



Pittwater Tigers JAFL Club

Annual Report

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President's Report



Firstly, thank you to everyone involved at the Tigers club, from a personal perspective it has been a pleasure being involved and on behalf of the committee we sincerely hope you all enjoyed the season. AFL is a winter sport so we appreciate that players, coaches and families turn up to training during the week and to games on Sunday's when the weather is cold not the best. It is that commitment that ensured 2017 year was another great year of AFL for our budding superstars!

This year we had 293 children registered and playing AFL which is a ~12% increase against our 2016 numbers. The expectation is we will have over 300 children playing for the Tigers next year which will be a fantastic achievement.

As a family club we should also be very proud of the fact that we had no Code of Conduct breaches this year. This is one of primary aims as we want our children to enjoy their footy whilst playing like 'tigers' but always within the rules of fair play. Let's aim for the same result in 2018.

In 2017 we had the following teams participating on the Sydney Junior AFL competition:

Auskick & U8s (new competition)	U9s Black and Gold Team
U10s Black and Gold Teams	U11s Div 1 & 3
U12s	U12s Youth Girls (new competition)
U13s	U14s
U15 Youth Girls	U18 Youth Girls (via the Northern Phoenix Joint Venture)

In addition to the above teams a number of Tigers players play with Manly either in the Manly U15 teams or in the Pittwater/Manly U17 JV teams (both of these teams were co-coached by Tigers parents).

In terms of on field success we had three Tigers teams make the finals (U12, U13 and U15YG's) along with the Manly U15 division 1 team where a number of 'Tigers by Heart' played in the Grand Final (unfortunately going down to Mosman/Willoughby).

We also had numerous Tigers players continuing or joining the ranks of umpires in 2017. Umpiring is critical to our game and these children who give up their time to umpire deserve the thanks of the entire club.

Some other points worth mentioning are (congratulations to all of you):

- Numerous Tigers players from all age groups were chosen to play in the various North Shore rep teams.
- A number of Tigers players received age group awards at the Sydney Juniors presentation evening including Jessica Doyle, Ashleigh Mercer and Ellie Shefts who made the U15YG's All Stars Team, Kaleb Georgeson-Smith who was 3rd in the U13/3 Best & Fairest and Breyton Montgomery-Smith who also made the U14 All Stars Team.
- Matt Byrne who was chosen as the U15YG Representative Coach for 2017.

In closing, I would like to thank all of those parents and members that put their hands up to assist with running and administering the club, coaching teams, managing teams, running messages, running the boundary and running water etc. The more participants we have the stronger our club will be and the more our children will enjoy their AFL experience.

I would also like to thank Jane and Daryl Kercher, Emma Whitelaw and Fabien Delerue who are stepping down from roles on the committee. They are typical of the Tigers volunteer group and we sincerely thank them for their commitment to the Tigers club. Go Tigers!

Mike Lay
President



Pittwater Tigers Special Thanks

Many of our long term Committee Members are passing on their respective batons as this season ends. We give our very warm and special thanks to the following people who have contributed so much to our club over the past years

Daryl Kercher – Gear Steward & Vice President

Jane Kercher – Canteen Manager

Emma Whitelaw – Communications Coordinator, Social Media & Secretary

Notable achievements for 2017

Club Player Milestones (2017)

50 games

Harry Whitelaw

Nathan Thackeray

Hudson Rose

Alex Keating

Patrick Davies

Ryan McPhee

Myles Nicholas

Kaleb Georgeson –Smith

James Whitelaw

Sam Kosack

Jake Morris

Milo May

Antwone Cortes

Breyton Montgomery – Smith

Neve Clacy

April Cozens

Kate Davis

Ashleigh Mercer

Ellie Shefts

Georgia Byrne

Hayley Kreed

Amy Kercher

Sophie Eyres

100 games

Brock Dailey

Harry Vaughan

150 Games

Ethan Elliott (194 Games)

Marcus Doyle (150 Games)

Gatzou (150 Games)



