



1997 Yearbook

Penrith Australian Football Club Inc.

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Season 1997

Committee

President:	Michael Walker
Vice-President:	Allan Tinker
Secretary:	Alan Stewart
Treasurer:	David Nolan
Publicity Officers:	Craig Pusser Mark Spooner
Registrar/ Records Officer:	Mark Spooner
Ground Manager:	Mark Spooner
General Committee:	Joe Bradley
General Committee:	Scott Robinson
General Committee:	Jason Ware

Match Committee

First Grade Coach:	David Robinson
Reserve Grade Coach:	Allan Tinker
Specialist/Assistant Coach:	Joe Bradley

Club Captains

First Grade:	Jason Ware
Reserve Grade:	David Cooke

Team Managers

First Grade:	Mark Spooner
Reserve Grade:	Rob Ryman

Canteen

Manager:	Sue Bradley
Assistants:	Hope Halliday Jason Bradley Natalie Halliday

Support Staff

Goal Umpire:	Garry Ayres
Medical Staff:	Wendy Dembowski

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Penrith Australian Football Club Inc. – Introduction

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the players and supporters of the Penrith Australian Football Club for their efforts this year. With high expectations for this season, it was disappointing to lose senior coach Phil Putt to major heart surgery early in the pre-season. On a positive note Phil is recovering steadily and this is a great relief to me and his many friends within the club.

Special thanks to David Robinson for being prepared to take over the senior coaching position at such short notice. David, Allan Tinker and Joe Bradley formed the match committee and all deserve praise for their tireless efforts. It is unfortunate that these efforts were not reflected by the results on the field.

It was disappointing that our Under 18s side which competed in the Sydney Football League last year folded. The committee is already working with the juniors with the aim of fielding the Under 18 team next year. The Under 16 team this year has already shown that the boys will be competitive in this competition.

The club had some great first year players in Luke Wakeling, Michael Brazier, Jason Turner, David Cooke and Jay Adamson. In addition, the Under 18 players who stayed with the seniors after the demise of our Under 18 team – Stuart Ayres, Rob Mayak, Michael Kelly and Glenn Bradley. These players were great contributors for the club.

I always like to thank the people who selflessly give their time to the club:

First Aid officer Wendy Dembowski, her ideas and efforts were appreciated by the players (some more than others). Having Wendy's experience is a great benefit to the club and I hope she will continue her involvement in the future.

Garry Ayres – our esteemed Goal Umpire and Thursday night 'chef' – was a great attribute to the club. His recognition as our 'Club Person Of The Year' was thoroughly deserved.

The canteen this year was run as a combined effort between the seniors and juniors. The canteen was well managed by Sue Bradley with the assistance of Hope Halliday. I would also like to thank Jason Bradley and Natalie Halliday for helping out in the canteen.

The committee this year had several new faces. I would personally like to thank David Nolan, Mark Spooner, Allan Tinker, Alan Stewart and Joe and Sue Bradley for their efforts this year.

I may not have named everybody but all your efforts have been appreciated. Whilst this year was disappointing I remain certain that this club has potential. If our on field results reflected the amount of effort off the field we would be much more competitive. Our players need to have belief in their ability, sincere commitment and the desire to win. These are the areas we will address in the future to raise our club to the level it belongs.

Michael Walker
President

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Penrith Australian Football Club Inc. – History and Records

*The Penrith Australian Football Club Inc was formed in 1981 with an initial committee comprising:
Kerry Macauley (Pres); Keith Claxton (Sec/Treas); Mick Stonham, Reg Bedford, Michael Mee (Gen Committee)*

Home Grounds

1981: Deerubbun Park, Windsor; McGrath's Hill Park, McGrath's Hill

1982: McGrath's Hill Park, McGrath's Hill

1983 - 1986: Sales Park, Luddenham

1987 - 1997: Greygums Reserve, Mt Pleasant

Yearly Summary

Year	President	Assoc	<u>First Grade</u>		<u>Reserve Grade</u>		<u>Third Grade</u>		Age Div
			Coach	Pos	Coach	Pos	Coach	Pos	
1981	K.Macauley	S DFA	No side fielded		F.Taylor	3rd	No side fielded		
1982	K.Macauley	S DFA	No side fielded		G.Petersen	2nd	M.Stonham	4th	(U/20)
1983	M.Stonham	S DFA	A.Iles	9th	F.Taylor	11th	No side fielded		
1984	L.Davis	S DFA	J.Terry	11th	G.Eldering	12th	No side fielded		
1985	F.Taylor	S DFA	D.McConnell	9th	D.McConnell	11th	No side fielded		
1986	A.Stewart	S DFA	D.Harrison	6th	M.Walker	10th	No side fielded		
1987	A.Stewart	S FL 2	D.Harrison	2nd	M.Macartney	3rd	No side fielded		
1988	A.Stewart	S FL 2	M.Campbell	2nd	M.Walker	4th	No side fielded		
1989	A.Stewart	S FL 2	M.Walker	1st	No competition		G.Eldering	5th	(U/20)
1990	A.Stewart	S FL 2	M.Walker	3rd	No competition		M.Macartney	4th	(U/20)
1991	A.Stewart	S FA 2	G.Eldering	1st	No competition		No side fielded		
1992	R.Maples	S FA 2	G.Eldering	2nd	B.McLaughlin	2nd	No side fielded		
1993	G.Eldering	S FA 2	D.Armstrong	2nd	D.Robinson	3rd	No competition		
1994	M.Walker	S FA	D.Armstrong	5th	A.Bradley	9th	No competition		
1995	M.Walker	S FA	M.Walker	9th	D.Robinson	8th	No competition		
1996	M.Walker	S FA	P.Putt	8th	D.Robinson	7th	Joe Bradley	5th	(U/18)
1997	M.Walker	S FA	D.Robinson	9th	A.Tinker	9th	No side fielded		

Notes: (1) The following coaches were appointed, but relinquished the post at some stage before or during the season:

1985: J.Terry (First Grade) 1989: G.Petersen (First Grade) 1993: B.McLaughlin (Res Grade)

1994: P.Nastou (Res Grade) 1995: K.Pearson (First Grade) 1997: P.Putt (First Grade)

(2) Third Grade in 1989 played as the Nepean Colts in the Metropolitan Colts Division 1 competition

Third Grade in 1996 and 1998 played in the Sydney Football League Under 18's competition

(3) Positions given above are after finals matches

Club Premierships

Saturday, 23 September 1989 at Wagener Oval - SFL 2 First Grade Grand Final - Penrith vs Auburn

Penrith 3.0 5.3 9.3 **14.5 (89)** Goals: C.Ware 3, A.Bradley 2, G.Tuckwell 2, M.Farrell 2,

Auburn 1.3 1.4 2.7 **5.8 (38)** M.Campbell 2, M.Lack, M.Walker, A.Major.

Side: L.Alderson, Michael Azzopardi, G.Bownds, A.Bradley, M.Campbell, G.Dimery, G.Eldering (Capt), M Farrell, P. Gavin, R.Jeffery, M.Lack, B.McLaughlin, A.Major, M.Mathews, J.Oxley, M.Ryman, R.Ryman, I.Spicer, G.Tuckwell, M. Walker (Coach), C.Ware, R.Watkins.

Sunday, 8 September 1991 at Whalan Reserve - SFA 2 First Grade Grand Final - Penrith vs Hawkesbury

Penrith 3.5 8.10 14.15 **22.17 (149)** Goals: G.Chalker 9, P.Kazakoff 4, A.Major 2, A.Andrew 2,

Hawkesbury 1.3 3.6 5.9 **10.11 (71)** M.Walker 2, M.Farrell, C.Ware, R.Jeffery.

Side: A.Andrew, A.Bradley, J.Cammell, G.Chalker, G.Eldering (Coach), D.Elliott, M.Farrell, R.Jeffery, P.Kazakoff, B.McLaughlin, A.Major, J.Makin, D.Nolan, J.Oxley, R.Pearce, R.Sadler, I.Spicer, M. Walker (Capt), C.Ware, J.Ware, R. Watkins, A.Wellard.

Grand Final Runners-Up

Year	Comp	Grade	Venue	Result
1982	S DFA	Reserve Grade	Erskineville Oval	Sydney Uni 10.4 (64) d Penrith 6.10 (46)
1987	S FL 2	First Grade	Rosedale Oval	Liverpool 22.13 (145) d Penrith 8.10 (58)
1988	S FL 2	First Grade	Rosedale Oval	Liverpool 28.15 (183) d Penrith 5.5 (35)
1992	S FA 2	First Grade	Macquarie Fields	Bankstown 12.12 (84) d Penrith 6.9 (45)
1992	S FA 2	Reserve Grade	Macquarie Fields	Hawkesbury 12.13 (85) d Penrith 8.8 (56)
1993	S FA 2	First Grade	Whalan Reserve	Hawkesbury 14.8 (92) d Penrith 8.11 (59)

Penrith Australian Football Club Inc. – History and Records (cont)

Association/League Honours

<i>Year</i>	<i>Award</i>	<i>Grade</i>	<i>Player</i>
1981	McFarlane Medal	SDFA Reserve Grade Best and Fairest	Keith Claxton
1981		SDFA Reserve Grade Leading Goalkicker	Peter Traeger
1982	McFarlane Medal	SDFA Reserve Grade Best and Fairest	Keith Claxton
1982		SDFA Reserve Grade Leading Goalkicker	Tom Hall
1987	Armstrong Medal	SFL 2 Reserve Grade Best and Fairest	Graeme Tuckwell (Runner up)
1989		SFL 1 Metro Colts (U/20) Leading Goalkicker	Phillip Lane
1989	Apted Medal	SFL 2 Best and Fairest	Geoff Eldering
1992		SFA 2 Reserve Grade Leading Goalkicker	David Robinson
1992	Armstrong Medal	SFA 2 Reserve Grade Best and Fairest	Graeme Tuckwell (Joint winner)
1994	Snow Medal	SFA First Grade Best and Fairest	David Armstrong

Representative Players/Officials

<i>Year</i>	<i>Side</i>	<i>Player(s)/Official(s)</i>
1982	SDFA	Dave McConnell (selected, but was unable to play)
1988	SFL 2	Alf Bradley, Michael Walker (V-C), Clinton Ware, Mike Mathews, Michael Campbell, Paul James
1989	SFL 2	Geoff Eldering (Capt), John Oxley, Michael Walker, Michael Campbell, Robert Jeffery
1990	SFL 2	Geoff Eldering (Capt), John Oxley, Michael Walker, Alf Bradley
1991	SFA 2	Geoff Eldering (Coach), Jeff Smith (Trainer), Michael Walker, Travis Hopper, Jason Makin
1992	SFA 2 & 3	Geoff Eldering (Capt), John Cammell, Gavin Chalker, Tim Briggs, Tony Andrew, Clinton Ware
1993	SFA 2	Geoff Eldering (Capt), Michael Walker, Jason Ware, Clinton Ware, David Dunn, David Armstrong
1994	SFA	Maurice Patten (Capt), Jason Ware, Ash Major
1995	SFA	Scott Bradley, Geoff Gosden
1997	SFA	Michael Walker (SFA President), Jeff Ward, Rob Mayak

Club Goalkicking Records

<u>Game</u>					<u>Season</u>			
<i>Gls</i>	<i>Player</i>	<i>Opponent</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Gr</i>	<i>Gls</i>	<i>Player</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Gr</i>
20	Stephen Cox	Blacktown	1987	1st	126	Tom Hall	1982	2nd
18	Clinton Ware	Camden	1986	1st	82	Stephen Cox	1987	1st
17	Stephen Cox	Blacktown	1987	1st	67	Peter Traeger	1981	2nd
16	David Whelan	Blacktown	1994	1st	66	Michael Campbell	1989	1st
13	Peter Jannenga	Heathcote	1990	1st	65	David Armstrong	1994	1st
13	Michael Campbell	Baulk Hills	1989	1st	61	Andrew Daniel	1994	1st
12	Andrew Daniel	Blacktown	1994	1st	55	Clinton Ware	1987	1st
11	Peter Traeger	Manly-Warr	1981	2nd				
11	Ian Spicer	Camden	1991	1st				
10	Alf Bradley	Camden	1990	1st				
10	Andrew Daniel	Blacktown	1994	1st				
10	Tom Hall	Macquarie Uni	1982	2nd				
10	Clinton Ware	Blacktown	1987	1st				
10	Chris Farrell	Mt Druitt	1985	1st				

