# Wests Juniors Australian Football Club





# Yearbook 2011



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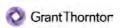












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### **President's report**

2011 was another successful season for Wests Juniors. Our teams have participated in a great season of AFL, we celebrated an incredible coaching milestone, the clubrooms and carpark have been improved and, for those who attended, we had a very enjoyable club function. Thanks to all those dedicated parents who've stepped into the coaching roles again this year. Thanks too to those parents who have taken on the important manager roles, backing the coaches and organising the behind-the-scenes action. Our junior teams all had great seasons enjoying every minute while continuing to show strong development throughout the year. Our U14 Div 2 team reached the semi-final this year but were overcome by a very determined Caboolture side. For the first time in many years we had two youth teams in the U12 age group. Our U12 div 5 team, coached by first year coaches Steve Martin and Adrian Muir, and our U12 div 1 team, coached by Andrew Sivijs and Darren Smart, both made it through to the grand final after hard-fought seasons. A great effort by both teams, but unfortunately Aspley proved to be too strong in both divisions. Congratulations to all players on providing some great footy finals action!

Wests Juniors once again had many of our players picked for school representative sides. Sarah Teasdale from our U11 team was selected to play in the first Sunfire Superstars competition for youth girls. A number of our under 12 players were selected for school district sides with 5 of these boys, Lachie Barazza, Jack Clayton, Luke Saunders, Ethan Sivijs and Hainian Yu, selected to play for Met West in the State Championships. Jack Clayton was chosen to play in the Queensland U12 State Team, a wonderful achievement. Carl Foster was selected for the U15 Met West side and was in the running for the state squad until injury intervened. Sam Mulherin and Jordan McDonald also represented Wests Juniors for the U16 Western Taipans this year. Congratulations to all on getting selected for these squads. Congratulations also to Jonathan Macanawai (U14 Div 2), Jack Clayton (U12 Div 1) and Charlie Muir (U12 Div 5) who were in the running for AFLBJ Best & Fairest awards this year.

Friday night football was a big part of Wests Juniors this year. Each week we kicked off with the Auskick clinic followed by a couple of junior and youth games. It was great to see many supporters coming down to the club to watch a game or two. Auskick continues to be a huge success with a large number of Bulldog "pups" taking part, learning their AFL skills in our friendly club atmosphere while getting a great introduction to the club. Our Auskick Co-ordinator, Keith "Happy" Wallis, has once again done a wonderful job running the sessions ably assisted by large group of Wests Juniors players who voluntarily give their time to pass on their skills to the Auskickers. Thanks to Mel Teasdale who managed the registrations this year and all the parents who assisted with the running of the clinic. Thanks to all the helpers on Friday nights, especially Maurie Hand, as sales at the "Friday night BBQ" provide a major source of funds to support all members at Wests.

On Friday May 13th Wests Juniors hosted an evening of football to honour the coaching efforts of Keith "Happy" Wallis. On that night Happy coached his 800th AFL game at the club (an unrivalled event) and immediately followed this up by coaching his second team for the evening, beginning the count for his next 100 games! Thank you to everyone who helped make the celebration of this remarkable achievement a truly memorable one for Happy. It was great to see so many club members, past and

present, at Oakman Park enjoying the festivities. I'm sure everyone will join me in wishing Happy all the best for reaching his next targeted milestone of 1,000 coaching games!

Wests Juniors was fortunate to have two major sponsors for 2011. Astute Financial continued to support Wests Juniors for its second year as our major sponsor. Queensland Combined Orthopaedic Specialists (QCOS) has continued its strong partnership of support for Wests Juniors into its sixth year of sponsorship – that's a great effort. We're grateful for their enthusiasm and strong support for Wests Juniors. Please support our sponsors if you are in need of their services.

This year we have worked with Brisbane City Council to continue to improve Oakman Park as a public space. Cr. Peter Matic was successful in obtaining \$150,000 in last year's Council budget to provide Oakman Park with a sealed upper carpark. The end product is quite impressive and will improve access to the club and improve safety around the carpark. We extended the major shade structure over the concrete patio in front of the clubrooms this year. A big thanks to Ernie Harvey and club sponsor Harvey Property Consultants for making these projects a reality. Thanks to committee members Stefan Dopking and Stephen Wootten for assistance in the numerous projects performed around the club this year.

As a club in desperate need of a new scoreboard, the task was given to Cam Bulley to organise a club social night to raise funds for our next major purchase. Cam did a fantastic job organising an evening that everyone who attended will agree was extremely enjoyable. From the scrumptious paella eaten at a top venue in Toowong to the background music and entertaining interview of Damien Burke by Nick Meredith, the atmosphere was set for some furious bidding for the signed jerseys. Thank you to everyone who attended and who placed a bid on the night, you helped make the night a great success. A huge thank you to Cam for your hard work organising a terrific night – the scoreboard funds were secured through your efforts.

Our club does not run itself and it's the numerous volunteers who provide their time to support the club who I wish to thank, your efforts make my job much easier. This year we had a number of new recruits on the Wests Juniors Management Committee, including our registrar Trudy Braybrook, club umpire coordinator Ian Selth and Cam Bulley who organised this year's club social event. Your level of support and enthusiasm this year was fantastic and a welcome addition to the committee. Thank you to the continuing hard working members of the Wests Juniors Management Committee. Collectively this committee are all focused on the single objective of ensuring our club provides the highest quality environment for development of our players and maintaining the club culture that we are proud of. Thanks to Tarene Doherty for volunteering to prepare the yearbook this year, this is a tremendous contribution. Thanks also to Tony Saunders and Cherie Brockwell from the AFLBJ for the constant assistance throughout the year. It was a tough year for the field with the summer floods impacting on the growing season but I would like to thank Scott Eagan from Green Options for his efforts in maintaining the playing surface this year.

This year will be the last year for a number of the U16 families with the club. We wish you all success in the future and we hope we will see you back at the club in the future. This will include some major contributors to the club. Firstly, I would like to acknowledge two current members of the club's executive committee, Clare & Ernie Harvey. Ernie has been active as coach and committee member for many years

including a year as "President". Clare has put in a tremendous effort over the last two years as Treasurer and has overseen some significant improvements in this area. Once again where would we be without them? Phill & Mauzie Mulherin worked tirelessly again this year to ensure that our canteen was well stocked and ready to go for game day. With help from Sue Dielmans the canteen supplied the football crowds with drinks, hot food and the ever-necessary lollies on training nights! Thank you not only from myself but from all our club members for your wonderful efforts over the years.

I'd like to thank all those parents who regularly help out to ensure that our teams can participate each week. Without your continued support the club could not function! Lastly a big thanks to my family Mel, Brad & Sarah who have tolerated the extra time at the club and who have chipped in to provide assistance continuously throughout the year.

Our club membership continues to increase and next year we would like to see some additional new recruits around the club. Please encourage your friends to join Wests Juniors in 2012. For new members, sign-up weekend will be early February, 2012 or returning members can once again register online. I hope you have enjoyed the season as much as I have. Have an enjoyable and relaxing Christmas break and I hope to see you all back at the club for another season in 2012!

Regards,

#### Rohan Teasdale President



### Auskick

#### Keith "Happy" Wallis Auskick coordinator

Every year the Auskick program keeps on getting bigger and better. We had 65 participants in this year's clinic supported by 13 Wests Juniors players who volunteered their time. The junior boys and girls all had fun while getting a great introduction to AFL. The true measure of clinic's success is the ongoing high level of participation throughout the season. Thank you to all the parents for supporting the club and the clinic throughout the year and bringing your children to Auskick each week. We hope to see you all back at the club in 2012 either as a "Bulldog" in the Saturday home and away competition or for another round of Auskick.

The success of our Auskick clinic depends on the group of helpers from within the Wests Juniors club. Foremost are the assistant coaches who are all past or present players. Thanks again must go to Chris Tison, Fraser Labrom and Darren Smart for their support as assistant coaches. Also lending a hand throughout the year were our enthusiastic assistants Lachlan Barazza, Hamish Buntain, Nicholas Buntain, Thomas Campbell, Mitch Labrom, Sandy Labrom, Harrison Leeds, James Ryan, Thomas Smart, Bradley Teasdale, Sarah Teasdale and Aiden Thompson. It's wonderful to see these boys and girls eager to help with the development of the next generation of club members. Well-done team! I only ever receive compliments from the children and parents about the wonderful environment you all help create.

A big thanks must go to Phill & Mauzie Mulherin for organizing the BBQ each week, Maurie Hand for manning the BBQ and Sue Dielemans and Karen Barazza for regular help in the canteen. Thanks to the Wests committee and members for all their ongoing support with the canteen and sausage sizzles.

Thanks must also go to our Auskick Administrator, Rohan Teasdale, for managing the off field activities and Mel Teasdale for handling all the registrations this year. Finally, we thank Daniel Selby, our AFLBJ Auskick coordinator, for the support we received this year.

Our Auskick program continues to develop over the years. This year we ran a 13 week program with a focus on the fundamental skills of the game early in the season with an increasing shift to actual footy games as the year went on. An additional highlight for some of our Auskick graduates, now in the U8s competition, was a trip to the Gabba to participate in the half time activities.

Overall it was another very successful year for our club based Auskick program.

### **Under 8 White**

#### Coach: Josh Hunt Assistant Coach: Damian Meggitt Manager: Natalie Hunt

The U8 White team had a great year of football and good fun. The players gained experience in playing a competitive team sport and learned the benefit of working together towards a common goal. It was great to see them working out for themselves that when they played in a team structure they could keep the ball in their possession. The kids showed good team spirit, often sharing the ball to ensure that everyone got a chance to contribute. It was a pleasure coaching the team and I really enjoyed getting to know them all and their parents.

#### **Daniel Harris**

Daniel was a keen contributor to the team. His skills developed nicely during the year, particularly improving his ability to kick the ball whilst on the move. As his confidence grew he won more possessions and ended-up kicking quite a few goals in the back half of the season.

#### Sam Hunt

Sam was a different player this year. He learned to maintain concentration and work hard to win the ball. He loved playing each week and remained very enthusiastic. I think he will enjoy moving up to the U9s next year where the rules allow more contact.

#### **Benjamin Johnston**

In his second year, Ben had a huge year. He worked hard all game, every game and demonstrated an ability to read the play and contest to win possessions. He was able to kick the ball to the advantage of team mates and shared the ball on many occasions to give less experienced players an opportunity.

#### **Rodin Martin**

This was Rodin's first year playing in an AFL team and he brought lots of enthusiasm. Over the season he learned to play within a team structure and became quite good at winning the ball using his natural speed and hand-eye coordination. He always seemed to have a smile on his face, even in the heat of the battle.

#### Nicolas Snedden

Nicolas was a natural ball magnet. He is very skillful for his age, remained focussed and played with discipline. He has a safe pair of hands when marking, the presence of mind to run with the ball to create opportunities and disposes of the ball well. I look forward to seeing Nicolas' progression in the U9s next year.

#### Emma Barry

As a first time player and the only girl in the team, it was a gutsy effort by Emma. She was a real pleasure to have in the team and I hope she enjoyed the season. Her pink ball was never far away at training and at game warmups. Emma had some memorable moments with hard won shots for goal that kept the crowd on its toes.

#### Daniel Meggitt

Daniel was another second year player that hit their straps this year. He was able to really impose himself on a game with strong marks and booming kicks. As the season progressed he improved his game further by running with the ball and working hard to kick the ball to the advantage of team mates. Daniel always seemed to be in thick of the action.

