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**We are the Camden Blues,
We are the young, fast Camden Blues.
We're the team that never let's you down,
We're the true blue team from Camden town.
Like all the champions,
Who've gone before us,
We'll put the team first
And they'll know when they've been playing,
Against the mighty Camden Blues.**

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2013 PRESIDENTS REPORT

This club including all of its members continue to amaze me. I commented in last years report about how good the season had been for us and I find myself doing the same this year, with a notable difference. That being, in 2013 we have exceeded everything we did in 2012. We have more players, more teams, and very importantly we have double the number of Auskicker's thanks to an outstanding pre-season recruiting effort from Matt Hort. We had every competition team make finals, we had 4 teams make Grand Finals, we came home with 2 Premiership Flags, we are the 2013 Club of the Year, I was awarded Volunteer of the Year and Matt Hort was awarded the Auskick Coordinator of the Year.

On the field in 2013, 55 fantastic Auskicker's broke the early morning silence and scuffed the dew from the grass on most Sundays. What a fantastic sight to see all those boys and girls accompanied by a whole bunch of mums and dads learning this great game of ours. We introduced an U9's team to our line up and continued with 2 U10 teams as we have done so for many years.

The success of 2013 was no less impressive in the competition teams. All teams made it to finals, a feat that is never to be understated. U12 Div 3's were unfortunately defeated in the semi-finals and the U12 Div 1 and U16's made it all the way to the grand final only to be defeated by Blue Mountains in both games. To all 3 teams, hold your heads high. To make it to finals is a fantastic achievement. You families and your club are very very proud of you. To be defeated and to maintain your honour as you have done makes you stronger and hungrier for success in 2014. The other clubs had better look out for you guys next year.

The on field stars of 2013 are definitely the U13 and U14 teams. Both teams conquered all who came before them completing 2013 as undefeated premiers lead by their coaches Shane Gandy and Mick Underwood respectively. What an achievement, what a great bunch of players and it goes without saying, what a great bunch of coaches and their assistants. Your goal now is to repeat the effort in 2014, what a challenge that will be.

Off the field has been just as successful for the club as on the field has been. Late in 2012 we finally powered up the new flood lights. Gaggling from the feedback, I don't think there is a single person that is disappointed with being able to use all of Fairfax to train on. Some of you have also had the chance to utilise the lights with the odd competition game or two being held under the new lights. Where logistics allow, we will do our best to host at least one competition game for each team under lights in 2014.

I mentioned club of the year at the start of this note. To receive this award ahead of the other 18 clubs in the western region competition is a great honour and a great achievement. It is a reflection on the competency of the committee and is supported by the engagement of all officials, coaches, managers, players and their families. Thank you to everybody for your cooperation and I hope your enjoyment of junior footy.

Matt Hort (VP) and “Auskick Coordinator of the Year”, worked tirelessly prior to the commencement of the Auskick season to recruit, recruit and recruit. His efforts paid off with more than 45 fresh young faces signed up to play the “Little Big Time” at the seasons start. We even had a visit from G Man. There is no question that Matt’s efforts have set up U9 and U10’s for the next 3-4 seasons.

Matt received his award for his engagement at club and AFL level. He consistently provides constructive feedback to AFL about the program and engages changes at all levels. He was also the driving force for Level 0 accreditation for 13 Mums and Dads through this year ensuring the program will take up in 2014 where it left off in 2013. Congratulations and thank you to all accredited Auskick mums and dads for your involvement.

On a personal note, I was the recipient of the Volunteer of the Year award presented to me at the Kevin Sheedy Medal Night in August this year. The committee, led by Jason and Selena, submitted the nomination for which I am very grateful. I don’t do what I do for the accolades; I do it because I love to see so many kids out on the field kicking a footy and playing AFL. The outright volume of congratulations and support of this achievement from all of you is very humbling and very much appreciated. Thank you all.

It’s usually about time I bid farewell to our U16 players who would be leaving us for senior footy and other adventures. That’s not the case this year, I’m hoping they all return next year for U17’s footy.

We are however farewellling Mick Underwood from the coaching ranks. Mick is hanging up his coaching bib after many years with this club. Mick has coached in every age group including Auskick and has led several teams to premiership flags over the years. He has served on the committee in previous years as well as working with GSJ to construct the season game draw. On behalf of the whole club, I thank Mick for his years of service and wish him well in the future.

Additionally, we are saying farewell to Hilarie Storey. This wonder woman has also decided to call it quits this year after many years of loyal and dedicated service to this club. Hilarie has held just about every position imaginable including team manager, secretary, registrar / statistician and committee member. She also assisted in the canteen/BBQ whenever needed, has at times been the chief scoreboard attendant and

had an active role in organising trophies and awards for presentation days. She has been ground manager, time keeper and Umpire advocate and was asked by the regional committee to provide a training session for all Greater Western Sydney team managers at a the coaching and managers forum prior to season start. Her great legacy to us all is having established on-line registration via Sporting Pulse (Footyweb). Hilarie spent many hours transitioning the club to electronic registration whilst also working with Sporting Pulse administrators to iron out the bugs. She will definitely be missed. We all wish her well in the future and look forward to seeing her at home games.

No end of year report would be complete without a note of thank you to the whole committee. The work that goes on behind the scenes in running this club is immeasurable. Only a truly dedicated team, like the one we have, makes this happen as seamlessly as it does. Thank you to all of you for your time and dedication to this great club. It's no wonder we were awarded Club of the Year!

In addition to the regular committee, whilst not actually on the committee, my daughter Lauren contributed to many things behind the scenes as well as spending plenty of time in the canteen and on the BBQ on match day. A very special thank you to Lauren for all your efforts.

And lastly, a huge thanks to our sponsors. These silent contributors to our club are vital to our continued success and it would not be possible to put so many kids on the field each and every week without their support. Please support our sponsors whenever you can.

I look forward to seeing everyone back in 2014.

John Sorrenti

John Sorrenti
President

Presidents Award – Volunteer of the Year

This award commenced in 2006 and is an award decided by the Club President to acknowledge the most valuable club volunteer during a season. The recipient is not necessarily a Committee Member, Coach or Manager but is a person, who in the President's opinion, has displayed a relentless and dedicated service in assisting with the operation of the Club by giving up their time and energy without expecting anything in return.

It is with absolute pleasure that I award the 2013 Presidents Award for the Camden J AFC Volunteer of the Year to -

SELENA GANDY.

Congratulations Selena.

Treasurer's Report 2013

The 2013 season has proved very successful for Camden, both on and off the field. The '2013 Club of the Year' has made it possible for 184 children to get out on the ground every Sunday to enjoy this great game.

On the financial side, the Club has had another solid year. Although the Profit and Loss Statement shows a loss of \$48,362, a payment of \$50,000 for the floodlighting was made in this financial year whilst the grant money received to fund this was received in the previous financial year. As a consequence, it has distorted our real result, which was a profit of \$1,638.

Our fundraising this year has netted us \$3,147, the major portion of which was the Cadbury Chocolate fundraiser, which made \$1,933. The canteen has made a healthy profit of \$4,352. Whilst this is about \$400 less than last year, it must be noted that two of our home game days were totally washed out, depriving the canteen of two of its biggest trading days.

This year, we were required by the AFL to have a qualified first aid/sports trainer present at all matches. This necessitated the hire of a suitable certified sports trainer for several of our game days, which resulted in a large increase of \$1,683 in our Medical costs. Presentation Day costs have also increased markedly, but this is due to most costs from last year's Presentation Day being incurred in this financial year. Another item to note is the Talented Player Program costs. As can be seen, the previous year's total is zero, as the payments for that year are actually reflected in this year's figures. The cost for the two years remains within the budget allocation for this item.

Many thanks must go to the volunteers and parents of our Club, who all contribute in some way to the on-field, off-field and financial success of the Camden Junior Australian Football Club.

Hope to see you all back in 2014!

Donna Sapiatzer
Treasurer

Camden Junior Australian Football Club Inc.
Profit & Loss Account
FOR THE PERIOD 1 OCTOBER2012 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2013

Income	2013	2012
Apparel sales	1,515.55	1,913.00
Canteen	14,717.25	15,014.75
Fundraising	7,700.78	2,457.82
Grants Received	1,358.00	50,000.00
Interest Received	13.18	10.94
Match fees	3,399.50	2,188.00
Registrations	18,788.61	17,370.00
Sponsorship	7,500.00	17,000.00
Total Income	54,992.87	105,954.51
Expenses		
Accounting	356.00	295.00
Advertising & Promotions	200.00	0.00
Apparel	8,666.72	6,420.48
Bank Fees	0.00	40.00
Canteen Supplies	10,364.88	10,279.01
Club Affiliation	5,100.00	5,599.44
Equipment	2,075.50	2,928.73
Fundraising Costs	4,553.66	1,636.00
Ground Hire Fees	736.00	1,117.00
Guernseys	0.00	1,034.55
Medical	1,716.86	0.00
meeting Fees	50.00	50.00
Function Costs	783.05	654.55
Misc Costs	200.00	165.00
Postage & Freight	106.60	101.05
Presentation Day Costs	5,245.10	1,788.60
Printing & Stationary	0.00	917.69
Repairs & Maintenance	183.72	133.67
Sponsorship Expenses	0.00	511.50
Storage	2,015.00	1,980.00
Talented Player Program	3,830.00	0.00
Training Costs	75.00	290.00
Trophies	3,042.40	2,935.00
Umpire Fees	3,285.00	3,435.00
Venue Costs	50,769.79	710.00
Total Expenses	103,355.28	43,022.27
Prior Year Adjustments	0	0
Operating Profit / (Loss)	-48,362.41	62,932.24

Camden Junior Australian Football Club Inc.
Statement of Financial Position
As At 30 September, 2013

Assets

General Cheque Account	26,617.34
Registration Float	300.00
Deposits Paid	150.00
Trade Debtors	500.00

Total Assets **27,567.34**

Liabilities

Trade Creditors	345.27
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Total Liabilities **345.27**

Net Assets **27,222.07**

Equity

Retained earnings	75,584.48
Current Earnings	-48,362.41

Total Equity **27,222.07**

Auskick 2013



COACH'S REPORT

Wow, what a great year for the Camden JAFC Auskick program. This year we achieved very good results.

1. We doubled our Auskick numbers by approx.100% on last year to a total of 55 kids.
2. We had a record amount of Parents complete their Level 0 coaching certificate. (13)
3. We had a record amount of Parent Helpers which was truly outstanding !

I cannot emphasize enough how important parent helpers are in an Auskick program, especially when there are more than 50 kids to organise. This year I was overwhelmed with support from Parents with often more parent helpers than task to do each week.

Not only are Parents welcome to assist in organising and running activities each week but the kids get a real kick (no pun intended) out of having mum or dad or both out there on the field.

The Auskick program aims to achieve some basic principles that are to

- a) Learn new Skills.
- b) Make new friends
- c) Participate in a safe environment.
- d) Most Importantly HAVE FUN.

This year I think we ticked all the boxes, so thankyou and well done to all involved. I especially want to thank Nadine Foster for helping each week mark the roll and write out nametags. I also want to thank the committee for helping out each week early on a Sunday morning.

Next year I feel we can achieve even greater numbers and hope to have the same level of Parent support on board. I have bigger and better plans for next year so I hope to see you all next season.

Cheers,

Matt Hort

Auskick Co-Ordinator.

UNDER 9'S



COACH'S REPORT

The under 9's this year had a great season. They have improved every week and are a delight to coach. The players are all keen to learn new skills, but the more positive aspect is that they want to understand why we do it a certain way.