AFL SJ Sydney Harbour Rep Carnival All Stars Team

Ashleigh Mercer (U15s YGs)
Ellie Shefts (U15s YGs)
Jessica Doyle (U15s YGs)
Breyton Montgomery –Smith (U14s)

AFL SJ Sydney Harbour “Best and Fairest Awards”

Kaleb Georgeson - Smith U13s 3rd Best & Fairest

AFL SJ North Shore Region Development Squads (9-12yrs) & Representative Players

U9s	Jake Kruzinga Harley Potiuch Patrick Byrne
U10s	Max Ryan Samuel Pace Jaime Pfeifer
U11s	Josh Kerr Lucas Cervantes Jett Binks Hudson Rose
U12s	Benjamin Curgenvan Alex Keavy
U13s	Kaleb Georgeson – Smith
U14s	Breyton Montgomery Smith Luke Harvey
U15s YGs	Ashleigh Mercer Ellie Shefts Jessica Doyle
U18s YGs	Amy Kercher Hayley Creed Sally Ferguson Sophie Eyres Emily Roach

Swans Academy Players – 2017

U12s	Ben Curgenvan Josh Kerr
U13s	Milo May Jake Morris Mitchell Morris
U14s	Callum Archibald Jasper Crouch Brock Dailey



Luke Harvey
Breyton Montgomery -Smith
Ben Francis
Aiden O'Malley

Newest recruits Billie Anderson
 Ryan McPhee

Joss State Trials North Shore (Academy)

U14s Jasper Crouch
 Brock Dailey
 Luke Harvey
 Callum Archibald
 Breyton Montgomery – Smith

AFL SJ North Shore Region Umpires (YGs)

Kate Davis
Ellie Shefts
Neve Clacy
April Cozens
Maddie Clacy
Ashleigh Mercer
Emily Roach

Ferocious Tigers Award

Under 9 Gold James Pike
 Lachlan Nolan
 Jack Smith

Under 9 Black Jaxon Keenan
 Jake Kruizinga
 Daniel Breen

Under 10 Black Logan Crookshanks
 Ollie Griffiths
 Samuel Pace

Under 11 Div 3 Yoon Parry
 Nathan Thackeray
 Alex Barton

Under 11 Div 1 Hudson Rose

Under 12s Youth Girls Ella Fiaola
 Olivia Byrne
 Leila McDougall

Under 15s Youth Girls Jessica Doyle
 Saffron Smith



Northern Phoenix	Sally Ferguson Anisha Sawaid Emily Roach
Under 13s Div 3	Beau Nicholas Kaleb – Georgeson-Smith Daniel Loney
Under 14s Div 2	James Whitelaw Tom Ironside Oli Thomas

Sydney Juniors Outstanding Achievement Awards

Under 9s Gold	Jack Smith
Under 9s Black	Connor Ward
Under 10s Gold	Jamie Breen
Under 10s Black	Aston McCauley
Under 11s Div 1	Lucas Cervantes
Under 11s Div 3	Tobias Adams
Under 12s	Benjamin Curgenvan
Under 12s YGs	Charlotte Gee

Treasurer's Report



Summary

The financial position of the club remains sound at the end of this season with increased cash reserves.

Income for the year of \$65,359 was up from 2016 due to increased registrations and sales of clothing. The canteen is important to the club's finances and funds game day expenses such as umpires and ground management costs which were again covered out of its profits, and were up on last year. Sponsorship of \$4,184 (2016: \$5,000) and the fund raising night \$1,841 are other key income items. Interest income of \$483 (2016: \$688) was received from the club's investment account.

Total expenses of \$65,517 were significantly higher than 2016. This was driven by higher player numbers, which resulted in higher charges from AFL NSW, replacement of supplies such as footballs as well as ground management and umpire costs. Depreciation expense of \$5,566 (2016 \$5,030) was consistent with last year after including a full year of depreciation on the artificial turf at the front of the club house.