<u>Career</u>			
197*	Clinton Ware	126	Tom Hall
141*	Michael Walker	120*	Jason Ware
132	Andrew Daniel	110	David Armstrong

*(Complete goalkicking records are only available since 1990. Records for players indicated * are incomplete).*

Finals Record:

9	Mick Campbell	Baulk Hills	1989	1st	(First Semi-Final)
9	Gavin Chalker	Hawkesbury	1991	1st	(Grand Final)
9	David Armstrong	Wollongong	1994	1st	(Elimination Final)

Club Scoring Records

<i>Penrith Score</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Venue</i>	<i>Grade</i>	<i>Opponent</i>	<i>Opp Score</i>	<i>Margin</i>
62.22 (394)	19 July 1986	Sales Park	1st	Camden	4.3 (27)	367 pts
50.33 (333)	30 April 1994	Greygums Res	1st	Blacktown	1.1 (7)	326 pts
47.39 (321)	4 July 1987	Greygums Res	1st	Blacktown	0.0 (0)	321 pts
44.23 (287)	8 August 1987	Whalan Res	1st	Blacktown	0.1 (1)	286 pts
39.26 (260)	29 July 1990	Kirkham Park	1st	Camden	2.4 (16)	244 pts
37.27 (249)	8 July 1990	Greygums Res	1st	Camden	2.5 (17)	232 pts
37.21 (243)	20 May 1995	Greygums Res	1st	Hawkesbury	4.5 (29)	214 pts
35.30 (240)	1 May 1982	McGrath's Hill	2nd	Macquarie Uni	2.1 (13)	227 pts

<u>Finals Record:</u>						
25.12 (162)	25 August 1991	Whalan Res (SSF)	1st	Hawkesbury	10.10 (70)	92 pts

Penrith Australian Football Club Inc. – Grade Awards

First Grade							
Year	Best & Fairest Player	Best & Fairest Runner-Up	Players' Player	Most Consistent 'Travis Hopper Memorial'	Coach's Award	Endeavour Award	Leading Goalkicker
1983	D.McConnell	G.McKay			D.McConnell	B.McLaughlin	C.Howard (21)
1984	D.McConnell	T.Kay			T.Dooley	G.McKay	D.McConnell (26)
1985	B.McLaughlin	G.Eldering			G.Eldering	B.McLaughlin	D.McConnell (20)
1986	G.Chalker	B.McLaughlin			G.Chalker	M.Walker	M.Walker (38)
1987	A.Bradley	S.Cox			G.Eldering	G.Connor	S.Cox (82)
1988	T.Missen	M.Farrell	G.Eldering	A.Bradley	I.Spicer	M.Macartney	G.Petersen (42)
1989	A.Bradley	G.Eldering	B.McLaughlin	B.McLaughlin	G.Eldering	A.Bradley	M.Campbell (66)
1990	M.Walker	A.Bradley	B.McLaughlin	C.Ware	J.Oxley	G.Hongell	P.Jannenga (34)
1991	B.McLaughlin	A.Major	B.McLaughlin	G.Chalker	J.Ware	D.Nolan	A.Major (44)
1992	T.Briggs	M.Walker	M.Walker	C.Ware	J.Oxley	P.Buckley	T.Briggs (36)
1993	S.Robinson	D.Nolan	G.Eldering	D.Nolan	A.Major	S.Robinson	J.Ware (38)
1994	J.Ware	D.Armstrong	J.Ware	S.Robinson	J.Ware	S.Bradley	A.Daniel (61)
1995	G.Gosden	J.Ware	S.Robinson G.Gosden (tie)	S.Robinson	M.Keen	D.Baird	A.Daniel (27)
1996	J.Ware	S.Bradley	S.Robinson	S.Robinson	S.Allen	G.Place	A.Daniel (35)
1997	G.Bradley	M.Brazier	J.Ware	J.Ward	M.Poulter	R.Mayak	J.Ware (22)

Reserve Grade							
Year	Best & Fairest Player	Best & Fairest Runner-Up	Players' Player	Most Consistent	Coach's Award	Endeavour Award	Leading Goalkicker
1981	P.Traeger	M.Walker		G.Eldering			P.Traeger (67)
1982	D.McConnell	G.Eldering		R.Thomas	K.Macauley	C.Farrell+	T.Hall (126)
1983	F.Taylor	R.McGann			G.Bownds	A.Waddell	S.Hatch (23)
1984	A.Luke	R.Jeffery			P.Retallick	D.Aitken	S.Hatch (14)
1985	D.Woods	R.Sherriff J.Ware (tie)			J.Cassandro	G.Cassell	J.Ware (10)
1986	G.Tuckwell	A.Luke			M.Macartney	A.Luke	R.Jeffery (11)
1987	G.Tuckwell	R.McGann			A.Johnson	M.Macartney	R.Jeffery A.Johnson (tie) (?)
1988	G.Tuckwell	R.Ellery A.Luke (tie)			E.Thorpe	A.Luke	A.Johnson (?)
1992	D.Robinson	G.Tuckwell	G.Stubbs	C.Folkes	W.Burcher	S.Lawton	D.Robinson (42)
1993	P.Robinson	J.Mousley	A.Luke	J.Mousley	W.Burcher	A.Luke	R.Jeffery (25)
1994	H.Sargent	D.Forkin	H.Sargent	A.Luke	B.Davies	I.Smith	D.Wood (17)
1995	M.Forshaw	B.Kelly	A.Luke	D.Blucher	S.McGrath	W.Douglass	J.Hall (16)
1996	A.Bradley	P.Dolan	A.Bradley	M.Steunenberg	M.Bottrill	A.Aubrey	I.Spicer (15)
1997	C.Doney	J.Bennett	C.Doney	S.Ayres	D.Cooke	J.Pickup	D.Cooke (15)

Third Grade							
Year	Best & Fairest Player	Best & Fairest Runner-Up	Players' Player	Most Consistent	Coach's Award	Endeavour Award	Leading Goalkicker
1982	P.Bugeja	M.Theobald			D.Woods	R.Dieker+	S.Hatch (13)
1989	G.Dimery	T.Hopper	T.Hopper	T.Balzan	Michael Azzopardi	Mark Azzopardi	P.Lane (38)
1990	D.Elliott	D.Weiley	D.Elliott	C.Skilton	C.Skilton	S.Bradley	C.Skilton (11)
1996	S.Pavy	N.Hearnes		W.Richardson	C.McDonald	S.Cleary	N.Hearnes (13)

+Award titled "Most Determined Player" in 1982

Penrith Australian Football Club Inc. – Other Awards

Year	Most Improved Player/s	Best First Year Player	Club Person of the Year 'Dianne Guymer Award'	Pisspot of the Year
1981		K.Aussel		
1982			A.Stewart	
1983	M.Dunn		L.Davis	
1984	J.Miller		A.Stewart	
1985	R.Verhulst	I.Glover	D.Woods	
1986	R.Jeffery	G.Tuckwell	D.Woods	
1987	A.Bradley	M.Mathews	P.Freckelton	
1988	B.Alexander	T.Missen	G.Davis	G.Davis
1989	B.Alexander & D.Myles (U20)	M.Ryman & J.Cammell (U20)	I.Smith & J.Smith (U20)	R.Jeffery
1990	S.Lawton & D.Weiley (U20)		R.Maples	R.Jeffery
1991	D.Elliott		P.Freckelton	J.Oxley
1992	R.Watkins & G.Dunk (2nds)		G.Eldering	B.McLaughlin
1993	A.Luke	S.Robinson	J.Smith	G.Eldering
1994	P.Dolan	D.Baird	D.Robinson	B.Fishburn
1995	A.Tinker & P.Shalala (2nds)	L.McGrath	T.Tinker	S.Bradley
1996	D.Ready	T.Pianta	A.Tinker	C.Doney
1997	J.Bradley	L.Wakeling	G.Ayres	J.Pickup



The First Grade 'Most Consistent Player' Award is dedicated to the memory of Travis Hopper

Travis was born on 25th October 1971. He played for the Nepean Colts Under 20s in 1989 and 1990 and First Grade for the Penrith club in 1989 and 1991. In his short career he won a number of awards, most notably the 1990 Armstrong Medal, the Sydney Football League Division 2 Under 20 Best and Fairest Player Award.

Travis died on 28th July 1991 as a result of a car accident.

He was returning home with friends after playing football for the Penrith club.

Travis was the beloved son of Judy Crust.

The Penrith A.F.C.'s First Grade 'Most Consistent Player' Award is our perpetual dedication to Travis's memory.


The 'Club Person of the Year' Award is dedicated to the memory of Dianne Guymer

Dianne was born on 18th May 1972 into a family with a long background in Australian Rules Football, from her grandfather and uncle to her father Vince and brother Chris. Dianne played junior football with the St Clair club in 1982, 1983 and 1984, winning several trophies. Later, she acted as boundary umpire and water girl for the Nepean Colts and was a vocal supporter of both the Penrith and Blacktown clubs.

Dianne died tragically on 28th July, 1991 in the same car accident as Travis Hopper.

She was the beloved daughter of Vince and Lyn Guymer.

The Penrith A.F.C. is honoured to dedicate its Club Person of the Year Award to the memory of Dianne Guymer.



LIFE MEMBERS

<i>Geoff Eldering</i>	<i>(1989)</i>
<i>Ian Smith</i>	<i>(1991)</i>
<i>Alan Stewart*</i>	<i>(1991)</i>
<i>Michael Walker</i>	<i>(1992)</i>
<i>Peter Freckelton</i>	<i>(1992)</i>
<i>Alan Luke</i>	<i>(1994)</i>
<i>Barry McLaughlin</i>	<i>(1996)</i>
<i>Alf Bradley</i>	<i>(1996)</i>

**Also a Life Member of the Penrith Junior Australian Football Club Inc.*



200 games

<i>Michael Walker</i>	<i>(1986)</i>	<i>(241)</i>
<i>Geoff Eldering</i>	<i>(1987)</i>	<i>(210)</i>



100 games

<i>Robert Jeffery</i>	<i>(1988)</i>	<i>(192)</i>
<i>Alf Bradley</i>	<i>(1989)</i>	<i>(190)</i>
<i>Alan Luke</i>	<i>(1990)</i>	<i>(190)</i>
<i>Barry McLaughlin</i>	<i>(1988)</i>	<i>(188)</i>
<i>Ian Smith</i>	<i>(1987)</i>	<i>(186)</i>
<i>Jason Ware</i>	<i>(1994)</i>	<i>(153)</i>
<i>Ian Spicer</i>	<i>(1994)</i>	<i>(135)</i>
<i>Clinton Ware</i>	<i>(1992)</i>	<i>(133)</i>
<i>Darren Woods</i>	<i>(1987)</i>	<i>(132)</i>
<i>Gary Bownds</i>	<i>(1989)</i>	<i>(125)</i>
<i>David Nolan</i>	<i>(1997)</i>	<i>(105)</i>