#### Noah Russell

Noah was a first time player and one of the younger kids in the team. He worked hard at training and in the games which paid dividends to his development as the season progressed. He improved his skill at collecting the loose ball and ended the season with some memorable shots for goal. Noah will develop into a strong player in 2012, building on his experience from this year.

#### Kodi Mogis

Kodi joined the team part of the way into the season and quickly made an impact. He played with strength and determination. He was a prolific possession winner and used his natural skills to progress the ball forward. Kodi is ready for the U9s and will enjoy the ability to tackle and play a more physical game.



### **Under 8 Maroon**

#### Coach: Jenny Conrad Manager : Max Wise Manager: Elizabeth Griffiths

After accepting the challenge of coaching the 2011 Under 8's Maroon, I thought to myself I've never coached football (this should be interesting) and interesting it was. We started the season as a group of inexperienced players with a blend of experience from a few "old hands", and ended as a group that grew in stature as the season unfolded. As the season progressed the team grew and so did their knowledge and confidence of the game. We ended the season with hardworking, clever little footballers. It was a pleasure to watch their growth and self belief in their ability over the weeks.

Each and every member of the team should be proud of our achievements throughout the 2011 season. You have all shown what can be achieved with hard work, determination, co-operation and team spirit. All in all it was a terrific season for the boys and their supporters.

Thank you to all our parents who assisted happily when required. Your support at our games was invaluable and helps our games run smoothly. A big thank you to parents who helped at training, it always made it easier when this extra support was offered. Thanks to Max Wise who was always there to set up the ground and probably got sick of me asking if the ground was "bigger" than the previous week. To Elizabeth Griffiths, thanks for completing a First Aid Course and taking on Game day responsibilities as First Aid Marshall. We all knew that if needed we were in capable hands. A big thank you to Josh Hunt coach of the Under 8 White team, your support, guidance and knowledge was greatly appreciated. Finally thank you to the boys from Under 9's who played with us on occasion; it was always when we could field as full team. Boys lastly a big thank you for the season, I enjoyed coaching each and every one of you. I will always remember the little things that brought a smile to my face. Everyone improved 100% and gave 110% each game. I could not have asked anymore of you- Well done you are all winners. Don't forget- Always Enjoy your Football!!



#### Gabe Allen

Gabe joined our team towards the end of our season. He showed great potential and was able to take a very strong mark. I hope Gabe decides to play next year.

#### **Dominic Byrne**

Enthusiastic and committed team member Dominic was our quiet achiever, always following instructions given. It was obvious he was putting in extra practice, as his kicking became stronger and his confidence grew. He was a great team player who was delightful to coach. A great year from Dominic and I hope he continues playing AFL.

#### Nicholas Conrad

Nicholas had an enjoyable first season after two years of Auskick. It was great to see his marking become stronger and reading of the play improve. Always happy to play in any position but did like to kick a goal. During the season, Nicholas' understanding of defence work in the backline improved. Well Done- See you next year!

#### Sam Giles

Sam joined our team a little way into the season. His hard work at training started to pay off as his confidence and skills grew. Sam would never stop running until he got to the ball and always tried to pass it to a teammate. He loved the idea of kicking a goal and I always loved his little fist pumps. Very pleased with Sam's progress and know I will see him next year, as he aspires to play for the Hawks!



#### **Edward Griffiths**

Another debut player -Edward always turned up to training willing to listen and learn. His skills and understanding of the game, dramatically improved as the season progressed. Edward's ability to read the ball coming into the backline resulted in many saved goals. Edward should be proud of how far he has come this season and hope to see him back next year!

#### Joshua Vacher

Anyone would have thought Joshua had played before, his ability to anticipate play is uncanny. He never fears what is in front of him as he throws his body at the ball and you know he will never give up until he has hold of the ball. Joshua had a great pair of hands that rarely dropped a mark. A great year Joshua, see you next year!

#### Sami Walsh

Sami was another enthusiastic first year player. He was always a willing listener that followed through instructions. Sami's kicking and marking skill improved throughout the season but most of all so did his understanding of the game especially the role of defence. Good job Sami! See you at the start of next season.

#### **Baxter Wise**

Baxter was our second year experienced player and the boys looked up to him as he offered words of wisdom. Baxter's hands became reliable as he held many a mark and his kicking accuracy to team mates improved. Baxter was an unselfish player who shared the ball, even if it meant giving up a shot of goal. Good Luck in the Under 9's!

#### Archer Wood

Archer was another of our second year players and the boys enjoyed listening to his advice. In the centre zone Archer often reminded me of a conductor, as he set his players in positions at the ruck. He was always willing to put his body on the line as he tried to win the ball. Archer's skill and confidence has grown and I'm sure he will enjoy playing in the Under 9's. Well Done!



### **Under 9 White**

#### Coach: Ian Selth Assistant Coach and Manager: Ian Judson

The Under 9 Whites had a great year, again characterised by their teamwork and sportsmanship. This was particularly pleasing with five players joining the team who all showed these qualities along with the returning players.

The team was a very determined group, taking pride in their performance. At times they looked like a senior AFL team with their ability to follow instructions, find space and share the ball.

When in possession of the ball, we were able to control play by looking for a team mate who was open. Defensively, the team worked very hard to pressure the opposition, they ran well through the midfield and always gave themselves a chance up forward by looking for the player in the best position.

I would like to thank Ian Judson who acted as both assistant coach and team manager. It has been a pleasure to have your assistance. The support you gave the team was fantastic and certainly made my task of coaching an easy one. Special thanks also to Rob and Catriona Labrom and Jodie Martin for looking after the team's first aid at home games and Scott Kiel-Chisholm who was always willing to assist in any way he could at training and on match days.

To all the parents, thanks very much bringing your children to training and games during the season. Your involvement in your child's support is fantastic.

Last but not least, I would like thank the players for their willingness to listen, learn and improve. You should all be very proud of what you did this year!



#### Ethan Cuppari

Ethan was playing his second season and had a couple of stand out games throughout the year which really highlighted his potential. As the smallest player in the team, he does most of his work and ground level where he could regularly be found winning possession. He was particularly effective in the midfield and when he went forward loved to take a shot at goal. Ethan again proved a delight to coach this year. Well done Ethan, you had a great year!

#### **Mitch Labrom**

Mitch had an excellent year. Each week he could always be found working hard at the bottom of the pack. As the season progressed, he also displayed the improvement in his kicking and marking skills and became one the most consistent players in the team. His standout game of the year was against a very strong Kenmore team, where he dominated the forward line play in the 3rd quarter. His teamwork throughout the season was evident by his willingness to bring other players into the game. Congratulations Mitch on another great year!

#### **Milo Hunter**

Milo joined the team this year, having arrived in Australia from New York in 2010. Milo had an immediate impact on the team with his cheerful personality. New to the game, Milo worked very hard to learn the skills of the game. By mid season, he was playing very well. Always keen to share his thoughts, Milo played his best football either in attack or defence. As he learns to read the play more, Milo will improve further. Well done Milo, a great first season!

#### **Tom Evans**

Tom was in his first season at Wests this year, having previously played with Moggill. He immediately impressed with his running ability, his kicking and ability to read the play. From his first game, he had an impact on the team, with his ability to accumulate possessions and willingness to work hard. Tom also showed courage beyond his years, most significantly against Kenmore when he contested a mark running back with the flight of the ball. Well done Tom, you were a pleasure to coach and had a great year!

#### **Jack Martin**

Jack was also new to the team in 2011, having previously played at Moggill. Still eligble for under 8's, Jack showed great determination each week, really enjoying the physical contest. His game was characterised by his ability to win contested possession, his Torpedo punts and most significantly his team ethic. His best football was played in the midfield and defence, although he did manage to get on the scoreboard on many occasions. I look forward to seeing Jack's football develop over the coming year. Congratulations Jack on a fantastic year!

#### **Hugo Allen**

Hugo is a great reader of the play, and uses this and his excellent athletic abilities to find himself in the right spots. When he got the ball in hand, his penetrating kick always resulted in setting up play for his team mates of a score for the team. His marking was again excellent. The most pleasing aspect from my point of view about Hugo's game this year was his defensive work rate. He regularly used his running ability to put pressure on opponents and create turnovers. His great goal sense was again on display regularly throughout the year. Great stuff Hugo, you again had an outstanding season!

#### **Christopher Kiel-Chisholm**

Chris's game continued to develop during the year. His natural athleticism provides a great platform for him to grow his game as a footballer. As he gains confidence in his skills, he will improve further as a footballer. His teamwork this year was outstanding, with his first thought always to hand off to a teammate. He performed well in all zones, with his standout performances coming from defence and the drive he

sometimes gave the team from the middle. Congratulations Chris on an excellent season.

#### **Charlie Selth**

Charlie is a hard worker who constantly practices his skills. He was probably the most effective kick in the team, regularly hitting his target with his trusty left foot. His marking was again at a very high standard and most pleasingly, his work at ground level really improved throughout the season. Charlie displayed very good defensive skills throughout the year and also had the ability to find space when he was in an attacking role. Like many of his team mates, Charlie displays excellent team work skills and regularly brought other players into the game. Well done Charlie, you had a great year!

#### Will Hunt

Will is our team's most experienced player, having played his 50th game early in the season. Will played some excellent football throughout the year, particularly in attack where he was able to utilise his strong overhead marking and excellent kicking skills to great effect. Will could always be counted on to liven up training with his sense of humour and his smiling face. His happy disposition was always appreciated. Will has a very solid base upon which to develop his football and if he works at it, will be a very good footballer in years to come. You had a great year Will!

#### **Bayley Judson**

Bayley had another outstanding year. Athletic and talented, he has been outstanding in the way he has approached his football. His game is highlighted by his marking skills, but it his ability to play equally well in all three zones and the teamwork he displays that make him stand out as a player. His influence on the team is significant as his work rate is outstanding in games. He is able to win contested possessions but also makes and uses space very well. He is a naturally talented footballer who has the work ethic to continue to develop. He is a pleasure to coach and I look forward to see him develop in future years. Excellent effort this year Bayley, well done!

#### **Liam Daniel**

Liam was another new player to the team this year, after having done Auskick for a couple of year. He was always at training, working hard to improve his skills and develop his game sense. Liam could always be relied upon to put in a 100% effort on game day as well. During the season, his game was highlighted by his determination to win the ball in pack situations and to put

defensive pressure on his opponents. Well done Liam, you did really well in your first year!





### **Under 9 Maroon**

#### Coach: Jon Atherton Assistant Coach: Wendy Campbell Manager: Fiona Kearney

West's U9 Maroon have built on their success in 2010, strong individual performances combining to create a formidable team. They've shown great skills and teamwork still feared by opposition for all the right reasons, as the game gets tougher, these guys step up! What is also great to see is their sportsmanlike behaviour – something we've worked on this year as they develop – at times this has left the opposition somewhat baffled, but these guys are going to grow up more rounded players as a result. I enjoyed coaching them again this year, and their enthusiasm and obvious fun they have in playing the greatest game on earth is fantastic to see.

It's been a great pleasure coaching these guys again and I look forward to seeing them all back next year. Thanks to the parents for bringing them along, I think we have a great group and I'm looking forward to seeing you all again next year. The West's U8 Maroons are a great team, but the constant skills improvement, enthusiasm and teamwork are going to make this a great team into the future as well. Just for a bit of fun, below are a few quotable quotes; got to love the unbridled optimism of youth:



"I could not wait every week for Saturday to come as I enjoyed every minute at AFL. This year my kicks have got heaps better"

"I like AFL because of the feeling of snapping a goal."