These boys have always done what was asked of them and on every occasion would give 100%, even if playing as a fill in for the other team. This group of boys play as a team and are always encouraging each other to do the very best they can.

Having coached for over 28 years this was the first season when all the players got on and no one player felt they were bigger than the team. I hope they can do this into the future, as a team of players is far better than a team that has some champions in it. Probably the most impressive bit and the highlight of every game was at the end, the boys would always get together and sing the team song as loud as they could.

Finally, I would like to say a huge thanks to the team manager Toni Crawford, without her support every week it would have been hard to keep the boys focused and the parents informed.

Gary Fuss
Coach

PLAYER PROFILES - U9's



Jeremy Battistuzzi

Jeremy is an explosive footballer who uses his speed to take full advantage of any occasion. As this is his first year, he has used his skills from basketball onto the Footy field. He always runs hard and is an excellent on ball player or attacking back man.



Heath Cardona

Heath is a true blue forward, he loves the goals and if left unchecked will kick goals from any direction as he is a true blue sharp shooter. Having come up from Auskick he has found himself as a real integral part of the team and can always be relied upon to do any job he is set.



Jack Constantine

Jack shows a great endeavour for the ball and is more than happy to get down on the ground to fight hard for the ball. He is a very talented young player who likes to run in straight lines and uses his team mates whenever possible.



Lyndon Coward - Coach's Award

Lyndon is a coach's best friend he will always put the team first and is happy to play in any position. His skills and ability are a big advantage to him and his skills have improved very well throughout the year.



Lachlan Crawford

Lachlan is a real team man. He is always the first to put up his hand when a player is required for the other team. He can always be relied upon to give 100% to our team or the team he is playing for. He also enjoys getting down under the packs.



Bailey Cudmore

Bailey has had a very good year for a first year player. He started playing this year for the first time and has picked up the skills of AFL very well. He always wants to learn new skills and is never afraid to try these new skills out. Well done keep it up.



Travis Fuss – Most Consistent Player

Travis is an excellent team man with a never give up attitude. He is always trying to involve every member of his team. He will always give 100% whether it is in the back line, forward line or on the ball. He plays his best footy when it's in close and hard. He enjoys kicking a goal.

Kruze Kellner

Kruze is the hard worker of the team and plays his football hard he is always the first to tackle and ensures his opponent never gets an easy kick. He is a true back man who has a skill of getting his opponent to think more about him than the game.



Brendan Krepp

Brendan has had a very good year and his skills have improved very well. He always gives 100% and you know he will try as hard as he can to get the ball moving forward. He is the type of player that can be forgotten by oppositions which can damage them by kicking sneaky goals.



Noah O'Neill

Noah is a very quiet achiever. He has a knack of getting the ball when others are finding it a little hard. His skills have improved throughout the year. His team skill has also improved and always tries to find a team man usually via a hand ball.



Zack Ryan

Zack in his first year of under 9's from Auskick enjoys the space that he did not have last year. He has no hesitation in doing his very best and is always able to find space in the forward line. He also loves to kick a goal and celebrates it like an AFL player in a final.



Dylan Smith

Dylan is a real team player and uses his skills to get the ball forward. He is always looking to involve his team mates and you can be sure if you run past for a hand ball he always delivers.

UNDER 10'S BLUE



COACH'S REPORT

This years Under 10 Blue team was made up of both youth and experience. The boys played really well all year. Everyone improved over the season, they all listened at training and come game day put their newly refined skills to the test. It was difficult to field a side of 8 or 9 players against other clubs with greater numbers. The skills and attitude shown by the boys with other teams having more numbers on the field at times was exceptional. Although no official scores were kept, we just about won every game convincingly. Thank you to my Assistant coach / water runner Paul Martin for hydrating the boys and giving them on field instructions. Thank you also to my Manager Andrew Nash who kept the team in order off the field and provided the chocolates after each game. Last but not least, a big thankyou to the parents for bringing the kids to training and the games each week, being goal umpires when required and being a great cheer squad.

Most of the boys will play in Under 12's next year are definitely ready for competition footy. It has been a pleasure developing your skills and game sense in preparation for the 'big league'. Go get 'em.

Matt Hort
Coach

PLAYER PROFILES - U10 BLUE



Brayden Hort - Coach's Award

What a great 2013 Brayden has had. He is definitely ready for competition football ! He possesses all the skills and unselfishly delivered the ball brilliantly to his teammates no matter what position he played. Unlike most players, Brayden is keen to play in the backs rather than forwards with his main objective being to stop the opposition scoring goals which he did to perfection. Well done Brayden and a definitely a deserved 'Best and Fairest' for this year.



Sam Freney - Most Valuable Player

After a year off, Sami returned to the Under 10's in style. Another of our teams senior players, Sami is also ready for the next level of Football. Always in the contest both on and off the ball he always stood his ground, listened at training and put into practice on game days all the new skills. A key member of the team and a standout in all areas of the game, hence the choice for the MVP award. Well done Sami.



Cole Jordan - U10 Blue Pest of the Year

Cole also had a great season. He is definitely improving year on year and is never afraid of a contest. He always put his body on the line regardless of the oppositions size to make sure that possession remained with Camden . A great effort from one of our younger up and coming stars. Cole also listened to my instructions on being a pest. Not in a bad way, the objective was to put any opposition player off their game.

I think Cole took this role to the highest level. Well done Pest !!



Jared Ryan

Never afraid of a contest for the ball, he was regularly found at the bottom of the pile of players, both in training and on game day. Jared continues to develop his skills each year. His skills in kicking and handballing from the beginning of the season to now have improved greatly. I could almost guarantee that next year when he is allowed to tackle, there will be no stopping him. Best of luck Jared.



Angus Matthews

Using his height to his advantage to grab the early high ball, Angus has also improved his kicking and handballing over the season. Angus trained hard through the year (Training in a singlet most of the time in the middle of Winter!) He put many of his newly refined skills to the test in the weekend games. Angus will move up to competition footy next year. Continue to train hard Angus, well done on a fantastic year.



Lachlan Hort

Great marks, great goals and sharing the ball around to his team mates from one of my 3 youngest players. Lachlan eats, sleeps and breaths footy. There is great potential to unlock once confidence builds for the contest of the ball. A high 5 for his teammates in celebration of a goal was never far away. Well Done Lachlan on a great 2013 season. Go hard next year !



Wil Freney

Wil is the team Pocket rocket. Wil would tear away from a pack of players with a 'Catch me if you can'. Wil joined the team to give us a much needed extra player and with a bonus left foot kick. With Soccer being his primary sport on Saturdays, we were benefited by having Sunday football so Wil could play. The transition from soccer to AFL was made easy with a player of Wil's skill level. Well done Wil on a great season. Hope to see you back next year !!



Cameron Martin

Cameron is another of our senior players moving up to competition footy next year. He has a never give up attitude and at the end of each quarter was red faced and sweaty, ready to do it all again for the next quarter. I have seen Cameron's skills improve over the season. Cameron, continue to pursue that straight kicking style next year and it will all come together for you, especially since you will now be able to tackle the opposition ! Well done and a super effort this year.

Jake Nash

Jakey boy, the smiling assassin. Even though he missed 5 weeks due to holidays (half his luck!) Jakes skills continued to improve as the season went along, saving his best game until the very end. Always trying his hardest on game day Jakes never give up attitude was there for all to see. Great effort Jake.

UNDER 10'S WHITE



COACH'S REPORT

What a great year for the U10 White Team. It has been an absolute pleasure again coaching the boys.

Five of the boys returned from last year's U10's Gold Team with Clayton, Jayden and Jack being a great addition to the team. The boys gelled well as a team from the start and I was really impressed with the commitment and enthusiasm each player showed during each game. This emulated in the team improving each and every game. Each player showed great skills and teamwork with the more experienced boys helping the others.

All the boys played in the true spirit of the game and had fun during every game. Well done boys, I am very proud of all of you.

On behalf of the team I would like to thank Andrew WOOD for Managing the team throughout the year, he did a fantastic job. I'd like to thank the parents for bringing their kids to training and the games each week. Without your support the boys would not have had the opportunity to enjoy AFL.

Again it was an absolute pleasure to coach the Under 10 White Team this year and I hope all the boys continue to play AFL.

Well done boys, it was a great year.

Dave Schofield
Coach

PLAYER PROFILES - U10'S WHITE



Oliver Byrnes

This was Oliver's second year in AFL and his footy ability really shone through. I have seen Oliver continually improve throughout the season. He always gives 100% effort and has become an excellent football player with plenty of talent. His strong kicking game and support play were excellent. Well done Oliver you had another great season, bring on U12's next year.



Clayton Erwin - Coach's Award

Clayton joined the team this year and really gelled with his team mates. Clayton's enthusiasm for the game is amazing and he never gave up. He was our enforcer on the field and fought for the ball like no other. He has all the skills to make a great AFL player, with a strong kicking game and excellent ability to dispose of the ball. Well done Clayton you are a deserving winner of the Coach's Award.



Jayden Player - Encouragement Award

Like Clayton, Jayden joined the team this year and formed a great bond with all his team mates. He has a great passion for AFL and this showed during both training and in the games. He displayed great skill and enthusiasm when fighting for the ball and his ability to kick and handpass were excellent. Great work Jayden.



Jack McAulay

This was Jack's first year in AFL and his skills and ability improved with every game. Although he initially struggled with the concept, coming from a soccer background, it was great to see another young player develop his skills throughout the year and what a moment it was when he scored his first goal. It was an absolute pleasure coaching Jack this year. Well done Jack.



Dylan Sala

Dylan was one of our big improvers from last year. He continued to show his ability in kicking and handpassing. His speed around the field and his ability to chase the ball was excellent. Dylan always played the game in the true spirit of AFL and never gave up. He impressed me with his willingness to learn and always listened during training and during the game. Well played Dylan.



Jake Schofield

This year Jake became one of the senior players in the team and continued to impress me with his speed and ability to kick the ball further than most players in the team, considering his age and size. He has all the skills to make an excellent AFL player in particular his kicking and marking game. Well played Jake, another great year.



Toby Schofield

Toby is one of the more experienced players and shows great leadership and desire to help the younger players in the team. He has a great passion for the game and this shows in his all-round skills and ability. Toby is one of the team's strongest players and his enthusiasm has not wavered over the five years he has played AFL. He continues to tell me how much he is looking forward to U12's so there is a winner and loser. Well done Toby, enjoy U12's next year.



Ryan Wood

Like Toby, Ryan is one of our more experienced players and he continues to impress me with his all-round football ability. He is a natural athlete and shows great skill each and every game. Ryan is one of the strongest players in the team and this is reflected in his long kicking game and ability to fight for the ball. Like many of our other players Ryan will be going up to U12's next year and I'm sure he will excel like he has in U10's. Well done Ryan.

UNDER 12'S DIVISION 1



COACH'S REPORT

After winning the premiership in 2012 in under 12 division 3 competition, jumping up to the top division in 2013 was going to create great challenges for the players. To their credit, the players met and conquered all but one of these challenges.

Challenge 1

Our player list changed slightly from the previous year, with the inclusion of Lachlan Roberts and Keegan Passlow who both remained in 12 div 1 from 2012 and the inclusion of 4 new players to the code in Cooper Dupond, Justin Eggert, Keegan Harvey-Marks and Adrian Arcuri.

It always takes an amount of time for everyone to adjust, both to me and each other, especially for the new players who are not only learning the skills of the game but also the knowledge of playing the game.