**The year in which the player's 100th game was played is indicated in brackets.*

**Michael Walker and Geoff Eldering both played their 200th game in 1993.*

1997 Honour Roll

First Grade

Best & Fairest

Glenn Bradley

B & F Runner Up

Michael Brazier

Players' Player

Jason Ware

Endeavour Award

Rob Mayak

Most Consistent

Jeff Ward

Coach's Award

Matthew Poulter

Leading Goalkicker

Jason Ware

Reserve Grade

Best & Fairest

Clinton Doney

B & F Runner Up

Jason Bennett

Players' Player

Clinton Doney

Endeavour Award

Jon Pickup

Most Consistent

Stuart Ayres

Coach's Award

David Cooke

Leading Goalkicker

David Cooke

Other Awards

Most Improved Player

Jason Bradley

Best First Year Player

Luke Wakeling

Club Person of the Year

Garry Ayres

Pisspot of the Year

Jon Pickup

Representative Players

Jeff Ward, Robert Mayak

Penrith Australian Football Club Inc. – Best & Fairest Voting

NSW AFL Best & Fairest Player Votes

<i>First Grade</i>				<i>Reserve Grade</i>			
Jason Ware	10	Jason Bradley	2	Jason Bennett	6	Clinton Doney	2
Robert Mayak	5	Joe Marsters	1	Jay Adamson	4	Eric Hitchcock	2
John McCann	3	Andrew Stowe	1	Brett Harvey	3	Michael Kelly	2
Jeff Ward	2			David Nolan	3	Andrew Hahn	1
				Ian Spicer	3	Anthony Meikle	1
				Alan Butler	2	Luke Wakeling	1

Penrith AFC Best & Fairest Player Votes

<i>Senior Grade</i>				<i>Reserve Grade</i>					
Glenn Bradley	10	Jason Bradley	4	Clinton Doney	9	Brad Fishburn	3	Ian Spicer	2
Michael Brazier	9	Andrew Stowe	3	Jason Bennett	7	Andrew Hahn	3	Scott Simington	2
Jason Ware	8	Clinton McDonald	3	David Nolan	6	Jason Makin	3	Andrew Stowe	2
David Gilbert	8	Joe Marsters	3	Don Alley	5	Jon Pickup	3	Paul Webb	2
Luke Wakeling	8	Jason Makin	3	David Gilbert	5	Mark Steunenber	3	Anthony Cable	1
Robert Mayak	7	Andrew Daniel	3	Grant Haydon	5	Simon Wakeling	3	Anthony Eddie	1
Jeff Ward	6	Michael Bottrill	3	Eric Hitchcock	5	Michael Walker	3	Michael Kelly	1
David Cummings	6	Scott Robinson	2	Richard Shumack	5	David Cummings	2	Brad Redmond	1
Anthony Eddie	5	John McCann	2	Darren Erwin	4	Wayne Douglass	2	Darren Ross	1
Robert Murie	5	David Ready	1	Michael Haynes	4	Brett Harvey	2	Paul Tobin	1
Jason Turner	4	Guy Place	1	Glenn Bradley	3	Richard Kemble	2	Luke Wakeling	1
Matthew Poulter	4			Alan Butler	3	Andrew McIntyre	2	Brett Walsh	1

Penrith Australian Football Club Inc. – Sponsor Information

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Penrith Australian Football Club Inc. – First Grade Coach’s Report

The 1997 season started on a very positive note for the club. Last year’s first grade coach Phil Putt was reappointed and had designed a very intensive pre-season training program. There was a reasonable number of players eager to get themselves fit in anticipation of a big season. Phil was then hospitalized and naturally was forced to resign the First Grade coaching position.

The club then appointed me as First Grade coach for 1997 and also introduced the concept of a match committee. The match committee was to oversee coaching and selection and generally all playing related matters. I as First Grade coach, along with Allan Tinker (Reserve Grade coach) and Joe Bradley (last year’s Under 18’s coach), was appointed to the match committee.

A major disappointment at the start of the season was the lack of numbers we had for the Under 18’s. As a result the club was forced to withdraw the Under 18’s side at the last moment. It is of vital importance that everyone gets tougher to ensure an Under 18’s side is fielded in 1998, as it provides a stepping stone to senior football for the boys coming out of the juniors.

From then on, however, things looked up. The numbers at training were encouraging, with a lot of new faces and players new to the game who were willing to learn. We also had good numbers at trial matches. We didn’t win these matches, but were very encouraged by the enthusiasm of those who took the field.

The start of the season wasn’t helped by the fact that we had several very difficult games early on, but on the positive side we were able to select two full teams on Thursday night with players left over. This is the first time I can recall this happening since I have been involved with the club. Even early defeats didn’t dampen the enthusiasm, with numbers remaining good and everyone staying keen.

Then, unfortunately, a few hurdles started to appear. Weekend work took away a number of players, injuries started to take their toll and some players couldn’t train regularly and/or play. The low point came in the second round fixture against Wollongong. A number of players had to back up, and we lost key players (through injury) for the remainder of the season.

I will not mention specific players in this report, rather I would like to thank all the players who took the field for the club during the year for giving their best in every game. But I do believe a lot more commitment could have been given to training and, as a result, I am certain better results would have followed and less injuries would have occurred.

I also believe we had enough playing strength to achieve greater success on the field, but were thwarted by inconsistency. We would always put in one or two good quarters, only to play in exactly the opposite fashion for the remainder of the game. A number of examples illustrate the fact. Against Cronulla in the first round we had the game won and then went to sleep in the last quarter. We gave Macquarie University a 46 point head start the following week, eventually going down by a single goal. In the second round against South-Western Sydney we held a 28 point lead early in the second quarter, only to be beaten by nearly 100 points. And even in the match we won, against Hawkesbury, we were 20 points down at half-time before turning it around.

From a personal point of view, I thought our best performance of the season was in the second last game against Manly at home. We were badly undermanned against last year’s premiers but the side put in four good and consistent quarters of football. Everyone that day played to their true ability. If they could have played with the same intensity and consistency all season we would have won a lot more games.

Finally, I would like to thank all the players for their efforts during what proved to be a difficult year. I would also like to thank the committee, and everyone who helped with the off-field duties throughout the season, especially Allan and Joe.

David Robinson
First Grade Coach

1997 Ladder – Sydney Football Association First Grade

	W	L	D	For	Agst	%	Pts
MANLY-WARRINGAH	16	2	-	2433	1171	207.8	64
HOLROYD-BLACKTOWN	15	3	-	2487	1083	229.6	60
SYDNEY UNI	15	3	-	2292	1450	158.1	60
SOUTH-WEST SYDNEY	13	5	-	1989	1397	142.4	52
UNI OF NSW	10	8	-	1924	1853	103.8	40
WOLLONGONG	9	9	-	1700	1573	108.1	36
MACQUARIE UNI	5	13	-	1459	2056	71.0	20
CRON-SUTHERLAND	5	13	-	1294	1976	65.5	20
PENRITH	1	17	-	1049	2275	46.1	4
HAWKESBURY	1	17	-	966	2763	35.0	4

Penrith Australian Football Club Inc. – 1997 Results First Grade

Sat 12/497 vs S-West Sydney	S-W Syd	4.7	9.8	12.11	17.12	(114)	Goals: J McCann 5	M Bottrill	R Murie	J Ware	
at Rosedale Oval	R1 Penrith	3.3	5.7	5.9	8.12	(60)	Best: J McCann	A Daniel	R Mayak	J Ware	J Bradley
<p>The Rams matched S-W Sydney in the first half, two late opposition goals in the second quarter making the half-time deficit 25 points. John McCann and Andy Daniel were focal targets, Joe Marsters and Jason Ware worked hard around the ground and Jeff Ward and Jason Bradley were solid in defence. Inability to convert in the third quarter cost dearly and by the last break the game was out of reach. With several injuries and the side tiring everyone still fought to the end. With better cohesion and skill level, the result would have been closer. Juniors John McCann and Rob Mayak excelled on debut.</p>											
<p>Players' Player: John McCann Meal Award: Andy Daniel 50th Club Game: Jason Bradley</p>											
Sat 19/497 vs Hol-Blacktown	Hol-B town	8.6	12.7	17.11	24.14	(158)	Goals: J McCann 2	A Daniel	J Marsters	D Ready	
at Greygums Oval	R2 Penrith	0.0	2.4	3.4	5.6	(36)	Best: J Marsters	J Ware	D Ready	M Brazier	J Ward
<p>Kicking into the breeze in the first quarter, the Rams conceded eight goals and from there never recovered. After quarter-time the side displayed far more determination and vigour, but lack of system and poor finishing meant that Holroyd-Blacktown were able to increase their lead further at each charge. Joe Marsters and Jason Ware played well all day and David Ready battled tirelessly in the ruck. Others to do well against the odds were Mick Brazier, Jeff Ward and Scott Robinson. John McCann and Rob Mayak showed continued glimpses of their promise.</p>											
<p>Players' Player: Joe Marsters Meal Award: Jason Ware</p>											
Sat 26/497 vs Uni of NSW	UNSW	6.2	13.8	20.12	29.16	(190)	Goals: D Gilbert 3	J McCann 2	A Butler	C McDonald	M Poulter
at Village Green	R3 Penrith	3.2	6.4	8.7	10.11	(71)	Best: D Gilbert	J Ware	J Marsters	J Bradley	G Place
<p>Penrith matched Uni in a fairly even first quarter and ten minutes into the second trailed by only two goals. Uni then kicked the next five goals, including two from the one infringement, to lead by 46 points at half-time. Injuries to key players Jeff Ward and Tim Briggs further hampered the Rams' cause. The second half saw Uni take complete control, however everyone battled to the end. David Gilbert used his pace to advantage and played an outstanding game. Jason Ware and Joe Marsters were their usual consistent selves and Jason Bradley was dependable in an overworked defence.</p>											
<p>Players' Player: David Gilbert Meal Award: Jason Ware</p>											
Sat 3/5/97 vs Hawkesbury	Penrith	3.2	8.7	14.7	17.17	(119)	Goals: A Daniel 5	D Gilbert 3	A Hahn 3	J Marsters	J McCann
at Bensons Lane	R4 H'bury	5.2	12.3	12.7	12.9	(81)	Best: I Spicer	A Stowe			
<p>In an entertaining first half, the Rams made an ordinary start to be 20 points down at half-time and looking another defeat in the face. In a remarkable turn-around, the second half was like a different game. Penrith dominated, booting 9.10 to 0.6, to record a morale-boosting win by 38 points. Two key moves by coach Robinson at half-time were shifting Tony Eddie to centre-half back and Andrew Stowe onto the ball. Jason Ware put in another great game, Dave Gilbert continued his good form from the previous week, Guy Place put in his best game for the season and Andy Daniel was a key forward target all day.</p>											
<p>Players' Player: Andrew Stowe Meal Award: Jason Ware</p>											
Sat 10/597 vs Wollongong	Wgong	0.0	8.3	9.3	13.9	(87)	Goals: A Daniel 2	D Gilbert 2	A Hahn	R Murie	J Ware
at Greygums Oval	R5 Penrith	3.6	3.8	6.12	7.13	(55)	Best: S Robinson	J Ware	J Bradley	A Stowe	A Eddie
<p>Penrith probably cost itself the game in the first quarter, failing to make maximum use of the strong wind. Wollongong's 8.3 in the second then showed how to take advantage of the conditions. In the third term the Rams again dominated, but could not convert the many opportunities. The last quarter could then have been a walkover, but the side rallied to restrict Wollongong to four goals. Scott Robinson and Jason Ware stood out in a very consistent side. Andrew Stowe continued to show potential, Tony Eddie played his second good game in a row and Jason Bradley and Dave Gilbert also played well.</p>											
<p>Players' Player: Scott Robinson Meal Award: Jason Ware</p>											
Sat 17/597 vs Cron-Suth	C-Suth	2.2	3.3	6.6	14.8	(92)	Goals: D Carroll 2	J Ward 2	J Marsters 2	E Hitchcock	J McCann
at Gwawley Park	R6 Penrith	3.2	5.6	8.13	9.19	(73)	Best: M Brazier	M Bottrill	S Robinson	M Poulter	J Ware
<p>Wasted opportunities robbed the Rams of a more substantial half-time break. Three quick third quarter goals put Cronulla back in the game, but the Rams dominated the rest of the term, poor kicking for goal returning only 3.7. Still, the 19 point lead should have been defendable in the last quarter. Unfortunately, lack of discipline and further inaccuracy in front of goal saw Cronulla outscore the Rams 8.2 to 1.6, resulting in a very disappointing loss. Mick Brazier and Mick Bottrill played their best games for the club, while Scott Robinson, Matt Poulter, Jason Ware and Guy Place were consistent all day.</p>											
<p>Players' Player: Michael Brazier Meal Award: Michael Bottrill</p>											
Sat 24/597 vs Macquarie Uni	Mac Uni	4.4	10.7	11.7	13.9	(87)	Goals: J Ware 2	J Makin 2	A Hahn 2	D Gilbert 2	A Camilleri 2
at Greygums Oval	R7 Penrith	1.1	3.3	8.7	12.9	(81)	Best: J Ware	J Makin	J Ward	D Gilbert	L Wakeling
<p>A lacklustre first half saw the Rams trail by 46 points at half-time. Despite having plenty of field possession, turnovers and inability to get the ball past the half-forward line were the main reasons for the deficit. The second half was a completely different story. The side played quality football, showing the discipline and teamwork of which it is truly capable. A dominant third quarter was followed by a tight last quarter tussle, but the Rams unfortunately fell six points short. Jason Ware played superbly, others to stand out were Jason Makin and Jeff Ward, while Adrian Camilleri made a welcome return to the dub.</p>											
<p>Players' Player: Jason Ware Meal Award: Jason Makin</p>											
Sat 31/597 vs Manly-Warr	M-Warr	6.2	13.7	17.12	24.19	(163)	Goals: C McDonald	J Ware	J McCann	A McIntyre	
at Weldon Oval	R8 Penrith	3.2	4.2	4.3	4.3	(27)	Best: L Wakeling	J Ward	J Makin	G Bradley	A Camilleri
<p>The Rams played a highly competitive first quarter, but thereafter were outclassed by a superior side. Penrith had a number of players unavailable, but everyone still battled manfully until the final siren. Serious injuries to Michael Bottrill, Jason Ware and Jason Bradley marred the day. Luke Wakeling did well at full-back against the odds, Jeff Ward and Jason Makin continued their consistent form. Adrian Camilleri and Glenn Bradley showed their potential.</p>											
<p>Players' Player: Luke Wakeling Runner-Up: Jason Makin</p>											
Sat 7/6/97 vs Sydney Uni	Syd Uni	3.3	6.11	10.16	15.21	(111)	Goals: I Spicer 5	G Bradley 2	J Ward	J Bradley	
at Greygums Oval	R9 Penrith	1.1	5.2	5.3	9.3	(57)	Best: R Mayak	D Cummings	J Bradley	J Makin	G Bradley
<p>After a solid first quarter, Penrith fought back late in the second to be only 15 points down at half-time. Ian Spicer was proving to be a good target at full-forward and Rob Mayak was dominating in defence. The third quarter proved to be the Rams' letdown, conceding 4.5 while only scoring a point. However, the side lifted in the last quarter and pushed Uni to the final siren. In his first full senior game, David Cummings showed great potential. Jason Bradley did well in defence and attack and Jason Makin and Glenn Bradley stood out for the second week in a row. Young Rob Mayak's game was outstanding.</p>											
<p>Players' Player: Robert Mayak Runner-Up: Jason Bradley</p>											

