th
U13 Girls Gold	Alison Narbaru	6th	Youth Girls 2	Carmen Lia Smith	1st
	Ava Athanasopoulos	6th		Charlotte McLean	4th
U13 Girls Brown	Mae O'Brien	1st	Youth Girls 3	Keirah Dowd	2nd
	Clara Bruppacher	3rd		Isabella Boffa	4th
U14 Mixed Brown	Flynn McNamara	5th	Colts 3	Zach Dowd	1st
	Kevin Garrawurra	6th		Will Stevens	7th
U14 Mixed Blue	Will Stone	5th			

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Although time was called early on the 2021 YJFL season, in the end we achieved 10 wonderful rounds of footy in a constantly changing landscape. While it's a bit sad that it all came to an end quite suddenly, we should look at the big positive – we actually had a season!

RJFC continues to grow year on year. 26 teams, including 8 new ones, and 556 kids got to play footy with us in 2021, and with girls making up 40% of our club, RJFC is the largest girls' footy club in the league. The ongoing growth of our club, after no 2020 season, and all of this season's uncertainties is testament to the strong and supportive community we are all part of.

Volunteers

Particular recognition and thanks must go to the persistence and flexibility of the nearly 200 volunteers who made it all possible each weekend; all of the Coaches, Team Managers, Assistant Coaches, Runners, Goal and Boundary Umpires, Covid Officers, Umpire Escorts, Ground Managers and the multitude of other parents and volunteers involved that allow all of our kids to play some footy. Not to forget also, Mick Young, Dule Relijic and Bomber. The kids will probably never fully appreciate the time and effort you all put in, but we do – so Thank you on their behalf.

Premierships

We're very proud to say that the YJFL announced that the top of the ladder teams are 2021 Premiers. Massive congratulations go to our three Premiership teams:

- **Colts Boys** team – coached by Chris Swenson
- **Youth Girls** Yellow team – coached by Dave Martin
- **Under 14 Mixed Yellow** team – coached by Hugo Boreham, Steele Baillie and Teigan Otter

It's the first time we have had 3 premiers in the same year, and is a particularly fitting way for our two most senior teams, with many retiring players, to finish up on. Well done to all involved.

Retiring Colts and Youth Girls Players

As usual, we will sadly miss the boys and girls who retire from our Colts and Youth Girls teams with the end of their junior football careers (listed on page 9). Most of you began with the club as youngsters in tackers, or as part of the inaugural all girls teams, we have seen you grow into young adults, you all make up a portion of our club culture and its history, and we are very proud of you. We hope you have found a continuing love of footy, are keen to play on, and please stay in contact; if you have the time, we would love you to remain involved with RJFC in any capacity you'd enjoy.

Coaching

Our 52 strong coaching cohort this year set off on an uncertain season, without as much usual training and face to face support for each other and as we would normally have - due to restrictions. However, Mick Murrihy did a power of work in the background to make sure all teams were as supported as possible, and we fully intend to re-implement our coaches sessions next year. Thanks to all the coaches and assistant coaches – you are the face of our club, the coal face, the culture setters - and you've done us all proud.

We have purposefully been engaging with a younger coaching cohort to act as mentors to our kids. Our Ex Colts and Youth girls players and our relationship with Richmond Centrals and Melbourne High Old boys senior clubs are great, previously untapped resources, and this year we again saw the connections increase;

- **Alannah Frampton** and **Katie Fabian** – U10 Girls
- **Esther Seymour-Pessah** and **Mia Hyde Smith** – U12 Girls
- **Lily Martin** – U14 Girls
- **Hugo Boreham** and **Teigan Otter** – U14 Boys Yellow
- **James Lenehan** – U14 Boys Black
- **Kai Bloomfield** – U16 Boys
- **Harry Surkitt** – Colts boys

Thanks to all coaches involved for giving up your time to give back to our community.

Representative Football

Yet again we had a huge contingent of RJFC players who took part in the Oakleigh Chargers, YJFL and YMA, and they should all be applauded on representing our club with pride.

Under 13 girls	Grace Fennell, Francesca van Vliet
Under 13 boys	Kevin Garruwurra
Under 14 girls	Serina Gurruwiwi, Wynifred McIntyre, Lucy Murphy, Maggie Philip, Samantha Pouesi, Moniquah Ulamari
Under 14 boys	Flynn McNamara, Jack Fennell, Henry Lake
Under 15 girls	Roxy Maslin, Abbey Tyrrell, Lily Murrihy, Mia Krisohos
Under 15 boys	Noah Croaker, Jagga Smith, Hamish Hudson, Ollie Collinson, Wil Ransom

Particular mention must go to our three RJFC players selected to represent Victoria:

- **Jagga Smith** U15 Boys
- **Summa Smith** U12 Girls
- **Dan Bullock** U12 Boys Basketball

We congratulate all our representatives on their wonderful achievements.

With the establishment of our girls football programme for over 5 years now, we have a lot of girls racking up many games of footy. None more so than Abbey Tyrrell, our first girl to reach 100 games played for RJFC. Congratulations to Abbey on this wonderful achievement - it's been great to see you develop, and hope there are many more games yet. Hats off also to all the other milestone achievers listed on page 7

YJFL Presentation Awards

Wow, what a year for RJFC at the YJFL awards. This year 29 RJFC players were acknowledged for their prowess in the YJFL Best and Fairest count as top 10 place getters (listed on page 2) and we're delighted to have an RJFC record of 5 prestigious winners:

U11 Girls	Mathilde Beckers	Youth Girls 2	Carmen Lia Smith
U12 Mixed Gold	Daniel Bullock	Colts 3	Zach Dowd
U13 Girls Brown	Mae O'Brien		

Congratulations to winners and place getters on your dominance in your respective divisions, and all the hard work you have put in to achieve that. Well done.

President's report / 2

Around the Grounds

It's been a big year around our grounds. We gained access to Burnley Park and Pavilion for the first time – essential for our continued expansion, and great to see it with goalposts up. We also got to use the new surfaces at both Citizens Park and Kevin Bartlett, and they proved to be excellent; absolutely top class and the previous drainage issues we had at these grounds look to be a 'fond memory' for our club. The Jack Dyer Pavilion continues to move along and we can't wait to access our new rooms next year. The temporary use of portables at Citizens Park, while construction progressed, was a challenge, but was also a good example of our adaptability as a club. We should give a big thankyou for all of these investments for our club by the City of Yarra.



Sponsors and Partners

We owe a huge thankyou to our loyal sponsors, who contribute their time, money and goodwill to ensure we as a club can operate successfully and allow 550 kids the opportunity to play footy, and we look forward to continuing our long term relationships in the coming years. Please support their businesses as best you can. To our partners in Richmond Central Amateur Football Club, Melbourne High School Old Boys Football Club, Melbourne Indigenous Transition School and City of Yarra, thank you for your continued support and our ongoing relationships.

Particular note should go to Belle Property group, having sponsored the club for over 20 years in their previous alias of Hocking Stuart, funded the replacement of the entire clubs playing jumpers. It was well needed, and our teams now look extra sharp when they hit the field each week.

Our Committee

Although interrupted, it actually was a very smooth season with no real issues and lots of people just happy to have the kids playing. The reason for that is because of the efforts our hardworking Committee members have put in. Behind the scenes, probably the most unnoticed work in our footy club is that of the committee members. Not many people fully appreciate what's involved and how much work there is in getting our club humming – all of the coordination and scrambling in the early months of the year well before the season starts, the ongoing week to week nurturing during the season, and not to mention our committee are all involved in their kids' teams too.

So massive thank yous to **Troy Chandler, Jo Tyrrell, Jan Buchanan, Mick Murrihy, Mick Murphy, Al Sime, Markus Ziemer, Priscilla Curtis and Elissa Watson** – along with retiring long term Committee members too **Chris McNeill, Steele Baillie, Ant Rahilly**.

Particular thanks and kudos must go to Andrew O'Halloran as our President for the previous 5 years. Andrew has guided the club through continuous growth with smooth sailing, and leaves the club much larger, stronger and more respected. His decisiveness and clear direction is always sought and appreciated, but most important is to recognise the time Andrew puts in to do the little things

around the club. He is still around the place, so slap him on the back and promise to buy him a drink when you see him next. Thanks Andrew.

You all did so much work under trying and uncertain conditions and you should be proud. We know and appreciate how much of your valuable time you've contributed.



Auskick

Yet again, Peter Tuckwell and his team of loyal helpers could be seen at Citizens Park on Saturday mornings, setting up, running and then packing up all of the drills necessary to put 150 of our next budding stars through their paces. This doesn't just happen, and Peter has done a power of work in the background to coordinate the successful running along with Nick Somes, Andrew Read, Mick Murphy, Mick Murrihy, the merry band of U13 to U15 players who helped as assistant coaches, and of course all of the keen parents getting involved in the Auskick sessions. Peter is retiring from the role after 4 years at the helm, but will remain involved with the greater club – Thanks Pete for everything you've done.

Onwards and Upwards

Believe it or not, registrations will open for Season 2022 in November, and we will begin our Summer Squad again. Next year will be a big one for us, with the opening of our new clubrooms at Citizens Park, more growth in teams predicted, and most importantly we hope to resume our regular functions and social events, so we can bring back the best part of our club – getting together as a wonderful tight-knit community. We hope you and your families are all well, and we can all catch up again together shortly. Go Tigers.

Lachlan Mosley

President – on behalf of the RJFC Club Committee

RJFC Girls Team Awards 2021

U/10 Girls

1st Best & Fairest	Florence Keating
2nd Best & Fairest	Amy Coburn
3rd Best & Fairest	Jess Thompson
Most Improved	Alaia Abbott
Endeavour Award	Lucinda O'Bryan
Best Teammate	Pippa James

U/11 Girls

1st Best & Fairest	Mathilde Beckers
Equal 2nd Best & Fairest	Ava Barker
Equal 2nd Best & Fairest	Amelia Nathan
Most Courageous	Lucy Sadler
Best Defensive Player	Rahni Kelly
Team Tiger Award	Livinia Venetis

U/16 Girls

1st Best & Fairest	Erin Rahilly
2nd Best & Fairest	Emma de Jong
3rd Best & Fairest	Sass Walker
Most Improved	Phoebe Marshall-Acheson
Most Consistent	Rita Cahill

U/12 Girls

1st Best & Fairest	Tinka Williamsz
2nd Best & Fairest	Lailani Bransden
Equal 3rd Best & Fairest	Tenielle McGuire
Equal 3rd Best & Fairest	Carrie Somes
Best Team Player	Julia Driscoll
Rising Star	Liv Worth

U/13 Girls Yellow

1st Best & Fairest	Emma Brunt
2nd Best & Fairest	Summa Smith
3rd Best & Fairest	Yasmine Ronai
Most Courageous	Lulu Ulamari
Coach's Award	Rebekah Di Campli San Vito
Most Consistent	Ava Athanasopoulos

Youth Girls Yellow

1st Best & Fairest	Charlotte McLean
Equal 2nd Best & Fairest	Isabella Blackney
Equal 2nd Best & Fairest	Carmen Lia Smith
Most Consistent	Chloe Mansfield
Comeback Player	Charlotte Marshall-Acheson
Best Teammate	Annabelle Power
"Rance" Award	

Youth Girls Black

1st Best & Fairest	Isabella Boffa
2nd Best & Fairest	Keirah Dowd
3rd Best & Fairest	Alex Williams
Best Team Player	Lucy Robotham
Most Courageous	Paige Kearton
Most Improved	Marcella Souter

U/13 Girls Black

1st Best & Fairest	Grace Morriss
2nd Best & Fairest	Mae O'Brien
3rd Best & Fairest	Greta Hardwick
Best Key Position Player	Clara Bruppacher
Coach's Award	Scarlett Crawforth
Most Improved	Matilda Logan

U/14 Girls

1st Best & Fairest	Harriet Crock
2nd Best & Fairest	Lara Brown
3rd Best & Fairest	Samantha Venetis
Most Consistent	Lesharnie Hall
Most improved	Chloe Crook
Best Team Player	Nickiesha Warramara

U/15 Girls Yellow

1st Best & Fairest	Roxy Maslin
2nd Best & Fairest	Clare Wong
3rd Best & Fairest	Lily Murrhly
100% Consistent Effort	Mia Krisohos
Rising Star	Sinead McClay
Influential Game Breaker	Ruby Rosas

U/15 Girls Black

1st Best & Fairest	Wynifred McIntyre
2nd Best & Fairest	Abbey Tyrrell
3rd Best & Fairest	Claire Tuckwell
Most Courageous	Ella Karavias
Most Versatile	Tatiana Bush
Most Consistent	Emma Watkins



RJFC Mixed / Boys Team Awards 2021

U/8 Mixed

Equal 1st Best & Fairest	Ashton Arnott
Equal 1st Best & Fairest	Roy Tipper
3rd Best & Fairest	Gracie Otter
Golden Sash Award	Sam Hooper
Tiger Cub Award	Jack Hutchins
Yellow & Black Award	Finn McManamny

Coaches' Award	Reuben Beckers
Coaches' Award	Riley Birkett-Willis
Coaches' Award	Chris Choi
Coaches' Award	James Davis
Coaches' Award	Axel Marlow

U/13 Mixed

1st Best & Fairest	Owen Miller
2nd Best & Fairest	Sol Motyl-Coverdale
3rd Best & Fairest	Charlie Tanner
Most Determined	Tristan Bodis
Coaches' Award	Harvey Smithers
Most Improved	Rex Walsh

U/14 Mixed Yellow

1st Best & Fairest	Flynn McNamara
2nd Best & Fairest	Henry Lake
3rd Best & Fairest	Jack Fennell
Most Consistent	Zac Chapman
Most Improved	Will Rahilly
Best Team Player	Dan Coshutt
Most Exciting	Kevin Garrawurra

U/9 Mixed Yellow

1st Best & Fairest	Royce Murray
Equal 2nd Best & Fairest	Casper Maton
Equal 2nd Best & Fairest	Charlie Clarke
Most Consistent	Dino Bere
Most Courageous	Fred Carson
Coaches' Award	Leo Anson

U/9 Mixed Black

Equal 1st Best & Fairest	Beau Bisset
Equal 1st Best & Fairest	Dustin Craigie
3rd Best & Fairest	Cameron Boxer
Most Improved	Isaac Hill
Most Courageous	Hudson Barich
Best Team Player	Thomas Peterson

U/14 Mixed Black

1st Best & Fairest	Will Stone
2nd Best & Fairest	Charlie Somes
3rd Best & Fairest	Charlie Sweet
Most Consistent	Reggie Vandenberg
Best team Player	Jono Conlan
Most Exciting	Malakai Wright

U/15 Boys

1st Best & Fairest	Tom Wenzel
2nd Best & Fairest	Wil Ransom
3rd Best & Fairest	Ollie Collinson
Coaches Award	Alec Harling
Best Defender	Hugo Osmond
Tiger Spirit Award	Jonty Chandler

U/10 Mixed

1st Best & Fairest	Albie Hutchins
2nd Best & Fairest	Marcus Watkins
3rd Best & Fairest	Michael Matyear
Best Team Player	Lewis Leverett
Most Improved	Benjamin Birrell
Most Consistent	Will Spinks

U/11 Mixed Yellow

1st Best & Fairest	Cade Murphy
2nd Best & Fairest	Thomas Sidebottom
3rd Best & Fairest	Sam Walford
Coaches Award	Ethan Davis
Best Team Player	Elijah Gleeson
Most Improved	Ollie Nguyen

U/16 Boys

1st Best & Fairest	Edward King
2nd Best & Fairest	Asher Claney
3rd Best & Fairest	Hamish Webb
Best Team Player	Rohan Watkins
Most Consistent	Patrick Colless

Colts

1st Best & Fairest	Zach Dowd
2nd Best & Fairest	Samuel Casserly
3rd Best & Fairest	Will Stevens
Leadership Award	Liam Foo
Most Dependable Player	Brayden Swenson
Coaches Award	Ewen Kossyvas

U/11 Mixed Black

Equal 1st Best & Fairest	Lenny Donaldson
Equal 1st Best & Fairest	Toby Murrhly
3rd Best & Fairest	Pek McMahon
Most Consistent	Mateo Dominguez Wright
Best Team Player	Stirling Walker
Most Improved & Determined	Harry Hughes

U/12 Mixed Black

1st Best & Fairest	Oscar Mosley
2nd Best & Fairest	Will Tyrrell
3rd Best & Fairest	Liam Birrell
Most Determined	Jules Levy
Best Team Player	Felix Bisset
Most Improved	Sam Thompson

U/12 Mixed Yellow

1st Best & Fairest	Daniel Bullock
2nd Best & Fairest	Fred Heath
3rd Best & Fairest	Billy Jones
Most Determined	Mitchell Irwin
Most Courageous	Fred Karutz
Heart & Soul Award	Declan Leivers