"I want to be a Brisbane Lions player for AFL'

"I am going to be a professional AFL player when I grow up so therefore I don't need to do any reading or writing homework ever again"

"My kicks have improved so when I grow up it will be better, and Ive met some really good friends."

"I like kicking goals, and I also like seeing my AFL friends."

"I enjoy making friends, taking marks, running with the ball, hand passing yeah" "The best thing I Liked about playing AFL was making new friends and challenging other teams"

The U9 Maroon team:

Samuel Atherton Marcus Berehulak Hamish Buntain Thomas Campbell John Heales Harrison Leeds James Ledingham Thomas Kearney Advaith Suresh Matthew van Rooven Rupert Wells

All round a great group of boys - we're looking forward to 2012



### **Under 10 White**

#### **Coach: Stephen Vick**

2011 was a fantastic year for the Under 10 Whites. The team comprised a mix of new and veteran players and it was evident early in the year the boys would be very competitive. While training seemed to be the perfect opportunity to test my patience, game day was a different story with the boys displaying discipline, determination, and courage.

Midway through the season the team lost one of it's key players to the under 11's. The boys initially considered this loss to be a catastrophe; however it unwittingly provided the opportunity for many individuals to step up and shine, and the team was stronger for it.

I would like to thank Helen Buntain and Glen Corder for managing the team, Lyle Brown for his valuable coaching assistance, Bill Guy for his motivational half-time pep talks, and to all the parents and supporters for contributing to a successful season.



#### **Gabriel Brown**

Gabriel comes from good stock and developed a strong game mid season when financial incentives were added to his contract. He is a consistent all rounder and dedicated team member.

#### Louie Buchan

Louie played his first AFL season coming to the game from a Rugby background. Louie brought strength and physical presence to the team. Louie improved as the season progressed. He developed good ball handling and bump skills and became a solid defender.

#### Nick Buntain

Nick is a highly motivated and a dynamic player. He possesses excellent ball skills and is a natural leader. Nick transferred to the U11's mid season, after the AFL launched an inquiry into an alleged salary cap breach, taking the team manager and medic with him.

#### Angus Clark

Angus is a committed and enthusiastic team member. Angus had a great season and worked hard at developing and improving his skills.

#### **Hamish Corder**

Hamish is a natural athlete with safe hands. He is a versatile player and adapts well to all positions on the field. As the season progressed he developed a strong attacking game and kept the ball moving.

#### Nathan Donald

Nathan is quick on his feet and although slight is stature he displays an abundance of courage and determination. Nathan was a consistent performer. He played a great running game and could always find open space.

#### **Harry Douglass**

Harry has one speed... Flat out! He possesses loads of natural talent, a safe overhead mark, and a strong kick. Harry enjoys being the playmaker and can be relied upon to pull out something special when needed.

#### Alexander Flintoff

Alexander has a big left foot kick and strong overhead mark. His boot was regularly relied upon to deliver the ball deep into opposition territory. Alexander is a polite young man, who is highly motivated, focused, and committed to the team.

#### **Alex Guy**

Alex is a seasoned player and born leader with a wealth of talent. He is a larrikin at training and a committed team member on game day always giving 110%.

#### Max Heath

Max is a great all rounder with natural ability. He is agile, quick on his feet, and capable of finding gaps in the opposition's defence. Max displayed strong abilities across all field positions.

#### Thomas Hunt

Thomas is a veteran who loves his footy. He is a great all rounder with a strong kicking, running and marking game. Tom's "tall" DNA gives him a distinct advantage in the Ruck (something he wasn't ashamed to exploit).

#### **Ben Hunter**

New to the Club, Ben impressed all with his ball handling skills and athleticism. Ben was a great contributor to the team and is a confident and passionate player.

#### **Francis Rayson**

Frank was new to the club and brought with him an enthusiastic supporter base. Frank is a courageous young man, and although a featherweight, he often put his body on the line for the benefit of the team. Frank kept me amused with his on field theatrics.

#### Sam Snedden

Sam enjoyed his first season at the club and developed solid foot and hand skills. He is an enthusiastic player with a strong kick and is a great addition to the team and club.

#### **Andrew Vick**

Andrew enjoyed his third season developing confidence and strong ball handling skills as the season progressed. Andrew found his place in the midfield. He enjoyed fighting for the ball and worked well with his teammates to move the ball from the centre zone and create scoring opportunities.





### **Under 10 Maroon**

#### Coach: Lindsay Trigar Assistant Coach: Andrew Bolton Manager: Bill Wilson

The boys in the U10 Maroon team had a great season of football and we had a great time coaching them. My thanks go to Andrew Bolton, my assistant coach who even drove down to training one night from a holiday at the coast without his son (That's commitment) and to my manager Bill Wilson (and his PA). Thank you for covering the organisational side of our season. We never had a weekend without snakes or oranges and we became the envy of all the other sides of the club in our ability to keep Rohan happy. To the parents thanks for coming along and helping out where possible. As a group this is a great group of boys.

As you read the below section from my assistant coach, Andrew you will notice that the boys under took a lot more than just the regular season. The opportunity to play in the knock out carnival against teams that we don't normally see from the other side of town was a wonderful experience. And as Andrew explains in his (tour diary) the trip to Melbourne was an unbelievable weekend, a full report is on the club web page. Once again it was an honour to coach these boys and I believe we have in this group the makings of a wonderful future at West's.

#### Harry Wilson

Our best player for season 2011, Harry also played games in the U11 and U12's and was never out of place at any level. Harry has a great work rate and continues to bring team mates into the game with his handball and passing. Well done and great season to the tackling machine.



#### William Trigar

Will had another great season and adds a strong overhead mark to his game. William was called up to help out in both the U11's and U12's and also did well in all grades. William's consistency throughout the season was great to see and he was rarely beaten one on one.

#### Harry Rackemann

A gritty hard working member of the team once Harry learnt to stay on his feet he became one of our best players week in week out. Crackers is a well respected and entertaining member of our team who brings more than just his courage and skill to the side.

#### **Connor Bulley**

A great season. At times did some very classy things and showed a good football brain. When Connor uses his body to crash packs and wrestle the ball from the opposition he adds value to the team. The harder he works, the more ball he gets.

#### **Harry Middleton**

A hard working player who was always keen to be involved. Trained hard and worked hard on his game. Harry always attacked the ball at one hundred miles per hour. After an injury interrupted season in 2010, Harry's confidence and in turn output on game day reached great heights this year.

#### **Ollie Carroll – Collerson**

Ollie tried hard every game and developed his hand ball and kicking skills as the season progressed. A committed team member, Ollie really enjoys his footy and this was notable as he gained more possessions with greater confidence this season.

#### Jack Royce

Every week I set "Bungie" the goal of taking two marks and by seasons end he was achieving it. Another player who showed great improvement during the season. The entire coaching staff was very proud of Jack's skills and courage he displayed throughout the season and can't wait to see him dominate next year.

#### Jack Donoghue

Jack improved every week of the season and by the end of the year was one of our best and consistent players. A season defining game at home where he wore a huge bump then rebounded straight up was the catalyst for a classy and skilful finish to the season.

#### **Dylan Jackway**

A first year player who worked hard on learning the game and improving his skills. Always tries hard and will be a much better player next season for his experience. The development of Dylan was swift and noticeable as he is eager to learn and took the skills into games and was never afraid to put his body on the line.

#### Alex Wilson

Worked hard on his game all season. Kicked some good goals for us and continues his improvement. Like JD, he too took a big hit in a game at home and jumped up smiling realising he is tough and responded by really getting involved in every game following. Great season Alex.

#### Jake Sommerville

First season of AFL and what a great season it was. Jack is a natural sportsman and his Rugby league tacking skill was seen a few times during the season. The season finished too early as Jake was on the verge of dominating games through a combination of his well developed AFL skills and knowledge of the game. A very popular team member.

#### **Nicolas Austin**

Nick continues his strong improvement of the past two seasons and kicked some great goals for us. When he played in the back line always ran hard at the football. A new found confidence in his own ability and a bigger bodied contributed to much greater output for Nick this season. Congratulations mate.

#### **Dominic Thompson**

Dom was a welcome addition to the Bulldogs in 2011. His energy and enthusiasm at training and games was fantastic to watch. His skills improved out of sight and we look forward to seeing him develop and continue to enjoy his football in 2012.

#### Sebastian Rodwell

Seb contributed in every game he played and understands the game of AFL very well. A popular member of the team, we really look forward to seeing Seb back next year and anticipate big things from him as his skills and ability to play team football are already of a high standard.

#### Sam Bolton

Sam is a very tough competitor despite playing a year above his age group. A very physical player, his booming left foot turned defence into attack many times and his running game was taken to another level in 2011 as well. Sam is a popular member of the U10 Maroons and we expect big things from him in 2012.

What a magnificent developmental year, both physically and mentally our boys have endured. 2011 saw more than a handful of our team play their 4th consecutive year of competitive club footy. Some of our group are new to the team this year but the majority have been together for some years now. A well mannered and committed bunch who continue to enjoy their footy week to week.....

There was nothing that this season gave to our boys more than the Carnival at Alexander Hills, with the exception of our inaugural trip to Melbourne, which I will touch on later. The Carnival was an opportunity to really bond together as a team and commit to six (6) somewhat shortened games, comprising a 30 minute break between them. With the inclusion of several players from our Whites Team (thanks to Steven Vick), the boys lifted their heads and their hearts to play some incredible tactical and at times aggressive (at the ball), footy. Some years ago this Carnival had a winning team at the end of the day a trophy was awarded. Alas, not anymore, but if you tally the goals scored (which our boys happen to do!), then we were the victors with six games from six and clearly felt like winners. The team spirit displayed was awesome and the vigour in singing the team song after playing Jindalee was inspirational. A long day.... Some tired boys..., but a bonded group of close mates.

### Under 11

#### Coach: Keith "Happy" Wallis Manager: Shannon Beaumont

The U11 team had an enjoyable season playing ALF without zones and with full tackling rules. They were able to show off their football knowledge and skills combining to form a great team who are well and truly ready for youth football in 2012. Thank you to Sandy Labrom who played almost every game for us. Your experience, ball skills and team play were very much appreciated. Thanks also to the many U10 players who filled in throughout the season. To all the parents who helped out with jobs each week – the game could not go on without you. The team players thank you all.

#### Seraj Anoozer

Seraj clearly enjoyed playing 2 games of AFL a week – filling-in all season for the Under 12 White team. Seraj's running game is a delight to watch and his long, penetrating licks are a highlight of his game. Enjoying the thrill of scoring a goal or two, Seraj is a wonderful mid-fielder who is also very effective in the forward 50.

#### Khai Beaumont

Khai had a great season. Khai used his speed to his advantage when roving the packs, putting in great effort to get in and under the taller players and first to the ball. Khai was able to supply some good defensive work as well, always running hard at the ball. Whilst joining the Under 12 White's Khai's confidence grew when as he won the ball with some great tackles.

#### Ryan Bell

Rejoining the team after a season at soccer, it was evident that Ryan was pleased to be back and he certainly enjoyed celebrating his 50th game early in the season. Ryan reads the play well, playing in front of his player with some accurate hand-balling to set up many forward movements of the ball allowing the team to get some running play in action. Ryan trained hard and his enthusiasm at training was a great example to his team mates.