Penrith Australian Football Club Inc. – 1997 Results First Grade (cont)

Sat 14/6/97 vs S-West Sydney S-W Syd 2.3 10.10 13.14 **24.21 (165)** **Goals:** J Ware 6 G Bradley 2 M Brazier D Cummings D Nolan I Spicer
at Greygums Oval R10 Penrith 6.1 8.1 11.3 **12.3 (75)** **Best:** R Mayak M Poulter R Murie J Ware G Bradley

A terrific start saw the Rams lead by 22 points at quarter-time and extend the lead to 28 early in the second. But S-W Sydney booted eight goals with the wind to Penrith's one for the rest of the quarter. An even third term saw the Rams 23 points down at the last break and in with an outside chance of victory. Sadly, the last quarter saw S-W Sydney completely overrun a tiring Rams side. It was a devastating finish to a game which had promised so much. Again, Rob Mayak was outstanding. Matthew Poulter and Jason Ware were also consistent and Rob Murie put in one of his best games for the season.

Players' Player: Rob Mayak **Runner-Up:** Matthew Poulter

Sat 28/6/97 vs Uni of NSW UNSW 6.0 11.3 14.7 **14.10 (94)** **Goals:** A Hahn 2 J Ware 2 J Bradley A Eddie C McDonald I Spicer D Gilbert
at Greygums Oval R11 Penrith 2.2 4.6 6.6 **9.9 (63)** **Best:** L Wakeling A Eddie S Robinson J Bradley J Ware

This was a story of two halves. The first half saw Uni of NSW take a commanding lead, despite Penrith battling desperately. The Rams held Uni in the third quarter and with the wind in the final quarter completely dominated the opposition. Only poor finishing stopped the Rams being a lot closer at full-time. Luke Wakeling first in defence and then in the ruck, played his best game for the club. In his first game back, Anthony Eddie was strong all around the ground. Stalwarts Jason Bradley, Jason Ware and Scott Robinson were others to show out in a consistent side, which ultimately could possibly have won.

Players' Player: Luke Wakeling **Runner-Up:** Anthony Eddie

Sat 5/7/97 vs Hol-Blacktown Ho-B town 4.2 15.10 16.18 **21.22 (148)** **Goals:** D Gilbert 4 J Bradley R Murie L Wakeling J Ward
at Gipps Road R12 Penrith 3.2 3.2 5.4 **8.4 (52)** **Best:** L Wakeling C McDonald A Eddie A McIntyre D Gilbert

For the third game in a row, two quarters cost the Rams the match. They were outscored by 90 points in the second and last quarters and lost by 96. A promising start was soured by a second quarter where Penrith conceded 11.8 to 0.0. After this, the second half was more a test of determination than anything else. In this respect they passed and if they had applied this in the second quarter, well, who knows? Luke Wakeling and Anthony Eddie again took the top two honours, well supported by Clinton McDonald, Andrew McIntyre, Jason Bradley, Jason Ware, David Gilbert and Rob Mayak.

Players' Player: Luke Wakeling **Runner-Up:** Anthony Eddie

Sat 12/7/97 vs Hawkesbury H'bury 6.5 8.7 12.10 **14.12 (96)** **Goals:** D Gilbert J Ward J Ware C McDonald
at Greygums Oval R13 Penrith 0.2 3.3 3.5 **4.7 (31)** **Best:** G Bradley J Bradley J Ward D Alley J Ware

In their most disappointing performance of the season, the Rams were outgunned by the more committed and desperate Saints. Slamming through five goals early on, Hawkesbury never looked back. The Rams' only resistance came in the second term, kicking three goals to two, but otherwise it was Hawkesbury's day. Stand-in coach Joe Bradley was at a loss to try to explain what happened. The awards were taken out by the two other Bradleys, who were stand-outs all day. Jeff Ward and Jason Ware did well again while Jason Turner came off the bench after Reserve Grade and did some good things.

Players' Player: Glenn Bradley **Runner-Up:** Jason Bradley

Sat 19/7/97 vs Wollongong W'gong 3.6 6.10 13.14 **17.18 (120)** **Goals:** J Ware 2 M Steunenberg
at North Dalton Park R14 Penrith 1.0 1.2 2.4 **3.5 (23)** **Best:** J Turner G Bradley M Brazier J Ware J Bradley

Ravaged by injuries and unavailability, Penrith battled on well against a better Wollongong side. The Rams held the Lions well in the first half, but succumbed in the third term, allowing Wollongong seven goals with the breeze. The game was marred by serious injuries to Luke Wakeling and Darren Erwin, some questionable opposition tactics and inconsistent umpiring. In his first full senior game, Jason Turner showed his ability at the higher level, Jasons Bradley and Ware were yet again outstanding and Mick Brazier played his best game for a while. David Ready, back after a long absence, battled all day.

Players' Player: Jason Turner **Runner-Up:** Glenn Bradley

Sat 26/7/97 vs Cron-Suth C-Suth 7.3 9.5 12.9 **15.15 (105)** **Goals:** C McDonald 2 M Brazier D Cummings J Makin J Ware
at Greygums Oval. R15 Penrith 0.0 4.8 4.10 **6.11 (47)** **Best:** M Brazier J Ware S Robinson A McIntyre R Mayak

This match was lost in the first half. Kicking with the breeze in the first quarter, Cronulla piled on seven unanswered goals. Then with the wind themselves, the Rams could only manage an inaccurate 4.8, despite having most of the play. The rest of the game was mostly a battle of the two defences, with Penrith unable to make any impact on the half-time margin. It was yet another winnable game which was lost through a lapse in application. Clinton McDonald put in a consistent game and Michael Brazier played four good quarters to be Players' Player. Andrew McIntyre's form confirmed his ability as a senior player.

Players' Player: Michael Brazier **Runner-Up:** Jason Ware **150th Club Game:** Jason Ware

Sat 2/8/97 vs Macquarie Uni Mac Uni 4.3 12.6 19.11 **21.17 (143)** **Goals:** G Bradley 4 J Ware 2 M Brazier C McDonald M Steunenberg
at Macquarie Uni R16 Penrith 6.2 6.3 9.6 **9.12 (66)** **Best:** M Brazier G Bradley J Ward R Murie J Ware

The Rams started off in sparkling form, leading by 11 points at quarter-time and showing glimpses of the form of which they are capable. The second and quarters decided the match. Penrith allowed Uni in for fifteen goals, whilst managing only three themselves. It was an unfortunate turnaround after such a promising start. The final term was even, only inaccuracy by the Rams preventing a closer result. Michael Brazier and Jeff Ward alternated between attack and defence to great effect. Glenn Bradley underlined his potential, kicking four goals, while Jason Ware continued his great form for the season.

Players' Player: Michael Brazier **Runner-Up:** Jeff Ward

Sat 9/8/97 vs Manly-Warr M-Warr 4.1 8.8 13.11 **17.15 (117)** **Goals:** J Bradley 3 M Brazier 3 M Steunenberg
at Greygums Oval R17 Penrith 2.1 4.2 5.3 **7.4 (46)** **Best:** D Cummings J Ware J Ward J Turner P Tobin

The Rams approached this difficult match in terrific fashion. Having been beaten convincingly in the corresponding match earlier in the season, they could have succumbed easily to the premiership favourites. At half-time they found themselves only five goals down and only a disappointing third quarter cost them a much closer result. David Cummings did brilliantly against the odds at full-back, while Jason Ware, Jeff Ward and Paul Tobin also played well.

Players' Player: David Cummings **Runner-Up:** Jason Ware

Sat 16/8/97 vs Sydney Uni Syd Uni 7.8 11.16 19.24 **29.30 (204)** **Goals:** J Bradley 6 G Bradley M Brazier J Ware I Spicer
at Sydney Uni R18 Penrith 2.0 6.1 8.3 **10.7 (67)** **Best:** G Bradley D Cummings J Ware S Robinson C McDonald

Penrith started off in great fashion, booting the first two goals of the game. But from there on it was all Uni, except for a Rams purple patch in the second term where they kicked several quick goals. It was a typical match between one side playing with the finals in mind and the other finishing off a long and difficult season. Having said that, the side played determined and, on occasions, impressive football all day. Glenn Bradley finished off a fine season winning the Players' Player award. Of those not named in the best players above, Jason Bradley did well at full-forward and Andrew McIntyre battled hard.