RJFC Awards and Milestones 2021



RJFC Club Awards 2021

Frank McMahon

Lily Young
Blake Poynting

Golden Fist

Alana Cadusch
Cooper Zammit

Fiesel Mir

Sam Carter Curtis

Joshua Weir

Isabella Rao

Tom Roach

Jensen McNamara

Tilly Lucas Rodd

Sophia Prasad

Jim Gurtuby

Carmen Lia Smith

Phil Ballis

Lily Cahill
Ben Wilson

Seb Sedergreen

Tim Singh

Best Clubman

(Shaw, Rudland,
Frangoulis Trophy)

Pete Tuckwell

RJFC Milestones 2021

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Harvey Smithers

Flynn McNamara

Erin Rahilly

Thomas Smyth

Alex Williams

Ava Zimmermann

Claudia Corley

Reginald Vandenberg

Jack Little

Phoebe Marshall-
Acheson

Vik Mantineo

Charles Tanner

Alex Williams

Oliver Robinson-Howe

Charlie Sweet

Patrick Mundy

Sam Tralaggan

Will Tyrrell

Fred Karutz

Darcy Merritt

Sam Carter Curtis

Paulo Lara

Osvaldo Da Silva

Ben Tuckwell

Declan Leivers

Mitchell Irwin

Zander McCartney

Freddie Heath

Alex Samuels

Tom Le Busque

Billy Jones

Riley Hajdinjak

Mia Krisohos

Chloe Johnstone

Ronan Birrell

Charlotte
Marshall-Acheson

Pek McMahon

Eza Garnaut

William Ball

Liam Birrell

Joseph Rutledge

Grace Farndon

Cade Murphy

Charlie Cowley

Cameron Koppens

Sammy Thompson

Cassandra Smith

Harry Wong

100

Ben Morgan

Ben Wilson

Patrick Colless

Lachlan Idle

Blake Poynting

Harvey Williams

Lucas Judd

Andrew Kerr

Matthew Haberfield

Wil Ransom

Ben Tyrrell

Jack Morice

Ethan Lukas

Freddy Butt

Abbey Tyrrell

Timothy Singh

James Little

Rueben Reid

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Will Stevens

Zach Dowd

Ciaran Loel

RJFC Teams of the Year 2021



RJFC Girls Team of the Year 2021

Ava Barker
Mathilde Beckers
Isabella Blackney
Isabella Boffa
Lailani Bransden
Lara Brown
Emma Brunt
Amy Coburn
Harriet Crock

Emma de Jong
Keirah Dowd
Florence Keating
Roxy Maslin
Wynifred McIntyre
Charlotte McLean
Grace Morriss
Amelia Nathan
Mae O'Brien

Gracie Otter
Erin Rahilly
Carmen Lia Smith
Summa Smith
Abbey Tyrrell
Tinka Williamsz
Clare Wong

RJFC Junior Boys Team of the Year 2021

Ashton Arnott
Beau Bisset
Cameron Boxer
Charlie Clarke
Dustin Craigie
Lenny Donaldson
Sam Hooper

Albie Hutchins
Casper Maton
Michael Matyear
Pek McMahon
Finn McManamny
Cade Murphy
Royce Murray

Toby Murrhly
Thomas Sidebottom
Roy Tipper
Sam Walford
Marcus Watkins

RJFC Senior Boys Team of the Year 2021

Daniel Bullock
Liam Birrell
Samuel Casserly
Asher Claney
Ollie Collinson
Zach Dowd
Jack Fennell
Fred Heath

Billy Jones
Edward King
Henry Lake
Flynn McNamara
Owen Miller
Oscar Mosley
Sol Motyl-Coverdale
Wil Ransom

Charlie Somes
Will Stevens
Will Stone
Charlie Sweet
Charlie Tanner
Will Tyrrell
Hamish Webb
Tom Wenzel

Retiring Colts

NAME	RJFC GAMES
Samuel Casserly	139
Zach Dowd	151
Liam Foo	112
Rua Haggie	7
James Lloyd	14
Ethan Lukacs	100
Joshua Philip	129

NAME	RJFC GAMES
Blake Poynting	106
Aedan Sanders	27
Ralf Schwidlewski	107
Will Stevens	157
Brayden Swenson	136
Benjamin Wilson	107

Retiring Youth Girls

NAME	RJFC GAMES
Isabella Blackney	32
Ellie Brennan	81
Lily Cahill	66
Olivia Capomolla	17
Vanessa Carr	21
Kate Hodgson	75
Charlotte Marshall-Acheson	48

NAME	RJFC GAMES
Lily Martin	58
Charlotte McLean	42
Sophie Noonan	42
Annabelle Power	66
Isabella Rao	35
Carmen Lia Smith	46
Iris Williams	26

U/8 Mixed



There's no doubt interruption was a central characteristic of this season, which was ultimately cut short by four rounds. In an unexpected twist, these interruptions highlighted how valuable footy is to the kids.

Watching them race back to play the Australian game on Wurundjeri land after a few weeks stuck at home, the delight and excitement was palpable. Across all facets of the game - kicking, marking, gathering, reading the play and following a game plan - the improvement from the first week to the last of all of our kids was a great fun to watch.

We twice came together as a full squad on derby day and round robin and both were just a blast. U8s is an exciting age group, everyone's new; players, coaches and parents alike get to establish what playing footy means.

It felt a pure privilege for us to take the role of coach for this group and participate in building a culture of fun, friendship, fairness and improvement creating the foundation for many great years of footy ahead.

Dom & Duff

U8 Mixed Coaches



Player	Description
Blake Abdul Samad	The pocket rocket, Blake doesn't stop running and more often than not it's to where the ball is going
Ashton Arnott	Wears two of the most gifted boots on any field, but it's Ashton's willingness to do what the team needs that will make him a future leader
Reuben Beckers	Strong in the air, and tough on the ground, Reuben earned the respect of teammates and coaches alike
Riley Birkett-Willis	You won't find a day when Riley's not kicking a footy around. Strong in the air, good on the boot and always on the run
Areu Choi	The silly shaped ball didn't dampen Chris's enthusiasm for trying footy. His combined strength, height, determination and enthusiasm make him one to watch
Sam Clausen	Sam loves running with the ball and kicking goals. A brilliant combo
James Davis	The nickname "Le Bron" says it all. James loved the limelight and the big moments with a bright future in forward lines and grand finals
Theodore Duffield	Loves having a footy in hand or practicing snaps for goal, Ted's enthusiasms will convert to results as a player of the future
Woody Edelmaier	Combining speed and style, Woody always looked happy on the footy field
Alexander English	Alex loved winning the contested ball, but he shone most on the defensive goal line; Alex must have saved more goals than almost anyone could have kicked
Peter Gearing	A tackling machine that thrives on repeat efforts and loves the contested footy; but has Richmond ever seen a player with a Kiwi Dad who went on to be good at AFL? ☹️
August Harrison	Some strong marks and a good read of the game proved August's season, with strong improvements across his game
Hugo Hooper	Hugo built a strong foundation of skills, combined with his enjoyment of footy will stand him in good stead for an exciting next season
Samuel Hooper	No player lived the team strategy as true as Sam; take marks, hit targets
Jack Hutchins	The best nose on the field, Jack can smell the goals from anywhere - and had plenty of practice at post-goal celebrations
Jake King	We watched Jake's love of the game grow in front of us, and with it his strength and toughness. A contender for most improved

Player	Description
Axel Marlow	Did kids kick to Axel because he was smiling, or was he smiling because he knew he was about to get a kick? We didn't work it out, but we do know Axel loves his footy
Jack Muir	Jack lets his footy do all the talking. A quiet go-getter that is hard at it in the contest and brings a lot of energy to the game every week
Finn McManamny	Level heads get the job done, and Finn's on field maturity belied our U8 age group. Often the Finn that kept the team on course
Jack O'Brien	It was inevitable that other teams were interested in his talent. He has a knack of finding the footy and doesn't mind a dusty-don't-argue. Don't worry Jack, we're already in negotiations with Geelong in trading you back to the Yellow and Black
Ryder O'Connor	Ryder built a strong skill set across marking, kicking and running this season
Gracie Otter	Tough in the air and at the contest with skills & work rate to match. But Gracie's biggest impact is on how she lifts the players around her
Archie Pratt	A sharp shooting set of footy boots, and contender for best hair, Archie has a bright future across the field
Jesse Rorison	The quiet achiever, Jesse would find a way to get the ball and give it to advantage anywhere on the field
Dane Rossiter	Dane's skills in marking and kicking developed strongly over the season and looking forward to seeing him next year
Hugo Schroder	An unfortunate knee injury didn't impact his enthusiasm for the game. His energy that he brought to the game was infectious and lifted his teammates around him
Roy Tipper	His focus on the ball and natural talent are only rivaled by a haircut fit for a footy star
Anton Vlahovic	Anton developed good skills with kicking and marking this year, and combined with his speed he's got plenty of potential
Etienne Watson-King	A great first half of the year Eti, whose last game was his best before moving to Bali to focus on his surf career
April William-Chol	It was great to have April join the club this year. Hopefully next year will be less disrupted and we'll see her true potential

U/9 Mixed Yellow



After 18 months of anticipation, the under 9's enthusiastically took to the field in their debut for RJFC, and from the first bounce, they played their hearts out for the Tigers.

Each week, the kids showed incredible improvement across all facets of the game. Their skills became silky throughout the season, but most of all, the work they put in as a team reflected the amount of fun they had each week. Celebrating the goals of their teammates regularly saw kids sprinting from full back to join in the frivolity. While always exciting to play with their friends, the kids continued to form bonds with teammates new and old.

Throughout the season, we continually had new players wanting to join us which was unsurprising given how much fun the kids were having. The theme for the season was "one team" - one where the kids learned to run as one team, share the ball and celebrate the successes, no matter where they were from, their footy background or skill level. By the time the season was drawn to a close, the kids were sharing the ball among their teammates like they were veteran players.

Rightfully, the success of the season was judged by the smiles on the kids faces. This bodes well for season 2022.

My thanks go to the tireless effort of team manger, Naomi Morton and assistant coach JP Bere, as well as the host of parents, family and friends who supported the kids - especially those that added volunteer roles to their Sunday mornings. But most of all, my thanks go to the kids for making Friday nights (training) and Sundays my favourite days of the week!

Robert Carson

Player	Description
Khalid Abdullah	A late-comer to the season, Khalid controlled his zone with dominant tackling and strong running. Turnover ball was Khalid's speciality, creating something out of nothing when the ball was in dispute
Thomas Adnams	Silky smooth skills with a dead straight kick, Thomas is a lynchpin in the team and loves having the ball in his hands. "Bomber" always looked for ways to make his teammates look good, often using his skills to deliver the ball laces out
Leo Anson	"The Lion" - of heart and ferocity. When there was a tough assignment to be handed out, Leo wasn't far from it. Whether it be as a lock-down defender, a tagging midfielder or defensive forward, Leo threw his heart and soul into everything that the coaches asked of him, and was rewarded for it
Destinho Freitas Bere	With silky skills and an uncanny knack of having the ball in his hands when all looked beaten, Dino was a stalwart of the team that looked stronger and faster with Dino in it
Fredrik Carson	A tenacious small, we always found "Fox" in and under, using his footy nous to turn the ball over, whether that be through his ferocious tackling, putting pressure on his opposition player or feeding the ball out through traffic
Charlie Clarke	The typical alpha forward of the team, "Clarkie" was never without a word of encouragement for the team (or the opposition), but always had the actions to back up his words. A strong season finishing with a bag of goals in the final game, Clarkie could smell a major from miles away
Linton Clarke	Wherever the breakdown was, Linton could be found near the bottom. His tackling was superb creating turnovers and often generating free kicks for the team, while he enthusiastically took on the defensive task of sticking to his opposition player "like glue" - at times without consideration of social distancing requirements!
William Constable	"The Policeman" - Billy took charge of the footy played in his zone, ensuring that no opposition player would control his territory more than he and his teammates. Billy is a team player through and through - always searching for the teammate in the best position
Charlie Crick	Charlie has the uncanny knack of being able to be where the ball was going to be, not where it was. He seems to move across the turf with ease and with ball in hand, we know that the team will be placed in the best position to attack the scoreboard
Zac Eadie	Zac has a sure pair of hands and knows how to find the goals to boot. Regularly splitting the big posts multiple times in games, Zac's work in the forward zone was among the most damaging throughout the season
Callum Heaven	Another of the teams talls, "Heav" grew in stature as a player as the season progressed hitting his straps in the toughest game of the season. Throughout the year, the team relied heavily on Heav to battle through to the final siren where he was always asked to play on the biggest opponent, and he never let them down
Mason Lynch	"Lynchie" is the ultimate utility. He can play anywhere across the ground and you'll know that he dominate his position. No matter the wing or the pocket, Lynchie has the ability to elevate the team just by getting near the ball. So when he gets his hands on it, the team just flies
Casper Maton	"The Ghost" - He was always where the opposition least expected it and was among the most consistent contributors throughout the season. With an engine that never let up, Casper always positioned himself one step ahead of the play that made the coaches jobs very easy, no matter which direction the ball was heading
Jordan Mordit	Jordy wants nothing more than to get his hands on the ball first. Thrown into the ruck, the coaches realised that for a shorter player, this kid can jump and there is no way better of getting his hands on it first than through the middle
Royce Murray	A tireless worker both on and off the ball, "Roycie's" gut running was stuff of legend among coaches and spectators alike. Royce consistently brought his best game and is a thoroughly deserving winner of the team's Best and Fairest for 2021
William Mutch	William was a rock in defence - his preferred role where he could use his body and skill to lock down opposition players. His approach to defend at all costs gave the team confidence that the back end of the ground was in good hands
Parker Phillips	A fearless target up forward, strong tall defender down back and never backed down in the ruck, Parker found every ounce of strength to contribute to the team and his teammates were thankful for it
Finn Roberts	A strong kick that was evidenced by his goal kicking, where he slotted goals from a long way out with a style that would put many AFL players to shame. The opposition constantly had problems defending Finn's lead up, mark, goal approach to the game
Maxim Rotarou	The barometer of the team. When Max was on song, so was the team. Thoroughly a team man, Max reminded us every day that the one purpose of this game is to have fun, and no-one seemed to have more fun playing than Max!

U/9 Mixed Black



Well done on a terrific first season. Despite the interrupted & shortened fixture, the team gelled well and the level of skill and effort the boys showed was fantastic and noticeably improved with every match.

Thankyou to all the parents who helped out at training and on the match day, in particular to Tim as assistant coach and Nina for her Team Mgr organisational skills.

It was a pleasure to coach such enthusiastic boys and their enjoyment and love of the game was evident, even on those cold Friday training nights.

Very much looking forward to returning next year for hopefully a full season in 2022.

Andrew Boxer

Player	Description
Hudson Barich	Tough in & under, great tackler. Got crunched in some big tackles and bounced back up. Congrats on Most Courageous
Hugo Barwald	His all rounded skills and ability pulled the team through in those tough tight matches
Beau Bisset	Best don't argue in the business. Congrats on taking out B&F. Well deserved
Ted Bourke	The quiet achiever. Great mark & kick. Flashes of brilliance down the wing. Highly versatile player
Cameron Boxer	Some good in & under work & hard ball gets. Congrats in the B&F
Elliot Clemmens	The dynamic duo along with Thomas R. Inseparable. Loved his enthusiasm & enjoyment of the game. Great game commentary
Nathan Corker	His hard ball get & clearance work out of centre in Round 4 was outstanding. Well deserved BOG. His versatility will be an asset next year
Dustin Craigie	Great mark & kick and set the bar with his skills. Congrats on taking out B&F. Well deserved
Nikolas Dekleris	Tenacious, tough player. Always keen, listening and committed at training & match day
Isaac Hill	His skills, attack on the ball and tackling has improved 10 fold over the season. Most Improved
Benjamin Jones	Best smile in the team. Lulls his opponents into false sense of security and then pounces
Edward McDowell	Dominated overhead & is a commanding presence on the field. Great year
William Morice-Kirkeby	Stood up in the big games, with some big plays. Great mark & kick
Erik Mosley	His streaks down the wings were something to behold
Thomas Peterson	His effort and drive to make a contest and win the ball second to none. Always getting around his team mates to lend encouragement & support. Congrats on best team player
Lucas Rekaris	Raking kick. Came late to the team, but made a big impact. Looking forward to a preseason under his belt & a full season next year
Xander Ronai	His chasing and tackling second to none, with a good turn of speed. Great season and improved immensely over the shortened season. Looking forward to what next year brings
Thomas Rossiter	Came in late to side, but bonded well with the team. He and Elliot were inseparable, their back pocket antics hilarious
Zach Walker	The blond bomber. Showed flashes of brilliance and had some awesome games, demonstrating his excellent array of skills

U/10 Mixed



2021 was a very successful year for the RJFC U10s. Following the cancellation of the 2020 season, the U10s made the big leap from U8 football to U10 football which included 18 players on the field, no zones and almost full tackling.