#### **Daniel Belperio**

This season it was a bonus to the team to have Daniel playing again. Thanks for not moving to Adelaide this year, Daniel! Daniel is a player who uses his speed to this advantage, grabbing the ball and sprinting away from his opponent. Combined with a long, accurate kick Daniel could help move the ball quickly forward from our defence. A great season Daniel.

#### Nicholas Buntain

Nick was a very welcome addition to our team, joining half way through the season from the Under 10's. From his very first game Nick showed his knowledge of the game and backed this with some great footy skills. Nick's strength at gathering the ball and smoothly passing it to a team member was invaluable in creating some memorable passages of play.

#### **Jonathon Coates**

New players, Jonathon seemed determined to learn as much as he could as quickly as he could. He listened well at training and took new skills into each match. Accurate hand-balling from Khai set up many forward movements of the ball allowing the team to get some running play in action. When playing in the forwards he could be relied upon to score a goal or two. Jonathon also enjoyed playing for the Under 12 Whites.

#### **Max Clayton**

Max's speed and agility were a joy to watch. He is able to read the play always positioning himself in front of his opponent ready to take a great mark. He kept the ball moving forward with many goals resulting from his efforts and kicking a few himself. He is a good, solid player who has the ability to drive the ball deep into the forward line.

#### **Cameron Edwards**

Cameron has a good understanding of the game and how it is played, allowing him to contribute well to the passages of team play. He was able to wear down his opponents in defence and was never far from the action. Cameron attacked the ball and delivered it accurately to his team mates resulting in getting the ball down the field to acquire a few goals. Unafraid of getting hurt, Cameron regularly put his body on the line resulting in a few heavy clashes.

#### Sandy Goetjens

Sandy could always be relied upon to man-up in defence, effectively keeping his opponent out of the play. He played his 50th game this season and his experience in the team showed through. He has a good understanding of the game and how it is played thus allowing him to contribute well to the passages of team play. Sandy has the ability to play at both ends of the ground but is particularly effective in the forward line, kicking goals from seemingly impossible angles.

#### Jack Guy

Jack had another good season of AFL and is a player who gets involved at every occasion. Jack is always willing to make a contest of the play no matter where he was on the ground. He has worked hard at training and this is seen when watching him play on a Saturday.

#### Scott Harris

Joining us from soccer, it was easy to see that Scott had made a great choice in changing games. Scott slotted into the full-back position in the team and had a fantastic season. He has an uncanny ability to read the play and and know when to come forward to chase the ball or when to hang back to intercept the ball in the goal square. Watch out all next year's full-forwards – Scott will be there to shut you down.

#### **Bob Norumu**

This was Bob's first season of football although he played like a veteran of the game. It was almost as though he had a magnetic attraction for the ball. If the ball was within reach, Bob would be the player who claimed the ball out of the pack. His ducking and weaving out of a tackle were magic to watch. With a strong running game Bob is set on the path of a wonderful season in 2012.

#### **Alexander Penklis**

This was Alex's first season of AFL. His skills improved each game and he proved to be a very valuable contributor to the team and his athletic background was evident. He was continually in the middle of the packs fighting for the ball, more often than not winning these contests. Alex showed a lot of skill this season being able to take some great marks on the run.



#### Sarah Teasdale

Sarah's game continued to improve as the season went on. Her defensive skills are a strong part of her game and she is quick to apply a very effective tackle to an opponent with the ball. Sarah can quite often be relied on to gather up a loose ball and effectively pass it on to a running team mate. Sarah's season finished on a high note – playing in the Sunfire Superstars Western region rep team and chalking up her 100<sup>th</sup> game for West's in the U12 div 5 Grand Final. Well done, Sarah.

#### Zachary Wells

Zac was again a very reliable player this year. His confidence grew as the season progressed and this showed through in his game. He was committed to pulling in any loose balls and delivering them down the ground. Tackling practise at training was put to good use in the games as Zac applied many great tackles, turning over the ball to give Wests the advantage.

### Under 12 White (Division 5)

#### Coach: Steve Martin Assistant Coach: Adrian Muir Manager: Craig Mercer

**Grand Finalists for 2011** - the U12 White team has had an outstanding 2011 season. The team excelled on and off the field with a great team spirit emerging in the initial grading games and lasting all season long.

The team started the year with a core group of 16 enthusiastic U12 players. This core was supplemented weekly with some fantastic support from our U11 team. A total of eight U11 players ended up playing for us at varying stages throughout the season, with six qualifying to play the final series for us. A huge thank you to them and their parents for committing to this second match every weekend.

Ably coached by Steve Martin and Adrian Muir – both new to the club this year – the team continued to build a formidable repertoire of skills all year long. The team may have tired of hearing "Head over the ball!" or "Play the ball not the man!" or "Get down on the ball!" – but by season's end these instructions were a solid part of game play for all team members.

Lastly, a huge thank you to an enthusiastic band of volunteers and supporters – our families. And so to the players themselves  $\ldots$ 



#### Seraj Anoozer

Seraj might be an U11 player, but he stepped up to U12 footy with impressive powerful kicking skills and overhead marking skills. He was never afraid to get into the tussle for the ball, and delivered ball up forward at every opportunity. A great season Seraj – well done!

#### Khai Beaumont

What Khai lacks in stature, he makes up for with a "never say die" attitude to his football. Stepping up into youth footy from U11, Khai roved tirelessly supplying ball to his team via a quick handpass or kick. Thanks Khai.

#### Aidan Burke

One of the tall men of the team, Aiden's work in the ruck and up forward proved invaluable all season. His ability to mark the ball above the heads of many opposition provided a fantastic team asset and reference point in the forward line. Congratulations on an outstanding season!

#### **Max Clayton**

Max combines speed, agility and strength, and is the consummate footballer. His desire to be first to the ball is balanced with great tackling ability – superb skills for an U11 player. Penetrating kicking, lightening fast hand balls, and hunger to win have made Max a welcome addition to the team. Awesome effort Max.

#### **Jonathon Coates**

Another of our U11 recruits, Jonathon was an asset to the team from the beginning. Playing in a variety of positions, Jonathon proved to be adept at the quick handpass. With a developing kick and some good defensive skills, he provided necessary depth to our team.

#### Sandy Goetjens

Yet another U11 player to the team – Sandy provided height and strength to the half forward flank and half back flank positions he played in throughout the season. His kicking made a positive difference on many occasions to games outcomes. Well done Sandy.



#### **Stephen Goodhill**

Our captain for the season, Stephen made the position of Centre Half Back his own from the very beginning. His ability to read the play, run the ball, and gather in the ball was the decisive difference for our team on many occasions. He ran and kicked and tackled tirelessly every week. Awesome season Stephen!

#### **Patrick Hart**

"Quiet, yet determined!" would be the words to sum up Patrick's performance this year. Deceptively fast and strong, Patrick can move his way and the ball up field all game long. Great season Pat.

#### Sami Heinonen-Barnes

Sami played an inspiring half season for us in 2011. In his role on the ball and as Vice Captain, he inspired others with decisive actions and positive feedback in every game he played.

#### **Harry Hingston**

Harry has had a great season! Quiet by nature, but with steely determination, his ability to gather in the ball on the run and hit open space at speed has been a joy to watch in 2011. Great job Harry.

#### **Tristan Jewell**

In his first season of AFL Tristan showed a clean pair of heels dominating on half back and half forward positions. Fast and with great strength, he pounced on the loose ball at every opportunity. Terrific season Tristan.

#### Liam Martin

On debut for wests in 2011, Liam proved a tireless performer all season. Playing on ball in the ruck, Liam inspired all with his ability to move from one end of the ground to the other all day long. A penetrating kick and great marking ability, Liam proved to be the decisive difference in many contests. Welcome to Wests, Liam – great season.

#### **Thomas Meggitt**

Playing most of the season on the wing, Thomas' great "turn of speed" and penetrating kicking sent us into attack many times. His marking ability improved tremendously throughout the season. Keep moving forward Thomas – great season!

#### **Dominic Mercer**

Dom played in a variety of positions throughout the season, usually in the forward or back pocket positions. Dom proved adept at covering players in defensive positions, and using his height to advantage where possible to provide another target in the forward line. Great year Dom.

#### **Charlie Muir**

One of the most agile and tenacious players on the team, Charlie can run all day and many times did for the benefit of the team. He is a complete player – one who can read the play and seemingly react to it with little conscious thought. He excels in being first to the ball. Awesome effort Charlie!

#### **Chris Smith**

Chris possesses a vicious tackle and strong kick – both useful attributes for an all rounder like Chris. He played in a variety of positions all year, but developed good defensive skills was rewarded with the role of Full Back for the later part of the season. Great job Chris!

#### Alexander Swainston

New to AFL in 2011, Alex developed a formidable reputation in the back line. He could be relied upon to halt the progress of an attacking team and send up deep into attack with penetrating kicks and quick handpasses. A player to watch in the coming years. Well done Alex.

#### Harrison Swainston

Another debutant in 2011, Harry showed a tenacious spirit throughout the season. He quickly developed a range of formidable skills, and by season's end was showing us the makings of a complete footballer. Congratulations on a wonderful season, Harry.

#### Sarah Teasdale

Sarah was another of our U11 players who volunteered to assist the U12 team on a weekly basis. Her defensive ability, and position awareness, meant that she was always ready to swoop in and move the ball quickly with a clean handpass to an available player. Another great season Sarah!

#### Beau Walker-Tyrrell

Beau has continued to show that training effort reaps game day rewards. Beau's ability to mark the ball, and move it quickly forward has been impressive all year. By season's end, his tackling ability and support play were a joy to watch. Well done, Beau.

#### **Charles Walker-Tyrrell**

This is Charlie's second season playing the game, and it proved to be a great one. His positive attitude and efforts on training nights translated into solid performances on game day without exception. His kicking and marking skills have improved significantly throughout the season.

#### Callum Zipf

Callum's second AFL season proved to be a beauty. No one can question his commitment to the game and the team. His desire to get to the ball was matched by a solid kick that has consolidated over the season. Great job Callum.



### Under 12 Maroon (Division 1)

#### Coaches: Andrew Sivijs and Darren Smart Manager: Gavin Robinson

Well, what a year we have had. The club had two Under 12s for the first time in many years. This presented a core list of 36 players with additional Under 11 and Under 10 players supporting both teams throughout the year.

The club graded all boys and two teams were nominated in the under 12s. The benchmark of reaching the finals was established with the boys in pre-season training sessions as we firmly believed this was achievable. To the credit of all the players, coaches, managers and parents, both teams (Maroons and Whites) played in the respective Grand Finals for their divisions in September. Seven months after having navigated many, many quarters of football, having experienced the highs and lows of competitive sport, both teams proudly represented Wests Juniors AFC on the biggest stage.

It had also been many years since Wests Juniors had an Under 12 Division 1 team. Division 1 comprised of six teams and presented a great challenge for all of us. The boys took the challenge on and coming into Round 1, were confident of their abilities. Aspley at Aspley. A very tough start. The boys played well in stages but quickly understood what Division 1 really meant and were soundly beaten by 58 points. Parents were looking shaky and there were calls for the coaches and the club to get the team to the lower Division 'where we belonged!'