The club made a small loss of \$158 (2015: loss of \$1,975). However cash reserves grew by \$8,408 due to the impact of non-cash expenses such as depreciation and accruals.

Financial Summary

Pittwater Tigers JAFL Cash at Bank	As at 31-Aug-17	As at 31-Aug-16
Cash at bank - Cheque account	\$ 22,695	\$ 12,770
Cash at bank – Investment account	\$ 26,962	\$ 28,479
Total	\$ 49,657	\$ 41,249

Pittwater Tigers JAFL Summary Profit and Loss account	Year ended 31-Aug-2017	Year ended 31-Aug-2016
Income	\$ 65,359	\$ 56,364
Expenses	\$ (65,517)	\$ (58,340)
Net Profit	\$ (158)	\$ (1,976)

John Dignam
Treasurer

Registrar's Report



Registrars Report – 2017

2017 was another great year for registrations at the Tigers. My third year in the role, I have enjoyed working alongside our amazing Committee over a multitude of years but it is time to hang up my boots. It has been really wonderful meeting and communicating with our Tigers families over the season as together we conquered the data base system. I look forward to introducing you all to our new Registrar Nivia Wilson in the upcoming weeks.

This year we had another large group of mixed aged players making up the Great Tigers Spirit, with **293 players** (217 Junior & 76 Auskick)!! With the introduction of U12s Youth Girls and U8s included in Auskick this has really made the difference in maintaining our numbers. As Youth Girls continues to grow with a proposed U10s YGs comp coming for Season 2018 Tigers will continue to strive forward in numbers. All efforts must be made to recruit and maintain our older Junior teams to ensure growth and Rep possibilities in the future.

These fantastic achievements are the results of all the efforts put in by parents, helpers and volunteers into running vital events such as the Swans Visit night, the Jumper Presentation, Inaugural Dinner Dance and the Family fun day. Thanks to all those volunteers who work so hard to maintain such a lively spirit in our Club.

The Club also fielded two joint ventures with the Manly Bombers for the third year (U17s), and the female Northern Phoenix (joint venture YG18 with Forest) has been another success. These ventures are a genuine example of sportsmanship and commitment.

The key to continued growth in our club rests in kids bringing their friends along to the Tigers to give AFL a go, so please spread the word and bring your mates along!!

Go Tigers!

Fabien Delerue

Secretary & Communications Coordinator & Report

What a Season 2017 has been. With continued growth and development of the players, success on the field and off the field, commendations on ability and environment overall Tigers should feel very proud. Youth Girls continues to grow and shine with such a great Tigers spirit, Auskick & U8s thriving with unprecedented numbers, Juniors maintaining numbers and commitments made for next season sees the Tigers of the 80s with only 12 members not likely to repeat itself anytime soon.

Social Media presence has been boosted with over 3000 hits and 250 followers, the promise of a new modern website next year should provide smoother notifications and up to date technologies enabling that next step for Tigers into becoming a modern example of a Junior AFL Club.

Our Inaugural Fundraiser Dinner Dance championed by our Social Coordinator; Sarah Ryan, saw a huge profit of \$1900 raised for the club and by all accounts a lot of serious fun went down - maybe too much ;-). Get on board next year if you weren't able to make it as it is a great opportunity to mix and mingle away from the footie oval.

It has been a pleasure getting to know everyone this season albeit more "electronically" than face to face as I had a few major health issues that kept me from getting to Tigerland in person. We had four new

coaches and eight new team managers join the ranks plus several vacant committee roles which had the existing committee volunteer group combine positions ensuring an efficient & accredited club!



There is a very famous quote by Helen Keller “Alone we can do so little but together we can do so much “and I think this is what Tigers has been built from and gives us that big difference amongst our competitors because a Win is great but a good heart is much better..