The team trained well throughout the year with a focus on improving skills, communication, teamwork and general football knowledge. Our approach to gameday was first and foremost to have fun. We did this by getting involved in the game early by laying tackles, shepherds and blocks and by creating space. The team seemed to thrive in the heat of battle and managed to have a few great close wins throughout the year when the opposition team was evenly matched to us. All players had equal time on the ground as well as being rotated through the forward line, midfield and back line each quarter.

We feel that the players enjoyed each other's company and new friendships were built throughout the shortened 10 game season. The highlight of the season were the deafening renditions of "Yellow and Black" following a win. Those changerooms really reverberate the sound!

We would like to thank all of the wonderful parent volunteers who helped out throughout the year in various roles including some early morning coffee runs for the coaches.

The last few years have lacked continuity for all junior sporting clubs however we must look forward. To that end we must keep encouraging our kids to be active, get down to the park with a footy and some friends, or even better with a parent.

Hope to see everyone back fitter, stronger and more skilful in 2022.

Tom Hutchins (Coach), **Al Sime** (Assistant Coach) & **Andrew Watkins** (Team Manager)

Player	Description
Hayden Atkinson	Hayden is always up for the contest and we enjoyed seeing his attack on the ball and the opponent. He loves to run with the ball and bring his team mates into the game. Keep working on your skills over summer Hayden and we look forward to a big 2022 from you
Jack Bennett	Jack reads the play very well, has a high skill level and is a good outside runner. He is always looking to assisting team mates with a shepherd or block and loves snapping a goal when he gets a chance. Keep it up Jack
Benjamin Birrell	Ben has great defensive skills and loved chasing down opponents with his speed. He never complained, always focussed on the game and hunted the footy and when it was won, he showed great skills. Keep a ball in your hand all summer Ben and you'll be even better next year
Jackson Bond	Jackson is another one of great runners who made a good contribution to the team this season. Jackson kicked a beautiful goal late in the season and the whole team celebrated it. Keep working on your skills this summer Jackson and you'll have a big season next year

Player	Description
William Bowman	Will gives everything each game and is a great a team player. He always plays by the team rules and has had a very consistent year. Will keep practicing kick to kick whenever you can and you will improve even quicker. Well played this year
Eddison Cleven	Eddison can play anywhere - defence, forward or mid - and as the ability to find the footy and make smart decisions all over the ground. Make sure you continue to work on your skills this summer and you'll have a big season next year
Edward Conlan	Eddie your attack on the footy and your opponent has been a great asset to the team all year. As the season wore on your 'never give up' attitude got better and better. Keep practising your steady ball drop and kicking on the run Eddie
George Cormack	George your ability to find a way through traffic has helped the team tremendously this year. You learnt how to use your body strength as the year progressed and it became a real asset for our team. Remember for next season to keep focus, even if play is at the other end of the ground
Isaac Feehan	Isaac is an absolute tackling machine, hard at the ball with many second and third efforts and loves to get dirty. Isaac was a very valuable member of the team and always kept his team mates entertained. Keep practicing your steady ball drop and kicking on the run Isaac
Sammy Fry	Sammy only played a handful of games this year however he showed that he is one to watch in the future. He listens very well and carries out instruction from the coach and reads the play well. Keep working on your kicking skills Sammy
Albie Hutchins	Albie thrived playing in the midfield where he used his awareness in traffic to get out of sticky situations. His defensive skills made it very hard for his opponents to get a clean possession and he also involved his team mates. Keep working on your fitness and your skills Albie
Gabriel Kelly	Gabe's athleticism has been a great strength this season. His running ability combined with body strength at the contest has been a great asset to the team. Make sure you continue to work on your skills this summer Gabe and you'll have a big season next year
Lewis Leverett	"Lofty" is very popular amongstst his team mates. He uses his height to advantage and has a great mark and a long straight kick. Lewis was injured for 3 weeks during the year but he kept coming out and helped the coaches with the magnet board until he was right to go again. Well done Lewis and thanks for your help
Harry Lovett-Heeps	Harry was a rock for us in the back line or target up forward with his strong marking skills and booming kick. Harry was a great leader for our team and he cares a lot about his team mates. Keep up the skill work over summer Harry
Benjamin Manning	Ben joined us part way through the year and made rapid improvements at the season progressed. Bens defensive skills were very good this season and he loved laying tackles. Keep working on you kicking and handpassing Ben. Well done
Michael Matyear	Mike showed great poise in heavy traffic and managed to weave his way out of trouble on many occasions and kick the ball long into our forward line. Mike was also a very consistent performer with an ability to bring team mates into the game. Well done Mike
Thomas Odman	Thomas played his first game for RJFC this year and he never looked back. His fast legs carried him to many contests and he became very good at winning the ball and involving his team mates. Keep practicing your steady ball drop and kicking on the run Thomas
Thomas Sime	Tommy's foot skills were excellent this season and he rarely wasted a disposal. But they didn't come by accident - Tommy practices more than anyone in the team and it's great to see the results of this hard work. Keep it up Tommy, you're well on the way to becoming a great player
Will Spinks	Will was one of our most reliable players this year. His defensive skills are excellent and he does not give his opponent an inch. When in attack, Will is great at setting up play downfield with his speed, decision making and skills. Keep it up Will
Lachlan Stewart	Lachlan is a talented player and improved steadily throughout the season. He loves going for a run with the ball, has a long straight kick and is a good mark. Keep working on your skills over summer Lachlan
Jourdane Tregambe	Jordy's strength around the contest and clearance work is his greatest asset. He has a powerful kick and often finds a team mate on a lead. Keep working on that kicking technique for next season Jordy
Leigh Venetis	Leigh's foot skills are excellent as is his awareness of where his team mates and the goals are. Numerous times he got the ball and hit a team mates laces-out on the chest. Keep enjoying your footy Leigh as you're becoming a great player
Dion Vourtsis	Dion used his height to the team's advantage this season, particularly in the forward line. If he didn't mark the footy he'd bring it to ground and follow up with some great tackles. For next season keep working on your kicking skills Dion
Howard Wade	Howard brings a ton of energy to the team each week, whether that's through your run and carry or not allowing an opposition player an easy possession. Well done Howard. Over summer keep working on your running and kicking
David Walcutt	"The Texan" was new to footy this year but you wouldn't know it. He reads the play very well and is a natural defender not wanting to give his opponent an inch. David calmly picks the loose ball up, makes his way through traffic and has good decision making skills and execution. Well done David
Marcus Watkins	Marcus didn't miss a training session from the first to the last and it showed in his consistent performances. His energy levels were always high and he played with passion and always wanted to win. Marcus is great to coach, he listens and he also cares about his team mates. Let's put in another big pre-season Marcus
Declan Webb	When Declan puts his mind to it, he can do anything. His best position is half back or wing where he can use his long stride to carry the ball up the field. Keep working on your handball and kicking skills over summer Declan

U/10 Girls



First to the ball. Second efforts. Have fun as one. These were our three keys messages this year, and they led to an amazing season of Under 10s footy.

With many of us new to the game, and mid-season recruits joining throughout the year, it was important for us to solidify the basics before we moved on to anything else. We spent a lot of time working on kicking and hand balling at trainings, wanting to set the girls up with the foundations for a long and successful football career. The girls began to develop their 'footy IQs', going hard at the ball and putting in the second and third efforts when it didn't go their way. This was an awesome thing to see progress with each game.

Our main focus, however, was ensuring that every girl felt included and was having fun, whether on game day or at training. It was their experiences and relationships that shone through, and as their skills grew, so too did their friendships. We were continually impressed by their good sportsmanship, and their ability to find the takeaways from each game, their attitudes never wavering in the face of a good opposition.

We'd like to extend a huge thank you to Sally and Wing, who ensured everything was running smoothly despite the many interruptions. Also a big thank you to our parent volunteers, consistently putting their hands up for game-day positions and allowing us to play each week. To Lachie, thank you for all your work behind the scenes, and for allowing us to coach this awesome group. Finally a huge thank you to the team! You girls were so much fun to coach and we are so excited for your futures in footy as we know there are so many great things to come. Go Tiges!

Alannah Frampton & Katie Fabian

Player	Description
Alaia Abbott	Never daunted by her size, Alaia grew into a confident footballer, skillful on the run and responsive to the coaches advice, always wanting to improve her game
Amy Coburn	Super speedy and aggressive, Amy's second and third efforts were a key factor in our attack all season
Mabel Crawforth	Mabel brought the energy to our team on and off the field, attacking the ball in games and always having fun at training
Matilda Holmes	Tilly always had fun and was enthusiastic at training and game days, always keen to move around the field and gain experience in all positions
Pippa James	Our mid-season recruit who always had a smile on her face, Pip refined her already skillful kicking and handballing and was a super encouraging teammate on game day
Chaya Johnson	The winner of our Round 1 awards, Chaya threw herself into the game each week, and improved immensely, becoming a commanding defensive player
Florence Keating	Superstar midfielder, Flo dominated clearances and stuck every tackle, and always attacked the ball, despite putting herself in harm's way. A brave player with an exciting future in football!
Emeline Major	Eme grew in confidence throughout the season, working hard at training and game day, and has so much potential to reach
Kitty Mosley	Kitty was a bright player who improved with every game in confidence and skill, selfless teammate who always wanted to see her friends succeed
Lucinda O'Bryan	A bubbly personality, Luc brought her monster kick and team spirit no matter what the result on game day
Eliza Rutledge	Another late recruit, Eliza jumped into the game with enthusiasm, and wasn't afraid to give anything a go, no matter the position or situation
Wanda Skermer	Wanda was a strong player in our backline, often taking up the final defence in full back, stopping the opposition from scoring crucial goals
Olivia Telfer	Liv was a quiet achiever, lurking outside the pack to get the ball at just the right moment, positively impacting the play and pivotal in moving the ball forward
Jess Thompson	Jess dominated the field in all three zones, and brought experience and leadership to our side, clocking up the most goals this season
Dijana Vlahovic	Dee was a strong defensive player who worked well with teammates to protect the goals and move the ball forward from kickouts, always putting forward her best effort
Charlie West	A late but welcome addition to the team, Charlie was a fast learner and crucial to our midfield

U/11 Mixed Yellow



What a fantastic group of boys we have! They rolled with the punches of what the year could throw at them and bounced back on each occasion more enthusiastic than the last!

On the field some of the passages of run and carry were amazing along with the willingness to share the ball to all of their teammates was a real highlight and a pleasure to watch. Regardless of the situation they always played their hearts out and gave their best having fun, creating great memories and building a great team spirit.

The coaches and parents are very proud of the teams great sportsmanship being humble in victory, gracious in defeat and being respectful of umpires, opponents and teammates alike. They are a very special group!

I'd like to thanks our fantastic TM Nic, Ass coach Seb, coaches, helpers and parents for all playing a huge part in the team that gave these boys a memorable and positive experience.

Lastly, the biggest thanks goes to each and every player for your resilience and for the enthusiasm you brought to each game and training session. You certainly gave a great deal of joy to everyone that came to watch you play and were a shining light in a what has been a tough year.

Thank You
Mick Murphy

Player	Votes	Description
Anthony Athanasopoulos	10	Amazing decision maker both by barracking for Carlton and decisions on the ground. Superbly skilled forward who knows how split the big sticks. Another who's highlight reel will be a must watch in years to come. Top notch year Anth!
Cooper Barich	23	"SDC" did not let size or the fact that he was still eligible for under 10's get in the way. Courageous and hard working who was 'deadly' around goal all year. Sensational year from SDC.
Owen Boxer	22	Rare talent who plays on instinct, makes the difficult seem easy. Strong hands in the air and equally as clean with the ball on the deck. Will continue to develop into a star!
Quinn Cassidy	12	"Stick"; Holds an AFL record for being the youngest ever recorded player to miss weeks with a hamstring tear! Lightning fast wingman who slotted into the Tiger Machine seamlessly and took to the game like a duck to water in his debut season. Lit us up with regular bursts along the wing. Highlight was 'Sticks' first goal ever against Beverley Hills. Plenty more to come. Quinn. Well Done!

Player	Votes	Description
Orlando Da Silva	12	"OORLLAANNDDOO!!!!" Played his heart out week in week out. Made deep defence his own using his strenth to win countless 50/50's to thwart opposition attacks. Also uncanny around goal when we needed a boost up forward. Absolute joy to coach. Great year Orlando!
Ethan Davis	11	Courageous hard tackling shut down machine! Overcame a tough pre season to have a stellar year. Unselfish teamman who dished off some magnificent handballs under extreme heat to set his mates up. Eligible for U 10's and more than held his own, does everything with a smile. Champion!
Elijah Gleeson	20	Grew enormously as a leader and footballer throughout the course of the year. Has always been super skilful but added tackling and hard ball gets to his game, great teammate who always shepards and protects. Will continue to develop into an elite footballer. Be proud of your year Lij!
Xavier Green	10	"X Man" After 2 years of contract negotiations we finally secured Xman's signature, he didnt disappoint. With a powerful right boot and intent to tackle X consistently won the ball for his Tiger mates. Highlight of his year was a miraculous Eddie Betts type goal against Glen Iris. Another of our U10 eligible boys who was up for the challenge. Well Done X Man.
Jasper Hopkins	10	Travelled a long way each week to play with his mates. Did a lot of great work in defence and was a real livewire when switched up forward. Has untapped potential and will improve greatly with another pre season under his belt. Great Season Jasper , I appreciate the effort you made to play with us. Well done!
Oliver Jackson	10	"Juice"; Real improver this year, had a break out game against Glen Iris. Very damaging when he moves up the field where he reads the play well. Can kick a sneaky goal and will develop into a mobile ruckman in the coming years. Huge year Juice, well done!
Lam Laa	10	Very talented and loves an intercept mark, still U 10s but more than held his own playing up. Steadily improved throughout the year due to his eagerness to learn. Another that will excite the fans over the coming years. Great work Lam!
Obidah Laa	10	Picked up in a controversial 2 way mid season draft deal along with his brother. Obi is an excitement machine, finding his way through heavy traffic comes naturally to him. Pleasure to coach and always striving to improve on the training track. Will accumulate a pretty watchable highlights reel in the coming years.
Henry Langford	10	Big H held down the deep forward role all year straightening us up and providing a target up forward. Our team is based on looking after our mates and 'Haytcha' taught us this. Fantastic year H, great work!
Joshua Moore	26	"Super Fist"; Has no peer in the marking department, played the 'kick behind the ball' role to perfection and did a great job pinch hitting in the ruck. Super consistent season from this very coachable champ! Amazing year Josh, well done!
Ethan Motley	12	Showed glimpses of magic throughout the year and will soon put it all together, rarely misses a target by foot. Dishes off quick hands and then protects his teammates with a shepard. Certainly one to watch next year. Always listens and a pleasure to coach.
Raph Munro	6	The Raphinator; Running machine who controlled the wings all year. Was instrumental delivering the ball to his teammates in the forward line on countless occasions, always does the 'Team thing'. Rafs run will be unstoppable in the coming years. Great season Raph.
Cade Murphy	47	Stinger; Contested ball beast who had an ultra consistent season. Won plenty of the sherrin and shared it with his teammates. Great season Cade, you should be proud of your efforts!
Joshua Mutch	11	"Snowy"; Emerging star who took his game to new levels this year, was impressive in the ruck and around the ground. Brought the crowd to their feet against Kew Rovers by selling some very fine candy. Your best season yet Snowy and I look forward to you bringing your 'A' game each week next year to lift your game yet another notch. Great Season!
Ollie Nguyen	10	Our rising star, Ollie's willingness to listen and learn enabled him to reach heights I wouldnt have thought possible at the start of the year. Ollie set up many goals late in the season with his clean pick up and hands. Amazing season Ol, be proud of yourself. Well done!
Austin Pacey	10	Back from the footy wilderness! Austin had a huge improvement over the year, holding down the ruck position in many games giving our mids first use of the 'pill'. Great season Austin, theres plenty of improvement left. Look forward to seeing you in 2022!
Sebastian Schade	10	Another intelligent Carlton supporter! In Seb's debut year he made remarkable improvement both with his skills and his game sense. Quickly became a popular member of the team and developed into into one of our best tacklers by seasons end. I look forward to seeing your continued improvement next year. Fantastic Year Seb!
Thomas Sidebottom	41	"Edgy"; Flashy hard running left footed onballer who never puts in a bad game. Gives 110% both at training and gameday. Edgy's ability to hit a teammate by foot began many of our great chains of play. Took great joy in his teammates success. Bright future ahead!
Sam Walford	32	Slammin Sam; Rolls Royce with size, skill, pace and tank! Moved into the midfield this year and after a few games to adjust really became a linchpin in moving from defence forward. Works tirelessly on his game and it showed on Sunday mornings. Well done Sam, keep working hard!
Zachary Waters	12	aka "47"; Pure class, very sure by hand and foot, certainly knows how to kick a goal. will be a topline midfielder in the coming years. Responsible for the highlight of the year by calmly slotting the winning goal with seconds to go after we'd trailed all day. Pleasure to coach!