Players' Player: Glenn Bradley **Runner-Up:** David Cummings

Penrith Australian Football Club Inc. – 1997 Team Photos

First Grade



Back (L-R): David Cummings, Andrew McIntyre, Andrew Hahn, Ralph Lange, Michael Brazier, Clinton McDonald, Darren Erwin, Jason Makin, Jason Ware (Captain), Scott Robinson, Jeff Ward, David Robinson (Coach)

Front (L-R): Joe Marsters, Jason Turner, Michael Bottrill, Anthony Meikle, Jay Adamson, Don Alley, David Ready, Jason Bradley

Reserve Grade



Back (L-R): Mark Spooner (Manager), Allan Tinker (Coach), Scott Simington, Mark Steunenberg, Jason Makin, Simon Wakeling, Ian Spicer, Michael Haynes, David Cooke (Captain), Brett Walsh, Garry Ayres (Goal Umpire)

Middle (L-R): Scott Parmer, Alan Butler, Eric Hitchcock, Brad Fishburn, Alan Luke, Clinton Doney, Richard Schumack

Front (L-R): Nick Clarke, Garry Willick, Daniel Barnes, Stuart Ayres, Paul Tobin, Jon Pickup, David Gilbert, Andrew Warburton

Photos taken 26th July, 1997 prior to the Round 15 fixture against Cronulla-Sutherland at Greygums Oval.

Penrith Australian Football Club Inc. – Reserve Grade Coach’s Report

This was my first attempt at coaching a senior side and from the pre-season training to the very last game I found it extremely enjoyable and encouraging for the club.

The introduction of the match committee to help with team selection and eligibility criteria was a huge step towards professionalism and the attitude necessary to elevate the Penrith club to the highest possible level.

At the start of the season, the numbers attending training were encouraging and caused very important competition for selection. This competitiveness raised the level of commitment at training such that we went into the first game expecting a win. Unfortunately this was not to be, but the endeavour against the previous year’s finalists was admirable and encouraging. As time went on through the season, however, injuries and work commitments took their toll on first and reserve grade and it became more and more difficult to consolidate a side. It was pleasing however to know that whoever took the field wearing the blue and white hoops was going to give their all for the club and their team mates.

There were times through coaching this year that I wish I could have done or said things differently, but all in all the commitment of the players to arrive an hour before the game, stay around on Thursday night for team selection, attend social functions and finally to get on the ground week after week and play at their best was pleasing and shows distinct promise for the coming season. The level of attendance at training and game day has been better this year than any year I have been involved with the Rams. But it cannot stop there, we need to take what we have learnt this year and apply it to the following seasons. The club needs every player who played this year to once again commit to a new season and new determination.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Dave Cooke for an excellent job as captain. Dave wanted only the best for the club and the team and this was evident by his commitment to the game and to training. A captain is an extension of the coach on the field and to this end Dave completed his job.

I would also like to thank Joe Bradley who not only helped on training nights, including Sundays, but also on game days, marshalling the side in my absence and running messages for me, even if they didn’t make a whole lot of sense. Joe’s contribution of suggestions and ideas was invaluable to me this season and I hope that I will get to work with him again.

Thanks also go to Dave Robinson for the role that he played in the match committee this year. I would like to thank Dave for his support of the guidelines the match committee had, his support of myself and for the suggestions he provided, which made my job a lot easier.

I would finally like to thank all the players who played in reserve grade this year. Thankyou for your attitude to each game and to the match committee as a whole. You are the future of the club and you have done yourselves credit this year.

Overall, thankyou to the match committee and the players for their devotion to the task this year, it has not been easy and I think that everybody acted with the best interests of the club in mind.

I truly believe that this year we have been able to create a nucleus of players who have been committed to the club and to playing football. From this we can build and in following years, providing the commitment remains, we can be a force in Sydney football.

Let’s come together as a club with a common goal and make 1998 the year of the Rams.

Allan Tinker

Reserve Grade Coach

1997 Ladder – Sydney Football Association Reserve Grade

	W	L	D	For	Agst	%	Pts
SYDNEY UNI	15	3	-	1943	526	369.4	60
SOUTH-WEST SYDNEY	15	3	-	1330	753	176.6	60
MACQUARIE UNI	14	4	-	1448	838	172.8	56
UNI OF NSW	13	5	-	1400	789	177.4	52
MANLY-WARRINGAH	9	9	-	1246	1035	120.4	36
WOLLONGONG	8	10	-	941	1177	79.9	32
CRON-SUTHERLAND	7	11	-	991	1207	82.1	28
HOLROYD-BLACKTOWN	6	12	-	991	1240	79.9	24
PENRITH	2	16	-	703	1661	42.3	8
HAWKESBURY	1	17	-	437	2205	19.8	4

Penrith Australian Football Club Inc. – 1997 Results Reserve Grade

<p>Sat 12/497 vs S-West Sydney S-W Syd at Rosedale Oval R1 Penrith</p>	<p>1.5 4.10 7.12 9.17 (71) 3.0 4.0 5.2 6.4 (40)</p>	<p>Goals: D Cooke 3 Best: G Bradley</p>	<p>B Fishburn A Butler</p>	<p>M Haynes G Haydon</p>	<p>G Haydon J Makin A Stowe</p>
<p><i>With a host of new players, the Rams performed well in the first half, good finishing and determined defence keeping the deficit to 10 points at half-time. First-time player Grant Haydon rucked well (and landed a goal with his first kick) and other debutants Glenn Bradley and Andrew Stowe got plenty of possession around the ground. Full-forward David Cooke did well from limited opportunities and Jason Makin played his usual reliable game in attack and defence. Despite a second-half fadeout, the team spirit was excellent and the side showed plenty of potential for the rest of the season.</i></p>					
<p>Coach's Award: Glenn Bradley Meal Award: Grant Haydon</p>					
<p>Sat 19/497 vs Hdl-Blacktown Hdl-B'town at Greygums Oval R2 Penrith</p>	<p>4.0 5.2 9.5 11.9 (75) 2.2 6.5 7.5 8.5 (53)</p>	<p>Goals: D Cooke 2 Best: D Gilbert</p>	<p>B Fishburn B Harvey</p>	<p>G Haydon A Stowe</p>	<p>J Pickup S Wakeling I Spicer A Stowe J Hall M Steunenberg</p>
<p><i>A sluggish start saw the Rams 16 points down early in the second quarter, however the side then kicked four unanswered goals to go to a nine point half-time lead. In a repeat of the previous week's performance, a disappointing second half cost the side any chance of victory. David Gilbert and Brett Harvey were outstanding in defence and first-gamer Simon Wakeling showed plenty of promise at centre half-back. Andrew Stowe and Mark Steunenberg continued their good form and Stuart Ayres did well when brought on. Four consistent quarters will certainly see the side on the winning list soon.</i></p>					
<p>Coach's Award: David Gilbert Meal Award: Brett Harvey</p>					
<p>Sat 26/497 vs Uni of NSW UNSW at Village Green R3 Penrith</p>	<p>3.3 8.9 12.12 19.17 (131) 2.4 3.4 4.5 5.5 (35)</p>	<p>Goals: G Willick 2 Best: A Eddie</p>	<p>D Cooke B Patterson</p>	<p>S Ayres A Hahn</p>	<p>S Kool G Willick E Hitchcock</p>
<p><i>A very competitive first quarter promised a close result. If not for poor finishing, the Rams could have been in front at quarter-time. Uni turned the game in the second quarter, kicking five goals to one, and from there took complete control of the game. The 96 point final margin was not a true indication of the endeavour shown by the entire Rams side. Tony Eddie and Bill Patterson, in their first games of the season, played four consistent quarters. Others to stand out were Andrew Hahn, Gary Willick, Eric Hitchcock and Jon Pickup, while it was good to see Shaun Kool back in the side at centre-half forward.</i></p>					
<p>Coach's Award: Tony Eddie Meal Award: Bill Patterson</p>					
<p>Sat 3/5/97 vs Hawkesbury Penrith at Bensons Lane R4 Hbury</p>	<p>5.2 9.3 12.9 17.11 (113) 0.1 0.3 0.4 0.4 (4)</p>	<p>Goals: D Cooke 6 Best: D Nolan</p>	<p>S Ayres 2 M McIntyre</p>	<p>A Butler 2 D Warren</p>	<p>P Webb 2 L Wakeling J Bennett D Barnes B Fishburn A McIntyre</p>
<p><i>The reserves finally broke through for their first win of 1997 by demolishing an under-manned Hawkesbury side. The win was set up by a five goal first quarter and the domination continued for the rest of the game. Whilst not totally playing to potential on the day, the side's confidence for the rest of the year can only be lifted by the result. Everyone deserves a mention, but Dave Nolan, in his 99th club game, was clearly best on ground. Mark Steunenberg played another fine game, ex-Wollongong player Andrew McIntyre showed promise and Daniel Barnes, Luke Wakeling and Alan Butler also played well.</i></p>					
<p>Coach's Award: David Nolan Meal Award: Mark Steunenberg</p>					
<p>Sat 10/5/97 vs Wollongong W'gong at Greygums Oval R5 Penrith</p>	<p>4.0 7.3 8.4 11.9 (75) 5.5 6.6 8.10 8.10 (58)</p>	<p>Goals: D Cooke 2 Best: J Makin</p>	<p>P Webb 2 B Redmond</p>	<p>C Cottbme D Barnes</p>	<p>J Hall J Adamson P Webb A McIntyre A Meikle</p>
<p><i>The first quarter, in which the Rams allowed Wollongong four goals into a strong wind, was crucial. By half-time, the match had evened up with only three points in it. Only 24 with the wind again cost Penrith and desperate defence in the last quarter could not save the side from defeat. Again the inability to put four quarters together cost the side victory. Jason Makin, in only his second appearance for the season, deservedly won the Coach's Award. Brad Redmond put in his best game for the club, Jay Adamson worked hard all day, Daniel Barnes continued his good form and Paul Webb again shone.</i></p>					
<p>Coach's Award: Jason Makin Meal Award: Brad Redmond</p>					
<p>Sat 17/5/97 vs Cron-Suth C-Suth at Gwawley Park R6 Penrith</p>	<p>3.0 8.4 15.6 18.10 (118) 1.3 3.3 4.4 6.5 (41)</p>	<p>Goals: S Ayres 3 Best: J Adamson</p>	<p>R Lange 2 M Haynes</p>	<p>I Spicer J Bennett</p>	<p>D Barnes D Alley</p>
<p><i>Despite having plenty of general field play in the first half, the Rams found themselves a disappointing 31 points down at half-time. The side came into the game depleted by injury and unavailability and further injuries during the game compounded the situation. Conceding seven goals to one in the third quarter then put the result beyond doubt. Despite the final scoreline it was a game which could have been won. Jay Adamson's courage and endeavour won him the Coach's award, Michael Haynes played easily his best game for the season and Don Alley played consistently in his first game for the year.</i></p>					
<p>Coach's Award: Jay Adamson Meal Award: Michael Haynes</p>					
<p>Sat 24/5/97 vs Macquarie Uni Mac Uni at Greygums Oval R7 Penrith</p>	<p>2.4 5.4 7.10 12.13 (85) 0.0 0.1 0.1 0.2 (2)</p>	<p>Goals: Nil Best: R Shumack</p>	<p>J Bennett A McIntyre</p>	<p>W Douglass D Barnes</p>	
<p><i>An undermanned reserve grade side battled hard against ladder leaders Macquarie Uni. Five goals down at half-time, they were still remotely in the game and this trend continued in the third quarter. However the Rams could not hold Uni in the final term, conceding five goals. All in all, it was still a determined effort against a far better side on paper. First year player Richard Shumack deservedly took out the Coach's Award. Wayne Douglass made a welcome return to the club, Jason Bennett continued his good season and Daniel Barnes displayed his improving potential.</i></p>					
<p>Coach's Award: Richard Shumack Meal Award: Jason Bennett</p>					
<p>Sat 31/5/97 vs Manly-Warr M-Warr at Weldon Oval R8 Penrith</p>	<p>6.4 11.12 15.15 17.19 (121) 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.1 (1)</p>	<p>Goals: Nil Best: G Haydon</p>	<p>D Cummings J Bennett</p>	<p>S Ayres C Currey</p>	
<p><i>Dave Nolan's 100th game for the club saw the twos dive to a disappointing loss against a stronger, faster and fitter Manly side. The result was not as bad as it could have been, though. Lack of desire and commitment in the first half saw the side 78 points down at half-time and staring an annihilation in the face. A tongue-lashing at half-time from Al Tinker saw the Rams hold Manly to six second-half goals and they should have scored several themselves. David Cummings made an impressive debut for the club and Grant Haydon did well all day in the ruck. "Mr Walker" finally took the field in 1997!</i></p>					
<p>Coach's Award: Grant Haydon Runner-Up: David Cummings 100th Club Game: David Nolan</p>					
<p>Sat 7/6/97 vs Sydney Uni Syd Uni at Greygums Oval R9 Penrith</p>	<p>2.6 6.8 8.11 12.15 (87) 0.1 0.1 0.1 0.1 (1)</p>	<p>Goals: Nil Best: D Erwin</p>	<p>R Kemble A Meikle</p>	<p>J Adamson S Simington</p>	
<p><i>For the third consecutive game, the Rams were held goalless while still battling defiantly against a better credentialled side. The first quarter resulted in a seventeen point deficit, but the second quarter sewed the game up for Uni. The second half took a similar course, but coach Allan Tinker still praised his team after the game for their effort. The side contained a number of first-year and former junior players and everyone put in four quarters. Two of the new players, Darren Erwin and Richard Kemble, took out the day's awards. Jay Adamson did well again and Anthony Meikle returned successfully from injury.</i></p>					
<p>Coach's Award: Darren Erwin Runner-Up: Rick Kemble</p>					