Their ability to learn and respond in a short period of time is a credit for all the hard work they all put into training and listening to instructions.

Challenge 2

Individual Development is my most important role as the coach.

This starts on the training track. I mix our training sessions up quite often but every drill

has 3 to 4 skill sets. Intensity to the drills is my priority, as is training 2 nights a week. With very high numbers at training, it is pleasing to see all the players develop their skill sets and game awareness.

If every player can take the confidence and enjoyment they receive from training and take it into a game on a Sunday and reach their individual potential, that's all I desire.

Challenge 3

At the start of the season, our goal was to beat every side we play against at least once and to make the finals.

For this we did. With a narrow loss to the Blue Mountains in rd 2 by 5 points, this stung the group into action and we went through the remainder of the home and away season undefeated, finishing on top of the ladder by 2 games over the Blue mountains.

We played every game on our terms and most pleasing was the player's ability to play to instructions. As we are a fairly small side we have a large emphasis on our run and spread, plenty of shepherds and spoiling, being committed in tackles and chasing opponents.

They have a good understanding when to switch or play down the line, kick and lead into the hotspot and generally back each other up.

Challenge 4

Versatility is a great asset to have as a player. Mark and I have great faith in all our players to adjust to different positions during a game, pending the situation.

We left our rotations on the ground up to the players, with Justin and Cameron rotating off the half back flank and the ruck, Ged and Keegan P between the forward line and midfield, Lincoln rotating with Cooper on most occasions through the midfield and forward line.

Most importantly, if we had to throw a forward into defence or the midfield or vice versa, every player was confident and able to play their role for the team.

Well done to all players.

Challenge 5

Making Finals was always our goal and we were good enough to get a 5 point win in our semi final over the Blue Mountains to take us straight through to the Grand Final. It was a ripping game and probably our hardest win over the past 2 years. A vital 3 goals from Justin, great work from Liam at full back and solid contributions from Lincoln, Jacqueline, Patrick and Josh got us home.

Unfortunately a premiership was not to be, with a really committed Blue Mountains beating us by a convincing 33 points. To the player's credit, we fought to the end and as part of their development you tend to learn more from a loss than you do a win.

To see the team work so hard all season will keep them all in good stead as we work on our deficiencies for next season.

Well done to Jacqueline who won the "best on ground" award for her magnificent effort from Centre Half Back in the GF, solid contributions from Josh, Liam, Jaykeb and an injured Lachlan.

Otherwise it was a fantastic year, the team spirit is wonderful both from the players and the parents and this showed on the field.

They really play for each other week in week out and also gave their all on the training track.

Many thanks to our support staff for your continued efforts throughout the season. Thank you so much to :

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To our president John Sorrenti, the committee and to all the club volunteers that help make the Camden Junior AFC the GWJ 2013 Club of the Year. THANK YOU from the U/12 div 1 players, coaching staff and parents.

Jason Williams
Coach

Mark Sullivan
Assistant Coach

PLAYER PROFILES – U12 Div 1



Adrian Arcuri

Adrian had a great first season and has nice skills for the game. Coming from soccer Adrian found the body contact confronting at the beginning of the season. He slowly but surely got more confidence in contested possession as the season wore on. Kicked some great goals on the run and always hit a target from his trusty left foot when in space. Great 1st season Adrian, hope to see you in 2014. **Goals 8**



Keegan Harvey – Marks

Keegan played his first season, also coming from soccer. Keegan also took a while to adjust to the contested possession but like Adrian this improved with every game.

He has quite a solid mark and is very accurate at kicking for goal. Once in space Keegan has a good run and carry and used the footy well. Well done Keegan. **Goals 15**



Cooper Dupond – Rookie of the Year Award

Cooper's first season at AFL was a cracker. He loved the contested possession and adapted to the rules of the game quickly. Has a never give up attitude and is brutal in his tackling.

Coopers skills are developing nicely and his knowledge of the game plans is always improving. Like all players, he loved kicking a goal.

A top season Cooper, well done, hope to see you in 2014. **Goals 8**



Justin Eggert

After missing last season to league, Justin returned to Sunday AFL and had a great impact on the team. His very competitive nature saw him always involved in the play rotating between the ruck and the half back line. A bit shaky in having set shots at goal but his 3 goals in the semi was a great effort to get home by 5 points. Like Coop, he loved the tackling and has a natural attacking flair. Unfortunately missed the GF, but hopefully we see Justin back in 2014. Awesome season Justin. **Goals 5**



Keegan Passlow (VC)

After playing up last season, Keegan remained in his age bracket and has all the physical attributes to be top footballer. He has a great lead and mark and his kicking skills are well developed. He struggled a bit in his contested marking and tackling, but he has the ability to really be strong in this part of the game. Keegan has a great understanding of the game and its structures and is a lovely kick for goal. A popular team mate. Well

done Keegs. **Goals 37**



Lachlan Roberts – Runner Up Best & Fairest Award

Lachy had a frustrating season due to injury, but when fit he was on fire. He has good game sense and explosive speed which made him unstoppable from full forward later in the season. Lachy played some great games from half back and has enormous potential. Like all young players, learning to play under some duress will increase as he gets older. Lachy's skills are excellent as is his running ability. Well Done Lachlan.

Goals 15.

Lincoln Crimmins – Best & Fairest Award

Lincoln has a natural understanding of AFL, a popular teammate Lincoln has the ability to read the ball off packs and where to position him to create the next play. His skills are excellent especially his marking and kicking on the run. Very accurate in front of goals and has good composure with the ball in hand whilst on the run. Super consistent in the majority of the games he plays. Great season Link. **Goals 36**



Liam Calcutt – Spirit of Camden Award

Liam is always willing to learn and I use him as a bit of a swingman. Towards the business end of the season, he played from full back and his defensive pressure and run was enormous. His efforts in the Preliminary final were a highlight with a near best on ground performance. His kicking and marking are improving and his contested work and he is a total team player. A really good season Liam, well done. **Goals 1**



Gerard Kitto (C)

Nominated captain by his peers, Ged had a mixed season A fine mark and superb at laying a shepherd and a tackle, Ged has many attributes to be a fine footballer. In hindsight missing 5 weeks cost him some fitness and consistency in his football. Ged certainly has all the ability to be a super player as he has a natural understanding of the game. Rotating between the midfield and the forward line Ged is certainly an important member of the side. Also a great kick for goal. Well done Ged. **Goals 12**



Josh Hand (VC)

Josh is super competitive and played off the wing this year. He fights tooth and nail to support his teammates whether it's shepherding, tackling opponents and feeding off the handballs. Josh uses the ball well, and his skills in all facets are on the improve. Quite vocal at the qtr time breaks with the teammates and listens and follows our instructions. Top season Squashy. **Goals 3**



Jacqueline Gay

A fantastic season by Jacqueline in 2013. Developing nicely as a centre half back and is also a very competent forward. Jacqueline is an extremely hard trainer and her excellent skills on both sides of her body are reward for her hard work. Nominated best on ground in a losing grand final is a special achievement and was well deserved. Well done Jacqueline. **Goals 10**



Cameron Almond – Runner Up Best & Fairest Award

Another consistent season from Cameron. Rotates through the ruck and half back line with Justin. His marking is improving but needs more developing in taking contested marks as well as contested work on the ground. He is an excellent runner and has a good footy brain, Cameron's kicking is also on the improve and gives his all at training. Well done Cam. **Goals 6**



Harry Williams

Pretty good year from Harry from the forward line, has a good lead and is strong at holding his chest marks. Kicks a nice goal from a set shot, and is developing a nice snap. Always fights hard to keep the ball in the forward line when the opposition are in possession. He is looking to improve his running capacity and further developing his skills and contested footy in readiness for 2014. A great team player, well done Hazza. **Goals 13**



Jaykeb Sullivan – Rising Star Award

Jaykeb played off the wing, and had a tremendous season. Very competitive and is strong in a contested situation. His chest marking is improving and his kicking has developed nicely throughout the season. He uses the ball well and is developing nicely, A really good season Sully, well done. **Goals 1**



Patrick Sapiatzer – Coach's Award

Mr Consistency, Patrick plays with enormous heart. Is very adept at picking the footy up on the run, and is excellent at decision making. He provides plenty of run of halfback and always plays in front. Patrick gets plenty of possessions and is naturally competitive and is great at the 1 percenters. Awesome season Patty. **Goals 1**



Bayley Gandy

Bayley started the season off really well, with his kicking really improving from last season. He hits the majority of his targets and is great at training. He is really positive with his thoughts towards his team mates and is real vocal in the warm-ups at training and game day.

Bayley's formed dropped slightly mainly due to fitness towards the end but not his positive energy and his ability to fight to keep the ball in the forward line. Well done Bails. **Goals 2**



Chad Porter

Chad plays with true passion, he is our physical force in the backline, and creates great defensive pressure for our running defenders. Chad is an excellent trainer and is vocal both at training and game day. Excellent team player and his kicking has improved substantially from last season. A champion kid and is a pleasure to coach. Top season Chad. **Goals 1**



Jonah Veckranges

Jonah continues to improve his skills. Jonah had a great game against Parramatta having 3 shots at goal. He always applies his tackles and lays his shepherds and gives off handballs for his team mates. He is looking forward to improving his fitness for next season and he loves being around his team mates. Well done Jo Jo on your season.



Logan Jesson

Can you have a cheerleader and a player in the same team? Well we can. Logan has an infectious personality and always leads off the team song after every win. Footy wise he had his best season in the 3 years I have coached him. His contested footy was much improved as was his defensive footy. Great season Loges. **Goals 3**



Rory McFarland

This was Rory's first season in competitive footy. An excellent trainer and his skills are quite good and are still developing. Once his confidence grew so did his decision making, with his defensive pressure in defence and in the forward line also improving, 2013 will give Rory plenty of confidence for 2014. **Goals 2**

UNDER 12'S DIVISION 3



COACH'S REPORT

My first season as head coach of competition football was a real roller coaster ride, yet I loved every single second of it. The players that I was given were a real mixed bag, I had players that I coached last year in Under 10's, and I had players that were completely new to the game of AFL. In regards to all the new players in the team, it was fascinating to hear the background of each player, as well as their stories on why they decided to join not only the sport but the club as well. All of the new players were fantastic additions to the team and the club is very lucky to have them on board.

We started the year quite well with a couple of strong performances, before we were tested against who would soon become the competition powerhouses. The team made some really big improvements across the middle part of the season, as a lot of our hard work was beginning to pay off. There were a couple of tense struggles with Liverpool during that period, as well as that remarkable game against Campbelltown where we secured a draw from nowhere. The boys were given the ultimate reward after our second encounter with Liverpool, where it was confirmed that we were paying finals football. A remarkable achievement for a team, a majority of whom had never played competition football or never played AFL at all. During the last two regular season

rounds we played the top two teams in the competition and they really showed why they were in the position they were in. Despite the tough circumstances the boys really gave it their all and they never gave in no matter how tough the match got. Along came the finals, and although we were outplayed, every single player played their best game of the season. It is a good feeling to have when you get beaten knowing that you gave it your absolute all. Every single player put in a lot of effort, and although we didn't get the result we were after I felt happy knowing that they tried their absolute best.

There are a few messages that I would like to give to all the boys in the team heading towards next season and beyond.

First - Don't ever be pigeon holed.