The coaching and management team comprising Andrew Sivijs, Darren Smart, Gavin Robinson (Team Manager) and Stephen Leeds (our most capable runner), didn't panic and quickly assessed where small improvements could be made. Our team played for fun, friendship and the pride of the club throughout 2011 and this was very apparent when we shocked Kedron in the second game at Oakman Park and we had our first famous victory in the highest Division! To their credit, the lads were very relaxed leading up to this game. Our club song echoed across the ground and parents were swelling with pride. This win built the foundation for the year and the self-belief across the playing group (and parents) was evident. We were on our way.

The boys continued to train hard and proceeded to win the next six games including beating Aspley by a couple of points with 17 players. What a turn around. By the half way mark, we were equal top of the league. We now had a genuine chance of not only playing finals but looking at a top two spot. The Representative teams were chosen and we had five players selected in the Met West team (Lachlan Barazza, Luke Saunders, Ethan Sivijs, Hainian Yu and Jack Clayton) which won the State Championship. Jack was further selected for the Queensland team with a couple of the other boys very unlucky not to make the team.

After a well earned break for the June holidays, the boys came back fresh and won four of the next five games to finish in second spot. The highlight of these last games was Round 14 against Coorparoo where the boys played four quarters of structured football and kept the double chance in the finals. Overall, it was a tremendous year and other highlights included: giving Coorparoo a shock loss on their home ground; smacking Redlands (pre-season favourites) at their home ground and the look of

shock on their faces; showing tremendous commitment to come from three goals down at half-time in the preliminary final to beat Coorparoo convincingly and win a berth in the Grand Final.



In the Grand Final, our boys fought hard all day and displayed their usual grit, courage and excellent endeavour against a stronger opponent. Within a sniff of victory at three-quarter time, we just couldn't climb the mountain. We didn't get the result we craved but heads were held high, the club song was belted out and we proudly collected our medals. It was disappointing to stumble at the last hurdle but it was also very satisfying at having achieved so much. The boys responded well to the coaches each week and all developed their skills in the game. This group of boys has been a pleasure to coach and we look forward to watching and hopefully participate in their maturing into young men over the next few years.

The coaches would like to think Gavin, who as team manager, worked tirelessly and ensured each week we had all the support we needed around the team. Thanks Gavin. Thanks to Steve Leeds, our runner, who barely had a moments rest....and Wayne Braybrook who also helped out. Thanks mums and dads....it was a long season but you'll agree, a special one indeed. Finally, well done to our team of bulldogs. We could never question your spirit and love for the game. You gave us a treat over 2011 and we certainly enjoyed

Each boy brought something special to the team and the following words are a snippet of each boy.

#### Ethan Sivijs (#1)

Ethan was a leader all across the ground. Silky skills and knows how to get the football. Loved to train and train and train. He was always keen to learn more and led by example each week. Ethan is maturing into a good footballer and if he keeps this up over the next few years, then more representative footy awaits and maybe a future star in the making.

#### Fletcher Evans(#2)

New to Wests in 2011, Fletch settled like a 100 game veteran. Given the tough jobs off the half back line, he put his head over the ball constantly and defended to the end. Courageous and a straight runner, he never flinched at the contest. A member of the 'train-like-you-play' brigade, the coaches new he'd turn up week after week. No job too tough – thanks for choosing Wests Fletch!

#### Sandy Labrom (#3)

Sandy, another dependable member of our back 6. For a player who loves to score goals, or should we say sneak goals, (and he kicked a few this year), has developed into a dependable half back flanker. Wonderful team player and really enjoyed his footy. Well done.

#### Aiden Thompson (#)

Tireless worker and put his body on the line continuously. He was a joy to coach and one of the fittest boys on the paddock. He was known for hitting the pack and his opponent very hard. A favourite with his teammates, Aidan quick to assist and never gave up. Top effort.

#### Lachan Barazza (#5)

Lachlan was part of our leadership group and developed his knowledge of the game and how it is played to a high level this year. His strong and hard at-the-ball footy skills were wonderful to watch each week. Just keeps getting better. Good one Lachie. Isaac Trigar (#6): A season interrupted by a serious foot injury, Isaac was always around the team and gave us glimpses of his excellent foot and hand skills. As a half forward flanker, was able to play the link-man effectively when on the paddock. He was hard on the training track and great team man. Thanks for having a strong spirit Isaac!

#### Luke Sanders (#7)

A player who knows no fear, Luke held down the centre position for most of the year. The quiet assassin, Luke took no prisoners in 2011 and busted many packs to our advantage. A cheeky grin concealed a rugged interior and a boy who just wanted to play footy. He was also a member of the Met West Team which won the State Championships. Just keep go hard Luke. Well done.

#### Tom Smart (#8)

Having been given the full back role early in the season, Tom made it his patch. A difficult and challenging position in Division 1, Tom worked relentlessly and was the general in the back half. He was capable of a run in the ruck and often belted the ball to our advantage. Another boy who loved to train. Top effort all season Smarty.

#### Jack Prescott (#9)

Direct from Kevin Sheedy's school of football, Jack held down the other back pocket. Tough and uncompromising, he often surprised with a great grab or a spin out of the pack. He always made his opponent's life difficult and his commitment could never be questioned. A very good year Jack.

#### Nathan Loy (#10)

A locomotive had nothing on Nathan in 2011! Our own human wrecking ball, Nathan was one of the keys to our early success in 2011. Nathan kicked a number of goals and showed strength and balance to break the pack and surge forward. Nathan tried

his best and despite a serious foot injury, improved his game over the season. Well done mate.

#### Jack Clayton (#11)

Playing up in U13s, Jack assisted us at every opportunity. He captained the Met West State Champions and also captained the Queensland team. Skilled, tough and relentless, the boys were thrilled when Jack could be part of the team. A leader in every sense, Jack has a bright footy future ahead of him. A talker on the training track and has a real 'football brain'. Thanks Jack.

#### Patrick Robinson(#12)

As a key forward, Patrick worked very hard for the team and bumped and bustled the opposition. He kicked a number of excellent goals and displayed some fine overhead marking. A consummate team player, he fronted for the Grand Final with a broken finger and showed passion for his footy. Another year of learning Patty...very well done!

#### Billy Boulton (#13)

Juggling AFL and rugby over 2011 was tough but when we had Billy, he came to play! Rugged and fearless, Billy hit every pack and opponent with abandon. Sometimes given the task of closing down the most dangerous opponent, he showed he is a natural for this game. Billy was a fine contributor. AFL is your game Billy!!



#### Hainian Yu (#15)

As a member of the 2011 Met West State Champion team, Hainian's year was interrupted with illness. His kicking and hand skills could be very smooth and Hainian tried his best throughout the year. He did show he has strength and pace during the finals and we look forward to a full 2012. Stay positive Hainain!

#### Will Wilson (#16)

Solid all round skills and committed to the contest as our ruckman. Will was dominant overhead and part of the tough on-ball brigade. Loved to have joke at training and was fun to coach. Quick with the lip but could back it up with some inspirational performances. Excellent effort Will...now focus!

#### Julian Braybrook (#17)

Often given a tough role at centre-half back, Julian was steadfast and rugged. He was usually playing on a larger opponent and worked physically to take them out of the

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game. A strong individual with plenty of courage. He was a pleasure to coach was quick to learn. Another great season Julian.

#### Zane Vozvoteca (#18)

Zane made back pocket his own in 2011 and experienced massive improvements in all facets of his game. He has a delightful demeanour and another who was fun to coach on Tuesdays and Thursdays. A surprise performer who was simply rock solid. Mr Reliable, he was hard at the footy every week. A brilliant season Mr Z!

#### Billy Bingham (#23)

Never stopped trying, (or talking), over the season. Billy was a REAL character and if he ever learns to listen, will rule the world one day. A gift of the gab and loved to be with his mates who enjoyed having him in the team. Gave everything we asked. Well done Billy!

#### Will Peden (#24)

Despite his lack of size, very early in the season he indicated, he was capable of hitting the contest at top pace and tackling as effectively as any of his team mates. A consistent performer, Will was another surprise package in 2011. Fast and fit, he ran all day and never shirked at the big hits. A cheeky lad, he was great to coach. Superb season Mr Peden!

#### Jack Leeds (#27)

Playing a year above his age, Jack joined us from Melbourne and immediately displayed some excellent skills. His long arms could reach to the sky and pluck the ball from nowhere. An excellent kick and well balanced, Jack tried his heart out. Thanks for your effort Jack....Steve, be very proud of his contribution and yours.

#### Sam Jury (#28)

Small, fast and skilful. That was the 2011 version of Sam - very much the same as last year. Quiet and cheerful, Sam was hard at the ball and showed an uncanny ability to be in and under with a quick kick or handball. A wonderful boy to coach, Sam committed to giving his best on every occasion. Huge year of footy Sam!

#### Harry Wilson and Will Trigar (U10s)

Harry and Will assisted us in many games when we were short of players. Both displayed outstanding courage and skills beyond their age group and despite giving up size and muscle, never shirked the issue. Many thanks for your contribution.

Max Clayton (U11s) also assisted in a number of games and shows maturity beyond his years. Skilful and clever with the footy.

**Special mentions:** We often required players from the U12 Whites team to help us have a full team on game day. We are extremely grateful to the following boys for showing real passion and endeavour for the team and the footy. Stephen Goodhill, Charlie Muir, Liam Martin and Aidan Burke

Thanks to Steve and Adrian, the coaches of the U12 Whites and your team and congratulations on your successful season. Our training sessions had the coaches laughing, sighing, applauding and almost crying at times but what a cracker of season!

### Under 13 (Division 1)

#### Coach: Geoff Woolcock Assistant Coach: Mark Clayton Manager: Brian Williams

#### **Hamish Bowers**

Hamish was a welcome addition to our playing ranks this year, adding depth to our defence, esp with his height and reach. In peak form during the first rounds of the season, he anticipated where the play was going well before it arrived and showed good poise and agility in the air and on the ground. We anticipate a really strong 2012 season for Hamish.

#### **Jack Clayton**

Hard to imagine how someone could have a more effective season than Jack with his standout efforts representing his region and then winning the best player for the Qld primary schools team. But his grueling campaign – including several games for the U12s – didn't hamper his dominance in leading virtually every key statistic for our team. Damaging anywhere near goal (he easily finished our leading goal kicker), we mainly played Jack across the half-back line and changing on the ball to bring his superb skills and dynamism into the action as much as possible. A pleasure to coach and watch play the game, Jack's determination is perhaps his most admirable quality along with his obvious love for footy.

#### Mitchell Doherty

Mitch was another warmly received recruit to West's this year, bringing a dogged willingness to compete and some more welcome height. With Brad's natural uptake of the full-back position, we asked much from Mitch with his rucking duties. This seemed to be the making of Mitch where his clean hands below his knees, and long kicking came to the fore. He is set to prosper in 2012.



### Dylan Eustace

A hard trainer and willing learner, his efforts to improve on the training track paid off during the season where Dylan set his mind on winning his own footy and then utilized his turn of pace to drive us forward... an especially memorable second half coming off the sick-bench at Wilston-Grange stands out in the memory. Clean foot and handball skills will always be the key to Dylan's game and will stand him in good stead for 2012.

