## <u>Under 14's</u>

**Coach** - Darren Wilde **Asst Coach** - Paul Teijeiro

Best & Fairest - Callan Kennedy 2<sup>nd</sup> Best & Fairest - Luke Voges 3<sup>rd</sup> Best & Fairest - Josh McLeod Most Consistent - Robert Hunter Most Improved - Dylan Wilde Coaches Award - Andrew McMahon

From the under 14's I would like to start by thanking the President , Secretary and Committee for their hard work throughout the year .

This group of players have been together now for four years and has had much success making the finals each year.

This year we were very lucky to get an assistant coach 'Paulie' who the kids warmed to straight away. He made an already strong team in Shelly Voges, Darren Sheldrick, Wayne Larsen and Agro (Ross McLeod) even stronger. Thanks to all those just mentioned for a great year.

As reigning premiers we knew all teams would come at us hard so preseason saw a lot of fitness work to enable us to run out games.

The year started off well with a sprinkling of new players. Our side looked quicker than the previous year. Paulie worked on centre plays whilst Darren.S and I worked on forward line and back clearances.

The year started well with some big wins and all players keen on making finals again for their fourth consecutive year.

As I took a back seat at training the seniors came down and our boys trained with them. To my horror as I walked in the rooms Robert Hunter who had been on fire in the centre was lying on the table and had broken his thumb needing an operation and a rod put in. As a team it hit us pretty hard as we struggled to fill his spot. Coming up against the two top sides we just fell short in some hard fought games. The following week was a game we had to win to stay in the top four. Our coaching group new with our backs against the wall our boys would give it everything that week against an undefeated Upwey. The boys played the best team football we had seen from this gutsy side coming out on top with a great win.

Now with a spot in the finals and Robbie back we were ready for the finals . The first semi saw us up against Emerald in wet and muddy conditions. It took the boys til half time to shake a determined Emerald off and come away with a big win.

The second semi saw us up against a strong Belgrave side who were just too big and powerful for our boys who fought it out right til the end. In their spirit the boys came off with their heads held high.

To all the boys I would like to thank you for a great season and four years of great memories. I hope all of you will go on to have great success in your football.

And last but not least to all the parents thank you for all your support. It's great to know everyone is behind you.