Penrith Australian Football Club Inc. – 1997 Results Reserve Grade (cont)

Sat 14/6/97 vs S-West Sydney S-W Syd 4.2 6.3 10.6 12.11 (83) **Goals:** S Wakeling 2 S Ayres A Butler G Willick
at Greygums Oval R10 Penrith 2.0 3.0 4.0 5.0 (30) **Best:** R Shumack CDoney A Butler M Steunenberg JBennett

Penrith displayed their best form in a month in going down to the more highly-fancied South-West Sydney. With only 21 points in it at half-time, the Rams had a real chance, but four conceded goals in the third term sealed their fate. The final 53 point margin did not truly reflect the effort put in by the players on the day and Allan Tinker praised everyone afterwards. In a very consistent team performance, Richard Shumack and Clinton Doney continued their good seasons to take out the match awards. Mark Steunenberg came back from injury to do well, along with Alan Butler, Simon Wakeling and Jason Bennett.

Coach's Award: Richard Shumack **Runner-Up:** Clinton Doney

Sat 28/6/97 vs Uni of NSW UNSW 4.2 6.4 12.6 13.6 (84) **Goals:** W Douglass 2 B Fishburn MKelly G Willick
at Greygums Oval R11 Penrith 1.3 1.4 3.4 5.4 (34) **Best:** JBennett B Redmond J Turner CDoney MKelly

For the second week in a row, reserve grade displayed their continued improvement. A five goal half-time deficit was not a true indication of the game to that stage and given a bit of luck the side was in with a real show. A six goal Uni third term put paid to that, but to the Rams' credit they had the better of things in the final quarter. Jason Bennett deservedly won the Coach's Award, with runner-up Brad Redmond making a welcome return after a long absence. Skipper David Cooke played his best game for some time, Clinton Doney and Michael Kelly did well, while newcomer Jason Turner impressed on his debut.

Coach's Award: Jason Bennett **Runner-Up:** Brad Redmond

Sat 5/7/97 vs Hol-Blacktown Hol-B'town 4.3 7.3 9.7 13.12 (90) **Goals:** M Steunenberg 2 M Walker B Fishburn
at Gipps Road R12 Penrith 2.2 3.4 3.6 4.7 (31) **Best:** M Walker CDoney M Steunenberg A Warburton MKelly

In a reversal of the previous two games, the Rams performed disappointingly against a side which they could easily have expected to beat. Things started well enough, the Rams holding their opposition to four goals with a strong breeze while kicking two of their own. From there on however, the teamwork and desire were lacking and that showed on the scoreboard. The old warhorse Michael Walker played only his second game for the year and showed his class. Other experienced players Mark Steunenberg and Andrew Warburton also led the way and again Clinton Doney and Michael Kelly featured impressively.

Coach's Award: Michael Walker **Runner-Up:** Mark Steunenberg

Sat 12/7/97 vs Hawkesbury Penrith 11.0 14.3 18.6 24.15 (159) **Goals:** I Spicer 7 B Fishburn 4 A Hahn 3 M Steunenberg 3 A Meikle 2 P Tobin 2
at Greygums Oval R13 H'bury 1.0 1.0 2.0 3.3 (21) **Best:** D Cummings ALuke G Willick
Best: S Wakeling CDoney DRoss J Turner S Simington

Against an undermanned Hawkesbury outfit, the Rams finally recorded a confidence-boosting second win for the year. A remarkable eleven goals straight in the first quarter set the game up. The second and third quarters saw the Saints crowd the Rams' forward line and slow down the scoring. However the floodgates opened again in the final term, only inaccuracy preventing an even bigger win for Penrith. Everyone played well on the day, but mention must go to Simon Wakeling for winning the Coach's Award, Ian Spicer, for his five goals in the first quarter and Darren Ross, in his first game back after injury.

Coach's Award: Simon Wakeling **Runner-Up:** Clinton Doney

Sat 19/7/97 vs Wollongong W'gong 3.2 8.5 10.10 13.14 (92) **Goals:** A Butler 2 G Willick
at North Dalton Park R14 Penrith 1.1 2.1 2.3 3.4 (22) **Best:** D Alley SParmer PTobin M Steunenberg A Warburton

With a number of players having to go up to first grade, Penrith still put a competitive second side on the field, highlighted by the return to the field of veterans Spooner and Tinker. While not looking like winning, the Rams held the Lions all day and really should have finished closer on the score board. As coach Tinker said after the game, Penrith played poorly in the first half of each quarter only to lift for the remainder. Don Alley and Scott Parmer (in his first game) worked hard all day to take out the awards. In his second game Paul Tobin was consistent and Allan Tinker showed his class around the ground all day.

Coach's Award: Don Alley **Runner-Up:** Scott Parmer

Sat 26/7/97 vs Cron-Suth C-Suth 4.0 6.1 8.2 8.5 (53) **Goals:** D Gilbert 2 DCooke B Fishburn M Steunenberg G Willick
at Greygums Oval R15 Penrith 3.2 5.3 5.5 6.7 (43) **Best:** B Walsh EHitchcock JPickup M Steunenberg CDoney

Penrith started off well in the first term, kicking three goals to one, but allowed the opposition back into the game by quarter time. After an even second quarter, the Rams conceded two goals in the third, which were vital in such a low-scoring game. An early last quarter goal to Brad Fishburn gave the side a great chance, but it turned out to be the final goal of the day, with Cronulla successfully bottling up the play. Eric Hitchcock's return saw him dominate but Brett Walsh deservedly took out the Coach's Award. Clinton Doney was unpassable, while Jon Pickup and Mark Steunenberg were the pick of the others.

Coach's Award: Brett Walsh **Runner-Up:** Eric Hitchcock

Sat 2/8/97 vs Macquarie Uni MacUni 5.6 13.9 20.13 27.14 (176) **Goals:** S Ayres ATinker
at Macquarie Uni R16 Penrith 0.1 1.2 1.2 2.3 (15) **Best:** ACable JPickup CDoney W Douglass ALuke

With a disappointingly large number of players unavailable to play, those players who took the field performed manfully for the dub. Macquarie Uni took the field with the finals in mind and played accordingly. The desperation showed by the Rams players continued to the final siren and if it weren't for some undisciplined play at times the final margin could have been a lot smaller. Nevertheless, Allan Tinker praised everyone afterwards for their efforts. Jon Pickup and Alan Luke played probably their best games of the season and in only his second dub game, Tony Cable performed excellently in the ruck.

Coach's Award: Tony Cable **Runner-Up:** Jon Pickup

Sat 9/8/97 vs Manly-Warr M-Warr 1.5 7.11 8.15 14.17 (101) **Goals:** AGillham G Willick M Steunenberg
at Greygums Oval R17 Penrith 0.1 0.1 2.3 3.6 (24) **Best:** B Fishburn ISpicer DNolan S Simington DERwin

The match was lost in the second and final quarters, Penrith being outscored by 71 points and yet only losing in the end by 77. The other two terms were very even, which goes to show how the Rams can match it with higher placed sides. Brad Fishburn played his best game of the season in the centre, while other starters Ian Spicer and David Nolan also stood out. Also pleasing was newer players Scott Simington and Darren Erwin doing well against quality opposition.

Coach's Award: Brad Fishburn **Runner-Up:** Ian Spicer

Sat 16/8/97 vs Sydney Uni Syd Uni 6.5 15.10 24.16 28.26 (194) **Goals:** Nil
at Sydney Uni R18 Penrith 0.1 0.1 0.1 0.1 (1) **Best:** DNolan ISpicer ACable A Warburton ATinker

In the final match of the season, a disappointingly undermanned Penrith side battled hard, but vainly, against a side which was realistically one of the premiership favourites. Unfortunately, discipline sometimes gave way and the Rams allowed their opponents in for many easy goals. The occasional patches of good play inevitably fell down, leaving the side goalless for the day. All those who took the field did the club proud, proving there is still plenty of spirit in the dub. Penrith's best on the day were the more experienced players, but again Anthony Cable underlined his potential with another excellent ruck display.

Coach's Award: David Nolan **Runner-Up:** Ian Spicer

Penrith Australian Football Club Inc. – 1997 Games and Goals

Player	First Season	Years Played	Career Games	Career Goals	1997 Games			1997 Goals		
					1sts	2nds	Total	1sts	2nds	Total
Adamson, Jay	1997	1	15	0	5	10	15	0	0	0
Alley, Don	1997	1	9	0	6	3	9	0	0	0
Ayres, Stuart	1997	1	18	8	1	17	18	0	8	8
Barnes, Daniel	1995	3	40	1	8	10	18	0	0	0
Bennett, Jason	1996	2	27	3	2	11	13	0	1	1
Bottrill, Michael	1996	2	22	3	8	0	8	1	0	1
Bradley, Glenn	1996	2	31	10	16	1	17	9	0	9
Bradley, Jason	1990	5	67	31	18	0	18	13	0	13
Brazier, Michael	1997	1	15	7	15	0	15	7	0	7
Briggs, Tim	1992	5	34	59	2	0	2	0	0	0
Burns, Stephen	1997	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
Butler, Alan	1994	2	20	9	4	8	12	1	5	6
Cable, Anthony	1997	1	4	0	0	4	4	0	0	0
Camilleri, Adrian	1996	2	19	6	3	0	3	2	0	2
Carroll, Denis	1997	1	3	2	3	0	3	2	0	2
Chalker, Gavin	1985	7	86	81	0	1	1	0	0	0
Clarke, Nick	1997	1	7	0	0	7	7	0	0	0
Cooke, David	1997	1	15	15	2	13	15	0	15	15
Cottome, Colin	1995	3	35	4	3	4	7	0	1	1
Cummings, David	1997	1	12	3	8	4	12	2	1	3
Currey, Chris	1996	2	16	0	0	2	2	0	0	0
Daniel, Andrew	1994	4	47	132	4	0	4	8	0	8
Doney, Clinton	1996	2	27	0	4	10	14	0	0	0
Douglass, Wayne	1992	4	37	7	0	5	5	0	2	2
Eddie, Anthony	1995	2	14	1	6	1	7	1	0	1
Erwin, Darren	1997	1	11	0	4	7	11	0	0	0
Fishburn, Brad	1992	6	92	49	2	10	12	0	10	10
Frost, Adam	1997	1	8	0	0	8	8	0	0	0
Gilbert, David	1996	2	15	19	9	2	11	16	2	18
Gillham, Adam	1997	1	15	1	8	7	15	0	1	1
Hahn, Andrew	1992	6	47	64	8	2	10	8	3	11
Hall, Jason	1995	3	16	21	0	5	5	0	2	2
Harvey, Brett	1997	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
Haydon, Grant	1997	1	5	2	0	5	5	0	2	2
Haynes, Michael	1993	2	19	5	1	12	13	0	1	1
Hitchcock, Eric	1997	1	7	1	5	2	7	1	0	1
Hughes, Tim	1997	1	16	0	8	8	16	0	0	0
Kelly, Michael	1996	2	21	1	0	16	16	0	1	1
Kemble, Richard	1997	1	2	0	0	2	2	0	0	0
Kool, Shaun	1996	2	8	3	0	1	1	0	1	1
Lange, Ralph	1995	3	46	8	8	7	15	0	3	3
Lenton, Doug	1996	2	11	0	0	2	2	0	0	0
Luke, Alan	1984	13	190	5	1	17	18	0	1	1
Makin, Jason	1989	8	95	28	4	2	6	3	0	3
Marsters, Joe	1996	2	19	7	9	0	9	4	0	4
Mayak, Robert	1997	1	13	0	13	0	13	0	0	0
McCann, John	1996	2	10	12	7	0	7	12	0	12
McDonald, Clinton	1996	2	38	19	15	0	15	7	0	7
McIntyre, Andrew	1997	1	14	3	11	3	14	1	2	3
McTegg, Jeremy	1996	2	23	10	1	2	3	0	0	0
Meikle, Anthony	1995	3	25	9	3	5	8	0	3	3
Murie, Robert	1997	1	13	4	13	0	13	4	0	4
Nolan, David	1990	8	105	28	5	4	9	1	0	1
Parmer, Scott	1997	1	2	0	0	2	2	0	0	0