### Luc Fern

Luc was one of our ever-present players this year, and barely missing a training session as well. Shifting between the forward and back pockets and flanks, Luc continued to benefit from his willingness to keep his feet and bend low for the footy and although one of our smaller bodies, he also provided a number of useful shepherds and body blocks during the season. Luc really buckled down during the season and by its end, was one of the most active contributors to our training sessions. Much appreciation for Luc's enthusiastic support of the team on the i/change bench where he never uttered a complaint about spending some time off the ground.

### **Ryan Foster**

Ryan took some solid steps forward in 2011, willing himself to a number of fierce contests. An especially memorable quarter out at the formidable Aspley really highlighted Ryan's maturity where he kept his feet and composure in winning the footy in front and then disposing accurately. Always with an eye for the goals, it was also encouraging to see Ryan develop some defensive awareness with time in the backline.

### Lachie 'Billy' Graham

'Billy G' really came of age this season, by season's end holding down key CHF or CHB positions and giving us really aggressive contests in the air and clever hands whenever he could. His most obvious improvement came with his kicking, as more assured one-handed ball control enabled him to deliver much more penetrating drop punts, particularly on the run. A willing listener and dedicated trainer, was terrific to see someone like Billy prospering in Div 1 footy and exciting future lies ahead for him.

#### **Cory Johnson**

Despite an interrupted beginning to the season, Cory's class shone through and his final few games were outstanding, particularly our final "backs-to-the-walls" effort vs Aspley, where his 2nd, 3rd and 4th efforts were inspirational. Cory has a lot of the attributes of the modern footy player and continued dedication to improving his marking and defensive skills will really round off his game.

### Liam Lafferty

A clear leader in our peer voting for the team leadership group, Liam continued another fine season where he lets his efforts do the talking, organizing the half-back line and providing plenty of drive with his reliable kicking. Another ever-present in our 2011 line-up, Liam was often forced to kick away several inches and foot speed to his opponents but invariably provided a strong contest whenever it was in his vicinity. Adding some precision and lengthy handball to his skills kitbag will further Liam's game into next season.



### Ben Mate

Brad brought down his good mate, by name and nature, Ben to the club this year and our squad was the better for it with his willingness to knuckle down at training paying off on the field. Ben struggled to shake off some knocks and illness during the season and while this clearly hampered his momentum, he nonetheless set about getting the footy when it was his turn to go and invariably delivered it smoothly with his fluid foot passing. Div 1 was a baptism of fire for someone re-entering the game but hopefully has taught Ben much to take into 2012.

#### Sam Matthews

Sam was the team's shining example of the benefits of committing to regular training as he worked harder than ever to build his skills and attack on the footy and saw it pay off handsomely on the field as the season progressed. Several times we threw Sam into the thick of the action in the middle and true to character, he never shirked an issue. Sam also developed some clean ball handling skills on the ground and an effective handball that brought him into the game often. And another who we really appreciated giving his enthusiastic encouragement to team mates when spending time on the bench.

### **Jack Middleton**

Jack made an impact on the team play with his hard straight running. Some time up forward allowed Jack to demonstrate some impressive agility for a tall in a number of our night games. Jack also learnt to keep his feet at the contest and take advantage of his strong body at ground level contests. The pace of Div 1 footy will stand Jack in good stead for a strong 2012.

#### **Thomas Nance**

Brought down by Cory in the pre-season, Tom was a steady improver. A reliable and accurate kick, Tom's chief challenge as a small was to win his own ball and by season's end, he had begun to find the right spaces on the field to accomplish this. When he got his hands on the pill in the forward 50, he had a keen eye for goal, the highlight being his running finish vs Everton. The experience from this season will see Tom hold down a starting position in our 2012 line-up.

### Sam O'Neill

Sammy O started pre-season like a house on fire with pace and agility to have us licking our lips about what he might be capable of crumbing in a tall forward line. Some occasional moves into defence saw Sam earn the rewards for attacking the footy and we all benefited from his goal kicking touch in the final games of the season. A real sharp shooter in front of goal!

### **Billy Perraton**

We were fortunate to have Billy join his BBC mates and play with us this year after his impressive school performances. His outstanding debut versus Sherooka will linger long in the memory and there were several other highlights as his sublime kicking skills and ability to find space and carry the footy characterized his game. Often giving away a few inches to his opponent, Billy gained valuable experience playing in various positions and by season's end, had clearly learnt how to win his own footy with his head over it and keeping his feet. Definitely one to watch in 2012 if we can prise him away from his favoured round-ball game!

### **Charlie Pershouse**

Charlies match-day determinism served him well as he willed himself into contests with plenty of gut-running and appetite for the contest. His on-ball positional awareness improved throughout the season, and with some refinements to his marking and kicking techniques, we look forward to Charlie continuing to lead from the front in 2012. One of our more extroverted members of the leadership group, his runner-up best & fairest was well deserved after a standout final round of performances after the season break.

### Chris Rodwell

Chris admirably shouldered the heavy duty of playing CHF much of the year and more than held his own. His J.Brown-like efforts to keep leading long and hard and then compete aggressively in the air really put a distinctive stamp on his game and clearly indicated he was up for the Div 1 challenge. A nice long kick, Chris will benefit from plenty of footy in his hands over the summer.

### Will Spurgin

A great game-day competitor, Will gave his all, whether we swung him down to the full-back line or a run up forward, but his keenness for a contest remains his key strength. Will developed a sharp handball from the base of packs that ought to be his bread'n'butter in 2012.

### Brad Teasdale

An ever-reliable member of the leadership team, Brad was another ever-present in a tough year for any full-back under the hammer like he was but he was most definitely up for it, relying on his uncanny reading of the play up field to regularly beat his opponent to the footy and then invariably use it well by hand or foot. Notching up an impressive 150th game in our final home outing, his outstanding skills below his knees and the fruit of much skills training also benefited Brad's game throughout 2011.

### Jordan Williams

Jordie was another who faced a big challenge in staying the pace with Div 1 footy but the intense competitor in him meant he was well truly up for it and as always, we could rely on a willing contest every time the ball came his way. Finding a new niche as a floating forward, Jordie was able to use his astute reading of the play to regularly find space and drive with his reliable kicking. An inspirational member of our leadership group with his passion and ability to lead from the front.

### Ethan Woolcock

Ethan provided some of the seasons greatest highlights, his running goals against Wilston-Grange kicked from 50m out being one of them. Certainly one of our most improved players in 2011, Ethan was invited to join our leadership group mid way through the season as a reward for his efforts on game day and at training. Ethan's blistering pace and hardness at the ball allowed him to break games open, regularly winning his own contested ball then running out of congestion and kicking long into our forward half. Ethan's tackling was also a highlight, often running opponents down and disposing them of the ball. Developing greater consistency over four quarters will be the next challenge for Ethan in 2012.



## Under 14 (Division 2)

Coach: Keith "Happy" Wallis Coaching support: Chris Tison, Rudi Schwarz & Rob Stewart Manager: Stephen Wootten

**Team Captains:** Joseph Bingley, Jonathan Macanawai & Fraser Labrom **Team Leadership Group:** Oliver Wootten, Hamish Roe & Liam Schwarz

The 2011 season has seen further improvement from all players resulting in the Team competing in the finals for the 2nd year running. All players have pushed themselves this year to perform to the best of their abilities. The theme at the start of the season over 19 weeks ago was "NO PASSENGERS" and with that in mind the Team has had many memorable wins through the season.

Congratulations to Happy for accuruing an amazing  $824 \ {\rm games}$  coached with many more to come.

Thanks to the U13 players that played up this season, your help was much appreciated. Mitchell Doherty, Brad Teasdale, Ethan Woolcock, Jack Middleton, Jordan Williams & Charlie Pershouse.

Thanks to all the parents for their support and help during the season.

A special thanks to Chris for his commitment to the Team over many years.



**Andrew Barazza,** Andrew has had a solid year of football, he has been improving his skills and fitness level with every game. Once rugby finished we noted a improvement in Andrew's game and when moved into the mid field he lifted his game and played very well. Andrew is a tough customer, a very strong player in defence and can mix it with the best of them. Good season Andy.

**Joseph Bingley,** Joe has lead by example again this season and developed into one of the Teams best and most consistent players. Joe could always be counted on to put 100% into every game and with his strong tackling and long kicks in play helped the Team to many wins.Joe is a very exciting player to watch and will go far in any sport he chooses to play in the future. Top season Joe.

**Ryan Cassidy,** Ryan has continued with his great form from 2010 and played well in all positions. Ryan is a strong mark and when playing in the forwards has kicked many goals for the Team. Ryan has worked hard on his fitness and skills at training this year. Ryan ended up on the wing in the last few games and strengthened that position with his speed to the ball and by reading the play well.

**Jacob Chang**, Jacob has had a fantastic year of football. Jacob has improved his fitness, ball skills, tackling and strength to a very high level. Jacob was best on ground when we played Springwood in the mud and he has not looked back since. Jacob puts his head over the ball at every chance and is fearless at ground level and in the packs. Jacob can kick twice as far as he could last season. Top effort Changa.

**Ted Coaldrake,** Ted has continued his great form from last year in U13's. Ted is one of the fastest runners in the Team and showed his speed playing on the wing for most of the year. Ted is an accurate kick and delivers the ball to the forwards assisting in many scoring shots on goal. Ted puts in a good effort at training and has improved his skills and fitness through the year.

**Lewis D'Arcy,** Lewis joined the Team this year and played most of the season in the forwards kicking many great goals. Lewis is a very skilled player and used his height and strength to take some great over head marks in many games. Lewis is a classic forward, loves to kick a goal and has worked hard on his fitness this year. Lewis reads the play well and is a popular Team member. Good Season Louie.



**Ben Dilda,** Ben has had another positive season, he has improved his fitness with hard work and dedication at training. Ben moved to ruck through the mid season and did a fantastic job going up against much bigger opposition and beating them on a regular basis. Ben is a confident player, very strong in marking and is an accurate kick. Ben received many votes at training from Team mates for his efforts throughout the year.

**Robbie Dopking,** Robbie is another player that has jumped out of his skin this year. Robbie started the year a lot fitter than usual and with his rugby commitments has developed into one of the Team's strongest tacklers. Robbie has been playing consistent footy all year and wins the ball in most confrontations. Robbie loves playing in the forwards and has kicked many great goals through the season.



**Xavier Heath,** Xavier is the quiet achiever of the Team. Xavier pops up in defense just at the right time and has saved many opposition goals over the season. Xavier has worked hard on his kicking and marking skills at training and has developed into a reliable defensive Team player. One of Xavier's best skills is his ability to read the play and work out were the ball is going so he can position himself to take possession and send the Team back into attack.

**Fraser Labrom,** Fraser has had another great year of football. Fraser has been busy training with the Lions Academy, umpiring + helping out the U13 Team when possible. Fraser celebrated playing 150 games for West's this season, a feat very rarely accomplished. Fraser is a quality player in all positions and a stand out in the mid field. Fraser has a high level of skill and is one of the Teams best players. Fraser is passionate about his football and wears his heart on his sleeve. Great season Fraser.

**Jonathan Macanawai,** Jonathan has been a standout player this year. When only in his first year of AFL last season, he went close to winning the best U13 player of competition. Jonathan had another chance this year and just missed out again running second. Jonathan is very fit, fast and has a full arsenal of great skills that sees him beating the opposition in every confrontation. Jonathan loves his football, has a never say die attitude and looks to improve his game working hard at training. Another top class season Jonathan.