U/11 Mixed Black



The U11 Blacks enjoyed a fantastic year of footy. Despite missing out on 2020, they came back with great enthusiasm and stepped up to play under the new rules of full ground/no zones. We weren't looked after too well by the draw early on, facing two teams who would go on to play in the GOLD division. Those early games provided great lessons in resilience and a "Never give up" attitude that the boys displayed week in week out, as well as developing the boys' defensive game. We were as good as any of our opponents at winning the contested ball and we managed a couple of enjoyable wins – had it not been for lockdown, I'm certain we were building to a few more too. Next year, with a bit of extra work, in particular on our fitness, we will no doubt see better transition and offensive footy. A highlight of the year was the major contribution of all of our first year players.

It's been an honour, and a privilege to coach the boys for the 3rd time and I wish them well in their future footy careers and beyond. Hopefully they have enjoyed themselves, and cemented friendships that will last a life time. I'd like to thank our Team Manager, Caz Karavias (and Jase!) for her tireless efforts all through the season - it's a huge job and greatly appreciated by everyone. Thanks to every parent who contributed to the tasks that kept the games running smoothly – a great team effort. Big thanks to Dave Tregambe, Sam Rutledge, Karl Hargreaves and Aaron for the help at training, and on game day throughout the season. In particular, thanks to Michael Murrhy for providing his one on one sessions at training each week. And yet again, thanks to Mick Murphy and Michael who have set the culture for these boys to enjoy themselves and build great friendships for the future. Bring on 2022.

Stewart McConnell

Player	Votes	Description
Tristan Butteux	8	First year player who showed he is a real player of the future such was his improvement week on week. A real terrier, he fought above his weight division and a set great example to the other boys. Skill improvement outstanding. Often took them on with a bounce as well.
Misha Claney	9	Used his speed to great advantage for us and had a real breakout season down on the half back line. Defended strongly and hunted the ball. Great to see him put in each week with extra running and skills work - this will really come to fruition in the coming years.
Mateo Dominguez Wright	22	Another contested ball beast who was our swingman that could kick a goal, or take a timely intercept mark. He plays the game with great power – it often takes 3 defenders to attempt to bring him to ground, but he almost always fights them off such is his determination and strength.
Patrick Dominguez Wright	6	Like his brother, he is a contested ball beast who also brings his team mates into the game with his handball following a hard fought clearance. Shows great promise in the ruck. An important key position player.
Leonard Donaldson	36	Like Toby, also bravely ran himself hard (despite basketball training pre footy game each week) , which allowed him to get to contest after contest. Won the ball inside, outside, in the air, and gave everything he had defensively. His handballing in traffic, overhead marking and leadership highlights of his season. More penetration with kicking, left and right, something to work on. Great year.
Albert Fisher	5	Albie was also a big improver over the year. He showed his willingness to get in and fight hard for possession of the ball, which resulted in helping us drive the ball inside 50. When Albie got the ball, it was often followed with a goal for the team.
Liam Hargreaves	12	Silky skilled, he was always the one involved in all of our best passages of play this year. Great awareness with the ball, and makes every possession count. One of the youngest playing U11's, which shows how good he is going to be.
Jack Hill	6	The old school utility, Jack was able to sneak forward and kick a valuable goal, jump into the midfield and win the hard ball for us, or head down back to save us a goal. Has great courage and great skills – could become the next Clayton Oliver if he keeps working at it.
Ned Homes	8	Another first year player who grew every week. He used his speed out on the wings to be a driving force offensively, breaking away from a pack, and delivering the ball to a team mate in a better position, time and time again. A great first season of footy.
Harry Hughes	13	Most Improved – Pound for pound the toughest player in the league. Put his head over the ball, and burrowed into packs, using his elite speed to then share the ball with his team mates time and time again, as well as laying tackles on players twice his size. Never gave up.
Harry Jamieson	6	H was always our best chance for a goal up front and he didn't let us down when the chance came. His inside work further up the ground was an area of growth for him this year too. A great team man
Alexander Karavias	6	Alex works hard every week to improve and really showed the way with his extra running each week. He showed his willingness to keep on improving, week on week, and finished the season with his best game. A favourite of his team mates and coach alike.
Edward Lowe	5	Also a first year player who quietly went about his business every week. Played a tight game in defence with quality skills. Doesn't yet realise how good he could be.
Pek McMahon	24	Straight ahead, tough half back or sneaky skilled small forward, Pek gave us great drive every week. His five goal haul in round 4, and his weekly crunching tackles a season highlight. Work on the fitness Pek and you can take your game to a new level.
Toby Murrhy	36	Tobes is a ball magnet. His run and carry a real highlight. Smart with his positioning at a stoppage and when needed behind the ball, he was our no 1 offensive player. Was great to see him utilise his left side when necessary too Fantastic season made even more impressive given he bravely ran himself into the ground after 1.5 hours basketball training prior to every game! A great onfield leader.
John Parmeter	11	John was a pleasure to coach and he played such an important role for us down back. Helped rebound the ball out of the defensive 50 time and time again with his thumping left foot. Really grew as the season progressed.
Roman Rotarou	6	Roman learnt that his speed was his great asset and when asked to use it to help us widen and lengthen, he took his game to another level. We looked so much better as a team when Roman was able to do this. Great work Roman!
Joe Rutledge	9	Big Joey always gave us first use of the ball when in the ruck and as a target going forward. He has great skills for a big man and always bring his team mates into the game with some clever handball. I loved his goals.
Julian Tregambe	6	The Diesel provided strength and contested ball winning ability that we missed badly in the second half of the season as he was sidelined with a foot injury. He has worked hard to improve his kicking significantly, and I can't wait to see him become a hugely valuable player for the Tigers in the future.
Stirling Walker	21	Tough and uncompromising, he makes his team mates stand tall. A contested ball beast he got better as the year went on as his fitness improved. Took some great contested marks and snagged a couple of goals in traffic too. Keep running Stirls.
Digby Watson-King	7	Another first year player who was tough around the ball and pushed his way into the midfield as his game grew through the season. We hope he comes back to us when he returns from overseas!
Cooper Zammit	11	A great team man. Unassuming and ever reliable down on the last line of defence, Cooper saved us many a goal under constant pressure. Will be a great player for the club in years to come.

U/11 Girls



What an eventful year for the Mighty U11 tigers. We started with a small squad, but the engagement & commitment from all of the team members was outstanding, which I hope means you were all having a heap of fun. We kicked off the season with a win, and amazingly had all of our list play the first few games. Our numbers at training were always high, so thanks to all the girls for putting effort into training (& the parents for getting them to training).

Winter started kicking in and along with the dreaded Covid, things became a bit more challenging. Thankfully we picked up some more players, who quickly added to our Team Tiger spirit. We were getting better every single game, and some of the passages of our play involved some real skill. The effort can never be questioned and I believe this team works harder than any other in the league, and a number of the opposition coaches commented that we are hard to score against. Every time we really looked like going up to another level, unfortunately Covid would put a break in play. The team-building Pizza Night was a heap of fun and we will try and do a little more of this next season.

A standout out win for the team was the nail-biting 3 point win over Macleod at Citizens Park, aka the Home of Footy. Our girls tackled, chased, supported each other and kept going with no bench rotation to display all the GRIT that makes us all so proud of you. However, it's not just about winning, some of our best performances were against the top teams. We were very strong against Kew Comets, (who were undefeated at that time) pushing them deep into the last quarter with every team member doing their part. Also the game that became the last game of the year against the top team Park Orchards was outstanding. The team was really starting to click and the newer team members were finding the flow. We were moving the ball with run, carry and skill. The coach was very excited about getting one or two more games because I honestly believe we were about to take a huge step...but that will come in 2022.

Thanks to everyone involved and to all the parents for performing the weekly rostered tasks. Special shout to John Barker for the huge efforts as team manager (it's a big job), Emma Beckers for assistant coaching, Annie Sadler for being our runner and supporting the girls.

Bring on Season 2022. New Club Rooms, our now extended playing list and a full season. Thanks for letting me be your coach! It's fun and I am so proud.

Scotty Nathan P.S. Next season you can give me the Gatorade shower

Player	Votes	Description
Arabella Aloï	2	A talented player with great football skills, Bella played good football rebounding of half-back and getting into smart positions
Ava Barker	24	Really got rolling through the mid part of the season, a leader for the team with her strength in the ruck and powerful kicking. Thanks for your efforts Ava, you are a barometer for the team
Mathilde Beckers	32	Being a great player is not just about talent, its about being a great team-mate. Its rare to see someone who wins the League B & F as an individual, also work so hard to bring others into the game. Kicked goals, created goals for others, saved goals
Sylvie Bostock	1	Your love for footy and footy smarts had you playing above your age level, but you wouldn't have known. Brought fun, energy and tenacity...as displayed by shaking of an injury at Citizens park to scream the song with your team mates
Lily Chapman	11	Lily you are such an important part of our team, more than I think you realise. Your 2 goals in round 1 sparked our season, and your standout games were great. When you bring huge effort and play well so does the team
Mieke Dellis	2	Joined us midway through season and quickly became an important player who can switch between defence and attack. You determination to win the ball or lay a tackle was great. Another player who will make even further improvements with a full season
Elizabeth Healy	1	Liz you bring fantastic energy to the team with your real passion for football. We play football because it's a team sport and your make our team better
Popi Hohtoulas	12	Made rapid improvements every week early in the year. Popi your great effort and long left foot kicking is a real asset driving your team forward. Was strong in defence and on ball. Keep working at your game
Anna Hohtoulas	5	Showed great passion for the game, playing every game a rock in defence who also shined when moved up field. Anna your final game of the year was a standout and showed how good a player you can become
Rahni Kelly	7	Was strong all season but really started develop as a potential star late in the year. The centre of our Tiger backline, who was often seen taking goal saving marks. 2022 is your year
Millicent Kerr	3	One of our experienced players, was lively early in the season and then was sorely missed whilst out with a broken arm. Was back late in the season bringing her vibrant energy and sparking the team with her footy smarts. Gutsy stuff Millie
Calypso Janis Sophia Lang	1	I love seeing the development in your game. Across the last 2 years you get better every week, by getting to more and more contests. The coach loves your consistent effort
Leila Mead	1	It was brilliant to have you join the tigers, the way you have progressed across your first 5 games is fantastic and with a full season next year you will be an asset for our team. Hope you had fun
Amelia Nathan	24	Always provided repeat efforts getting in first for the ground ball or follow up tackles. Showed goal sense and great care for her teammates. Well done
Lucy Sadler	13	Every Game. Every Contest. Lucy was competing to help her team. Copped some hard knocks across the season but never lost her nerve and used her fitness to advantage. Tiger spirit
Sadie Smith	12	Played every game and ran her heart out every game. A Dusty Martin like "don't argue" at KB Reserve was one for the highlight reel, but the coach more enjoyed your goal saving tackles
Charlotte Treloggan	1	You are a really talented player and by continuing to work at your game with maximum application to the team I can see you developing even further. See you in 2022
Livinia Venetis	12	Played every game and does exactly what the coach asks. Livinia your running ability and concentration is a key for our team
Melina Xenos	7	I feel like we only got a glimpse of your footy ability. Displayed great ball sense, but also the way you shook of the hard tackle in last game of the season showed Tiger grit. Melina thanks for joining the team and I look forward to your progression with a full season
Yasmine Ronai	5	Gave her a different role this year as a sweeper in the backline and she done amazing in her new role which bedazzled the opposition and left them for dead.

U/12 Mixed Yellow



RJFC U12 Yellow 2021

Back Row: Freddie Heath, Fred Karutz, Rex O'Connor, Jensen McNamara, Manu Haggie, Hamish Merritt, Hugo Salatino, Jordan Percival, Ben Tuckwell
Front Row: Dan Bullock, Declan Leivers, Billy Jones, Romain Corley, Adam Murray (C), Stuart Irwin (C), Max Kerr, Alex Samuels, Mitchell Irwin, Smith Murray
Absent: Zander McCartney, Osvaldo DaSilva, Tom Le Busque

The year got off to an amazing start. We graded the teams for the first time, and the boys responded so well. The turn out at pre-season training was excellent, with everyone showing how wrapped they were to be back playing footy again.

We started in the second top grade, putting together some very good football with players quickly bonding with their new teammates. Based on our good form we were put up into the Gold division (a great achievement in itself for the players), and in our first game fought out a gutsy draw.

From there on the scoreboard showed that the going got tough. But despite this the team stuck together throughout the year, trained the house down each week, and demonstrated a lot of growth in areas like positional play and decision making. The players never gave up and learnt the importance of staying committed even when things don't go the way we want them to.

We are excited about where this leaves us for next season as we take our next step as a team, and look forward to welcoming a number of new players from MITS. Bring it on.

Adam Murray

Coach U/12 Mixed Yellow

Player	Votes	Description
Daniel Bullock	42	Relentless commitment to impact the contest, whether it be in the air or on the ground. Athletically elite, and always pushing to his edge
Romain Corley	3	Great to have Romain back in the team, where he brought is trademark grit and hardness
Osvaldo Da Silva	2	Kicked some ripping goals and has the silkiest of skills. Loves to smile and lift his teammates
Manuaitu Haggie	4	Did his job week in week out, often under intense pressure, always with a smile on his face. Has rocket boosters
Fred Heath	22	Courageous and tough. Always wanting to learn how he can improve his game, and can sense what the team needs in order to improve
Mitchell Irwin	7	Played most of the year down back where he showed his full body commitment, always contesting hard and making good decisions. Strong trainer and good talker
Billy Jones	18	Quietly leads by example, winning contested ball after contested ball, and strives to always improve his game
Frederick Karutz	17	Brings his heart to every game and every contest, willing himself to run and impact just one more time. Will be missed next season
Maximilian Kerr	15	Dynamic player that takes the game on, breaking it open with speed, strength and creativity
Tom Le Busque	1	Contested hard as a forward and embraced a switch to the backline, taking the game on with dash and through reading the ball in the air
Declan Leivers	10	A tackling machine who loves being in the middle of the action. Took his leadership to a new level
Zander McCartney	3	Playing his first full season for RJFC, showed why we were so excited to have him join us. Brings aggression that lifts his team, and knows how to get us all laughing
Jensen McNamara	13	Blistering pace and beautiful ball use. Grew in his leadership and ability to bring team mates into the game
Hamish Merritt	4	Has a wirey toughness and quiet determination, and when coupled with his speed and long kicks, can really get the team going
Smith Murray	9	Contested hard as a forward and embraced a switch to the backline, taking the game on with dash and through reading the ball in the air
Rex O'Connor	1	Worked hard on his football all year, always looking to improve, and rewarding himself with some lovely goals
Jordan Percival	1	Got better and better and the season went on, and developed his ability to win the ball on the inside as well as the outside
Hugo Salatino	4	Never deviates when needing to back into a pack to spoil or take a mark. Brings a positive energy to the team
Alex Samuels	3	Speedy player that runs in straight lines. Plays whatever role he is asked with enthusiasm. Improved every week
Benjamin Tuckwell	2	Reads the play beautifully and gives it his all regardless of the position he is playing. Helps the team see the lighter side

U/12 Mixed Black



Our intention with the Black team was to make the season as fun for everyone as we could, while ensuring our knowledge of the game and our skills improved dramatically. It was important to have the team as stable as we could for periods of time where the boys would play in set positions for 3 weeks at a time. (Worked well until covid hit). The progress made over this short time was substantial and we would have loved to see a full season come to fruition, but not to be.

However, the way we played at the end of the year was substantially better than the start. When we clicked, our ball movement was exceptional and by the end of the year every player could hold their head high and know they had improved. Our newer players such as Will Telfer, Julian, Jackson, Isaac, Lucas and Jed made amazing leaps in their skills and reading of the play. This gave our more experienced players such as Seb (new to the game but I can't call him inexperienced with his outstanding year) Tan, Charlie, Darby, Sam T, Sam CC, Harry, Jack and Oliver more help around the ground and our team was extremely well lead by Will Tyrrell, Oscar & Liam, who all had exceptional seasons. It was an absolute pleasure to coach these young men and honestly some of the most fun I've had in years. A great bunch who show great respect and hopefully now love the game more than they did at the start of the year.

I was fortunate to have as our assistant coach Steve Koppens, who is a wealth of knowledge and simply put we need to get him coaching at the club.

Anna our team manager was an amazing support and it was great to have all the parents help throughout the year. Special mention to also Clint and Shane and Anthony for their help. I know I have left some out so I apologise.