Penrith Australian Football Club Inc. – 1997 Games and Goals (cont)

Player	First Season	Years Played	Career Games	Career Goals	1997 Games			1997 Goals		
					1sts	2nds	Total	1sts	2nds	Total
Patterson, Bilbo	1997	1	3	0	1	2	3	0	0	0
Pickup, Jon	1996	2	22	1	4	15	19	0	1	1
Place, Guy	1996	2	28	8	10	0	10	1	0	1
Poulter, Matthew	1997	1	16	1	16	0	16	1	0	1
Pusser, Craig	1994	3	36	1	Committee Member			Last Yr Played 1996		
Ready, David	1994	4	44	5	6	0	6	1	0	1
Redmond, Bradley	1997	1	6	0	1	5	6	0	0	0
Robinson, David	1991	7	52	58	0	1	1	0	0	0
Robinson, Scott	1993	5	82	2	15	0	15	0	0	0
Ross, Darren	1996	2	13	1	1	1	2	0	0	0
Russell, Steve	1986	3	19	1	0	3	3	0	0	0
Ryman, Robert	1988	5	40	1	Team Manager			Last Yr Played 1994		
Shumack, Richard	1997	1	8	0	2	6	8	0	0	0
Simington, Scott	1996	2	28	4	2	15	17	0	0	0
Spicer, Ian	1986	11	135	92	7	8	15	10	9	19
Spooner, Mark	1993	5	20	6	0	4	4	0	0	0
Steunenberg, Mark	1996	2	36	14	5	12	17	3	7	10
Stork, David	1997	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
Stowe, Andrew	1997	1	5	3	3	2	5	2	1	3
Tinker, Allan	1994	4	45	6	0	3	3	0	1	1
Tobin, Paul	1997	1	9	2	4	5	9	0	2	2
Turner, Jason	1997	1	9	0	6	3	9	0	0	0
Wakeling, Luke	1997	1	13	1	12	1	13	1	0	1
Wakeling, Simon	1997	1	12	2	0	12	12	0	2	2
Walker, Michael	1981	16	241	141	2	2	4	0	1	1
Walsh, Brett	1996	2	31	2	3	15	18	0	0	0
Warburton, Andrew	1994	3	21	0	0	7	7	0	0	0
Ward, Jeff	1996	2	24	9	16	0	16	5	0	5
Ware, Jason	1985	10	153	120	17	0	17	22	0	22
Warren, Dane	1997	1	4	1	0	4	4	0	1	1
Webb, Paul	1997	1	3	4	1	2	3	0	4	4
Willick, Garry	1997	1	17	8	0	17	17	0	8	8

*Full goalkicking records are only available from 1990 onwards. (Full seasons' tallies pre-1990 are included if known).

Penrith Australian Football Club Inc. – Other Matches 1997

Practice Matches

At Greygums Oval	Sun 9/3/97	1st Grade: Hawkesbury 7.10 (52) d Penrith 2.6 (18)
At Greygums Oval	Sat 15/3/97	1st Grade: S-West Sydney 9.11 (65) d Penrith 6.8 (44) 2nd Grade: S-West Sydney 12.16 (88) d Penrith 3.4 (22)
At Randwick Army Barracks	Sun 23/3/97	1st Grade: Uni of NSW 17.6 (108) d Penrith 9.10 (64) 2nd Grade: Uni of NSW 17.13 (115) d Penrith 8.8 (56)

Lightning Premiership (SFA Cup)

At Gipps Road Reserve	Sat 5/4/97	Qual Match: Hol-Blacktown 3.2 (20) d Penrith 1.5 (11) Prelim Match: Sydney Uni 4.2 (26) d Penrith 1.1 (7)
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(Wade Campbell from the Penrith club won the 100 metre invitation sprint)

SFA Representative Matches

At George Park, Bathurst	Sat 21/6/97	Qual Match: SFA 12.14 (86) d Leisure Coast 4.6 (30)
	Sun 22/6/97	Final: SFA 20.11 (131) d Northern Riverina 7.3 (45)

(Jeff Ward and Rob Mayak represented Penrith; Michael Walker attended as SFA President)

Penrith Junior Australian Football Club Inc. – President’s Report

The Penrith Junior Rams Australian Football Club has had a very successful season in 1996/97, with three of our five age groups reaching the finals and the Under 11’s taking the premiership flag.

Our season has been a fairly turbulent one with some very close games against strong opposition, hard line calls from the umpires and difficult circumstances with our club having to play at up to three different grounds. I say turbulent and difficult, but this has been mainly from the administration and parents’ point of view because we are sure the players have enjoyed the season in playing the sport they love.

We have some real success stories from our junior players with selections being made to play for our state and promise of future development through participation in upper level training squads. We have also had success at Association level with Best and Fairest awards going to our Under 10s’ William Tuckwell, Under 14s’ Jason Turner and Under 16s’ Alistair Richardson. We are proud to have been a catalyst in providing these opportunities for the selected few and also to have been available to provide for all of our other players to play and enjoy the sport they love.

We have an Auskick team of players learning the skills of Aussie Rules football under the guidance of Mr Hayden Scala. The season for the Auskickers has been fairly quiet with the events being run at our home ground during the week and on special occasions (whenever possible) the players have displayed their skills at our home game days. In our next season, together with our *MACnificent sponsors*, McDonalds Panthers, we shall be concentrating a lot more on the development of our Auskickers who are our future players for seasons to come.

Our Under 10’s under the skilful guidance of Mr Allan Tinker, ably assisted by Mr Wayne Burcher, have had a season of hard and well fought games against some very talented opposition. The possibility of a flag escaped our grasp only in the final game or two, where a more favourable bounce of the ball could have given us another age group in the finals. Talent and commitment by our players in this age group is well recognized and the team shall be very hard to beat in the future.

Our Under 11’s and Under 14’s are two of our teams to make the finals and have both been coached separately by Mr Peter Shaw, which, due in part to the split round (debacle) draw for this season has not been a very easy task. Peter has been assisted by Messrs Terry Myers, Jim Wright, Andrew Murphet, Tom Balchin and Daniel Barnes (does that name sound familiar to anyone?). Peter has coached and developed the talents and skills of these teams to a very high level of achievement and we are already able to recognize some players as possible future first graders.

Our Under 12’s have been a little undermanned (personned!) due to the insertion of the Under 11’s as a new age group this year. The Under 12’s had to rely on the Under 11’s playing up, which at times was impossible because they were playing at a different field. Mr Hayden Scala was also the coach for this team, with Christine Burrows doing an excellent job of acting as manager. This team was a little short in numbers, skills and luck, but they certainly made up for this with plenty of guts and determination. We can well expect a few more wins next year with this quality of dedication and commitment to the sport.

Our Under 16’s have been coached professionally by Mr Peter O’Neil, ably assisted by trainer Mr Cliff Bradley and manager Mr Alan Stewart. Peter had some very keen and enthusiastic players to coach this year with, unfortunately for the junior club, several of them in their final season with us. As I understand, the majority of them are eager to follow their love of the code and play with, hopefully, the Penrith senior club. The Under 16’s were also one of the age groups which made it to the finals, and were pushed to the limit in the first semi-final with the scores drawn at full-time. A further 20 minutes of extra time saw the side win in nail-biting circumstances and advancing to the preliminary final the following week against the strong and fast Baulkham Hills side. The players did themselves proud against Hills but were eventually defeated. We from the Penrith Junior Rams are pleased to recommend to the senior Rams each and every one of these players who intend to follow their love of the code. There are players in this side who have played together for eight years, players who travel from Katoomba for mid-week training and the weekend games, and players who have returned to this code after trying the other codes of football and not enjoying the game as they do Aussie Rules. It would be an absolute disgrace to have these players poached or coaxed away from our area because we have no facility for them in the Penrith area for them to follow their love of playing Aussie Rules football. This is why establishment of an Under 18’s side for next season is an absolute priority.

We have a wealth of talent in players and coaching staff in the Penrith junior club and only a limited amount of funds at our disposal. But I am sure with the continued co-operation, co-ordination and ready assistance by the Penrith senior club we shall continue to grow in the area. We need more local junior clubs, and to aim to make Penrith a base for a second Sydney Aussie Rules Football Club.

On behalf of the Penrith Junior Australian Rules Football Club I take this opportunity to say thank you to Mr Michael Walker and all his committee members for your generosity of time and effort in assisting in several of our club fund raising, social and development functions. We look forward to your continued alliance and wish you success in the coming season.

Yours in Sport

Kev Scobie

President, Penrith Junior Australian Football Club

Penrith Junior Australian Football Club Inc. – 1997 Summary

Committee

President	Kevin Scobie	Vice-President	Mark Sullivan
Secretary	Peter Shaw	Treasurer	Linda McGee
Registrar	Kevin McGee	Property	Mel Scobie
Canteen	Sue Bradley	Recruitment	Daniel Barnes
Coaching		General	
Co-Ordinator	Cliff Bradley	Committee	Terry Myers

Team Details

<i>Grade</i>	<i>Coach</i>	<i>Manager</i>	<i>Captain</i>	<i>Position</i>
Auskick	Hayden Scala	N/A	N/A	N/A
Under 10	Allan Tinker	Wayne Burcher	Captains rotated	11th
Under 11	Peter Shaw	Jim Wright	Earl Shaw Brendan Balchin Matthew Grant	1st
Under 12	Hayden Scala	Christine Burrows	Daniel Klinsic	12th
Under 14	Peter Shaw	Terry Myers	Marc Barnes	6th
Under 16	Peter O'Neil	Alan Stewart	Alistair Richardson	3rd

Team Awards

<u>Under 10</u>	<u>Under 11</u>	<u>Under 12</u>
Encouragement Awards	Best Individual Player: Matthew Grant	Encouragement Awards
William Tuckwell	Most Consistent Player: Earl Shaw	Tonia Berry
Ryan Stork	Most Improved Player: Ashley Cullen	Aaron Simpson
Cody Moolenaar	Best New Player: Ryan Tierney	Daniel Klinsic
Joshua Shepard	Best Utility Player: Brendan Balchin	Ryan Burrows

Milestones

150 Games: Jason Scala
100 Games: Clint Perry (Under 16's); Brendan Balchin (Under 11's)
50 Games: Alistair Richardson (Under 16's); Daniel Pitkin (Under 16's)

Association Honours

Under 10 Grade Best & Fairest Player: William Tuckwell
Under 14 Grade Best & Fairest Player: Jason Turner (3rd)
Under 16 Grade Best & Fairest Player: Alistair Richardson (4th)