A big thank you to our Silver Sponsors Johnson Bros Mitre10 and Bronze Sponsors Cozens Paper Recycling who continue to keep our players kitted out in those very visible training shirts. We hope that the relationship continues on in the future.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Club President Mike Lay, outgoing VP & Gear Steward Daryl Kercher, our retiring Canteen Manager & Committee Member Jane Kercher, FOO Peter Francis, Youth Girls Coordinator Matthew Byrne, Treasurer John Dignam, retiring Registrar Fabien Delerue, Social Coordinator Sarah Ryan, Compliance Officer & Club Patron Peter Cooper, Retired Liz Williams & General Members, Duncan, Peter V, Simon, Chantelle, Annmaree & Bee for all the assistance and guidance you have given me in the role/s across the two seasons. To all the coaches, team managers & members who have sent me such gracious sentiments – Thank You ! Sadly I have to farewell Tigers for now - a paid career opportunity awaits as does my oft neglected fitness & family!

Stay True – Be Bold Yellow & Black

Go Tigers !!

Emma Whitelaw

(#ed : Warm Welcome to Sarah Ryan who is taking over the role/s in 2018 Good luck & Thank You)

Gear Steward's Report



Gear Stewards Report 2017

It is time for me to pass this role on to another Tiger parent!

I have enjoyed my time as Gear Steward as well as Vice President and look forward to seeing new members take on these roles!

This year has seen the club continue to grow and with it the sales of shorts and socks.

I would like to thank Clive from the Canterbury Store in Mona Vale for his continued supply of our shorts, socks & other merchandise. The quality is excellent and has allowed us to keep our prices the same!

Go Tigers, Daryl Kercher

Canteen Report

Canteen Managers Report Season 2017

WOW - what a year ... 16 rounds all with home games!!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Karin at Bakers Delight Warriewood for donating the bread and rolls every week - her generous donation allows us to sell our hot food for nearly all profit!

The financial wrap up for 2017:

We started the year with \$2500;
spent \$7282 at Woolworths & Campbells; \$ 8720 on umpires and ground management and ended up with \$3500 cash on hand! Sensational effort all round!

A bit of canteen trivia 109 games played at home; 142 kg's bacon; 123 dozen eggs; 49.5 kg's onions, 1978 sausages; 300 hamburgers; 180 Zappos; 31.2 kg's red frogs; 144 packets of chips; 193 push pops; 11.5kg killer pythons; 460 brownies and 216 packets of Nerds!!

Thank you to all the volunteers that gave up their time to BBQ or serve - the club thrives on its volunteers and your efforts are greatly appreciated!

An HUGE thank you to Darren and Paul for their early morning BBQ efforts - every week! A sneaky thank you to Nigel Hart & Annmaree Irononside who every week arrived with their money box of change for the canteen float - greatly appreciated!

There is no way I could have done the canteen without the help of my son Thomas, thanks mate for getting up early every Sunday to help me - you are a star!

And another HUGE thank you to Amy who volunteered her time with me on her home game days and on her BYE days when she could have been relaxing!

Go Tigers, Jane Kercher



Auskick 2017 Season Report

Our Auskick numbers continue to increase, we had 76 players this season & of those, 53 were new to the game of AFL.

This season the AFL started the Under 8's competition, so from round 4 we had 22 of our U8 players go off to play in this competition. (see U8 report on their season)

Auskick had another on-field success, with all players & their parents developing their footy skills, an understanding of the game, and of the field zones that they will encounter when they move up into either Under 8's or 9s. A number of our last season & new Auskick players have demonstrated that they are ready to move up to either the Under 8's or Under 9s next year. This provides some indication of the strength and effectiveness of our Auskick program and the confidence that our players have in their footy skills & ability. If all kids return for the 2018 season, we should see about 21 move up to Under 8s .

The highlights of the Auskick season were:

- 18 Tigers played during the halftime interval of the Swans v. Essendon AFL match at the SCG. Congratulations to the players and to the parents that participated at the game, I'm sure the kids and parents got a memory & an experience to remember for a lifetime.
- Playing games against Manly, Balgowlah & Forest Auskick
- Kids v Parents games, I don't know who laughed & smiled more the parents or the kids
The kids as always loved the opportunity to beat their parents. This was clearly demonstrated by the cheers & smiles they gave with every goal or point they got over the parents.
- End of Season Club fun day where we had a jumping castle & Obstacle course.