What I mean by this is that at your age it is too early for any of you to be playing the same position every minute of every match. I deliberately made you play in different positions across the season. This was because it is important for you to learn about each position rather than you being pigeon holed into one role all season long. By giving you a taste of different positions it will have a positive impact on your development over the long run. Even for the few of you that played in one position more than another, just because you excelled in one position does not mean that your hopes of being good in another position are over. There is still plenty of time for you to learn other roles on the field and you should never give up trying.

Second - Never stop learning.

At the beginning of each training session I asked each and every one of you what you had learned from the previous weekend's game. All of you showed throughout the season that you had a good understanding of the game, and that you learnt new and interesting things not only about the opposition but about yourselves as well. So going forward next season you can always continue to learn one thing from each match, so that way you can improve your knowledge of the game as well as being able to use that knowledge to improve your ability.

Finally - Always put the effort in.

All of you throughout the season at training and at matches put the effort, hunger and intensity into everything that you all did. To see improvements in your ability you all need to go the extra mile at training and on match day. All of you saw improvements in your ability because you put the effort, hunger and intensity into training. If you continue this then you will all continue to see improvements in your ability.

After the successful year we had there are a few people that I would like to thank for their contribution throughout the season.

Firstly I would like to thank all of the parents that assisted me at training during the season. Especially to Paul Burrows who for the second year in a row was someone that I could rely on whenever I needed help at training. Also I thank him for being a very handy water runner as well, despite the fact it left him gasping for air after each game. I would also like to extend a big thank you to Mick Rochester, Brendan Roberts and Brendan Hart for assisting as water runners throughout the season, especially during finals. You will not believe how useful it is to have a runner when I desperately need to give a message to the players as well as keeping them hydrated which is very important. Your help has not gone unnoticed and I am very grateful for your assistance.

Next I would like to thank all of the parents. It was lovely to meet you all throughout the season, and it was very nice to receive a lot of support from you all in what I was doing during the season. You should all be very proud of your boys for what they have achieved this season, but no doubt they should all be thanking you for driving them to every game. A special mention should go to Paul Clements for organising the night at the Swans v Collingwood match. Thank you for putting the time into organising the night, all of the boys had a great time and it was great for them to get to know each other a bit more.

Lastly I would like to thank the person that no doubt put a lot of unpaid time and effort into her role, and that person is Lorraine Burrows. I had the pleasure of having her husband Paul as team manager last year, however after having Lorraine this year it is fair to say which Burrows I would prefer (no offence Paul). Whenever I had a question about where we were playing, what time the match was or any other general query, Lorraine always had the answer. In fact I think that I spent more time talking to Lorraine throughout the year than Paul did. Such is the role of a team manager, it requires a lot of emails, phone calls and text messages exchanged back and forth. She always had everything prepared for me on match day so that when I turned up everything was in place ready to go which made my job just that little bit easier. So thank you again for all of your time and effort this year.

Finally I would like to say thank you to all of the boys in the Under 12's team. It was a real challenge coaching all of you guys considering that you were all new to the sport. I had so much fun at training and each and every one of you put so much effort into every match, which is all that I can ask for. If you are able to take just one thing that I taught you this season and carry it with you into next year and beyond, then I have done my

job. You are all great young men, and I wish you all the best in your future endeavors, whether it be with football or anything else.

Kasey Paradis

Coach

PLAYER PROFILES – U12 Div 3



6 – Blake Brown

Blake was a person who brought a lot of happiness and energy with him wherever he went. He had a unique sense of humor and a smile that made others happy. It was fantastic to see Blake mix it up with some of the bigger players, not only in our team but in opposing teams as well. By far Blake's best performance of the season was in the drawn match against Campbelltown. Blake made a HUGE tackle on a Campbelltown player who was easily ten times his size, however Blake showed great courage to just slow him down and force the mistake that led to a goal from Lachlan Burrows. In the same match, Blake kicked a superb goal from a very tight angle that left me wondering how come I can't kick a goal like Blake did. Blake's biggest improvement was to see him have no fear playing against much bigger players, as we all saw in that big tackle he made against Campbelltown. For next season Blake needs to improve on his leading, especially when playing forward. Blake did make strong leads, however he would only make one lead and then stop, giving the player with the ball less options. If Blake is able to lead again and again and again, he will be able to improve a lot.



7 – Ethan Roberts – Rising Star Award

This year Ethan went through the biggest change and growth since he started playing AFL. This season was a lot more challenging for Ethan, he was up against bigger players, in a competition where tackling was permitted, which was an environment that was completely different to the previous season. Although it was challenging, Ethan accepted the challenge head on. He was never afraid to go hard in for the ball, and his sprinting ability was one of the best in the team. Towards the back end of the year Ethan really excelled down back, as he was able to use his speed and hunger to get the ball whenever the opposing team kicked it forward. It was like watching someone flick a rubber band, the ball would go towards Ethan and he would just fling it back with ease. Going forward Ethan is a growing boy, so he needs to make sure he eats plenty of food and DRINKS PLENTY OF WATER, because they are both like petrol in a car, if we

don't have enough of those then we slow down and eventually stop! If he is able to do this then Ethan can achieve anything.



8 – Lachlan Clements – Runner Up Best & Fairest Award

Lachlan had a superb first season playing AFL. He had a fantastic attitude for the game, which was clear to see both at training and on game day. Lachlan was a person that I could always rely on, no matter where he played he always managed to get the job done. One aspect of Lachlan's game that really impressed me was his hunger for the ball. Whenever Lachlan was within 30 metres of the ball, you could guarantee that he would always come away with it. His marking ability was also one of his biggest strengths. Whether it was an uncontested mark or a mark taken with five players around him, Lachlan had such a great ability to mark the ball whenever it was kicked his way. Lachlan also had a very good sidestep. After seeing him do it every game, everyone in the team could always see it coming, but luckily for us the other team had no idea what Lachlan was about to do. Whenever he was running with the ball, Lachlan was able to use his big sidestep to get past his opponent with such ease. For next season Lachlan needs to improve his talk out on the field. Lachlan is the type of person that when he talks, others listen. I could see that as the season went on he felt more comfortable and he was beginning to come out of his shell. However during matches he needs to help his teammates out, by talking to them, encouraging them and directing them around the field.



9 – Ethan Hart – Best & Fairest Award & GORDON BROWN TROPHY

Well I think it is fair to say that how we developed and performed as a team had a lot to do with Ethan. Ethan was easily our best performer across the whole season. After every match, the opposition coach would always come up to me and say to me “wow your number 9 is really good”, then I would always reply with “well he's from Victoria”, then the opposition coach would get that light bulb moment as they had just discovered the secret as to why Ethan was that good. But regardless of where he is from Ethan puts a lot of effort into training, and it was because of this he always gave 100% in every match. He made the effort to get to EVERY contest, to tackle any player he could, and to help out his teammates. As we were a team that had only a handful of players with AFL experience, Ethan played a huge role in teaching all the new players the culture of AFL, with little things such as how they should talk, where to stand or position themselves, and how to stand in a big circle to sing the team song. Ethan kicked some amazing goals during the year, some of which included those two snaps from the pocket against Hawkesbury (which came from having competitions with me at training), but the most memorable goal that Ethan kicked was the goal that

earned us a draw against Campbelltown. I was very jubilant when it happened, however I did have to contain my celebrations as I had a couple of very vocal Campbelltown parents standing right beside the whole match. As long as Ethan continues to put high amounts of effort in to his game, then he can really achieve some great things, not only for Camden but for representative teams as well. Going forward, although Ethan has a fantastic kick on him, I would say that when clearing the ball from half-back, he needs to make sure that he does not kick straight down the throat of opposing players. This can be done by scanning what is in front of him, knowing where the opposition players are, and having good spatial awareness. If he is able to fix that part of his game he can go one step further next season.



10 – Ethan Sullivan

Ethan showed a lot of promise in his first season in Under 12's He is a great competitor who really enjoyed playing footy each week. Ethan was another player who always had an opinion about how he and the team played on the weekend. I saw Ethan put in a lot of effort at training as he tried his best to improve his ability. One area of Ethan's game that really improved was his kicking. Ethan developed a very good kicking technique, which he was able to use in matches to either find a teammate or kick the ball downfield. A big highlight of Ethan's season would have no doubt be when he played against Liverpool at Rosedale oval. This was a very special moment for Ethan as he was playing at a ground where the pavilion was named after his grandfather. It was no doubt a huge thrill for Ethan that day, and to top it off he kicked a goal against Liverpool that would have made Ethan and his grandad proud.

11 – Lachlan Donnelly

Lachlan was a man of few words, but whenever he spoke everyone listened. I could tell that Lachlan wants to learn as much as he can about AFL, as he always asked plenty of question, so that he could gather as much information as he could to perform to the best of his ability. One game that springs to my mind when I think about Lachlan's season was our final regular season match against Hawkesbury. Lachlan was amazing that day. The whole team was given a task to get the football, and Lachlan performed the task with great results. He ran hard for the football, he got plenty of it, and he did not stop until the final siren. Throughout the season, Lachlan developed a sound skill base that he can take with him next season, however going forward Lachlan needs to trust his instinct a lot more. Lachlan may feel as though he is unsure about certain things, however deep down he does know, and he needs to have more confidence in his instinct, as it can never let him down.

12 - Eli Crofts

I was quite happy with the way Eli made the transition into Under 12's AFL. He was able to bring over his form and ability from Under 10's into competition football. Eli has a strong running game which improved greatly as the season went on. Eli was also one of the toughest players in the team. He was never afraid to put his body on the line and he really lead by example with his toughness and commitment. One aspect of Eli that really improved and impressed me the most was his attitude. Eli, this season, was a player that was really measured, calm and focused on the task at hand. At no stage did he ever let other players distract him or bring him down. He just let his footy do the talking, which is what really impressed me the most. Going forward, if he continues to be not only a strong person on the field, but off it as well, then Eli will get many great things come his way.



13 - Luke Nelson

Luke had another strong year at Camden. Just like the other Under 10's from last year, Luke had to endure a big adjustment to playing under 12's, however once he got more comfortable I could see the strengths in Luke's game come out. His long, strong, hard running was the best part of his game, as he was able to run straight through opposing players with great ease. Luke is by far the most respectful young man I know. He would always say hello to me when he saw me, always help me with the equipment, and he would always say thank you to me after every training session or match. The area of Luke's game that improved the most was his bouncing. Luke has been working hard on his bouncing since last year and it was great to see an improvement in that area. Going forward, Luke needs to believe in his ability to get the ball when it is there to win. He is an imposing figure on the field, so by him using his body to get the ball, he will leave other players scared in their tracks.

14 - Jarrad Di Mauro

Jarrod was a real pleasure to coach this season. He always worked hard at training and it was towards the end of the season that Jarrad saw the benefits of his hard work. Jarrad is a very polite young man, who always tried his best out on the field. He has an imposing figure and he was always doing his best to get to every contest he could. One area that Jarrad really improved in was his kicking. After I helped him with his kicking technique, I saw a big improvement in Jarrad's technique. At training and during matches, Jarrad would do some really big kicks, which made him really happy. No doubt Jarrad's best match of the season was in the final against Campbelltown. Jarrad ran hard all game, he took some strong marks, and used his big kick to get the ball down

forward. I was really pleased with the way Jarrad played and I told him after the match that it reminded me of him in Under 10's last year where he dominated every match. Going forward Jarrad needs to keep working on his kicking. He saw massive improvements in his kicking this year, but he needs to continue to work hard so that his kicking can become even better. Remember Jarrad, nose in front, hold the ears and hit the chin.