Finals Results

Sat	16/8/97	Under 11's	Second Semi-Final	Penrith 3.7 (25) d Westbrook Blue 1.4 (10)
		Under 14's	First Semi-Final	Baulkham Hills 9.5 (59) d Penrith 5.8 (38)
		Under 16's	First Semi-Final	Penrith 10.10 (70) d Pennant Hills 10.8 (68)
Sat	23/8/97	Under 16's	Preliminary Final	Baulkham Hills 15.14 (104) d Penrith 4.1 (25)

Saturday, 30th August 1997 at Bensons Lane – Under 11's Grand Final: Penrith v Westbrook Blue
Penrith 2.4 4.4 6.5 **6.6 (42)** **Goals:** William Tuckwell 2, Matthew Grant 2,
Westbrook Blue 0.0 0.0 2.1 **4.3 (27)** Anthony Berry, Christopher Cheesman
Side: Brendan Balchin, Terry Balchin, Anthony Berry, Grant Berry, Christopher Cheesman, Murray Conallin, Tim Conibear, Ashley Cullen, Matthew Grant, Andrew Lehmann, Nathan McGee, Corrina Muir, Philip Ritson, Earl Shaw (Capt), Ryan Tierney, William Tuckwell, Andrew Wilson, Nathan Wright

Penrith Australian Football Club Inc. – 1997 Reports

Publicity Report

At the start of the season, I felt that I had taken enough on to keep me more than busy until September. Then through unforeseen circumstances Craig Pusser was forced to relinquish the majority of the Publicity Officer's duties and for some reason I volunteered for the job! Being new to journalism I found it quite time consuming at the beginning, but towards the end of the season I was finding it a lot easier to churn out the articles. Perhaps the most difficult aspect at times was trying to continually put a positive slant on what I wrote when both sides were continually losing. However, there were usually enough promising signs each week to be able to achieve this and still keep things interesting.

I would like to thank the Western Weekender, and Bernard Bratusa in particular, for the terrific support the club was given throughout the season. On every occasion I submitted articles they were printed in full and if we were able to include photos they were also published. It helped the club immensely in gaining greater local recognition and it was gratifying to know that the column was quite popular both inside and outside the club. As a result, we received quite a few enquiries from potential players and supporters throughout the season. Also thanks to Brian Bassett from the Penrith Press for also publishing our articles regularly, although for obvious space reasons they often had to be edited down. Unfortunately, it was difficult to get coverage in either the Fairfax Sun or the Blue Mountains Gazette, but this was as much to do with the articles being submitted at the wrong time and/or being formatted incorrectly. I hope we can rectify this next season, as the more publicity we get the better. Also, another aim for next season should be to get coverage on local radio.

James White from the Football Record was also very supportive, publishing items whenever we had something of interest to submit. A number of articles were printed for us throughout the season. Mick Walker added another string to his bow by taking over preparation of the club newsletter and, although we only managed four issues this year, we should be able to easily manage about six a year in the future now that the format has been established. An initiative this year was the establishment of a mailing list for the newsletter and yearbook, so that we could keep supporters, life members and past coaches informed about our progress. It has been difficult tracking down some people, but the list is now virtually finalized.

Finally, the yearbook has made it out again, a lot of it in a different, and hopefully improved, format. With two attempts now under our belt, I feel that we have basically now got it right, and it should take a lot less preparation in the future.

In summary, despite having a difficult season on the field, a lot of progress was made in publicizing the club. Hopefully this momentum can be maintained next season to increase the club's local profile even further.

Mark Spooner

Treasurer's Report

The life of a club treasurer is never an easy one and this season was no different, having more than its share of financial ups and downs. But the many difficulties encountered were eventually overcome, enabling the club to end the year in a good financial position.

As the club does not close off its books until after the presentation night, this report is not intended as a full statement of the club's financial affairs for the recently completed season. Rather, it is more of an overview, intended to give everyone involved with the club an insight into how important the financial side of running a football club is. A complete set of the club's Financial Statements for the year will be made available to all members of the club upon request at or after the club's Annual General Meeting on 17th October.

Starting off the season with around \$3000 in the bank, we generally made good progress in the fund raising area in 1997. Merchandise sales totalled about \$1400, an increase on last year. Registration fees collected improved significantly, thanks largely to the tireless efforts of Mark Spooner, totalling around \$6000 (or \$4500 net after allowing for the cost of shorts and socks included with the players' fees). The canteen is also a very important source of income for the club and this year contributed in excess of \$5000 in profit, thanks to the efforts of Sue, Joe and Jason Bradley, Hope Halliday and the other people who helped in the canteen throughout the year. Sponsorship income was another important source of revenue, totalling to date \$5000. We received increased support from Emu Plains Sporting and Recreation Club Ltd and enjoyed the continued support of Tony Ferguson, Mt Pleasant Meats and Coffey Engineering. Beiersdorf Australia came on board as a sponsor, but unfortunately the Peachtree Inn decided to end its association with the club.

On the other side of the coin, many of our expenses have increased. Affiliation fees to the NSW AFL have increased to \$4500, while umpires' costs amounted to \$1700 and a further \$1600 was spent on footballs. Merchandise purchases also accounted for \$2600. The club as a whole is proud of its ongoing ability to meet all its expenses as and when they fall due. Incidental expenses also form a major part of our outgoings. These include such items as: guernsey replacement, football records, advertizing, courier costs, ground rental, medical supplies, telephone, postage, pre-season competition fees, laundry, social functions, etc.

Overall, we expect our turnover for the season to be approx \$29000, against expenses of approx \$25500, resulting in a profit of \$3500. This is a terrific projected result. It must be stressed these are approximate figures only. However, it would leave the club well in the black for the start of the 1998 season, allowing us to pre-purchase next season's supplies early and at reduced prices. It also allows for proposed spending on new guernseys and other one-off outlays. And it means the club can commence next season with a degree of financial confidence. I hope this report gives everyone involved in the club a better idea of where their dollars are spent. As a committee, we are always looking for ways to reduce the financial burden on the players and increase outside funding, which will further improve the wellbeing of the club.

David Nolan

Penrith Australian Football Club Inc. – 1997 Reports (cont)

Social Report

As this report covers the last twelve months, it should start off with last year's presentation night. Despite a disappointing season on the field, the presentation night was a great success. Everyone had a marvellous time and favourable reports were received from all quarters about the professionalism of the evening. All credit should go to everyone involved, particularly Michael Walker for his presentation skills and Allan Tinker for providing the overhead displays.

Off-season activities started with the end of season trip to the Central Coast. We won't say too much about the trip, other than the fact that boys will be boys and they managed to stay out of trouble. 1997 coach Phil Putt organized a car rally for the club before Christmas, which unfortunately wasn't that well attended. Those who took part had a great time though and Phil's route had them going all over the place. A few of the participants found themselves travelling a lot further than they had to, due to a lack of map-reading skills, but everyone eventually made it to the destination, which was basically in the middle of nowhere. A barbeque and some 'pre-season training' finished the day off well.

Due to time constraints, the Jumper Presentation Night didn't get off the ground this year. However this will be an annual fixture in the future, as it has proved in the past to be a great way to start a new season. Good numbers at training early in the year resulted in an excellent turnout at the Peachtree Inn on Thursday nights, although numbers at the pub after games still left a bit to be desired. When the Peachtree unfortunately withdrew their sponsorship midway through the year, Garry Ayres, Sue Bradley and Hope Halliday stepped in by opening up the canteen on Thursday nights and putting on terrific '\$2 meal deals'.

The first official function of the year was a karaoke night, highlighted by the performance of Mr 'Sexual Chocolate', Shannon Davis. Luke Wakeling and Michael Brazier nearly did justice to 'American Pie', but unfortunately the night again brought out Mick Walker's delusions that people actually wanted to hear him sing. In June the club held an 'S' night. The evening brought along Satans, Santas, a scarecrow, sheik, sorcerer, stubby and schizophrenic, together with space warriors, Star Wars characters and silverchair. Awards for the night went to Jason 'Susie Moroney' Ware (Most Original Outfit), Jay Adamson - who we still aren't sure exactly what he was supposed to be - (Worst Outfit), Danielle 'Santa' Pickup (Best Female Outfit), while the Best Outfit award went to the Smurfs (Rob Watkins and Katrina Amos). As Rob and Katrina haven't been around the club a lot this year, they had people wondering who the 'blue people' were! Great entertainment was provided on the night by the eight piece band 'The Bland'.

When we made the switch to Emu Plains Sporting Club for our after game award presentations, numbers were still disappointingly low. (This can also be said for attendances at most social events through the year). As Emu Sports Club has kindly taken us on as a Sub-Club, it is essential that everyone makes the effort next season to get together at the club as often as possible, as well as at any other social events which we may organize. If everyone at the club socializes together and gets to know each other better, it can only improve club spirit and hopefully lead to more success on the field. The committee well realizes the importance of organizing social functions during the season, but the existing workload on its members can often make it difficult to find the time. The club would like to set up a separate social committee, and anyone who is interested in taking on this important role is encouraged to put their name forward. We want a great social calendar to be part of a successful 1998 season.

Mark Spooner

Canteen Report

The canteen proved to be a great success financially this season, realizing a profit of \$5430. This is due primarily to the efforts of a few generous people. At this stage of the report, I would like to thank my small band of willing workers as they did a great job at every home game:

- First of all, thankyou to Brad (Joe) for the arduous job of packing the trailer every week, which took at least a couple of hours to do. As well as this, he did all the entering of the figures onto the computer and kept it updated so we knew exactly where we were financially.
- A big thankyou to Hope for being my right-hand person (politically correct terminology) all season. Hope, I couldn't have done it without you and your help was very much appreciated.
- Also, thankyou to Jason (Jabba) – he helped with the setting up of the canteen, cooking on the barbeque and serving, all before he played footy. And he was always there afterwards to help pack up.
- A special thankyou to Natalie (Hope's sister) who helped out at a few games. On one occasion she came down from her home in Bathurst especially to help Hope as I couldn't be there that day. Thankyou Nat.
- To all the guys who sold the numbers at home games, thankyou. This has to be the least favourite job and I know we sometimes almost bullied you into doing it. Thanks guys, it was all for you you know.

To everyone else who helped out in any way with the canteen this season, thankyou. Your help was appreciated. Finally, lets all pull together and make 1998 a really great year for the Penrith Football Club. **GO RAMS!!!!**

Sue Bradley

Penrith Australian Football Club Inc. – Information

Annual General Meeting

The club will hold its Annual General Meeting (AGM) at the Emu Plains Sporting Club (lower level meeting room) on Friday, October 17th at 7.30 pm. The AGM is the opportunity for all members to observe or participate in the administration of the club. Any relevant issues can be raised by members for consideration by the committee. All interested persons are strongly encouraged to attend.

Items for 1997 AGM Agenda include: *Finalization of the 1997 season* *Preparation for the 1998 season*
Election of the 1998 committee *The 'Future'*

Club History – Team Photos, Honour Board, etc.

Mark Spooner is continuing his research into the history of our club. As part of his ongoing process we hope to establish an Honour Board and a full set of team photos. There are certain details that have not been retained (or have been lost) over the years.

If you can assist with any: Photos (especially team photos), press clippings, memorabilia,
Match day team listing books, especially pre-1990, or
Team captains since 1981

please contact Mark at the club on (019) 902149.

1998 Pre-Season Training

We expect pre-season training for 1998 to commence in December 1997 or early January 1998. All players will be notified well in advance. All players are encouraged to make the effort and attend preseason training to help make 1998 a great year for the club.

Corrections to 1996 Yearbook

*The Round 16 Under 18s match vs East Sydney at Trumper Park was played on Sunday 28th July 1996, not 27th July 1996 as noted.

*The 'Club History' and 'Past Awards' sections of the Yearbook have been updated and revamped. A number of amendments, additions and corrections have been made to these sections due to more information becoming available.

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