No one person can do Auskick alone, I and the kids have been fortunate enough to have some great parents assist during the season & run things whilst I was away on holidays. Thank you Sean Cowan, Chris Davison, Ben Carlyon & Aaron Berthelot just to name a few parents who stepped up to help coach/umpire & to also run things whilst I was away, thank you, your assistance has been invaluable

Also a very special thanks to all the awesome Mums and Dads that helped out during training sessions, on game days and for assisting with the BBQ & canteen.

Because of your help & support you made the experience of learning & playing AFL that much more fun for your child (And a heck of a lot easier for me)

Thank You

**Go the Tige's!!
Nigel Hart**





Under 8s

This was the first year in which under 8s split from Auskick with their own team coach and manager. The rules predominantly remain the same as Auskick however we play home and away games each alternate week so the travel begins! We had a team of 22 players which was a significant challenge in as much as other clubs seemed to have about 15 as the scheduled game is 12 a side - so 15 was an ideal number 22 not so much! It required several parents on the side-line to help with the substitution this combined with the fact that you rotate your players through the thirds so each player gets to play in the forward backs and centres - well you could imagine the chaos. Adding to the confusion some clubs played quarters (4x10mins) whilst others played thirds (3x13mins). Thirds was ideal as you could move all your forwards to the back and then the centre (in one hit at the end of each term) quarters were an added nightmare. But fun it was. I can say that it is already evident we have several very talented players coming up the pipeline.

It would be ideal to ensure that only players who have played at least one season in Auskick progress through to under 8s as we did have a very big gap between players who at least knew which way to run with new comers falling behind. Whilst under 8s is very young I still think a year in Auskick just gives some indication of what is going on. It may also ensure that we field only 15 odd players next season which makes it much better game for all involved... unless the club can field two teams which may be a possibility if 30 odd players are ready to progress. Finally we all had a great season lots of fun and some closely contested games which is what you want. Let me finish by saying the boys and girls are already SO looking forward to being able to tackle!

Denny Neave
U8 Coach

Under 9s Gold

Summary

We started the year with no coach and thank you Peter C for assisting until Mark & Jason commenced coaching with Matt The majority of the team were 7 and 8 years old playing up in the under 9s. We also had a number first time players learning the game and skills. We had a great season and the other teams certainly knew they had played a competitive game when they played us, as our tackling and desperation for the ball was ferocious. The team's skill level improved throughout the year with the handballs and kicks getting better every game. The boys all gave their best effort all year, and showed great team spirit. This started to show towards the end of the season with some great marks and passing. We are very proud of the boys and hope to see them again next year in the under 9s or 10s.

Keep practicing boys, go Tigers!!

Under 9s Gold Player Profiles

Lennox Chapman - Lennie had played Auskick previously and it showed, he was ferocious in his attack on the ball and was always on the bottom of the pack. Lennie is turning into a good little footballer.

Jack Eastburn - Jack improved throughout the season and became a great back. He always stayed in his position stopping many goals. Jack's kicking really came on and he made some great passes.

Jack Lind - This was Jack's first year as a Tiger having come from a rugby league background. Jack was a great tackler from early in the season and once he worked out the game was a good reader of the play coming off the half back line.



Cooper Love - Cooper has a good kick on him from his Auskick training and he shows natural ability. Cooper used his height to get some good marks and will be a good player next year.

Archie Lucas - Archie is fast around the ground and it's clear he has natural ability. If he continues to work hard Archie will be a great player next year, building on the strong skills he has developed this year and in Auskick.

Lachlan Nolan - this was Lachy's first year at AFL and early on we could tell he had a strong kick. This had an immediate impact as Lachie kicked the first goal of the year, with more to come. Lachy is a great team player and we look forward to Lachy improving next year.