Thanks to RJFC for giving me this opportunity too. Lets hope we can get back on the park in 2022

Steve Lake
Under 12 Mixed Black

Player	Votes	Description
Jackson Bednarz	1	A raw talent who improved as the year went on. Was great to train and coach and awesome to see his improvement over the year
Liam Birrell	14	Liam had a standout year and was unlucky not to win the B&F. Probably our most consistent player he is ultra reliable and always does his very best. And, very easy to coach
Felix Bisset	7	Would make a great captain. Good leadership qualities and became one of our best players towards the end of the year. Fearless and courageous
Sam Carter Curtis	12	Super determined, hard running, reads the play well and great to watch as he never gives up
Lucas Coburn	2	Lucas is amazing to coach. So attentive and works to understand how he can improve, and then takes action. He is fearless in the contest and doesn't know when to give up
Charlie Cowley	1	"We missed Charlie in the second half of the year, but his first half was great. So easy to coach both at training and in games"
Harry Dixon	9	Has the ability to dominate games with his size and deceptive pace. When he believes in himself he dominates
Jed Gray	2	"It took a while for Jed to grow into his body, but when he did his hard work paid off. He had a great second half of the year, and was easy to coach throughout the year"
Alexander Hill	1	Solid and reliable, good in traffic and works hard. Put his body on the line every game. Easy to coach
Cameron Koppens	9	Super talented and knows how to play football. Very reliable and good at all skills. Again, had he played more games would have finished higher in the B&F
Julian Lake	1	"Julian worked hard at improving throughout the year and became a very reliable part of the team"
Jules Levy	6	Super quick. Backs himself and awesome to watch. Loves to help his teammates out too. Great to coach
Oscar Mosley	22	Solid, reliable and gives his all. Great leadership qualities and a deserved winner of the best and fairest
Isaac Paterson	1	Loves to learn about football and this shows with his improvement over the season. He has been a real pleasure to coach too. Responsive and attentive
Sebastian Pollock	2	Super talented, great awareness and anticipation for the ball. Can be anything. Another one who footy is a second sport for, but huge upside too
Oliver Robinson-Howe	8	Only a lack of games stopped him from competing for a spot in the B&F. Hard, tough, and a raging bull when the ball is in dispute. Great to watch
William Telfer	1	"Will improved each and every game and was very unlucky not to be named most improved. He gave his all each game and did everything he could at training"
Sammy Thompson	7	Sam worked his butt off at training and in the games and as he believed in himself he improved. Was great to watch his hard work pay off. Super reliable
Will Tyrrell	21	Superbly gifted player who can go as far as he wants. Even with football being his second sport, finishing runner up was a great effort
Darby Walker	2	Was great to watch Darby improve throughout the season to become a pillar of the backline. Reliable and gives his all
Jack Walsh	1	Quick, hard at it and a tackle machine. Jack was great to coach and is able to play any part of the field
Tantai Yaemprom	8	Tan is an amazing talent and get himself into great positions in contests. Has the ability to dominate the game as we saw late in the year

U/12 Girls



The Under 12 Girls' team came together this season with many first-year players coming in, as well as experienced girls gelling immediately. The unpredictable year brought spells of time in which we struggled to field a full team and were shuffled into a new grade in our division. However, the girls showed great resilience and commitment by playing their role each week and adapted to playing multiple positions on the field.

This team's strength is their ability to use speed to run and make space. Their skills progressed in leaps and bounds by their persistence and dedication to coming to training. The team were explosive through the midfield with their fast-paced movements and hands out of trouble. In the forward line, being able to make space and use each player to get on the scoreboard and sticking on their player, and hard tackling in the back line.

The team was on the cusp of finals, having some tremendous wins and hard-fought battles. The tough season helped us build resilience, shape our character, and build maturity.

We would like to say a huge thank you to our team manager Judy for making this season run so smoothly and welcoming everyone in.

It has been an honour to watch this team grow and develop this season and we have loved coaching this group of amazing girls. We hope to see you all back next season

Esther Seymour-Pessah and Mia Hyde-Smith
Under 12 girls Coaches

Player	Votes	Description
Grace Adnams	2	Fit into the team naturally and showed great footy instinct for a first-year player. Can't wait to see you excel further
Katelyn Austin	4	A small player with plenty of strength, no one could see Katelyn's tackles coming
Lailani Bransden	18	Fast and furious with a big kick, no one could catch Lai Lai
Alana Cadusch	2	Alana provides plenty of energy, no goal gets past her
Claire Cuddihy	1	A courageous player with a lot of fire in her. We're excited to see what more Claire has to show in the coming years
Julia Driscoll	10	Jules is a very smart footballer and impressed us with her tireless work effort and kicking skills
Gabrielle Edbrooke	7	Quiet and cunning, great at winning contests with reliable hands
Willow Garvey	6	Tough and competitive player who worked tirelessly for the team
Harriette Hutchins	3	Fantastic season with incredible marking skills and a great ability to go in and win the ball
Tenielle McGuire	16	Amazing ruck skills and strong target in the forward line with solid kicking and marking abilities
Audrey Mitchell	3	Consistent, yet constantly improving. Audrey does what is asked and always delivers
Elizabeth Pickering	5	A little pocket rocket with her fast pace and ability to take the ball and get out of trouble
Sofia Prasad	9	An evasive player, who could also give a big tackle back. Always reliable and ready to run
Carrie Somes	16	A natural leader with natural instincts for the game. Always has her teammates' backs
Amelia Stevens	10	A very strong consistent year, Amelia is a player we could throw anywhere on the field, and she excelled wherever
Liljana Vlahovic	1	Always had a great attitude and improved greatly throughout the season
Tinka Williamsz	24	Silky skills and a key position player with natural ability. Was never surprised seeing Tinka streaming down the ground with ball in hand
Liv Worth	1	Liv has great heart when it comes to the game, bringing her all every week

U/13 Mixed



After a complete white wash of Season 2020, it was fantastic to welcome the boys back on the park for Season 2021.

Firstly, I would like to commend all Parents, Grandparents, Sisters, Brothers, Cousins, Pets, Friends and Peer groups who supported our U13's Team every time they stepped foot on the football field. It means a lot to the playing and coaching group to see you week in and week out wherever we may be playing.

We took great strides early in the season and it was always going to be challenging to combine two teams that had yet to play as one. Credit must be given to all the boys as they embraced a team mentality and an undertaking to one another to get the best out of their Team as the Season unfolded.

It has been my pleasure and privilege to help guide our boys on a journey of both discovery and positivity that starts to mould them into the amazing young men that we know they will be. Football, in my mind, gives us the opportunity to help discover the traits that are required to reach greater heights not only in football but in all aspects of life. The commitment and determination shown by all the players is testament to what they are learning through football as they continue their journey.

I felt the highlight of the Season was the Mother's Day game where the sounds of the Mother's screams from the hill could be heard all over the ground and uplifted our team and combined with the efforts of the boys resulted in a fantastic win.

Finally, I would like to thank my Assistant Coach Hyphe, Runner Josh (our fill in Runner Cory), our Trainers John and Lynh, our Team Manager Kristen and more importantly all the parents that were allocated duties each week – thank you, we all have a lot of fun and laughs which ultimately brought us together as a community, known as the RJFC.

Can't wait to see you all back next year. Bring on 2022!

Greg Thompson

Player	Votes	Description
Tristan Bodis	3	Small and strong defensive rock. Never afraid to put his body on the line. Kept on going to put pressure on the opposition and caused several turnovers in their forward half when near goal
Gregory Cutts	7	Another little goal sneak. Once the ball was inside the forward 50 was always dangerous, with a bag of tricks showcased throughout the season
Thomas Doull	10	Our other outside winger. Consistently found space in the fat side of the ground and gave his teammates good opportunity going forward
Patrick Dwyer	1	Team man. Found good position on the field, always an option inside forward 50. Took his direct opponent out of the contest and played his role
Eza Garnaut	8	Another ruck utility who could go forward and back. His athleticism and running ability gave the team plenty of options around the ground
Oliver Langford	7	Pure speed. Chase down winger who could make the fastest of opposition players look over their shoulder
Paulo Lara	8	Springs for legs. Our flying ruckman found himself a new position in the centre of the ground. A booming left boot and strong mark. A solid season
Kyan Lim Joon	10	The repeat effort specialist. Hard at the ball, hard at the man, hard in general. An ability to continually harrass the opposition to cause a turnover was an outstanding characteristic of his game
Jack Little	4	A goal sneak when near the goals and a good overhead mark, kept improving each week. Kept the opposition honest when near the play or away from it
Albie Mc Innes	9	Mr Reliable. Strong, powerful ruckman, who always had his teammate's back. Never left anything on the field. Consistent trainer with a great attitude who turned up every week ready to play
Owen Miller	23	A leader of the back six this season. Stepped his game to another level with a physical presence on game day, along with a football maturity at training that set an example for the whole team
Sol Motyl-Coverdale	21	A hard running talent that spent some time away from the game and returned with a real thirst for the contest
Will Murphy	5	One of the other speedsters on the team. Continually found space out on the flanks and was able to put on serious pressure when the ball was in the opposition's hands
Henry O'Bryan	5	A great football brain. The smallest player on the team who read the play very well. Always found space when we brought the ball forward. Probably unlucky not to snag a few more
Miles Pacey	17	Another leader in our back half. Once again showed heart and determination to get the best result for his team mates. Always put his body on the line to give his team the best possible advantage
Oliver Smith	10	Silk. A beautiful kick of the football. Took some great contested marks this season and showcased the talent to come in the future
Harvey Smithers	7	A first year player with the RJFC, was welcomed by his peers and worked hard at training and on game day to earn the respect of the playing and coaching group. With success
Luca Spinaze	7	More pace. Loved to tuck the ball under the arm and go. Good vision that often resulted in putting the ball in his teammate's hands
James Stone	3	The quiet achiever. Bone-crunching tackle machine. Read the play well and forced the opposition to think hard about their next move when he was in the vicinity of the ball
Charles Tanner	18	Another solid ball winner for the team an impressive turn of speed when he had space and could really break the lines against the run of play
Ford Thompson	14	A dual positional player who was able to win the ball out of the middle and then create problems for opposition off half back with intercept marks aplenty
Rex Walsh	7	Exceptional overhead mark who drifted across the half back line taking intercept possession. A strong part of the back six that kept on working at the craft each week
Milo Webb-Johnson	15	Humble ball hunter, reliable positional player that ran all day and never gave up. Trained the way he played week in and week out

U/13 Girls Yellow



If I had to sum up this season it would sound like a Clint Eastwood movie. The Good, the Bad and the Ugly.

The Good:

We had some new players join the team this season - Ava, Amelia and the wonderful girls from Melbourne Indigenous Transition School (MITS), Alison, Keira, Lulu and Rosie.

The team WON-3, LOST-6, DREW-1 out of 10 games this season where I believe that the team has done very well stepping up to the plate against all odds which always makes me a proud coach of a proud team.

The Bad:

The stopping and starting of the season took a toll on the girls which affected them emotionally and physically however they overcame the fatigue very quickly and got back to the job in hand.

The Ugly:

COVID - it cut our season short, prevented us from playing in the finals to really show our potential in the game and stopped us on our road to glory which was making it to the Grand Final.

Everyone can't wait till next season if it happens and if it does these girls will be ready, so look out season 2022, look out other teams as we're coming and on a mission.

I want to thank everyone for their help and support this year especially Elissa, Michael Murrhy, Rick, Cath, Jeremy, Josh, Michael van Vliet, Ollie, Emily and to any parents and kids who helped it has been much appreciated throughout the season, thank you.

Paul Krisohos
U13 Girls Coach

Player	Votes	Description
Ava Athanasopoulos	5	First year player who was allocated a role in the Ruck and did not disapoint in this strong role and she showed great ambition
Emma Brunt	20	A fierce and dominating player who has white line fever and will take on any opposition even if out numbered. Great work Emma
Rebekah Di Campli San Vito	5	Rebekah still shows great strength and courage when in games and especially in training. She has a skill set to show she can be a dominating forward player
Grace Fennell	5	The other half of the dynamic duo. A player who is dominating the game and making it hers. When paired up with C Murrhy they're a force to be reckoned with
Nadia Kelly	5	In the short season we had Nadia still showed that she has one of the most accurate kicks and she is still eager to learn to progress in her football career
Sienna Krisohos	5	You know they're in trouble if Sienna gets a hold of a opposition player. Sienna only looks forward and never back as her skills progress and confidence continues in the right path
Keira Manning	5	First year player from our wonderful MITS girls. Highlight of Keira's season was when given a set task in the forward line she kicked her first goal and found the hunger to kick another four to follow. Amazing work Keira
Coco Maslin	5	A determined player who wants to give it her all when it comes to game day and training. Keep up the great work and keep on pushing forward
Coco Murrhy	5	One half of the dynamic duo. Coco has shown such a great outlook and love of the game and when paired with Grace F there isn't an opposition player that stands a chance
Alison Narbarup	5	First year player from our wonderful MITS girls. Alison shows a great set of skills and willingness to learn the game
Mae O'Brien	5	Helping out from the Black team, Mae's impact in games shows she's a great athlete and has a set of skills that can turn a game around. Thank you Mae
Ashley Phelps	5	A courageous player who developed every season and is a positive character in the team
Amelia Prosser	5	First year player Amelia joined later in the season. She was new to the game and showed she was eager to learn and commit
Yasmine Ronai	10	Being an all-round player and now becoming the ultimate sweeper, she has been given the nick name Darcy Moore as this girl shows that she is a valuable defender and team player. Wonderful work Darcy
Summa Smith	15	Summa's passion for football can clearly be seen by all as she never gives up, shows she's a team player and follows through giving it her all. Well done Summa
Luriese Ulamari	5	First year player from our wonderful MITS girls. Fast, skillful, determined and team player - they're only some of words when describing Lulu as she is a wonderful player and team mate
Francesca van Vliet	5	Having a consistent season she always tries her best and finds ways to better her skills and way of playing
Madeleine Watson	5	Unfortunate short season due to injury however the games she did contribute to she has shown that she has come a long way with her new built confidence and set of skills. Well done Maddie
Rosemary Wilson	5	First year player from our wonderful MITS girls. Rosie shows she can hit the ground running and when I say running I mean good luck to oppostion trying to catch her or out skill her. Great work Rosie

U/13 Girls Black



Overall a tough season with varying numbers during the year. We started the season on the back foot, but we soon found our feet and positioning. Then we played some spectacular and exciting football, our win against North Brunswick and the game at Hawthorn are memorable.

Unfortunately as the season went into turmoil with covid and our numbers were all over the place we lost competitiveness.

We used this period to change players around to see how they went and the more they were challenged, the greater the response.

We've built a strong foundation and are creating ethos and spirit.

I'm excited at what we can produce next year.

Ollie Crombach

Under 13 Girls Black Coach

Player	Votes	Description
Clara Bruppacher	16	Strong, great kick, involved. Hope to see more next year
Scarlett Crawforth	5	Mature, versatile, a dream to coach
Ruby Francis	3	Strong, determined, amazing ability in traffic
Mila Gray	7	Athletic, improved quickly through the season
Greta Hardwick	21	Great captain, responds to the teams needs
Gabrielle Hooker	8	Strong and determined, added steel to the team
Molly Hughes	6	Fast, clean hands and an infectious personality
Ellie Hulls	5	Smart and confident, improving every game
Casey Johnson Smith	2	Tall, great skills. An asset to any team
Nadia Keily	1	Played with passion, skilful, didn't let the jumper down
Matilda Logan	4	Most improved player, wears her heart on her sleeve
Grace Morriss	28	Great inside mid, our clearance general
Charlotte Mutch	3	Great improvement throughout the year, developing skills and mindset
Milly Noonan	4	Fast and skilful, developing wonderfully
Mae O'Brien	27	Natural talent and drive. Motivated to win every game
Ella Perduns	13	Give her the ball in open space and nearly guaranteed a goal every time
Ruby Presnell	2	New to the game, but picking it up quickly. Developing a good footy brain
Polly Wade	1	Strong hands, took the mark of the year
Scarlett Wain	1	A lot of upside from Scarlett going forward
Annabelle Westmore	4	Tough, fast, ball magnet. Great inside mid
Talia Osborne	5	Strong, fiery, naturally suited to Aussie Rules

U/14 Mixed Yellow



After a couple of tough losses in the top Gold division, we found ourselves in Brown, where we were much more suited to the playing standard.

From the get-go, the boys settled into the new division beautifully. Following a narrow loss to the Kew Rovers in our first game in the league, we failed to lose another game in the home and away season. The team's cohesion grew rapidly, and, particularly, the boys learned the importance of being composed with the ball, being accountable for your opposition player, and protecting your teammates. When these focus points were being executed, the boys were a pleasure to watch; dominating the inside, contested game, and then surging forward offensively. An obvious highlight was our Round 11 clash against an excellent Bulleen Templestowe side, where all the boys played their respective roles to provide us with a 12-point win. At multiple points this season, the boys witheld a rampaging opposition in the last quarter to come home with the 4 points, and this was an example.

It was also brilliant to see three of our boys (Jack F, Flynn, and Henry) rewarded with YJFL guernseys this season, and their leadership and determination never goes unnoticed. Nonetheless, don't be surprised if we see a number of our other boys called up to represent the league in future years, with all the players being very worthy candidates.

A huge shoutout to all the boys who helped out by filling in when we were short of numbers, and also to those who moved between teams when required to balance the U14 sides.