15 - Jack Douglas-Borkman - Most Improved Player Award

Jack was easily the most improved player in the entire squad. Throughout the season Jack was a solid contributor to the team, as he had a strong work ethic and he never stopped trying. After watching a couple of Jack's games I could see that he had what it took to be a strong player, however it took him a few matches to find his feet. It was when we played Ingleburn that Jack really stamped his authority during a match. He played a strong game down back, stopping everything that came down his way. Jack was very impressive that day that he won best on ground. It was from that match that Jack became one of our most important players in the team. Jack was always the first player that I would pick to play back and he never let me down. He had a string chest mark, a powerful clearing kick and strong hunger for the ball. Jack would use his speed to run hard towards the ball and stop it from going anywhere near our goal line. Going forward Jack will need to improve on his kicking in order for him to be even better next year. I know Jack works really hard on his kicking, as I always see him at training working hard on his drop punts, however he needs to continue putting the effort into his kicking in order for him to become an even better player.



16 - Ethan Polgardy

Unfortunately for Ethan this season was interrupted with a couple of injuries that limited his time training and playing. However whenever Ethan was a part of the team I was really impressed with the way he trained and played his footy. Ethan was a player that really listened to and followed instructions. Every time I was addressing the team, Ethan would always be at the front of the group with his eyes fixed onto me listening to every word that I was saying. During matches, Ethan showed glimpses of what he could do. He was a wonderful support player, always there at every contest, as he always gave it his all which it all that I could ever ask for as a coach. For next season, if Ethan is able to remain injury free, then he will be able to improve even more than he did this season. I know that is easy to say as the injuries that Ethan suffered were from accidents, however I want him to know that I have the confidence in him to play to the best of his ability whenever he gets the opportunity to play injury free.



17 - Bailey Sheraton

Bailey really did achieve some great things in his first season of AFL. Another one of the new kids on the block, Bailey come over to AFL having played a lot of Rugby League in his childhood (and still did throughout the season). He came over because he was a good fan of the Bulldogs and he simply just wanted to have a go at the sport, which takes a lot of courage to do when you haven't played the sport before. From watching Bailey play throughout the season, it was clear to see how playing Rugby League had helped him make a smooth transition to AFL. Bailey had such a big fend and sidestep, which allowed him to push off opponents and get past them with little effort. The part of Bailey's game that really improved over the season was how he was able to just play football. Bailey did not let other players distract him or intimidate him. There was no doubt that other players tried to target Bailey, however he ignored them and he just smashed them with his football, which is what he should do. This shows that if Bailey is able to focus on the task at hand, and not let other silly people distract him then he can play some great football, and I have every confidence in the world that he can do that. I know that Bailey is still a relative newcomer to the game, however one way that he can fast track his knowledge is to watch games on TV. By watching games of AFL he will pick up little things such as where he should be running, how he can help teammates, and how he can become an even better player. The more games that Bailey watches, the more he will know about the game which will ultimately see improvements in the way he plays.

18 - Ben Mathews

Ben was a standout performer for the team over the course of the season. His leadership at training and on match day really impressed me, as he lead by example on and off the field, which is a quality that all leaders should posses. Ben was a player that I could really rely on, I could put him up forward, down back, or in midfield and Ben would take it with open arms and do what was needed in each position. However the position where Ben impressed me the most was up forward. One game that springs to mind was the first time we played Liverpool. I had never seen a player impose himself on a match like Ben did in that first quarter. He was on the front foot, making strong hard leads to the right places, marking the ball every time, and kicking a few goals which ultimately was the difference in that match. I do not need to tell Ben where he improved the most, because deep down he knows. He just needs to think back to last year and compare that to this year and he can tell you how much he has improved. Going forward Ben needs to improve on his kicking. Towards the back end of last season he drifted away from technique he had during the first half of the season,

however if he works on what I told him, such as the ears and chin of the ball, he will do just fine.



19 – Lachlan McMillan – Rookie of the Year Award

Lachlan was in first season playing AFL. At such a young age Lachlan has already played quite a few sports such as rugby league and hockey to name a few. When I first met Lachlan he was a very shy kid who was very quite reserved. However from the first training session Lachlan showed that he had what it took to be great player. He was tough, he was good at shepherding, he always ran hard for the ball and he never stopped trying to get the ball no matter how many opposition players were trying to block, bump or shepherd him out of the way. Lachlan really did achieve a lot in his first season, he won best on ground in the first match of the season, and what no doubt made me really proud was when he made the Under 12's representative team. That is a huge achievement for a player that had not played the sport before. As the season went on I could see Lachlan become more open and confident. He was talking a lot more, he was cracking jokes and I could see that nice smile of his appear on his face. He is also a very nice and polite person to talk to. As mentioned before, Lachlan achieved some great things over the season and his game improved greatly over that time. One thing that Lachlan can improve on for next season is his short kicks. Lachlan has a very big kick on him, however if he keeps practicing his short kicks, by having the nose of the ball at the front, holding the ears and hitting the chin of the ball, as well as making sure his toes point towards where he wants to kick to. If he is able to remember these points, then Lachlan will see big improvements in his short kicks.



20 – Lachlan Burrows

It was great to see how much Lachlan had improved throughout the year. He was able to take what he had learnt at training into the match and that was the most pleasing thing to see. Lachlan has quite a good knowledge about the game. This was evident whenever I talked to him. He always had an opinion on the weekend's game, what he noticed in the opposition and how he was performing. So it was great to see that he could notice certain things that others may have overlooked. By far the one part of Lachlan's game that improved the most was his kicking. I remember back to Under 10's last year where Lachlan had an interesting technique which involved dropping the ball with both hands at the same time, however now he has a beautiful technique where he can drop the ball with one hand behind his back. By improving his technique, Lachlan was able to kick the ball much further then ever before. There were a few matches where I saw Lachlan kick the ball 30 metres long downfield, so he has come a really long way in such a short amount of time. One area that Lachlan can improve on over the

summer is his speed and sprinting ability. There were a few occasions during the year where Lachlan was in Under 10's mode, where he would get the ball on the ground and then stand up as if he had plenty of time and space. However he soon realised that Under 12's was a whole different game and he needed to change his approach. I could see him making the effort to improve that area which was pleasing to see, however he still has room for improvement.



24 - Nathanael Miller

Nathanael was a solid contributor to the team throughout the season. He has a positive attitude and was always very eager to participate in training and he was always excited before every match. Nathanael is the type of player that you could have a laugh with, he is very cheeky and he always likes to crack a joke or two with the boys and myself. Nathanael played in every position during the year, however he played exceptionally well in the ruck and down back. When he was playing in the ruck, Nathanael was really good at tapping the ball to his fellow midfielders, who were then able to clear the ball towards our forwards. Nathanael was a fantastic defender. He was single handedly responsible for saving a ton of goals throughout the season. The area that Nathanael improved the most in was his hunger and determination for the ball. This was most evident in our last game of the season against Campbelltown. That day Nathanael was UNBELIEVABLE. He had a fearless attitude where nothing was getting in his way. He ran so hard that he was faster than an Olympic sprinter. I saw Nathanael at one end of the field and just a couple of seconds later he was up at the other end. He put his body on the line, he attacked the ball with everything he had and it was because of him that we played as well as we did that day. Nathanael has a fantastic kicking technique from a standing start, however going forward the next step is to get the same technique when he is on the run. At times when he tried kicking on the run he was a bit off balance and his ball drop went off a bit. If he is able to fix those two things then Nathanael will become an even better kicker. Well done Nathanael!

25 - Kane Holmes

By season's end, Kane can definitely say to himself that he made a smooth transition to competition footy. I could already see from when I was coaching him last year that Kane was ready for the grinding and tougher nature of under 12's, and he no doubt showed that throughout the season. Kane was a fantastic tackler. He was able to wrap up his opponents with his smooth and effortless technique. It is no secret that playing rugby league helped Kane out in this situation. When I think of Kane's performances throughout the year, the one game that I instantly think of is our final game of the season against Campbelltown at Bargo. Kane was unbelievable that day. I don't know

what he ate for breakfast that morning, but whatever it was it certainly did help. Kane was a ball magnet that day, wherever he went the ball came towards him, not only that but Kane was able to handpass or kick the ball to the right places. He sprinted as hard as he could to get to the ball, and like I mentioned before he tackled and hung onto his opponents for dear life. Kane even kicked a goal late in the match as a reward for his efforts. Kane may think that he was lucky that day, however it did not come from luck, but from the hard work and effort that he had put in at training through the year. That final game was a sign that he had improved immensely from where he was last year. Going forward he needs to maintain his effort, because if he puts in the effort at training, he will be rewarded during the game.



27 - Joel Kramer

Joel was a real pleasure to coach. He was a player that showed enormous amounts of respect towards others, and his attitude at training was fantastic. At training, when we were having a team discussion about the previous weekend's game, when Joel gave his thoughts, I could tell that he had a great knowledge of the game. He was able to give his thoughts on where we went well, where we didn't go so well, as well as areas that we could improve on. I could always count on Joel speaking openly and honestly about the team. During the match I could always hear Joel from the sideline, talking to his teammates, giving them encouragement and cheering them on. Joel was also a really reliable player, as I could place him anywhere on the field and he would always try his best to perform to the best of his ability. Joel has come a long way since his first season in Under 12's. He knew what he had to do, he got his hands on the ball a lot more, he was a great support player and he always put a lot of effort into everything he did. Going forward for next season Joel really needs to take another step forward with the amount of effort he puts in. He has already seen what he can achieve during this year, and I can only imagine how much he can improve next season. However that all comes down to how much effort Joel puts in. If he sits back and just rests on what he has done then he won't experience any improvements. However if he steps up, just like he did this season, then he will get rewarded.



28 - Angus Rochester

Another one of the new recruits to AFL, Angus had played a bit of AFL however this was his first venture into competition football. Just before the season began, Angus was given the honor of being appointed club captain for the year. Angus was appointed by his teammates to be captain and after witnessing how Angus conducted himself at training, I could see why he was chosen. Angus always had the upmost respect of

his teammates and he was very disciplined in the way he went about footy. He knew the right time to muck around and have a laugh, but he also knew when to be serious about the task at hand. Angus was a player that knew exactly what to do in each zone of the field, he would kick goals down forward, defend the goals down back, and in midfield he did a lot of ruckwork where a lot of his hit-outs lead to clearances to our forwards. Angus' rucking was an area of his game that really improved over the season. He was able to take his jumping ability to smack the ball straight down to where his teammates were standing. As mentioned before, Angus showed fantastic leadership qualities throughout the season, however going forward he needs to maintain these qualities to get the best out of his teammates and himself. Even if Angus doesn't have the 'c' next to his name he can always lead by example with his conduct at training and on match day.



30 - Elijah Moss - Coach's Award

Elijah was another one of the many players who were in their first season playing AFL. Elijah was a big fan of AFL, not only did I know that from talking to him, but he gave it away with that Sydney Swans shirt he wore all the time. I could tell that all of the time he spent following the sport had paid off, as Elijah had a fantastic knowledge of the game. Elijah was a player where I could give him a role or task to do, and he would always fulfill that role very effectively, which was fantastic to see. Elijah always put 100% into every game, he never stopped trying, he always helped his teammates and he was fantastic at chasing down opponents. Elijah is no doubt a true gentleman. He is so polite, so well spoken, and he was just a great person to have a chat with at training. Having said all that it was really no surprise to see Elijah turn up to the ground and watch his teammates play while he was injured to offer his support. Elijah is truly a team player and his teammates really noticed and appreciated his support throughout the season.