Kasey Owen - Kasey came from Auskick and tried hard all year. Kasey listened to the coach and always stayed in the position given to him, and he showed some great handball skills.

James Pike - James played Auskick previously and showed us his skills with great kicking and tackling. He never backed away from the contest and is a great team player.

Harley Potiuch - This was Harley's first season coming from soccer. Harley had one of the best kicks in the team and kicked some good goals. Harley did a great job representing our team at the representative development carnival.

Alfie Smith - Alfie was our youngest team member and played up many age groups. Alfie always kept his eye on the ball and took some really strong marks. He always tried his best and improved every game.

Jack Smith - Jack has played before and knows how to get the ball. Once he had the ball, Jack was always hard to stop and has the biggest kick in the competition.

Zac Smithers - Zac has played Auskick with some of the other boys previously. He loves going up for the ruck knock, knows how to stay in position and reads the game and kicks the ball well.

Xavier Whittard - One of our smallest but toughest players Xavier never backed away from a contest, and always gave his best. Xavier has a great kick learnt from his previous Auskick seasons.

Nathan McKeever - Nathan hadn't played any AFL previously and took a little while to learn the game. By the end of the season Nathan was hand balling and tackling well. He always tried his best and improved so much.

Mitchell Dew - Mitch started with us mid-season after playing AFL at school, he showed some good skills and improved throughout the year. Mitch was always respectful and listened to the coach.

Jack Hamilton - Lofty, as we know him, came midway through the season and had an instant impact with his ferocious tackling and never give up attitude. Lofty showed great sportsmanship at every game.



Under 9s Black

From Cubs to Ferocious Tigers...

Coach: Todd McPhee

Team Manager: Sherene LaGasse

We would like to pay tribute to the players and player's families for their commitment throughout the season. A season in which the players grew tremendously as individuals and, importantly, as a team.

What a year we had! We had a team made up of first timers, kids who were playing up an age or two, plus some seasoned AFL players.

We started the season just trying to understand the game and work out what to do. Our focus was simple, run, be first to the ball and kick it forward. We got off to a bit of a slow start, but then something clicked with everyone. After about 4 or 5 games, we started to string some really good footy together, which led to us winning about 9 games in a row (I know we don't keep score, but trust me, the kids know!).

We were really playing very mature footy for U9s, very strong at the contest, working together, linking up with handball or kicks and beating our opponent.

This culminated in an unbelievable effort at the gala day where we won our first three games and just lost our final game by a late goal to the opposition.

I hope everyone returns for U10s next year as I think we have a group who can really develop into a fantastic footy team.

Keep kicking the footy over Summer!

U9s Black Player Profiles

Ashton Blundell – a player who really worked hard on his skills throughout the year and saw the benefit of that hard work taking numerous marks and kicking goals for us. A pleasure to coach.

Bridget Curgenvan - our warrior princess of the team, Bridget did a great job of getting in amongst the boys and earning a kick for herself. Let's hope Bridget suits up for one of the Tigers Youth Girls teams next year.

Connor Ward - a great player who moves well with the ball and puts pressure on the opposition when they have it. He was able to run all game and find his teammates, by hand or foot, when he had the footy.

Daniel Breen - a quiet achiever who challenges hard when the ball is near him. He has good skills and I hope he continues on with his footy. A Ferocious Tiger Award winner.

Jake Burns - our ever reliable full back! Stopping goals is as important as kicking them and Jake stopped plenty. Jake developed the ability to read the play one kick before it happened. A great year!

Jake Kruizinga - One of our first year players and boy did he take to AFL. By midway through the year, Jake was dominating games, yet is a very humble boy. Jake clearly has the right attitude and skills to excel at any sport, so let's make it AFL! Well done.

Jaxon Keenan - If there was an AFL dictionary, the description of 'head over the ball' would show a photo of Jaxon. Jaxon was our youngest player, but is both ferocious and relentless. He had a great year and won our first Ferocious Tiger Award.