Thank you very much to Steele, Anita, Craig, and the rest of the parents for their exceptional support and help throughout the year, and we look forward to a strong pre-season before a big 2022.

Hugo Boreham and Teigan Otter

Player	Votes	Description
Caleb Anstee	4	Caleb returned back from the States this season and he didn't miss a beat, showing off his silky skills on the wing/half forward role
Oliver Baillie	7	Ollie was a pleasure to coach all season, he got better each game finding his spot in the middle and thriving
Julian Brunt	1	Had to battle through a broken finger through most of the season, but battled hard playing well in his limited games
Zac Chapman	15	Fantastic Season from Zac, improved game after game and had a key impact to us winning games
William Collinson	7	Very solid season from Will, shuffling around the field playing any position we needed him
Jono Conlan	2	A great team 1st player, always gives everything at training and on game day. Was played as a defender and forward
Dan Coshutt	5	Dan came across to tiger army this season, being a quiet achiever down back, locking up every forward he played on each week
Edward D'Amico	6	Ted's the ultimate swingman, bringing the culture throughout the team and being a determined trainer
Lachlan Dowd	2	Lachie had a great season in 2021, being shuffled between the back flank and wing, but his ability to tag is something that stands out
Jack Fennell	28	Jack was a huge contributor in 2021, finishing 3rd in the BnF, having the ability to play down back, run through the middle and also "break the game open" down in the forward line
Kevin Garrawurra	23	Kevin is the human highlight reel, an electric player in front of goal who loves a ruck contest and dusty fend off
Ari Glover	5	Ari found his position down back around the middle of the season and didn't miss a beat, uses his speed exceptional well
Te Toa Haggie	4	A much-improved season for Toa, a force we needed in our undersized team, kept building game to game
Jack Hannan	1	Jack moved back to Melbourne late in the season and was a welcomed inclusion playing down back and having a solid few games
Riley Hajdinjak	2	Thanks to Riley for helping out this season. It was only 2 matches but played very well in both
Henry Lake	29	Henry had a fantastic season in 2021, finishing top 2 in the BnF. Being able to play all around the ground in any position we needed him
Angus McAndrew	1	Thanks Gus for filling in this season, it was great to see you as a Tiger
Flynn McNamara	39	Flynn was exceptional all year taking out the B&F, polling in every game he played showing his amazing consistency
Zach Munar	3	Zach was a livewire for the team, using his evasiveness and agility to get around defenders in dangerous positions around goal, it was a joy to watch his craft
Archie O'Brien	2	Archie was a key player to the squad, improving his skills in the ruck and using his agility to play down back and defend well
William Rahilly	13	Will was our full forward all season, being a consistent goal kicker and presenting all day up forward
George Rourke	4	George is a running machine, patrolled the wings all year without showing any fatigue. Not to hard to understand after seeing his Strava
Sonny Smiler	3	Even though Sonny didn't like the backline, he really was a steady head we needed down back. Making the correct decisions game after game
Charlie Sweet	1	Was unlucky not to play more games this year. Played as a leading forward and switched into the ruck
Seb Walter	2	Seb's first season with RJFC was fantastic, playing the wing role to perfection, holding his width and creating space was a strength to his game
Harry Wong	1	Thanks Harry for filling in for a few games this season, it was great to see you back in the Yellow & Black colours

U/14 Mixed Black



As a newcomer to the club, I wasn't sure what to expect from a junior only club. I grew up playing country footy at clubs rich in local history, or senior footy for a uni side in the ammos which was highly competitive. Steele, Craig and Thomo (U13's Coach) took me under their wing and took me through the fantastic history and culture of the club, and taught me how to work with the most fantastic kids around. A rowdy bunch of high schoolers proved a lot to handle early on, new names, new faces; I had to quickly remember all the steps I went through when I played my junior football and what made footy fun.

The development squad of the under 14's started the season strong. After a grading game, we settled into Blue Division and posted a five goal last quarter to defeat Doncaster away. We began to settle in as a team, although not posting many premierships points early on, we played hard in the front half of the season. The "back six" are usually the most under recognised players on the field, but were not unnoticed, these players racked up the votes and keep putting in their all.

With our MITS kids returning home over the winter lockdown, the team became a little stretched, with a few calls to Thomo and Adam (U12's Coach) to find a few fill ins from the lower grades. We also made a few calls to some old players and we were able to plug the gaps. A large group of players made their 50 games with the club this year, which shows the commitment and culture of the club that propagates throughout the grades.

I hope that the simple things like our rule of high fiving a team mate after a goal to celebrate loud, or carrying a rope around the oval at training to learn to train as a single unit, leaves an impression on our players in friendship and teamwork.

A big shout out to Nick Somes for being my bridge to the parents, making sure we always had a team to take the field. Huge thanks goes out to Bruce Williams, who every week bought the pep talks, ensured I saw every aspect of the game, and created enthusiasm and passion in the team. I couldn't have done the year without you both.

James Lenehan

Player	Votes	Description
Ronan Birrell	9	Ronan really matured as the year went on, coming out of is shell to be more confident as a teammate. Winning the U14 Trick Shot competition, he has improved his skills immensely through the year.
James Cameron	1	James is always stays involved in the play and was a key part of our transition play through the half-forward line. A great team player!
Jono Conlan	5	To start the season Jono was a lockdown back man showing his defensive ability, but it was his capability to shift forward that really impressed us
Luca D'Angelo	1	A great defender who always stuck on his man. A broken wrist slowed down the start of his season, but found his stripes late in the season.
Alexander Dobell	1	Great to get Alex back to the club again at the later part of the year. Showed real spirit when the chips were down, and formed a key part of our back six.
William Graham	1	The most trusted kick in the team, whenever he would beat his opponent in the back line he was always able to deliver it efficiently to his team mates. Another one of our players who played across the ever important half-back line. Stick with your game!
Jyan Green	1	Solid defender, loves laying a tackle or three, always picks himself off the ground for those second efforts. I think he still has a lot of potential in the ruck, and may just need a few more training sessions with Craig and a few games under his belt.
Harrison Hinde	0	Got a season ending injury in the first game, within the first five minutes, so I don't have too much to comment on his game! Hope to see you pull on the boots next year!
Waylon Huddleston	1	Waylon was a key in-and-under player for us this year. Always asks for feedback on how he is playing. Another player who will really develop in his football as he gets more experience.
Frederick Karutz	4	Freddie not only helped us out but contributed to the team through out the year. Although the smallest player on the team, his endeavour could never be questioned but one, show up to our game after his, and two, he did it after playing a game earlier in the day. Thanks for helping out!
Harvey Malibirr	1	Links up really well with the MITS boys and loves playing that brand of footy, fast and exciting. Looking forward to seeing him play again next year.
Luke May	4	Luke was a late addition to the team this year, but formed a key part of our back line. A solid player which we hope to keep on next year.
Judd McCartney	11	Judd is our most reliable player. Can shutdown the opponent's centre-half forward, compete in hitouts across the ground or be our large target up forward.
Luke McLean	1	Luke got thrown around all over the field, from the back pocket to the wing, he played everywhere and played every position well. Great season!
Darcy Merritt	3	Exciting addition to the team this year, just in time for Darcy to reach his fiftieth game. A terrific midfielder for us who can run all day.
Patrick Mundy	10	Paddy stepped up into the midfield in the midpart of the season, and really held his own. He shows courage in the way he attacks the ball, not afraid to put his head over the ball.
Darren Sams	2	Darren is always the happiest player when he arrives on match day or at training. A man who knows the true meaning of football, being able to pull on the boots and play with your mates. An exciting player to match with many more games to go. Hope to see you again next year.
Leith Sams	1	Leithy is another one of those exciting players. He should have polled more votes for us, and probably should have ran a few more games in yellow. Looking forward to seeing him getting more of a run next year.
Aiden Shaw-rea	2	Aiden is our player with the most potential. Not afraid to lay a Dusty Martin every so often, he has a lot to work on with his temper and his decision making. Once he gets those in check, he'll rise through the ranks be at the top of our game and be playing many games in the Yellow team.
Charlie Somes	17	I am a true believer that your most reliable players in your team play at half-back. I was able to rely on Charlie for every game, even at times when I threw him around the ground.
Will Stone	25	A true leader does not bark orders at his compatriots, but rather leads by setting an example of themselves by putting their body on the line to win the contest - that is Will Stone. His never say die attitude is infectious to his team mates. His ability to continue pushing himself during the game shows mental strength beyond his years. His intent kept us in the game when the opposition kept coming. A superb year from Will!
Charlie Sweet	14	Charlie provides a voice and direction on the field which is hard to find in junior football. He is out most outgoing player, will to give feedback during the group discussions at quarter time. When he joined us as our ruckman, his natural leadership saw him take on the role has the commander of the huddle, and deliver strong leads from centre-half forward.
Reginald Vandenberg	11	Reggie is accountable to his teammates and to his opponent. He can play anywhere his coaches throw him, playing a lot of time in the most important half-back position, but subbed up forward or on ball. Great season Reggie!
Zayne Weis	12	Zayne is able to pull out silky smooth skills week-in week-out. He remains accountable wherever he is on the ground and is always target to hit up forward. Should have played more football with Yellow this year. Plenty of great footy still to come out of Zayne.
Jake Williams	2	Plays a real team game. Played a strong forward option for most of the year, bu stepped up in defence when he we needed the extra legs. Never complained when being used in all areas of the ground.
Malakai Wright	5	You never know what will happen when Malakai gets the ball. Will he go left, will he go right, will he just run backwards. An intelligent footballer with fancy feet, and a willingness to chat back to his opponents who give him grief. Most exciting player hands down.

U/14 Girls



What a memorable year of footy on and off the field, a tough season with our numbers being low. Unfortunately the season was cut short which was very disappointing as the girls were gaining momentum and playing a good brand of footy. The team welcomed many first year players and also new players which was great to see that girls footy is on the way up. This is a fantastic bunch of girls and were a delight to coach. They showed a strong bond from the beginning, building new and lasting friendships. The improvement in skill level and fitness throughout the season was amazing and this came from the players' grit and determination at training and on Gameday. The ability of the girls to play in different positions during the game just showed how this group of girls did what they had to do for their team without any hesitations.

I would like to thank our Assistant Coach (Lily Martin), Team Manager (Sarah) and our Trainer (Sam Crock) who all did an exceptional job throughout the year and organising Gameday - huge respect and gratitude. Thanks also to all the parents and guardians for their support and encouragement of us and the players, and volunteering where they could on Gameday every week.

A big thank you also to other RJFC girls teams who helped us throughout the year with numbers. Hope to see all the girls back playing footy in 2022!!

Peter Venetis
U14 Girls Coach

Player	Votes	Description
Leah Baird	3	Great overhead mark and kicking skills, played in many positions to help her team mates out
Lara Brown	21	First Year player , played with no fear, her ruck work was amazing who rarely lost a contest. The run downs and ferocious tackling was unbelievable, well done on a great year!
Harriet Crock	22	A Fantastic Season, key member to the team reads the ball very well, skilful disposal and good outside running. Always assisting team mates and happy to take a hit for team
Chloe Crook	2	First year player - Terrific first year who enjoyed playing the game, grew in confidence and skill level every game played
Jocelyn Dhamarrandji	4	A late recruit and found her position in the defence where she controlled the defence 50m
Lesharnie Hall	7	Great asset to the team, Reliable and skilful player, works hard and a pleasure to coach, great job Lasharnie!
Maisie Larionoff	2	A very unselfish and smart player giving her all in every game. Enjoyed playing as a small forward and positioned herself in the rights spots. Good job Masie
Anna Mitchell-Gaff	3	Missed most of the season due to injury, Tough and hard player. Anna's tackling had the opposition fearing great asset to the team, great job Anna
Tara Murray	3	Your determination not to be beaten in backline was positive and loved it, doing the team things is a credit and upside to your game
Chloe Pickering	3	First year player - Chloe always reliable and grew in confidence as the season went on especially the hard tackling
Samantha Pouesi	10	Samantha always has white line fever gives a 100% in every game, a great reader of the play and hard at the footy. Well done on another great year!
Gemma Pouesi	1	Helped the team out when most needed and always a pleasure to have her part of the team
Zoe Reeve	2	Had a good season and showed her experience on the field and always helping her team mates out
Kianna Taat	1	Really settled as a small forward and her defence work in Forward line was to the next level
Samantha Venetis	11	A versatile player, played in many positions and stuck to her gameday tasks. Her long kicks is a great asset to your game. Should be proud on a great year!
Nickiesha Warramara	7	A great year in the midfield was a joy to watch from the sideline with her blistering pace and taking on the opposition
Marlou Zingre	4	A delight to coach. A great kick of the footy and what an asset to have in the Forward line. never stops trying, great job Marlou

U/15 Boys



Throughout season 2021 in the very competitive Under 15 Boys Div 1 competition, our boys played an entertaining, attacking game style, with quick ball movement from defence to attack that often made it challenging for opposition clubs to combat.

We started the season brilliantly by winning four from five games comfortably. However, as the season progressed our biggest challenge was having our full list available each Sunday with a number of our players sustaining long-term injuries but this didn't halt our momentum as we strived towards the final four before the season prematurely ended spoiling our finals dream.

It has been an absolute pleasure and privilege to coach this amazing group of boys. We wish all players the very best with their football journeys wherever it may take them and remind them all that football is more than a game.

Mick and the coaching team.

U15 Boys

Player	Votes	Description
William Ball	2	Will, it was great to have you back after a season off playing footy. You were an asset to the team with your size and strength and provided a real presence when playing up forward. Keep working hard on your fitness over the summer
Thomas Ballek	5	Tom, well done on another very good season. Your ability to play any position that best suits the team is why you are such a valuable team member. The role you played as a compliance wingman throughout the season added another strength to your game. Continue to work hard over summer to be the best player you can be
Jonty Chardler	2	Jonty, your ability to play forward and back demonstrates your versatility and team first attitude. I was particularly pleased again with your defensive pressure acts. Well done. Continue to work hard on your fitness over the summer months
Ollie Collinson	22	Ollie, you lead by example in every game we play. You've worked extremely hard to improve your game and consequently you were selected to represent the YJFL. Well done! Keep working on hitting up targets throughout the summer
Noah Croaker	20	Noah, yet another terrific, consistent season. Your speed, strength and ability to break lines is why you are considered one of the YJFL's most damaging players. Well done on your selection to represent the YJFL. Continue to work on these strengths and also your non dominant side for further growth and development

Player	Votes	Description
Kane Emery	4	Kane, unfortunately not the season you had hoped for given your chronic injury forcing you out for most of our season. You know what you need to do to get your body right so you can return to your brilliant best
Tom Farrer	14	Tom, you had an outstanding start to the season unfortunately hit hard with your back injury which I know frustrated you. Your early form warranted YJFL selection which was a credit to your work rate. I know you will do everything right over summer to get yourself in the best possible condition to have another outstanding football season
Matthew Haberfield	13	Matt, you are the X-factor. Well done again on another terrific season. You are a naturally gifted athlete and it's been a pleasure to watch you perform. To develop your game further keep practising your kicking skills to improve your kicking efficiency and decision making. Enjoy a big pre-season
Alec Harling	2	Alec, your enthusiasm and passion rubs off not just on your teammates but also us coaches as well. You have a great attitude and you rarely miss a training session. Well done. Keep training hard and enjoying playing footy
Hamish Hudson	21	Hame, well done on another successful season. Your ruck dominance, speed and agility allowed us to play you like an extra midfielder around the ground that was pivotal for our team's success. Congratulations on your selection to represent the YJFL. Continue to work hard on your kicking over summer
James Little	2	James, you improved with every game we played. You rarely miss a training session which is testament to your love for the game. Set yourself a goal over summer to be the fittest you have ever been. This will enable you to get to more contests all over the ground
Jack Morice	5	Jack, well done on another successful season. I know you worked extremely hard on your fitness during the pre-season and this enabled you to perform at your best. Set yourself a goal to do this again and this will again take your game to another level
Leo Motyl-Coverdale	1	Leo, it was great to have you back playing footy. Your running speed and evasiveness was a pleasure to see. Over summer keep working on your basic skills so you can improve your game further for season 2022
Hugo Osmond	14	Hugo, you add energy and hardness to our team and your leadership in defence was outstanding. Well done on another great season. Continue to work hard on your fitness over the summer so you can repeat this again in 2022
Wil Ransom	27	Wil, congratulations on another outstanding season. You work so hard to improve your game and it is shows in every game you play. Well done on your selection to represent the YJFL. Another goal you can tick off. Keep working on your forward craft and defensive acts over the summer
Matthew Redenbach	14	Matt, you have been a great addition to the team bringing professionalism and football smarts. You are a reliable, highly skilled player and with a unique ability to read the play that provided many forward entries throughout the season. Set yourself a goal over the summer to get your body right. Then aim to be the fittest you have ever been so you can have an uninterrupted season
Rueben Reid	6	Rueben, you are getting better with every game, I thought your last game against Ashburton was outstanding, well done. Keep working on your fitness over the summer so you can continue that form for 2022
Tom Rourke	1	Tom, we really enjoyed having you back playing footy. You've worked so hard on your fitness and you've hardly missed a training session which is a real credit to you. You provided a genuine target throughout the season. To improve your game further, try adding some speed training in to your running program over summer
Jagga Smith	2	Jagga, I know you would have liked to have played more games with us but unfortunately that was out of your control. Well done on your selection for the YJFL rep team and the Victorian under 15 team. Continue to work hard on your forward craft and strength over the summer months
Montgomery Wallace	2	Monty, you've been a pleasure to coach over the years. You always present with a thirst to learn and have barely missed a training session over the last 4 years. This is a credit to you. Continue to work hard on your fitness over the summer
Thomas Wenzel	30	Tom, well done on an outstanding season. You put an enormous amount of work into your game away from our regular training sessions which is a credit to you. Your elite kicking skills on both sides of your body enabled us to attack on either side of the ground which made it difficult for the opposition to defend against. A rare trait. Over summer, practice adding the weighted kick more often in to your kit bag
Austin Wyatt	6	Aussie, well done on another very good season. I've really enjoyed watching you grow and develop over the years. You are a game changer when you put it all together and such an exciting player to watch. Keep up your fitness so you can aim to be the best you can be every week
Antony Zafiropoulos	1	Antony, it was terrific to have you back playing footy again. You always presented with a positive attitude wanting to get the best out of yourself and you always put the team first. Well done. Enjoy a big pre-season so you can return to the start of the 2022 season fit and hungry for more success

U/15 Girls Yellow



2021 was an interesting season for us. It was great to get back together again as a team after a gap year, and also to welcome some new girls to the mix in Amelia, Sinead and Issy.