**James O'Sullivan**, James has continued to improve his skills throughout the season. His kicking, marking and general play have seen him develop into a confident Team player. James had an interrupted mid season with injury, however, had a great comeback game against Ipswich. James puts in a strong effort at training and worked hard to keep up his fitness even with an injury in the hope to play in the finals. Well done James.

**Aleksander Petrovic,** Aleksander joined the Team this year and we quickly discovered he was a died in the wool quality defensive player. Aleksander took a few weeks to get fit coming from Victoria, however, once the siren went he showed great skill in strong tackles, big kicks and reading the play. Aleksander played a big part in the Team having one of the best backlines in the competition. Aleksander worked non stop on his fitness at training through the season and can be proud of his efforts.

**Robert Pettis,** Rob has had another excellent season of footy, improving his skills and fitness and becoming one of the Team's best players. Rob has defended well when in the backs and kicked many goals when in the forwards. Rob is a classy player, loves going for the big mark over the top and plays an exciting brand of football. Rob has a high level of fitness and is one of the most improved players in the Team.

**Hamish Roe,** Hamish has been one of the Team's most consistent players. Hamish gets involved at every opportunity, has the ability to read the play well and puts his body on the line to win the ball. Hamish has kicked many great goals for the Team when in the forwards, has good skills, fast to the ball and an accurate kick. At training Hamish puts in 100% effort and is well liked by his Team mates.

**Liam Schwarz,** Liam has had a great year of football, Liam is a natural CHB and in that key position he was rarely beaten. Liam is one of the fastest runners in the Team and has turned many opposition raids around through the year. Liam is as fit as he has ever been, is a monster kick and is one of the best CHB's in the U14 competition. Liam puts in a big effort at training and on game day. Very good season Bones.

**Lachlan Stewart,** Lachlan has worked hard on improving his overall game this season. Lachlan has used his height and strength in the forwards kicking or setting up many goals for the Team. Lachlan is one of the Team's biggest players and showed his strength playing his best game against Mayne - Zillmere. Lachlan has become more confident and competitive this year and this has shown in his best year of footy. Well done Grizz.

**James Witherspoon**, James has had a good footy season. He has trained well through the year improving both his fitness and skills level with each game. James loves to run with the ball, and with his height he has taken some great marks under pressure. James reads the play well, has a big kick and clears the ball out of danger on a regular basis. Good season James.

**Sam Whitehill,** Sam has matured into a more skilful footballer this year. Sam was the Team's ruck for most of the season and went up against bigger opponents every week. To Sam's credit he was competitive in all games and this helped our mid fielders win the ball. Sam had an interrupted mid season with school camp, however, when he returned he hit the ground running and showed his good skills and fitness in the remaining games.

**Oliver Wootten**, Oliver has had another great footy season. He is a reliable player, quick to the ball and has an accurate kick. Oliver is a strong tackler, he played well on the wing and when in the forwards kicked and assisted many goals. Oliver is a good Team player, has a high level of fitness and puts in a strong effort for the full game. Good on you Oliver.

**Nicolas Wu,** It was great to have Nic back with the Team this season. Nic is a classy player and bolstered our defense with a huge effort at fullback in every game. Nic reads the play well and with his big accurate kick got the Team out of trouble many times. When moved into the mid field Nic showed his speed to win the ball on a regular basis. Nic had a strong consistent year of footy.



## Under 16 (Division 2)

### Coaches: Ernie Harvey and Ben Williams Manager: Phill Mulherin

This year was a learning curve for all, new coach and new players. The boys coming up from the U14's had never played with the older boys, so the first couple of weeks was getting to know each other and developing a feel for how each other play. The team only won the one game for the year in the home and away season which was unfortunate. However the main thing is that the boys had fun playing the game as this is what AFL footy is all about. Even though we didn't win many games, there were still plenty of highlights throughout the season, whether it be a goal on the run from Eley or a booming kick out of the backline from OBD. Henry climbing on the shoulders of his opponent trying to take a screamer, or Sam laying a big tackle in the midfield.

I hope the boys can look back on the year and take some positives from it. We hope to see all the younger boys back here for their second year of U16's next year. As for the older boys, this was their last year at West Juniors. I'm sure they will have many great memories from their time here at the club. We wish all those boys the best with U18's football.

### James Ryan

James is only little guy but not once did that stop him going in for the hard ball gets and winning his fair share against much bigger opponents. He will be an integral member of the team next year. Goals 1.

### Max Shooter

Max also one of the younger brigade playing their first year in U16's this year. Max played in the forward pocket for most of the year where he would be at the feet of the bigger boys to get the crumbs. He will also be an important member of the team next year and will be able to draw on the experiences of this year. Goals 4.



### Finn McKee

Finn also one of the young boys of the team played an important role in our forward line, often playing in the forward pocket or on the flank. Finn often found a way to find space on the flank and was able to read the flight when coming into the forward line. He will play a big role in next year's team. Goals 5.

### **Eley Witane**

Eley was a main weapon going forward this year. He is blessed with great skills when on the run, can find his way through heavy traffic and has an uncanny knack of knowing exactly where the goals are. Congratulations Eley on a great year and winning the Goal Kicking Award for 2011. Goals 28.

### **Harry Harvey**

Harry was one of the hardest running players in our team this year. He played through the midfield and out of the half back line. He was often given the best opposition player to shut down which he often did. Harry's will and determination is his greatest asset and he never gives up. His tackling pressure on the opposition great to watch all year. Well done Harry and all the best in your future football endeavours. Goals 6.

### Joel Malbon

Joel was one of our most consistent players this year; he gave his all, week in, week out. He could play anywhere with a damaging left foot, he would often give us spark up forward kicking goals when needed. We wish Joel all the best with any future football endeavours. Goals 11.

### Nick Rosen

Nick has one of the best kicks in the team and the last few games were by far his best for the season, whether he was using his foot skills out of the backline or hitting forwards from the flank creating opportunities. With another year under his belt he will play an important part in the team next year. Goals 7.

### Jordan McDonald

Jordan was named as one of our Co-Captains this year and he lead from the front, week in week out. Playing in the ruck he often had his hand on the ball first by either palming or punching the ball in our direction. Congratulations, Jordan on a great year which included representative football and being named Runner-Up Best and Fairest. Good luck with any future football endeavours. Goals 3.

### **Henry Mundie**

Henry also one of the younger brigade playing their first year in U16's this year. Henry is a gifted footballer with all the skills and being able to read the game playing through the midfield and on the forward flank, Henry gave the team many opportunities through his disposal of the football. Henry will be an integral part of the team next year. Goals 3.

### **Oscar** Dielemans

Oscar was also named as one of our Co-Captains. Oscar was run down with injury for most of the year but this didn't stop him from giving his all when out on the field. Oscar was one of our most versatile players. He played a key position in the backs and through the midfield. He also told me he was a gun forward but the jury is still out on that one. We wish Oscar luck with any future football endeavours. Goals 2.

### Sam Mulherin

Sam was also named as one of our Co-Captains this year. Sam had a very good year playing representative football and winning the Best and Fairest award. Sam was often used through the midfield and down back as centre half back. His main attribute was his powerful damaging left foot, being able to kick the ball about 50m and often coming up with some big hits. We wish Sam all the best with any future football endeavours. Goals 10.

### **Ed Hooper**

Ed had a great year; he is able to run all day and run fast. He never gave up on a chase and often would be running down the wing burning off any opponent that came close with his blistering pace. Ed's overall improvement through the year has been remarkable and towards the end of the season he was reading the play better. He took plenty of strong contested marks and his kicking is coming along. We wish Ed all the best with any future football endeavours.

### Jesse Beaumont

Jesse also one of the younger boys this year had a good year. He was often used down in the backline playing on the smaller forwards and would use his pace to run out of the backline. Jesse with his pace will play an important role in the team next year. Goals 1.

### **Oliver Lay**

This was Olay's first year at West's; he played the majority of the year down in the backline where he took some good marks on the last line of defence. He is a very likable guy and with another year under his belt, he will be an important player in next year's team.

### **Oliver Allbutt**

Ovey had a great year this year. He is a very good outside linking player who can read the game very well. You would often find him finding space on the wing and creating opportunities for the forwards. We wish Ovey all the best with future football endeavours. Goals 2.

### **James Mackie**

Mackie was the funny man of the team or at least he thought he was. There were often times where we had to remind Mackie what code of football he was playing, with his dropping of the head running through opposition players head first approach. Mackie was very much a team man sticking up for his mates. He will be an integral part of the U16's team next year. Goals 4.

### **Chevez Morton**

Chevez only played a couple of games this season due to other commitments and injury but when he did play it was great to watch. He is very much a competitor and never gave up in any contest. He also had great skills and great pace. We wish Chevez all the best with any future football endeavours.

### **Samuel Morison**

Samuel had a great year playing down back. He read the ball really well and would often take strong marks on the last line of defence. He also rarely missed a target coming out of the backline and never panicked when put under pressure. Well done on a great season and all the best with any future football endeavours. Goals 1.

### **Oliver Brodie-Davis**

OBD had a great year playing down at full back, reading the play really well and always beating his opponent. He has a booming kick and was our designated person to kick in, often kicking over 50m. Unfortunately OBD was run down with sickness towards the end of the season but put his team first to play the last game against doctor's orders. Well done OBD and all the best with future football endeavours. Goals 2.

### **Jack Sharples**

Jack joined us half though the season and made a huge impact straightway. He was mostly used though the midfield tagging the oppositions best player. Jack was often able to find his way through heavy traffic and then deliver the ball cleanly to a team mate. We wish Jack all the best with any future football endeavours. Goals 2.

### **Richard Prendergast**

Like Jack, Richard came in towards the second half of the year and also made an immediate impact. Richard is a mean looking figure with a very solid build and was used in the ruck where we won most contests; he also has a great mentality of never giving up. Well done Richard and we wish you all the best with any future football endeavours.

### **Carl Forster**

Carl had a great first half of the year playing representative football and being selected in the Brisbane Lions Academy. Unfortunately Carl suffered a broken leg in the second half of the year; this was a real loss to the team as Carl was our main target up forward. Carl will come back bigger and stronger next year and will have a major influence on the team next season. Goals 24.

### **Zac Nicolaidis**

Zac also a first year U16's player had a great season playing down on the centre half back line. He is very good at reading the play and more often than not manoeuvred himself in the right position to get the ball. With another year under his belt he will play an important part in the team next year. Goals 1.

### Luke D'Alessio

Luke had a good season playing mostly up forward as a key target. He was able to position himself to receive the ball and either take the mark or bring the ball to ground and create opportunities for the crumbers around him. Well done Luke and we wish you all the best for any future football endeavours.



# Happy's 800<sup>th</sup>

The club proudly celebrated Happy's 800th Coaching game milestone.