Jude McPhee - Jude is probably the hardest judged player in the team because Dad is coach (sorry!). When Jude commits to winning the ball, he wins it. When he commits to tackling, the opposition player knows it. Jude has great marking and kicking skills and I hope he sticks at AFL. Well done!

Max Gardiner - Max really found his AFL feet as the year went on. He attacked the footy when it was his turn to and moves really well when he has it. He looked very dangerous when we put him forward, one game kicking an absolute bag of goals. Well done Max.

Owen Murone - Owen had a great year and is a real pleasure to coach. He has really good skills and works hard when the ball is near him. He is always listening and paying attention and that will help him develop as a player.

Patrick Byrne - This was Patrick's break out year. He showed all the skills, great marking, long accurate kicking, working with team mates and dominating play. I've known Patrick for a few years and I'm thrilled he had such an amazing year. Well done.

Pierce Gardiner - Pierce was a first year player who was one of our better runners and really took the game on. He spent a lot of time in the midfield and played some great footy you wouldn't expect from a first year player. Great effort Pierce.

William Johnston - Will is another one of our quiet achievers who has really solid skills and is a great team player. It didn't matter where we put Will on the field, he gave it his all and that's what coaches love to see.

William Kelly - Will is a great kid and it was a pleasure to coach him. Will's greatest asset is his willingness to listen and learn. Whenever I spoke to him on the field, he always did what was asked and it usually led to him getting the footy or being amongst it.

Xander Montgomery-Smith - Xander is a little character who is fun to be around. He has good skills, reads the play well and loves nothing more than kicking a goal. He had a great year and I look forward to coaching him again.

Go Tigers!

Todd.

Under 10s Gold



2017 was an incredible year for the Pittwater Tigers U10 Gold team.

We had great retention with 95% of players returning to the club, and also a number of new players joining the team and developing a passion for our both our great Club and AFL.

We maintained a strong focus on player participation, rotations, and developing every player at their level. We also experienced very strong development as team.

We developed a fast and ferocious style of play, but also engrained in our kids strong sportsmanship and focus on attacking the ball.

It's fair to say that this team really grew in 2017, becoming a formidable opposition, strongly committed to the contest and to each other and to being the best they could be every week.

The kids listened and learn a lot in 2017, and were an absolute pleasure to coach for Jack, Shane and I.

We are all always learning in AFL, as individuals, as coaches and as a team, so here is a couple of things for each player to take into 2018.

U10s Gold Player Profiles

Arno Scamps: New to AFL in 2017, quickly got involved and used his speed and good decision making to become a very handy player for the team as he developed his core AFL skills. Arno grew in confidence throughout the season, he learned not to be afraid of the contact, really began to attack the football, applied good tackles, and became very handy around the goals :) kicking many throughout the season. Well done Arno you have done very well in your first year :) I am excited to see you develop. Arno can now focus on developing his kicking, using his speed to break away from other players when he gets the ball and further developing his hand balling and goal kicking.

Ashleigh Armstrong: Her first season with the golds and in playing full contact AFL. Ash was a fully committed to her team and every game. She is very brave and showed many of the boys how it's done, often at the last line of defence she would be taking marks, preventing the opposition from scoring goals, or applying great tackles. Ash really developed in 2017, learning to link up with players around her, and also developing her kicking and hand balling and turning into a great little AFL player with big potential, well done Ash :).

Charlie Morgan: New to AFL and the tigers team, Charlie really fell in love with AFL in 2017. Charlie grew a lot as a player, developing his kicking and hand balling, linking up with other players and became a good forward as the season developed taking many great marks and a few really great goals as well. Charlie can now focus on developing his speed and attacking the football, and will continue to grow and enjoy his AFL, well done Charlie on great year.

Darcy Dwyer: Darcy had a break through season, emerging as strong forward who could also mix it up in the mids as well. Darcy's kicking went to the next level, as did his attacking of the ball. This combined to give him many opportunities in front of goal and many goals for his team throughout the season. Darcy matured as a player, and became more of a team player in 2017, and is emerging as a talented young footballer. Darcy can now look to lead more for the ball, giving his team a target to kick to, rather than wait for the ball to enter the forward line, well done Darcy on a great season.