UNDER 13'S



COACH'S REPORT

It was a great year for the U/13's this year. Undefeated during the home and away season, undefeated during the finals series and Premiership winners of the first U/13's competition.

This year we went into uncharted territory, the inaugural U/13's competition, a change to Sunday football, not quite enough players in the squad to cover injuries and managing representative commitments. So this meant that the boys had to overcome challenges which included getting to know the new players, disrupted training sessions, working with the U/12 players when they were available and playing short when they weren't. I was extremely proud of the way the boys faced these challenges before them this year and how they went about their footy.

Just getting a U/13 team on the field this year was a challenge in itself. At the start of the season we just simply didn't have enough players to field a team that would cover injuries and other absences and in the end we had a squad of 19 including 3 players eligible to play U/12's. A special thank you goes out to those U/12 boys and their parents for allowing them to play-up.

Just like the start of every season it takes a month or so for the players to get back into the training routine. We had had only a couple of training sessions before our first game of the season which was a Grand Final re-match against Emu Plains. I was a bit anxious as to how we would go; we had 9 new players to the team including 5 rookies and whilst their work at training was good it was hard to judge just how they would go. In the end I really didn't have anything to worry about, the new boys fitted into the side well, the younger boys didn't look out of place and we ended up winning convincingly.

So from that first game we knew we had a good base to work from and so we now had to figure out how to get the most out of each player. To illustrate the calibre of the players in our team, we had 2 players represent in the U/12 GSJ Western Region Team, 7 players represent in the U/13 GSJ Western Region Team, and 7 players joined the U/13 GWS Giants Academy training squad with 1 player going onto to represent at the NSW carnival. In addition to these representative playing honours we also had 2 players join the umpiring ranks. These players should be proud of their individual achievements.

The team that posed the greatest threat to us this year was the South-West Tigers. We played them 3 times during the regular season, then the Preliminary Final and the Grand Final. I would say that the best game we played against them was in the Grand Final, all the boys played for each other, which meant that we had the right balance of individual brilliance to inspire, of team play to make sure we converted possession into points, of recovering to help out the backmen and toughness in the contest and defence earning the respect of our opponents.

In saying that the game that I was most proud of was the second game we played against them during the regular season. The score was 14 all at half time and the boys just seemed out of sorts, all the traits I mentioned above were missing. Why I am most proud of this game was that in the second half the boys realised that it was up to them, they dug deep, started playing for each other and reclaimed control of the game scoring 40 unanswered points in the second half.

Thanks boys for a great season and congratulations on being part of a premiership winning side. For the 7 of you who were part of the 2011 U/12 Div. 2 side this this has been a 3 year journey for which your persistence, hard work and dedication to training has been rewarded, there are 9 of you that played in last year's Grand Final and you've turned last year's disappointment into success. Well done boys.

Before signing off there is a lot that goes into winning a premiership and for that I would like to thank a few people.

Natalie Cuerden – First time mum to the club stepped in to manage the side. There's a lot of work that goes on behind the scenes, preparing team sheets, entering scores and updating player statistics, supporting the clubs fund raising through the chocolates and the pie drive, club photos, organising boundary and goal umpires and organising

players from the under 12's to play up when needed. Thanks for your support this year Natalie, without it we would not have been able to achieve what we have this year.

Greg Kellner - Greg has been a great supporter of our club over a number of years in a variety of roles, coach, assistant coach and sponsor and continues as a valued supporter of the club. I have been fortunate to have people with considerable footy pedigree like Steve Edwards, Jason Williams and Greg mentor me as a competition coach. Greg played 3 years in Sydney Swans reserve grade team and played with Campbelltown Seniors Premiership sides. Greg is a fantastic guiding voice for me and to the senior players. Thanks Greg for sharing your footy wisdom.

Nick Irwin - Nick filled the role of boundary umpire during the home and away season and was our runner during the final series. It was fantastic to have Nick volunteer for this role as it was one less thing to worry about on game day. Nick loves his AFL and is the Auskick co-ordinator for the Campbelltown Swans where his younger boy Callum plays. Thanks Nick for your wonderful support of our team and AFL.

Keegan Passlow, Cameron Almond, Chad Porter, Jacqueline Gay, Lincoln Crimmins, Patrick Sapiatzer & their Parents - These players from the U/12's played-up to make sure that we had the right number of players on game day. So thanks from all of us from the U/13's.

GO THE CAMDEN BLUES!!!

Shane Gandy
Coach

PLAYERS PROFILES – U13’S

Connor Henderson (C) Runner Up Best & Fairest Award

Games played - 162

Connor was the logical choice to lead the team this year; he is our most capped player and was one of 2012’s dominating ruckman in the U/12 Div. 1 competition. He certainly lived up to the trust we placed in him, dominating all of his opponents, leading the team by example and inspiring his team mates when things got tough. At the start of the year we set the challenge for Connor to be the best ruckman in the competition and this he did. Congratulations on a great year Connor.



Aidan Gandy (VC)

Games Played – 160

Representative Honours - U/13 GSJ Western Region Representative Player, U/13 Giants Academy Training Squad

Achievement in AFL - GSJ Western Region Umpire, Best First Year Umpire 2013

This was a year for Aidan to develop a new skill, those who know Aidan know him for his tenacity at the ball and his constant pressure around the breakdown often winning the turnover and getting the ball to our advantage and whilst he did spend most of his time in this familiar role he was able to spend some time playing forward. Using his trademark desire to win the ball Aidan showed how he could convert pressure into possession and the possession into scoring goals. Well done Aidan showing us another side to your game.



Anthony Boskoski (Rookie)

Games Played – 13

Representative Honours - U/13 Giants Academy Training Squad

What a great year for Anthony, playing in the backline he took on all comers and won. When the action came his way, he was quick to the ball, elusive to the tacklers and was clean with his disposals favouring a short kick pass which would find the target. He is a courageous player (like all our smalls) never shying away from a contest. Thanks for a great year and reminding us all that you don’t have to be the size of a lion to play but to play with the heart of a lion.



Baily MacParland – Best & Fairest Award

Games Played – 29

Representative Honours - U/13 GSJ Western Region Representative Player, U/13 Giants Academy Training Squad, U/13 Giants Academy Representative Player

Achievement in AFL - U/13 Best & Fairest recipient GWS Juniors

Baily came in to the team with a reputation for being an exceptional player as demonstrated through his selection in the NSW PSSA AFL side and he lived up to his reputation. Baily has had a fantastic influence in areas of the

game that can't be measured by goals kicked, possessions gained or tackles made. He has become an on field leader through his individual pieces of play that inspires those around him and his team play entrusting other players to play their role and through both of these aspects of his game he has earned the respect of his team mates. It's been great to have you be such a positive influence on the team.



Connor McFarlane

Games Played - 30

Representative Honours - U/13 GSJ Western Region Representative Player

Connor has carried on the terrific form which earned him the best & fairest award in his rookie year last year. Connor got time to spend more time playing in the centre where he got to show-off another side to his footy. To fast, elusive and a strong work ethic, this year he added toughness. Working in the centre he showed he wasn't afraid to get his head over the ball and contest. With Hendo & Baily he formed a combination that would see the ball cleared out of the centre in a flash. A fantastic year Connor.



Cooper Cuerden (Rookie)

Games Played - 14

Representative Honours - U/13 Giants Academy Training Squad

Cooper, a great first year and has come so far in his first season. I was especially proud of his effort this year when he stepped up to the role of ruckman. Evenly matched for height he was often playing against more experienced ruckman and he toiled hard to make sure the ball would come our way and gained confidence with every contest. He carried this confidence into his roles on the wing & in the forward line, not afraid to run the ball and eager for the contest. Great job this year Cooper.

Flynn Kellner

Games Played - 146

Representative Honours - U/13 GSJ Western Region Representative Player

It's has been my good fortune to coach this boy over a couple of seasons, because each year he just does something better. Flynn's a strong defender, all ways at the ball in the contest and is courageous and for these skills he generally found himself in the backline. The thing that Flynn did better this year was run and got spend more time in the centre and the even some time in the forward line. With trademark courage and contesting Flynn continued to win the ball to our advantage and was able to create some space for himself with his run providing a clean disposal deep into the forward line. Thanks Flynn for another fantastic year.



Jeremy Hinley

Games Played – 32

Representative Honours - U/13 GSJ Western Region Representative Player

Jeremy had another tremendous year in our forward line. Our team set-up this year meant that players would find themselves playing in the one position for most of the year. Jeremy was an obvious choice up front, with a safe pair hands, a great kicking style and is always composed when taking his set shots he wasn't going to let us down.

Well done this year Jeremy.



Josh Edwards (U/12)

Games Played – 150

Representative Honours - U/12 GSJ Western Region Representative Player

Josh is one of our most enterprising players. He has provided us with some memorable goals this year and this has become his trademark. He works hard to win the ball, can evade the defence with ease and backs his ability to kick goals from some seemingly impossible positions. He continues to mature as a player working hard to get into position to take uncontested marks close to goal. Thanks for another year with some great goals again this year Josh.



Joshua Irons – Coach's Award

Games Played – 37

Representative Honours - U/13 GSJ Western Region Representative Player, U/13 Giants Academy Training Squad

Achievement in AFL - GSJ Western Region Umpire

Josh has had a terrific year. He clearly enjoyed centre half back playing his best footy since joining the club. He overwhelmed his opponent with good strong hard tackling, he is quick to a loose ball when spoiled and is not afraid to carry the ball forward for a couple of bounces and finish with a clean disposal into the forward line. He is a tough and durable player. Great year Josh.



Kyle Brimmer (Rookie)

Games Played – 14

Kyle played in our forward half and had a great first year. Often playing on larger he is not afraid to contest and uses his speed and nimbleness to win the ball from his opponent. He has nice technique for kicking the footy and works his way into space to take an uncontested mark. Well done Kyle.



Lachlan Jesson

Games Played - 123

Our back half were like a fortress this year and Twiggy was an integral part of that. Twiggy reads the play really well and this anticipation meant that he was intercepting a pass, spoiling or tackling and not giving his opponent a chance to dispose of the ball. But he was a strong support for his team mates, they knew he had their backs, you would watch, Matt, Zac or Anthony leave their player to contest further up the ground and Twiggy was already there covering their position.

Great job this year Twiggy.



Liam McKnight (Rookie, U/12)

Games Played - 10

Showing versatility in his first year Liam played in the backs, on the wing and up forward. Liam's speed across the ground was the key to be able to play in these positions. He was at his best when he was crumbing the ball and you would often see him coming out of a contest paddling the ball forward to his own advantage using his speed to get away and then look for a team mate. Well done in your first year Liam.



Linton Mackie

Games Played - 47

Linton showed what a versatile player he is, although playing most of the time in the back half because of his strong defence and ability to repel an attacking raid. It is always great to know, no matter where we play Linton he was more than capable of matching his opponent. Thanks for another great year Linton



Matthew Casey - Spirit of Camden Award

Games Played - 70

Matt had a fantastic year. Playing in the back half, he uses his speed to great effect, any kicks into open space and he would be the first to get to it even if the opposition player had a 10 metre head start. He also used his speed to create space for himself to deliver a kick down field. It became apparent that Matt could kick the ball along way and it was this skill he worked on this year. By the end of the year his accuracy and delivery of the ball improved greatly.