### **Representative players**

### Walter Taylor Bridge School District U12

Aiden Burke Thomas Smart Sandy Labrom

### **City School District U12**

Issac Trigar

### West Akuna School District U12

Liam Martin Fletcher Evans

### MetWest U12

Luke Saunders Hainian Yu Ethan Sivijs Lachie Barazza

## Queensland Blaze U12

Jack Clayton

### MetWest U15

Carl Foster

### Western Taipans U16

Sam Mulherin Jordan McDonald

### Sunfire Superstars Western Region U12 Girls

Sarah Teasdale

### **Player Awards**

### Under 12 White

Best and Fairest Runner up Best and Fairest Coaches Award Coaches Award Coaches Award Most Improved Clubman

### Under 12 Maroon

Best and Fairest Runner up Best and Fairest Runner up Best and Fairest Runner up Best and Fairest Coaches Award Coaches Award Most Improved

### Under 13

Best and Fairest Runner up Best and Fairest Runner up Best and Fairest Improvement Award Improvement Award Improvement Award Most Consistent

### Under 14

Best and Fairest Runner up Best and Fairest Most Improved Coaches Trophy Most Consistent Most Consistent

### Under 16

Best and Fairest Runner up Best and Fairest Most Improved Most Consistent Coaches Trophy Leading Goal Scorer Best Team Player Charlie Muir Liam Martin Aiden Burke Stephen Goodhill Alex Swainston Beau Walker-Tyrrell Dominic Mercer

Ethan Sivijs Will Willson Tom Smart Lachie Barazza Fletcher Evans Luke Saunders Zane Vozvoteca

Jack Clayton Ethan Woolcock Charlie Pershouse Mitchell Doherty Sam Mathews Lachie Graham Jordan Williams

John Macanawai Joseph Bingley Rob Pettis Jacob Chan Aleksander Petrovic Nicholas Wu Liam Schwarz

Sam Mulherin Jordan McDonald Ed Hooper Oscar Dielemans Joel Malbon Eley Witane Samuel Morison

## Past Best & Fairest

2010	C Pershouse U12, J Macanawai U13, L Murray U14, A Ritchie and J Zaghini U16, A Stevenson U18
2009	O Ritchie U12, L Murray U13, O Allbutt U14, AJ Trapp U16
2005	L Murray U12, H Harvey U13, A Ritchie U14, B Sier U16
2007	L Murray and J Hickey U12, H Loraine U13, A Saunders U14,
2007	B Williams U16
2006	H Loraine U12, A Dunne U13, Rhys Tagell U14, R Lynch U16
2005	J Pershouse U12, B Coates U13, S Ryall and R Schwarz U14,
2005	N Tison U16
2004	B Coates U12, C Tison U13, T Blucher-Hughes U14, T Hughes U16
2003	B Sier U11, L Chirgwin U12, S Prater U13, L Tagell U14,
	T Hughes U16
2002	N Lelasi U12, N Robinson U14
2001	T Jones U12, N Robinson U14, M Shaw U18
2000	J Sullivan U12, S Butler U18
1999	M Dowley U16
1998	G Christesen and D Green U15
1997	L Hanse and J May U11, M Dowley U14
1996	L Harwood U11, M Dowley U14
1995	Records missing
1994	M Shaw U11, C Brookes U12, M Boase U14
1993	C Gordon U11, C Mitchell U12, M Boase U13, S Pietzsch U17
1992	D Mapleston U11, Z Misko U12, K Wane and S Pietzsch U15,
	P Shanks U17
1991	A Misko and D Misko U11, M Chamberlain U13, D Edgar U14
1990	C Sloane U11, M Chamberlain U12, D Edgar U13, E Beel U14

## **Owen Backwell medallions**

Congratulations to the players who achieved 150 and 200 games in 2011 and were awarded the Owen Backwell medallion for their efforts.

### Bronze - 150 games

Bradley Teasdale Fraser Labrom Oliver Brodie-Davis Oscar Dielemans Max Shooter Henry Mundie James Mackie

Silver - 200 games

Carl Foster

1999

### Past Owen Backwell Medallion awards

Gold	225 games		
2005 2000	Liam Tagell Jason de Wever	1993 1989	David Wallis Lachlan Wallis
Silver	200 games		
2008	Blaine Coates, Rhys Tagell	1993	Michael Shinnick
2007	Robert Hughes	1991	David Wallis
2005	Nick Tison	1988	Lachlan Wallis
2004	Liam Tagell	1987	Fergus Black
2001	Grant Christensen,	1985	Richard Billings
	Michael Shaw		

1998 Jason de Wever, Andrew Harwood

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2010 Harrison Harvey

- 2009 Oliver Allbutt, Carl Foster, Matthew Joyce, Ben Larsen-Smith, Logan Murray, Chris Read, Alex Ritchie, Nick Rosen
- 2007 Ryan Schwarz, Jack Pershouse, Andrew Saunders, Tim Sharpless
- 2006 John Flynn, Luis Narvaez, Matthew Rosen, Rhys Tagell, Bernhard Sier
- 2005 Tom Blucher-Hughes, Blaine Coates, Wade Harrop, Robert Hughes, Ronan Lynch, Chris Tison
- 2004 Stirling Drake, Tom Hughes
- 2003 Andrew Johns, Tim Jones, Nick Tison

Mark Dowley, Shane Harwood

- 2002 Liam Tagell
- 1999 Scott de Wever
- 1998 Grant Christensen, Luke Harwood
- 1997 Nick Beckman, Brad Hanson, Michael Shaw, Luke Trigar

- 1996 Mark Dowley, Andrew Harwood, Shane Harwood, Jason de Wever
- 1993 Justin Ryan
- 1991 Brett Backwell, Michael Dean, Darren Edgar
- 1990 Michael Shinnick
- 1989 David Wallis, Stewart Wilson
- 1988 Adam Brady, Peter Shepherd
- 1987 David Colbert
- 1986 Jeff Deeth, Lachlan Wallis
- 1985 Justin Gravestein
- 1984 Barton Black, Fergus Black, Cameron Bulley, Joel Dean, Ben Heard, Martin Slabosz, Greg Smith
- 1983 Robert Bulley, Michael Downes, Brett Ferguson, David Watts
- 1982 Nathan Dean
- 1981 Richard Billings
- 1979 Scott Arthur, Adam Bell, Jeff Bourn, Steven Cross, Tim Eustace, Neil Howard, Stewart Howard
- 1978 Neil Armitage, Peter Clifford, Daryl Dawson, Garth Dawson, Jamie Read, Grant Whittaker

### **100 Game Player milestones**

Congratulations to those players who achieved milestone games in 2011.

### 100 games

Bill Bingham Isaac Trigar Jack Clayton James O'Sullivan Liam Schwarz Luke Saunders Ryan Foster Samuel Morison Sandy Labrom Sarah Teasdale

### Past 100 game achievements

2010	Andrew Barazza, Robbie Dopking, Hamish Roe, Lachlan Stewart, Sam Whitehill, Oliver Wootten, Bradley Teasdale, Ethan Sivijs, Jordan Williams,
2009	Luc Fern, Jarrod Hickey, Benedict Gordan, James Wiltshire, Lachlan Barazza Conor Arkell, Jessie Beaumont Oliver Brodie-Davis, Tom Bruce, Ryan Cassady, Jake Gaw, Lochlainn Gaw, Fraser Labrom, Feti Meka, Sam Mulherin, Zac Nicolaides, Oliver Ritchie, James Ryan, Joseph Shanahan, Hamish Slater, Thomas Vari, Joshua Zaghini
2008	Adam Dunne, Harrison Harvey, Robert Maunsell, Oscar Dielemans, Michael Wellington, Alex Vile, Max Shooter, Nick Rosen, Henry Mundie, James Dight, Logan Murray
2007	Isaac Douglas, Nathan Tertis, Matthew Joyce, Hamish Loraine, Alex Ritchie, James Mackie, Carl Foster
2006	Rhys Watkins, Sean Prater, Andrew Pilkington, Dylan Wellington, Chris Read, Ned Albutt, Ben Larsen-Smith, Harrison Denny, Oliver Albutt
2005	Angus Loraine, Michael Sharpless, Sam Shooter, Conor Lynch, Robert Zosars, Tim Sharpless, Jordan Haworth, Tom Spurgin
2004	Josua Dascombe, Dane Lloyd, Jack Pershouse, Neil Robinson,

Patrick Robinson, Matthew Rosen, Andrew Saunders, Ryan Schwarz Berhard Sier, Rhys Tagell, Andrew Van Paridon, Ben Wall

- 2003 Tom Blucher Hughes, Wade Harrop, Robert Hughes, Chase Coates, Blaine Coates, Ronan Lynch, Chris Tison
- 2002 Stirling Drake, Tom Hughes, Nick Tison, Tim Jones, Riley Allen, Luis Narvarez
- 2001 Andrew Johns, John Flynn, Mitchell Allen, Michael Swann, Simon Butler, Chris Luxford
- 2000 Liam Tagell
- 1999 Lee Morganbesser, Cory Gravestein
- 1998 Gordon Andrews, James May, David Thomas

## **Golden Bulldog award**

In 2005 Wests Juniors identified the need to acknowledge particularly hard-working individuals who, by virtue of their continued efforts over several seasons, form the backbone of the club. From this need the Golden Bulldog award for outstanding continued contributions to the Wests Juniors Australian Football Club was created.

The criteria for the Golden Bulldog award are:

- substantial voluntary service to Wests Juniors AFC over at least four seasons (this may include contributions as a committee member, coach, manager, club officer, general helper or any combination of the above)
- exhibit a level of initiative and diligence to substantially enhance the operation of Wests Juniors AFC
- contribute many hours of voluntary service in executing their duties
- provide a level of personal contribution far in excess of an average volunteer
- all actions and conduct bring credit to the individual and to Wests Juniors AFC.

It is with great pleasure and thanks that the club acknowledges an individual who admirably fits this criteria.

### Golden Bulldog award for 2011: Ernie Harvey and Phill Mulherin

### Former recipients

2010	Andrew Wellingon
2009	Jon Lorraine
2007	Andy Rosen
2006	Byron Watkins
2005	Penny Tison, Henk Van Paridon

## Junior Clubman award

In 2009 Wests Juniors introduced the Junior Clubman award. The award recognises young players who make a significant contribution to the club by donating their time and enthusiasm to assist the development of young players or the club.

### Junior Clubman award for 2011: Sarah Teasdale

### **Former recipient**

2010	Oliver Wootten
2009	Fraser Labrom

## Clubman of the Year award

### Clubman of the Year for 2011: Clare Harvey

### **Previous Clubman of the Year recipients**

2010	Phill and Mauzie Mulherin	1992	J Edgar and S Harwood
2009	D Larson-Smith (Mrs)	1990	L Chamberlain (Mrs)
2008	C Tison and M Hand	1988	M Deeth (Mrs)
2002	A Zosars	1987	J Oke (Mrs)
2001	B Harrop	1986	J Oke (Mrs)
2000	A Swann	1985	E Wallis (Mrs)
1999	P Tison (Mrs)	1984	O A Johnson
1998	F Tagell (Mrs)	1983	R Muir (Mrs)
1996	S Butler (Mrs)	1982	M Howard (Mrs)
1994	G McPhee	1981	W Armstrong
1993	K Beckman	1980	G Dawson

## Umpires

Jesse Beaumont Jake Chan Ted Coaldrake Xavier Heath Nick Kent Fraser Labrom

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## **Coaching milestone**

Congratulations to our coaches who achieved milestones this season.

Andrew Sivijs Geoff Woolcock 100 games 100 games

Keith "Happy" Wallis

### 800 games

### Life members

Owen Backwell	Kym Lynch
Keith Bedford	David Jay
Graham Billings	Anne Johnson
Liz Bulley	Oscar A Johnson (dec)
Les Chamberlain	Tony Sinnamon
Ian Christesen	Phil Tagell
John Clarke	Penny Tison
Claire Dean	Eleanor Wallis
Hilton Deeth	Gary Wallis
Merv Gregg	Keith Wallis
Phil Harwood	Roy Wallis
Marlene Howard	Tony de Wever