After a very short preseason, we started playing with style and positivity, and a couple of very close losses to Kew and 2019 Premiers Glen Iris told us we were competitive but perhaps not match fit. By round 3 we were up and about and beat Whitehorse away in a strong win with a full team contribution... remember how loud we sung the song.

Maybe we got a bit ahead of ourselves with our fitness and intensity letting us down in a round 4 loss to a hard running Banyule. We righted the wrongs in round 5 on a small oval at St Marys in a game where it was difficult to be consistent with our deep bench of 6 v their 11 on field.

Then the chaos really started. A bye and then two games lost to lockdowns and all of our continuity and match fitness went out the window. When we came back to play Whitehorse (again!), we hadn't trained or played for 4 weeks and missed the services of 5 of our girls - the resulting loss was telling. We then stuttered through two more games against Fitzroy and Glen Iris (again), interspersed with more school holidays, lockdowns, byes, and multiple girls unavailable. We just couldn't get rolling - there wasn't any stability possible, and all our best intentions to put in place our ongoing learnings, and achieve a consistency in intensity just wasn't possible.

We didn't seem to get an opportunity to show our real potential and that was the most frustrating part, but in all honesty, we got to play 8 games of footy as a team which is 8 more than last year and we have to be grateful for that. Mostly my biggest regret of this season is we didn't get to say goodbye to each other. I really enjoyed being around the team and to have seen them take on the initiative at training and games, and to develop both as footballers but most importantly as confident young women.

Thankyou for the help from all the parents who stood up week in and week out, but particularly to Rosie, Russell and Dani for the great work in Coaching and Team Managing us all.

There is always next year (I think!) and this season was not a waste. We have inadvertently learnt a lot and the girls will be another year older, stronger, smarter and faster. I can't wait for it.

Lachlan Mosley

Player	Votes	Description
Shakira Allen	2	Always solid and dependable when she plays. One day will realise how good she can be
Claudia Corley	3	Fantastic development this year with more committed training, and an always honest and forthright approach to her game
Isobel Coshutt	3	Consistent and reliable in a variety of roles, Issy brought a no nonsense solidity and confidence to our team
Amelia Judd	3	Not often beaten and consistently strong around the footy, Amelia will grow further as her game sense develops
Mia Krisohos	16	Never gave an inch and always up for the contest, Mia is consistent in her approach to footy and the team loves her for it
Lucy Mansfield	1	Thankyou Lucy for coming back to footy to help us out when we were down
Roxy Maslin	24	Roxy continued where she left off 2019 - fast aggressive attacks and so dependable behind the ball when needed. Sorely missed when she couldn't play. Worthy B & F winner
Sinead McClay	13	Sinead was given various roles this season, from ruck to on ball, to stopping key players and did all with diligence, composure and style
Bronte Mosley	3	Probably our most improved player this season, when she switched on the opposition was on the back foot
Lily Murrhly	18	Great game awareness and always full on effort, Lily was a natural and positive leader in the group
Debbie Rose Narburup	5	Lightning quick and athletic. Some of her runs with the footy make the game look easy
Monica Olivetto	3	Developed as season progressed to take some strong marks and forays in the forward line
Imogen Otter	3	Well respected voice amongst the girls and key leader, her ruck work was consistently good
Maggie Phillip	3	Unfortunately missed a few games, and her competitiveness and game sense was sorely missed
Ruby Rosas	14	Competitor with lots of oomph. Loves to tackle and not get beaten. Lots of fun to watch Ruby take the game on
Leilani Seabrook	3	Found a strong role as a key defender with deftly timed defensive runs and dependable intercepting
Heidi Slifirski-Krista	3	Can always be depended on to create some chaos for the opposition to deal with as her cheekiness went to another level
Moniquah Ulamari	11	One on one and in open space, Moni is unstoppable. Remember her last quarter dominance in the forward line at St Mary's?
Nellie Wade	6	Always in and under and trying. Nellie has a good game sense and gets to the ball deceptively often
Clare Wong	21	The old Clare was back this year, and it was a pleasure to watch. Taking the game on with silky long runs and athleticism
Lily Ziemer	2	We would have loved to have you playing more games with us, and look forward to you being around next season

U/15 Girls Black



2021 was a wild ride for the team. The team had a steady core of players supported by a wonderful group who filled in whenever needed. A big thank you and invitation to come back any time goes out to them.

After a tough grading where the girls played two division 1 teams, the players settled into the season. The early focus on contested footy held them in good stead as the girls worked on skills and teamwork. Everything came together in the last game which included chains of five and six handballs in a row rewarded with a big win. It typified the girls team spirit.

A very big thank you the girls for their resilience and team spirit. You were amazing.

To all the parents and guardians, thank you for making everything possible. Lastly thank you to the RJFC committee members for their hard work behind the scenes.

Coaches Liz, Russell & Ralph and manager Clare.
U15 Girls Black

Player	Votes	Description
Rumarlea Billy	5	Most dependable. Rumarlea played a lot of different roles and always gave her best. She excelled at sharing the ball by hand. She is a great team mate who brings a sense of fun to her footy.
Tatiana Bush	12	Most versatile. Tatiana is a talented and hardworking key position player. She kicked seven goals as a dangerous forward as well as stints in the ruck and backline.
Meva Chadail	0	Super sub. Meva also joined us for one game and showed a natural flair for footy.
Jessica Dixon	5	Best teammate. Jess made a great start to her season which was then cut short by injury. Jess kept supporting her team mates at training and games.
Serina Gurruwiwi	7	Most amazing. Serina played some brilliant football spending most of the year in the midfield. When she was moved forward in the last game - she kicked 5 goals in just half a game!
Chloe Johnstone	6	Most reliable. Chloe had a wonderful season. She is a clever footballer and played key roles in defence and forward as evidenced by her 8 goals
Ella Karavias	6	Most courageous. Ella always put her head over the ball and went in hard. Her non-stop running and second and third efforts were an inspiration to her team mates.
Pauline Managaygay	7	Most daring. Pauline's ability to win her own footy is top level. Her ability to break clear and link up with her team mates lifted the team to a higher level.
Lucia Matyear	5	Toughest player. Lucia's speed and left foot kicking are an asset for the team. Her ability to get back up when knocked down won her the respect of her team mates and coaches.
Wynifred McIntyre	34	Most valuable player. Wyni had an outstanding season. She was hardly ever beaten in the ruck or key defensive roles. Her second and third efforts set a wonderful example.
Georgia Morison	0	Super sub. Georgia joined us for one game and used her footy acumen to make a high level contribution.
Caitlin Nitschke	5	Most Improved. Caitlin got better as the year went on. She played a number of roles for the team highlighted by two bags of three goals.
Kasia Osawa	13	Most determined. Kasia had an amazing season playing mainly in a very tough role of defensive midfielder. She either won contested possession or stopped her opponent when she didn't. Kasia always gives 100% which has earned her the respect of her team mates.
Taylor Phelps	0	Super sub. Taylor joined us for one game and showed a lot of promise.
Kaitlen Swenson	6	Shooting star. In her three games Kaitlen made a wonderful contribution to the team including four goals in one game.
Claire Tuckwell	18	Most unstoppable. Reads the play beautifully. Excelled in every position she was asked to fill. For a first year player Clare was outstanding. Coachable and very hardworking, Clare has a big future in the game.
Sophie Tyrrell	6	Best defender. This season Sophie showed that at her best, she is as good as any player in the team. In her first game against division one team St Marys Sophie was a standout.
Abbey Tyrrell	26	Most dangerous. Abbey played everywhere this season providing a linking option for her team mates and probably gained more metres than anyone. Her team high 10 goals were the icing on the cake.
Saskia Van Beek	5	Rising star. Saskia showed a lot of promise in her first year of footy. Her three goals against Banyule was a standout performance.
Emma Watkins	9	Most consistent. Emma led the team as their captain and by the example she set. Filling in wherever needed, including the ruck, Emma's clean hands, long straight kicking & never give in attitude was an example to all.

U/16 Boys



To sum up the season in one word - inconsistency. As the old saying goes "A weeks a long time in football" and that certainly rang true for the RJFC u16 boys. Some weeks we had 15 on the park others we had 25, some weeks games were on, others covid halted play, for the first half of the year we were in div 3, the last half was in div 4, some weeks the boys came out ready to run through a brick wall, some weeks running out looking like the night before had been spent with Dane Swan and Dusty in Vegas.

To summarise it was a year of ups and downs, highs and lows, big wins and big losses.

There were moments of individual brilliance - who can forget Ed Kings Buddy Franklin like round 1 goal against parkdale, Jonahs Wayne careyesque specky against the sharks or Timmy Singh's soccer goal in the last round.

There were also team highs - The redemption win against Parkdale (I think that game stole a few years from us all!), the early Whitehorse thrashing and many of the boys celebrating milestone games throughout the season.

But unfortunately for every big win there was a big loss and an early patch of losses at home was difficult, but credit to the boys everyone continued to rock up to training and games ready to tackle whoever was put in front of us.

I think playing footy has 3 objectives 1 – to win, 2 – to have fun, 3 – to grow and improve individually and collectively.

I think despite the inconsistency of another covid affected year (thankful to play some games this year) it would be hard to dispute that each week was as enjoyable as the last and by the end of the year every individual within the team had grown as players that each played an important role within the team but more importantly as people who's personalities also found a spot within the side and collectively this made us a far better team by seasons end. So although the wins were far and few between, we had fun and grew along the way and I reckon 2 out of 3 ain't bad.

A big thanks to Megan Harrison (Team Manager), and to Cath Donnison, Richard Butt and Tony Webb (Runners), Sam Morgan (Boundary Umpire), Greg King (pre-season running co-ordinator and occasional Ground Manager), Dave Daly, Jo Cronin, Amber Dawson, Steve Claney (who all acted at Trainer at various times), the Singh family for providing a magnificent library of photos and to all the other parents who cut oranges, worked the scoreboard, and so on. And finally a BIG thank you to Chris McNeill assistant coach and the glue that has held this team together for the last 4 years.

Kai Bloomfield
U16 Boys Coach

Player	Votes	Description
Andrew Alexellis	4	Probably our leading goal kicker in the end, a dangerous small forward who also showed he could push back and shut down an opponent, a very handy player for us!
Angus McNeill	8	The slickest hands at the club, time after time released players via the step and then clean hands - if you blink you'll miss it but those plays were super important for us and then able to push forward and give a lead so good that kickers had no choice but to honour.
Asher Claney	20	Classy midfielder/forward who played his heart out every game, and added running, linking play to his repertoire. Second in the B&F.
Austin Reynolds	16	Summed up in one word - class. Awesome distributor by foot and really set us up off the half back all year, whilst also taking an opponent out of the game.
Ben Morgan	13	A big marking presence for us deep, capable of kicking a bag for us and using his body well in the contest - classic power forward with the ability to pinch hit in the ruck. Very valuable.
Ben Tyrell	9	Probably our most versatile player - put forward, played well then put ruck, played probably even better. A hugely Important player for us and a long marking target - great year Benny!
Beppe Daly	12	Classic big bodied mid with an even bigger engine. Missed a fair number of games and no doubt would've placed higher had that not have been the case but our mid certainly looked more rounded with big Bep in there!
Charlie Johnston	7	A big scary centre half forward for us when he was available; crashed packs, ran down blokes and hit the scoreboard- a bloke who can play big or small, was awesome to watch when out there.
Cooper Mitchell	13	Our gazelle in the ruck - unbelievable mobility for a big man! And aggression to match, our team looked a much better side with big coops in it!
Edward King	33	Great leader, great player and what a season! Well deserving best and fairest.
Freddie Butt	13	The general down back for us - saved an unbelievable number of goals for us and made full back his own. A scary sight for opposition full forwards.
Hamish Webb	17	One of the best two way runners I've seen, capable of pushing forward and hitting the scoreboard and working back to help defence- his opposition was always in for a tough day at the office!
Harvey Williams	1	Found it hard to get on the ground due to injury. When he did, his bullocking style made life hard for forwards.
Jonah Clark	4	If we'd handed out a most improved award, Jonah would be the man; an athletic big man who has worked hard on his leading patterns, very coachable which is a great trait to have and improved by the game, also produced our mark of the year against Camby Sharks!
Kobi Bloomfield	4	Kobez' first year of footy and improved steadily throughout- can run like the wind and has capable skills (perhaps the best in the family?)
Lachlan Idle	15	RJFC's very own Alex Rance - unbelievable athlete with a great blend of defence and offence, was a weapon off half back for us very hopeful that rowing doesn't steal you from us next year!
Marlowe Glover	4	If the ball hit the deck inside our f50 I'd be a very nervous defender with Marlowe pinballing around! A speed demon with sharp skills and uncanny ability to get off the deck quicker than lighting!
Mauricio Payan-Martinez	4	Wasn't sure initially where to play this bloke but by the end of the year it was pretty clear that the backline was where he thrived- another bloke I don't think I've seen lose a one on one contest and an integral member of our back 6.
Nik Buchanan	4	A newbie to footy but showed very steady improvement as a linking high half forward - huge scope for improvement to come!
Ollie Carter-Curtis	1	Put in a big pre-season only to be stopped in his tracks with stress fractures in his foot. Only managed the one game in the end but was all smiles when he finally made it out there.
Patrick Colless	9	Mr Reliable- Three things are certain in life- death, taxes and Paddy not losing a contest! An ultra-reliable defender for us all year. May not be the biggest was certainly the toughest pound for pound!
Rohan Watkins	10	The ultimate leader. First to training and last to leave, voice on the ground and all round great guy! Also happens to be a very damaging half back come wingman who never gives up on a contest until it's won or halved. A pleasure to coach!
Sam Tralaggon	7	Club funny man Sammy, not only made games and trainings a blast also happened to be a rock solid defender down back for us and regularly took intercept marks and then used the ball really well – really good footy IQ, it was a pleasure to have you back mate!
Tim Singh	2	Elusive forward who works hard at training and on game day. Celebrated his hundredth with a team-lifting goal that saw his teammates run from all over the ground to celebrate.
Tom Pelchen	7	The other running machine in our team Tommy P (those poor oppo wingmen)- Tommy has the perfect combination of endurance and toughness in the contest- an asset to our team and a really great year before suffering a back injury, hope to see you back next year Tommy!
Tom Woolhouse	9	Bit of Dermie about this bloke- the mullet, the big hits on ground, if there was one bloke I'd least want to play on as the opposition it'd be tommy- hard as a cat's head and kicking skills improved by the week, Onya tommy!

U16 Girls



First of all, despite all the disjointedness, in the end it was great to have football back. Thank you to the Club for beating a path through the thicket of rules, regulations, last-minute announcements, late fixture changes and snap lockdowns to get us out on the park every Wednesday and Sunday we could.

Within our age cohort, we found ourselves in the sparsely populated middle ground between some quality teams and the less-credentialled sides. We had some tough days, but in the long run we'll be much better off for taking on a good standard opposition on a regular basis. We were able to give a good account of ourselves in several games when we were heavily outgunned and gained respect for our efforts. All our returning players made strides over the year. We also had several debutants run out for the first time and acquit themselves very well over the course of the season. So while results often went against us, there is a lot to like about where this group could potentially find itself in years to come.