Mitchell Valher (Rookie) - Rookie of the Year Award

Games Played - 14

Representative Honours - U/13 GSJ Western Region Representative Player, U/13 Giants Academy Training Squad

Mitchell had a great first season of AFL. As his knowledge of the game grew and confidence in his own ability increased, his skills have developed nicely. From the start of the year when his first option was to stop and look for a team mate to handball too, to where he has the confidence to look up and assess the situation and will either kick, run or handball. Terrific first year Mitchell and a deserved recipient of the Rookie of the year.



Nicholas Speechley

Games Played - 31

Nic joined us from last year's U12 Div. 3 Premiership winning side. Playing in our forward half he was a strong adversary for any opposition showing great determination to win the ball on the ground. Nic worked hard all year on developing his skills and by the end of the year had doubled his kicking distance and was taking contested marks. Great job this year Nic.



Tyler Irwin (U/12) - Rising Star Award

Games Played - 14

Representative Honours - U/12 GSJ Western Region Representative Player

New to our club and with over 100 games of AFL already played Tyler was a great addition to our team this year. Eligible to play U/12 he never looked out of place in the side. Tyler has all the skills a strong mark, a great kicking action whether on the run or from a set shot, can run and bounce at speed and consistently hits his targets.

Congratulations on a fantastic season.



Zac Archer

Games Played - 13

Zac was our fullback this year and as our last line of defence didn't let us down. With his strong tackling and a long kick he repelled many attacking raids into our back half. What impressed me most was Zac's ability to read the play, anticipating that we could be in trouble he would back his ability to leave his man to enter a contest up-field successfully stopping the attacking raid of the opposition. Working with Twiggy, Anthony & Matt they built an unbreakable back half earning the best defensive record in the competition. Great year.

UNDER 14'S DIVISION 1



COACH'S REPORT

Going into this season Alan and I were very excited about the group of kids we were going to have. Unfortunately it didn't work out the way we planned with the introduction of an U13's team which did not give us the luxury of grading the players in two teams in different divisions. We had also lost a couple of quality players in Nick Shipley and James Arnault.

So Alan and I got stuck into training at the start of December and prepared the boys to be fit and ready for the start of the competition. The boys were itching for a game and hit the ground running. Some of the football played was very exciting. When this team runs the footy and works together there is no team that will get close to them.

The boys finished the season as undefeated minor premiers but it hasn't all been smooth sailing. We have had major interruptions to our training due to the work commitments of Alan and me as well as the GWS Academy squad training and rep footy involving 8 to 10 of our team. The rep stuff undid a lot of the early hard work the team put in but that's just part of being successful. Adding to this was a couple of injuries to Derrick, Quinn, Dayne and Mitchell.

The team has done very well again this year. They have performed very well and we have seen more new players at the club, some players returning to the club and the

introduction of players that played in a lower division previously to being a part of a successful Div 1 team with each and every player making a contribution to the team's success.

I would like to thank the following for their support during the year;

- Alan Bartley – Assistant Coach
- Magda Visser – Team Manager
- Mick Bell – Runner
- Ron Heward – Water runner
- Simon Andrew – Boundary umpire
- Steve Edwards – Goal Umpire
- All other volunteers when called upon

I would like to thank all the players for their efforts not just this year but also past years. I have been very fortunate in being able to coach a lot of these boys for a long time and to see the skill and dedication they bring to our club. My personal goal has always been to see each and every boy I coach improve their game and to give them the opportunity to reach the highest level in the sport that they can. I look forward with interest in seeing how far some of the boys go as they start to play well into their late teens and then break into senior footy. Some of these boys are extremely talented and have much to offer going forward. I would also like to thank Bevan Day for his input during previous seasons and of course that of Alan Bartley over the last two years.

However I have decided that this is my last year as a coach due mostly to believing that I am not the person to help with their progression. It is time for the next coach to step in and hopefully this is Alan as I believe he is the right person for this next phase. I also think that it is time for my son Mitchell to be coached by someone else. Of all the boys I have coached he has been the one that has copped it the hardest even to the point when he was suffering and in a lot of pain and I did not see it. Mitchell has been the greatest reason for me wanting to coach and I am very proud of what he has achieved and how he plays the game.

So it is with pride and sadness that I provide the following profiles to a great bunch of boys that are now starting to turn into young men. Thank you all for your efforts and my time with you all has been unbelievable.

Mick Underwood
Coach

PLAYER PROFILES - U14'S Div 1



Justin Ivanoff

Justin played his second year of footy this year. He continues to improve but has much more to learn. At times he gets a little lost position wise but in time this will improve. He has a good set of hands and good kicking skills. He needs to use his team mates more and not try to do it all himself. When he can use his team mates more he will learn how to get more involved in the game and get more possessions. Again this will come with time. He will continue to improve and I look forward to seeing him progress. He will once again make the trip to Albury with the GWS squad.

Ethan Bartley

This is Ethan's second year with us and he has played very well. Started a bit slowly after recovering from a broken collarbone but as the season went on his confidence grew. He has good skills and uses his speed very well to win clearances for the team. His last 1/3 of the year has seen him back to his best and his performances have been rewarded with selection in the regional rep squad this year.



Mitchell Underwood

Mitchell has really struggled this year due to continued knee soreness. He has not been able to run which has always been his greatest asset. He could easily have quit the game this year but has always wanted to continue playing and making any contribution he can. He has done well considering by just playing in a pocket and kicking goals when we need them. With time his pain should disappear and we will all see what he is capable off.



Quinn Passlow

Quinn started the year very well. He continues to provide a lot of drive out of the centre and then defends very well when the ball comes out of our forward line. He continues to improve and play as if he was a taller player with a good marking ability. Quinn needs to learn how to be defensive when required instead of ball chasing at times. He is hungry for more possessions but just needs to be a bit more patient at times. Quinn has also made the GWS academy squad to play in the U14 state carnival in Albury in September.



Mitchell Bell

Mitchell has had his second season at the club now. He is a highly skilled player and an excellent mark for his size. He knows where the goals are and rarely misses resulting in Mitchell leading the goal kicking in the competition. He is focused on his footy and very easy to coach. He has also spent more time in the middle this year and provides plenty of drive from all over the ground. As good as Mitchell is sometimes he needs to use some of his team mates a bit more when they are in better positions and are the better

option. He has been a very good player this year and it is very easy to just sit back and watch his talent. Mitchell has also made the GWS academy squad to play in the U14 state carnival in Albury in September.



Dayne Heward- Coach's Award

Dayne started the year slowly due to cricket commitments and an ankle injury effecting his fitness and ability to run across the big grounds. Once he got over his injury he worked very hard at training to get his fitness level up. His efforts soon turned into excellent performances and he was able to secure an on ball position where he gave us plenty of drive plus run and carry to continually drive the ball forward. Dayne gives his full attention at training and is always trying to get better. He is a pleasure to coach. He has been rewarded with selection in the regional rep squad this year and can be considered unlucky not to have made the GWS team to Albury.



Mathew Edwards – Runner Up Best & Fairest

Matt continues to give opposition teams headaches. He continues to be a dominant player on most occasions due to his excellent skills and fitness level. Matt was chosen as Captain of the team due to his excellent work ethic displayed during a tough pre-season. Matt still needs to get physical during games and be more protective of his team mates. He also has to accept that opposition teams will be giving him more attention and he needs to learn to cope with the added attention and do what he does best. It has been very pleasing to see Matt attacking the ball in the air this year. He is now starting to pull down some great grabs and is now using his height to his and the teams advantage. Matt also made the GWS academy squad to play in the U14 state carnival in Albury in September. Matt also was runner up in the region U14 B&F this year.



Nathan Troy – Rookie of the Year Award

Nathan played his first year of AFL this year and has really enjoyed himself. He has fitted in well and is learning the game. He plays mostly off a back flank and attacks the ball well. He does well using his body bumping opponents and gives the team plenty of drive from the backline. When given the opportunity he also chimes in with a couple of goals. Nathan has been a welcome addition to the team and it was a pleasure to coach him.



Ben Andrew

Ben continues to improve and is becoming a dour defender. He gives his opposition player a hard time and he is improving his skills. His overhead marking has improved a lot since 2012. He also started the year with a good fitness base which has allowed him to play better from the start of the year instead of later. Ben still needs to work on a few technical issues mostly with how he prepares his hands when about to catch a footy. His technique does cause a lot of errors and when he

works hard on this the improvement is instant. Ben is also a good physical player and does not shirk the contest.



Michael Calcutt

This year was always going to be tough for Michael stepping up into Div 1. He finds it hard to get into the contest but he works very hard to contribute. He trains hard and works on his skills in an effort to improve. He has been working hard on his overhead marking and it was good to see him take his first overhead mark in a contest this year. Michael is always looking to off load the ball to a running team mate when he does get possession of the ball but needs to push to the ball more to give himself a chance and getting a disposal. He is a pleasure to coach because he is always trying to give his best. Some of his more talented team mates could learn a bit about application and attitude from Michael.

Rainer Watson

Rainer returned this year after having a year off. He has improved heaps and used his speed well. He was encouraged to run with the ball and when the opportunity was there he did giving a lot of drive from the wing. He is very attentive at training and always willing to learn and improved. He attacks the ball hard and keeps it moving forward. He needs to learn how to position himself better when he is not near the contest. This will get him into the game more when he learns where to be. He has been a very handy player this year.

Spencer Crimmins

Spencer is in his second year this year and has moved up from playing in a lower division. He has worked hard on his skills especially his kicking at training and is always willing to do the team things. He is small in stature but is as tough as they come and attacks the ball without fear. He has struggled early to get his hands on the footy in the earlier games but has been much better at the end of the year. His game against Emu Plains for me was a highlight.



Derrick Visser – Best & Fairest Award

Derrick transferred from Emu Plains wanting to improve his game and learn more. From his first training session Alan and myself saw plenty of opportunities to help Derrick improve. His work ethic is exceptional leading to him being one of the fittest players in the team and his attitude towards the game is second to none. He has performed extremely well and has fitted in very well. Derrick has been our #1 ruckman this year and given us first use of the footy. When needed he plugs a hole in the backline and gives us plenty of drive. He has been a pleasure to coach and I hope he stays at the club to continue his learning and improvement. Derrick also made the GWS academy squad to play in the U14 state carnival in Albury in September.



Baily McParland – Rising Star Award

Baily has been an amazing player. He has much to learn about the game and wants to learn. He plays like a player that has been playing for years and is very dominant but is still learning the game. I am looking with keen interest at his future development and to see his progress. Baily has made the GWS academy squad to play in the U13 state carnival in Albury in September. Bailey won the U13 region B&F and was also 3rd in the U14 region B&F.



Zachary Bond

Zach has returned to the club after initially being an Oz kicker. He has worked hard on his skills and needs to continue working hard. He attacks the ball hard in our games and now needs to learn how to position himself to get into the contest more. He tries very hard and has put in some solid performances. He is a very likable character and can always be seen with a cheeky grin on his face at training.



Josh Azzopardi – Most Improved Player Award

Josh has had his best year to date. He is starting to learn how to use his pace in our game which is giving him more confidence as the year progresses. His skills are improving and he is providing a lot of drive from around the centre of the ground. He attacks the ball hard but needs to learn when it is the right time to back off on speed to enable clean possession of the footy. Looking forward to seeing his progress.

Lachlan Berryman

Lachlan is also in his second year and moving up from a lower division. He does struggle to get into the game but every time he plays he gives it his all. He works hard on his skills at training but needs to continue over the summer. Lachlan needs to do some fitness work over the summer to give himself every opportunity to get to the contest next year. The most pleasing thing about Lachlan is his willingness to offer himself to the opposition when they are short. I have at times had Lachlan ask for more opportunities to play with the opposition. I am sure this is because he wants to present a real challenge to his team mates.



Jamie Yakimov

Jamie is having his first year at our club after his previous team was struggling to get a team together. He has been a very welcome team member providing some muscle around the contest for us. He is quite fit for a big guy and is using fitness and strength well. He has been working hard on his skills but needs to continue over the summer. He has fitted in well and has been a pleasure to have in the team. It would be good to see him stick around next year



Chris Plain

Chris has had a good year at centre half back this year. He is improving his marking and attacks the ball hard. He does sometimes over run the ball and then gets a bit lost not knowing where it went. He needs to work on his ground skills to allow him to take control of the ball on the ground. Chris works hard at training but has had his development slowed a little due to his representative softball commitments. I look forward to his further development.



Jack Sorrenti

Jack has been vital for our team this year in rebounding from the full back line using his long kick outs to the team's advantage. Jack needs to believe that he does possess the ability to play this game but he needs to put in the pre work before the season starts to get the most out of him. He does have a good set of hands when he is focused but needs to focus on going to the footy instead of waiting for the ball to hit his hands.

Jack Wilson

Jack started the year of the fittest I have ever seen him. When in the right frame of mind he runs and links well. He loves a goal but struggles to inject himself into the game due to being a touch timid at times. Jack worked hard at training at times but quite often dropped his intensity. Unfortunately Jack withdrew from the team towards the end of the year. I hope to see Jack back next year making up for lost time.

SUMMARY

A great effort by all the boys. They worked hard from December and went through as undefeated minor premiers and are favourite to win the flag again. Again thank you for your efforts and I hope you all achieve everything you want out of this great game. Also thanks to Magda. You have made my job so much easier and I really appreciate all you have done although I think the boys may have appreciated you more after the games.

I would also like to thank the parents for entrusting their boys to me. I hope I have delivered on your expectations over the last 10 years in making your boys the best they can be.

Finally, as I have coached my last season I would like to thank my family for allowing me to spend so much time committed to this footy club. At times it has been tough for them but they have understood my passion for the game and given me the opportunity to share that passion with an amazing bunch of kids.

THE GRAND FINAL

It wasn't our best performance of the year but there were some patches of excellence. In the end they were far too good and finished their amazing season as **undefeated premiers winning by 8 goals**. I might sound a bit tough but I have never let the boys think that not playing at their best is good enough. It is so important to strive for excellence at all times and give it your best. I have been with some of these boys through 3 premierships now plus another grand final when both teams were from Camden. Some of these boys have just won their first premiership and who would have imagined over the years that they would play a role in this game.

The game highlights for me were that every boy in this team made a contribution and got their hands on the footy and then there were the two passages of play that involved Lachy. Two marks then dishing off to the runners. Hard work has paid off and the crowd roared.

As I announced that I was stepping down from coaching I became emotional. I finished as a very proud coach who experienced an amazing ride with a fine bunch of young men. Thank you to each and every one of you for the opportunity you gave me to work with you all.

Mick.

UNDER 16'S



COACH'S REPORT

I've had a great year this year with the U16's. The pre season, although short was great, the lads really worked hard at their fitness and at becoming a team. The season start was not as I would have liked with a few losses to contimplate but we were able to turn that around fairly quickly. As we got through the season the team played better and better footy, finals were definitely within our reach. The semi final was a cracker game against the bench mark team in the Blue Mountains and the Preliminary final was a real physical affair. I am very proud of our lads for the way they put up with and largely ignored the dirty tactics from the opposition, it was a real credit to this group of young men. And then came the grand final, the best exhibition of junior footy I have seen in a long time. Although we didn't come away with the flag, the effort and committment from every player made me a very proud coach. We were just beaten by a better team on the day.

A huge thanks must go to Bevan Day and Jenny Jesson. Coaching is not possible without great support staff and I had two of the best standing beside me this year. I also wish to thank everyone who helped with goal and boundary umpire duties, water runners and messengers. Your support ensures the team functions as one. Thank you to all of you who contributed.

I hope to see all of you back in 2014.

Dave Upfill
Coach

PLAYER PROFILES - U16'S

Jordan Wales

Came in half way through the year and fitted straight into the side. He is very strong and plays the game hard. A great acquisition to the side. He played mainly in the centre then went to the back in the finals.



Lachlan Henman

A small, quick forward who is always dangerous around goal. He had 2 years away from AFL playing rugby league and took a little while to readjust but got better as the year went on. Had a very good grand final in kicking two great goals.



Jarrod Campbell

Played mainly half back and reads the game as well as anyone. He has a great football brain and uses the ball very well. When put forward, he always kicked goals which resulted in him kicking 7 goals in one game and 4 in another. He had a fantastic finals series playing mainly on the wing. He has had a great year.



Steven Day

Steve played mostly as the loose man in the backline and did a fantastic job. Very courageous and reads the game as well as anyone. A very consistent year.



Lachlan Day

Lachy played mainly forward and in the back pocket. He always gives his best and probably the smallest player in the side but one of the most courageous.



Joel Upfill - Rising Star Award

Joel played half forward and on ball and had a great year being the leading goal kicker with 43 goals and 2nd in the competition. He combined well with Mitch Sapiatzer on ball and always looked dangerous going forward. He has great skills and is very elusive.



Bruce Fox

A big, tall forward, Bruce very rarely missed training and always gives his best. He got a lot better as the year went on. The highlight being kicking back to back goals against Campbelltown and Penrith.



Liam Jesson

One of our leader's, Liam played mainly fullback but when going into the ruck or forward, he was always very dangerous. A very consistent year. He showed great leadership qualities resulting in him being given the Captaincy for the finals series where he played great football in the ruck.



Mitchell Sapiatzer – Best and Fairest Award

Mitchel is one of our leaders, and he had an outstanding season. He played mainly on ball and was always dangerous when going forward. He has a very smart football brain and also showed great leadership qualities. A great year resulting in Sappy winning the Best and Fairest.



Adam Storey

Adam is another one of our leaders and a GWS Academy player. He played mainly as a centre and was fantastic all year. He was given tagging roles at times and was very rarely beaten. He had an outstanding grand final.



Tom Prestwidge

Tom had a very consistent year playing on the wing. He always finds plenty of space and is a very good runner and uses the ball very well. Very courageous effort in the grand final where he played fantastic even though he was injured.



Stephen Rooke - Most Courageous Player Award

Our hardman of the side, Steve always runs straight and hard and puts fear into the opposition. He has a fantastic will to compete and hates getting beaten. He had an outstanding finals series.



Damon Franke - Most Improved Player Award

New to the game coming from rugby league, Damon started the year a little slow but as he got used to the game, he improved every week. By the end of the season he was playing fantastic football and regularly was one of our best players. I hope he decides to stay with AFL because he has so much potential.



Brandon Pickford

Brandon played mainly in the backs and was another who started the year slowly but got better and better as the season went on. He always does what is asked of him to the best of his ability and he had a fantastic grand final.



Jamie Brown - Runner Up Best & Fairest

Jamie played mainly centre half back or on ball. He was always given the job to play on the other side when required and was always their best player. A great competitor who also hates getting beaten. He had an outstanding year winning Runner Up Best & Fairest in his first year of U16's. He was also a GWS Academy player.



Connor Passlow

A big, strong and mobile forward, Connor was one of our leaders and was always dangerous when playing forward. He usually got the opposition's best players playing on him. He was fantastic when asked to play in the ruck and had a very consistent year.



Lachlan Hinley

Lachlan's first year in U16's and he played mainly on the wing and forward. He has a very good football brain and looks dangerous when he has the ball. He had an outstanding game against Blue Mountains being one of our best players.



Ryan Hardy

A big, tall full forward, Ryan has plenty of ability and is always dangerous around goal. He was one of our leading goal kickers. He was dangerous when going into the ruck and always gives his best.

Jhett Kellner

A big, strong and mobile ruckman, Jhett played mainly in the ruck but sometimes went forward. He runs very hard and straight at opposition and likes the physical stuff. Unlucky to miss finals due to his appendix bursting, he was a big loss to our side in the finals. Jhett also was a GWS Academy player.



Daniel Lander

After playing most of his football in the forward line, Daniel moved to the back line this year and had a fantastic and consistent year. He has very good skills and makes the right decisions when coming out of the backs.



Liam Finney-Gardiner

Liam played mainly in the backline and is a very good listener. He always tried to improve his game and is very strong and a great competitor. Liam always gives 100%.

Awards Summary 2013

Team	Award	Player
<u>Under 9</u>	Coach's Award	LYNDON COWARD
	Most Consistent Player Award	TRAVIS FUSS
<u>Under 10</u> <i>Blue</i>	Coach's Award	BRAYDEN HORT
	Most Valuable Player Award	SAMUEL FRENEY
	U10 Blue Pest Of The Year Award	COLE JORDAN
<u>Under 10</u> <i>White</i>	Coach's Award	CLAYTON ERWIN
	Most Improved Player Award	JAYDEN PLAYER
<u>Under 12</u> <i>Division 1</i>	Best & Fairest	LINCOLN CRIMMINS
	Runner Up Best & Fairest	CAMERON ALMOND & LACHLAN ROBERTS
	Coach's Award	PATRICK SAPIATZER
	Spirit Of Camden Award	LIAM CALCUTT
	Rising Star Award	JAYKEB SULLIVAN
	Rookie Of The Year Award	COOPER DUPOND
<u>Under 12</u> <i>Division 3</i>	Best & Fairest	ETHAN HART
	Runner Up Best & Fairest	LACHLAN CLEMENTS
	Coach's Award	ELIJAH MOSS
	Most Improved Player Award	JACK DOUGLAS-BORKMAN
	Rising Star Award	ETHAN ROBERTS
	Rookie Of The Year Award	LACHLAN MCMILLAN

<p><u>Under 13</u></p>	<p>Best & Fairest Runner Up Best & Fairest Coach's Award Spirit Of Camden Award Rising Star Award Rookie Of The Year Award</p>	<p>BAILY MCPARLAND CONNOR HENDERSON JOSHUA IRONS MATTHEW CASEY TYLER IRWIN MITCHELL VALHER</p>
<p><u>Under 14</u> <i>Division 1</i></p>	<p>Best & Fairest Runner Up Best & Fairest Coach's Award Most Improved Player Award Rising Star Award Rookie Of The Year Award</p>	<p>DERRICK VISSER MATTHEW EDWARDS DAYNE HEWARD JOSHUA AZZOPARDI BAILY McPARLAND NATHAN TROY</p>
<p><u>Under 16</u></p>	<p>Best & Fairest Runner Up Best & Fairest Most Courageous Player Award Most Improved Player Award Rising Star Award</p>	<p>MITCHELL SAPIATZER JAMIE BROWN STEPHEN ROOKE DAMON FRANKE JOEL UPFILL</p>
<p><u>Club Awards</u></p>	<p><u>Gordon Brown Trophy</u> <u>Presidents Award</u> Club Volunteer Of The Year</p>	<p>ETHAN HART SELENA GANDY</p>

The 2013 Committee would like to thank all our parents, players, coaches and managers and ALL the wonderful volunteers who have helped make season 2013 such a great year for our Club.

The Committee also thanks our wonderful sponsors for 2013. Your support of our Club is greatly appreciated.

If you are interested in joining the Committee, please contact John Sorrenti at jsorrenti@bigpond.com. We welcome new people and ideas.

Keep checking the Club website and Facebook page for updates of pre-season training and registration for 2014.

We look forward to seeing everyone in 2014 for another great year of footy.

Go the Blues.