Thank you to Dan, Jan, Marcus, Max, Leanne, George, Ant, Kelly, Andrew (please feel free to rightly point out to me those I've neglected to mention) for all your help during the year keeping the show on the road each week. Thank you to Mick and Ivan for getting the ball rolling on training nights, and to the committee for all your hard work. Thank you also to Brooke and Kate from La Trobe University for coming down on multiple occasions, we were blessed to have such accomplished people come to assist us.

To the players, thank you. You're a good bunch and a group of quality young women. You also have a staggering potential among you. Hopefully in 2022 you get a full run at it, and the chance to realise it.

Andrew Read
U/16 Girls Coach

Player	Votes	Description
Alana Archer	3	Took on a difficult challenge as a key defender in her first year of football and acquitted herself well. Promising future
Saskia Blackburn	3	Truncated season due to camps and injury. Played some excellent football between times and will no doubt come back even better
Kenita Bush	1	Struck down by fate. We all wish her a successful and speedy recovery. On the evidence so far, a seriously good footballer in the making
Rita Cahill	8	The organiser down back. Thinks, communicates and makes players around her better. That shouldn't discount her own game which was consistently good all season. Final vote tally downplays her contribution
Sarah Casserly	2	Blessed with raw pace. Took her football on a stage but still has unrealised potential. If she works hard and puts it all together, look out
Charlotte Collins	3	Reaped the benefits of a big pre-season in her first year. Highlight was having to play in defence out of necessity for the first time and playing a very fine game. A lot to look forward to
Mia Cresswell	4	Acquitted herself well in a delayed first season. Ten tackles in a game against Ivanhoe serves as notice of what's yet to come
Magdalena D'Amico	11	Several outstanding performances in a new role off half back. Imposes herself on games both in the air and running through the lines. After an interrupted year, will hit 2022 like a train
Emma de Jong	18	Harnessed elite running power and took her game to a new level on the wing. Works just as hard defensively as in attack. Runner-up B&F in a fine season
Abby Forster	5	Started late in the year and played two excellent games. Showed the raw ability to become a very good footballer
Naomi Gaykamangu	6	Interrupted year due to pandemic circumstances. Took Camberwell apart in the early rounds and will undoubtedly end up being a dominant onballer
Holly Kearton	7	Big steps forward. Played four quarters of contested football as an on-baller, week in week out. Final vote tally possibly doesn't do her justice
Magdalena Layh	10	Important part of our defensive unit and selflessly played her role each week. Deservedly finished high in the votes after a fine season
Madeline Marquet-Walker	7	Given a new role and produced some excellent performances. Has the composure and discipline to become a very fine key defender
Phoebe Marshall-Acheson	11	Took the ruck role and made it her own with a series of fine performances. Never shirks a challenge and able to get through a power of work over four quarters. Looking forward to her going to yet another level
Sofia Morton	1	Worked hard and improved markedly around the contest the longer the year went. Her persistence will pay off
Tammy Quach	3	Came into the side late as a novice. Got votes in all three games she played. Has the mentality to become a very good backline player
Erin Rahilly	24	Imposed her will on games and never stopped running. Good overhead, good below the knees, good in the contest. Only downside was being robbed of the chance of representative football due to the (fourth) lockdown. Worthy best and fairest winner, and with more to come
Latisha Saunders	5	Unfortunate in losing so many games to pandemic circumstances. Was the first to stand up on our most difficult day, which was incredibly impressive and shows what she's capable of
Quinn Simpson-Tuckey	10	Diligent and brave. The side always looked better with her in the backline
Keira Vamvakitis	3	Season ended at precisely the wrong time for her when she was putting together a string of good performances through the middle of the ground
Sass Walker	15	Performed well on the ball, on the wing and off half back. Great mentality in games to harness her ability and work hard for the side, with a deserved high finish in the vote tally
Alexandra Wilson	2	First year player who had to get through a lot of difficult and unselfish work forward of the ball. Already accomplished enough to play multiple roles well in games. A lot to look forward to
Ava Zimmermann	2	Had regular stints on the ball for the first time and never looked out of place. Should take a lot of confidence into next season



It was the season full of ups and downs....

Without a round played last season, there were times I wasn't sure this year's Colts would get up. With a week before the season started...we forfeited our only preseason game and was unsure how many players we would have for round 1.

With the commitment of many of last year's playing group, and an outstanding support team we had a large team for round 1 and it continued throughout the season.

Pleasing to say, as the season currently stands, we are top of the ladder with 7 wins and 3 losses.

I was impressed with the boys all season; they consistently played their game at a high standard.

Our Richmond boys play a game style that prides itself in winning contested ball then moving the ball quickly into their offence. They take the field with a commitment to each other, a belief in their game style and a carefree attitude that ensures everyone has fun and no one gets left behind.

I would like to thank the support team for all their help this year.

1. Rose, Geoff & Andrew, for sharing the team manager role and playing a critical role in ensuring we had a team each week.
2. Jude for being a fabulous Trainer. Not easy with the number of injuries in Colt's football.
3. Harry and MHOSB Football club, in helping with the assistant coaching role, support before and after the game, and preseason training.
4. All the parents and carers who helped with other duties. Our volunteers show unwavering dedication and commitment to the team.

For the retiring Colts players who will not be with us next year, what can I say...

Thank you for your dedication to the club and the ongoing respect and support to myself and your parents. Most of you are double premiership & >100 game players for the club.

Your integrity and spirit will forever be etched in RJFC history.

I would also like to thank those who played an important role in the beginning for this group at RJFC. Les Quarrell, Nick Macaulay & James Casserley all coached this group before me and Jane Stevens who has been an unbelievable long-term Team Manager throughout.

I wish all the leaving Colts players the best of luck in the future both on and off the field. The football club will miss you and I will miss my Sundays coaching you.

For the Colts player who can continue to play with RJFC next season, I have enjoyed coaching you all this season. You have all shown improvement in your game from the first round in April to the last game we played as a team on the 1st August. You are all great footballers and have played an important role to the success of this team. I look forward to seeing what you can achieve in 2022 with the RJFC Colts.

My time coaching this group of footballers has come to an end. I am thankful to lead such a talented team over the past few years. I am sad I will not be able to coach any of you on the football field again. The time I have been your coach holds precious memories for me. I thank all the parents who have advocated for me over this time and supported me. I am forever thankful to the RJFC Tigers Boys.

Chris Swenson
Colts Coach

Player	Votes
Carlos Cao	12
Samuel Casserly	24
Zach Dowd	38
Liam Foo	12
Matthew Giarracca	1
Rua Haggie	0
Andrew Kerr	6
Ewen Kossyvas	12
James Lloyd	0
Ciaran Loel	8
Ethan Lukacs	6
Jacob Marquet-Walker	4
Judd Martin	10
Spencer McConnell	3
Leo Mosley	2
Lachlan O'Halloran	6
Blake Parker	0
Joshua Philip	6
Dean Pistevo	7
Blake Poynting	4
Aedan Sanders	8
Ralf Schwidlewski	2
Tom Smyth	3
Will Stevens	20
Brayden Swenson	13
Herschel Waters	8
Benjamin Wilson	13
Thomas Zafiroopoulos	7

Youth Girls Yellow



Youth girls Yellow had a terrific season finishing the “home and away” on top the ladder and beat every team in the division. While it was a great year, we’re aggrieved we didn’t get finals action because at full strength we were the best team out there.

As always, these girls put up results because they work harder than their opponents. They are tremendous group of young women, who put the side first and when it clicks, play outstanding team footy orientated footy. They are fair but take it to their opponents with relentless endeavour.

I’d like to thank my ACs/runner Mark and Jason along with our brilliant TM Michelle (and you Jane for the work early in the season). Also thanks to all the parents who week in week out volunteered for roles while also turning out to support the team.

Some of this team were the inaugural RJFC female players, it’s been a great journey over the 5 years as we progressed and new players joined team, and seems fitting that they go out on top.

You’re a ripping bunch of girls, and it’s been pleasure to know and coach you all.

Dave Martin

Youth Girls Yellow Coach

Player	Votes	Description
Isabella Blackney	19	Once again you inspired the team with your desire to win the footy. You have huge upside with superb skills and a hardness that is equal to any I’ve seen in Junior (or senior) footy. Been great coaching you BB, you inspire the coaches as well (we worry about your safety sometimes, actually we worry more about your opponent)
Ellie Brennan	9	As the season progressed your contribution was huge. A great teammate who looked to always give it to someone in a better posi using your high footy IQ. Also, your ability to run all day with that exquisite kicking was a big part of the team’s success
Lily Cahill	3	From a coaching standpoint Lily you did everything I asked. Held your position well, I asked you look for handball when it was there, and you did. You are a very talented player, you were super dangerous deep forward one out with a strong mark and the best kick going around. Really good season Lily, key contributor

Player	Votes	Description
Olivia Capomolla	2	Seriously you were a warrior Liv. Rucked to the point of exhaustion, marked everything in sight and then got on your hands and knees to recover loose balls. Huge effort, loved having you on-board this year
Vanessa Carr	2	The highlight Ness was? Yes the goal vs Camberwell, the whole bench absolutely loved it. But when I went back and watched the replay of that game what got me was the 6-7 tackles you laid in a short period. Yeah, some of the other players have played longer and have a longer kick, but you cared about this team and you made a difference
Georgia Flannigan	12	Brilliant in the games you played G. You can break lines and your kicks go a mile. Thought you only got better in the games when we played you on the wing. Well done, another very good season. Loved coaching you
Kate Hodgson	5	Kate still turning out when you were crook and spurring on your teammates says it all about you. And then when you do get on the field you had a huge impact. Those last 2 games were brilliant with hard running, smooth kicking and ability to win the ball
Chloe Mansfield	16	Great season Chlo. Impossible to match up on with your marking and speed. Number of times you were injured or crook and still gave it everything. BTW.....and you can ruck, those taps to Belle in the last game were outstanding! (and I knew you got out of the sick bed to play)
Viktoria Mantineo	4	If there’s an outnumber in our backline I know you got it covered. For years your desire to win the ball is a big part of our improvement, and 2021 you took it another level. I never see you deviate and along with speed and a clearing kick you turn defence into attack
Charlotte Marshall-Acheson	10	2 years off and you were as brilliant as ever and got better as the year went on. You’re a super skilled player, great mover in traffic, smart and great listener (we asked for a few more handballs off half back and immediately you did). And btw you’re kicking was pretty good
Lily Martin	5	You are still as dangerous as ever, when you get the ball things happen. The comeback vs Surrey wouldn’t have happened but for 4-5 key possessions and your goal in the last qtr. You have great ball handling and a kick that doesn’t stop
Charlotte McLean	20	Brilliant season again. Doesn’t seem fair to have your speed (quickest in comp) and then you can also take a mark as you did running back with the flight of the ball v Surrey. The B&F says it all – incredible season
Sophie Noonan	3	Noons you never stopped running and never flinched a contest. Your ability to move at speed and break tackles was invaluable and really helped us get those early wins. Really enjoyed coaching you (I’ll always remember the SF 2 yrs back and your effort that day)
Annabelle Power	5	I’ll miss the “Dave I’ve got a sore whatever” every week but more so your desire and input to this team. For the past 5yrs you have busted your &“&# for this team, running, copping tackles and then getting up for some more. You listened and I reckon were the first to embrace our handball/get the ball outside thinking. Loved coaching you Annabelle
Isabella Rao	6	Issy, overall a very good season. You were an integral part of a backline we could count on every week. Outside of you being a wall at half back, you provided the team with run and drive from defence. Great teammate who worked so hard
Carmen Lia Smith	19	You lead from the front Carmen with the ability to lift your teammates. Whether it was down back clearing the last line or breaking midfield lines/tackles/or bouncing off opponents as you snagged a Dusty goal you were a key to the team this year. Brilliant season
Cassandra Smith	3	Tough, strong, super dependable, speedy with a long kick – all pretty good skills to have. When the opposition look like scoring you’d come through, break a tackle and rebound the ball. (it’s bit scary how fast you are moving) great season
Laura Wilcox	3	Really good season Laura, you provided great speed to our forward line and with great defensive pressure, you closing speed stopping full backs from playing on was first rate. Thought your last 3-4 games you were really getting going giving the team a real lift. (and loved the handball to Ness v Camberwell FYI)
Iris Williams	1	Only got to see you once this year but you had a really good game (shame it was the worst game the team played). Quick and speedy looking like snagging a goal. Enjoyed coaching you Iris, and that 2019 SF final goal was what got the team rolling
Lily Young	4	Personally, I was nearly as happy as Chloe when you came back to play. Same as the last 5 yrs, a fierce determination, with hardness and a never give in attitude. I think the way you play lifts the whole team, and I won’t forget the pain you were in last game and refused to stop rucking. Heart and soul

Youth Girls Black



The season was sadly interrupted again because of Covid just when the team started to find some form and synergy.

The team also had to adjust to a new Coach after Will retired. There were however some highlights with some big and gritty wins and some terrific & memorable plays. Well done to all the girls who came to training each week and for giving their all on game day.

Thanks also to all the parents and administrators who came to support the team and who put in countless hours behind the scenes to give all the girls the opportunity to play some footy and blow off some steam in what has been a very challenging year.

Anthony Blecher

Player	Votes	Description
Aimee Blecher	3	New to the team and the game but was starting to find her feet as indicated by her first two goals which came within minutes of each other which were very Patrick Cripps like in the way she barged through the pack. Is only going to improve
Isabella Boffa	36	A true warrior who leads by example and puts her body on the line in every contest. A natural player with elite footy smarts and skills who is as tough as nails often found at the bottom of the pack or finding space kicking it forward
Anna Boreham	5	Silky skills with great run who can transition the ball effortlessly. Was always willing to play any position the team needed her in
Keirah Dowd	22	One of the best players in the competition, leads the way on repeat efforts and following up her kicks and handballs and is a fierce tackler. Amazing ability to keep finding the ball, bringing her team-mates into the game, and getting her arms free
Grace Farndon	4	Consistent as always and reliable, provides a strong target in the forward line where she was often able to get a shot on goal, or assist a team-mate to do so. Contributor in keeping the ball locked inside the forward line for as long as possible
Bailee Gill	3	Provided good run out of defence as always and around the ground, helping team-mates and getting numbers to the ball. Continues to improve and grow in confidence with each season
Jasmine Hughes	7	Loved playing forward and relished kicking goals. Was not afraid to take on a pack of defenders and has the innate ability to find the goals as evidenced by the bag of 11 goals kicked in one game
Katie Johnston	10	Plays one of the toughest positions in the ruck. Is never intimidated regardless of the size of the opposing ruck and wills herself to win the ball or move it forward. Great endurance with a high work rate
Paige Kearton	4	Knows how to hunt the ball and determined to win. Often takes on multiple players and wins the ball with true grit and persistence. Reliable in defence or on the wing
Brooke Ponter	6	Unable to play many games this season but remains one of the fiercest tacklers in the competition. Her attack on the ball, opponents, and run from defence was sorely missed
Lily Ritson Morrison	6	The quiet achiever who just gets the job done who is fast and nimble and not afraid to get dirty. Versatile in both the midfield and forward
Lucy Robotham	17	A true full back who is tough & courageous. Reads the ball extremely well when coming into defence. Never gives away any easy goals and makes forwards earn every touch. A mighty right foot kick who knows how to work the ball out of defence
Bethany Simpson	4	A mobile player who excelled in both defence and in the forward line. Always makes the opposition earn a touch and knows how to take a pack mark
Amelia Smithers	9	Strong attack on the ball and influence around the ground was missed following injury. Good contributor as always when on the park, and as a supporter off the field when not playing
Marcella Souter	11	Always tries hard for the full 4 quarters. Silky skills with a clever instinct to find the ball and ability to move it quickly with her pace. Was instrumental in putting the team into attack or making the opposition pay with turnovers
Cara SbrlinComelli	2	New to the team with older girls but not afraid to take them on. A beautiful right foot drop punt on the run which was evident with a silky goal on the run from the pocket in her second game. Is only going to get better the more she plays
Alex Williams	18	Versatile player who can play equally as well in the midfield under a pack and forward line kicking goals. Consistently one of the teams top players who always works hard
Annie Wilson		Constant support for all her team mates throughout the season despite not being able to get on to the park due to off-season surgery. The personification of team spirit
Alexandra Williams	17	Alex is brave, good when the ball is in the air or on the ground, tackles well and with good goal sense, works on her kicking, and covered the forward area well
Annie Wilson	5	Annie has continued to develop both in the ruck and around the ground where she tirelessly sets up well, chases, tackles and marks, another solid year of improvement

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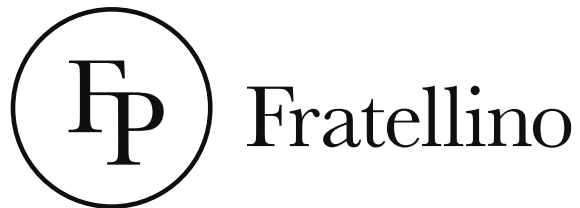
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