Dash Osbourne: Dash really came into his own in 2017, in his second season it all clicked into gear and he really grew in all elements of the game. A strong team player, who can play anywhere on the ground, and lives up to his name with plenty of speed, matched with fierce determination and good skills. Dash can now focus on linking up more with players around him, being where they can see him, calling for the ball and using his speed to break away from the contest and kick the ball upfield and to kick more goals. Well done Dash another great season.



Gus Turner: Gus is dynamic young player who brought a lot to his team. Although playing up a year and against larger players, Gus was fearless in his attack of the football in the air, on the ground or bottom of the pack. Gus always looks like he has time, he has innate ability to read the football and player movements around him, and find a way through the traffic. He has mastered all the basic skills, and importantly is a selfless team player, always looking to set his team mate up. A natural midfield player, but equally as dangerous and comfortable in front of goal, he was a handful for most teams to have to deal with. Gus should continue his focus on AFL, he is a promising young player, and will benefit now from looking to defend as passionately as he attacks.

Harry Lang: Epitome of the tigers team, loves his football, committed to his team and mates, and brings his all to every game. Harry has again be a pleasure to coach and really grew as player in 2017. He became a solid and reliable back, who understood his role for the team. Harry really developed his kicking and hand balling in 2017, and this has brought him into the game. Harry will benefit now from looking to move as soon as he gets the ball, and using his size to break away from packs, and get the ball to a team member in space. Well done Harry you had a great year.

Harry Turner: Harry is certainly one of the most determined and natural athletes of the team. He has strong hand-eye co-ordination, fantastic speed and endurance. Strongly committed to the contact, a great tackler and his ability to break away from the pack and out into open space using his speed is fantastic. A natural centre-half back, who loves to run off the back line and set the tigers team up to go forward. Harry's skill development has slowed a little in 2017, he has relied on what he is already good at – tackling, speed, attacking the football etc. Harry has incredible natural talent, but will now needs to (a) focus on kicking straight, not across his body (b) learning to bounce the ball so he can continue to run. If Harry develops his kicking skills, he has huge potential to play at a high level, but needs to focus on this now, get the kicking right and this will take his game to the next level.

Hugh Lucas: A very talented and natural player, who has all the core skills. Hugh reads the play very well, is very brave, breaks tackles and away from packs, and also has both speed and endurance, he will run hard all day. He is a natural centre player, very selfless always looking to support his team and the players around him. Hugh can now focus on developing his above head marking skills to further round out his core skills. Part of his skill development, is that Hugh listens very well to his coaches and applies this advice and what he is learning each week. Hugh has significant potential and should continue to focus on his AFL, well done Hugh.

Hugo Leim: This was Hugo's first year of AFL, and he really love it. He quickly developed the core skills, and could play anywhere on the ground. Hugo is fast, and a natural winger, he likes to see the ball coming and use his speed to get to the ball, and break away from his opposition. Hugo can now look to bring the confidence he has gained in 2017, to now go and get the ball and make it his own. Well done Hugo and on great season, look forward to seeing you shine in 2018.

Jackson Wylie: Jackson loves his AFL, he would play all day. He has again proved to be key team player in 2017. Always a strong and dependable back, we have also developed his skills as a centre and he also really shone as forward with a natural marking and kicking ability making him a valuable player anywhere on the ground. Jackson made good decisions in defence, following instructions and applying what he learns each week and was a pleasure to coach. Jackson can now look to develop his leading as forward, giving a strong target for his team to kick to, and also using his strength to mark and defend as a back. Well done Jackson another great season.

Jaime Pfeiffer: Jaime really developed both in confidence and in skill levels in 2017. He actively worked on his skills, hand balling, marking and in particular developed great kicking technique. Jaime enjoyed playing in the centres and particularly thrived being in the forward line kicking a number of great goals this season for the team. Jaime worked well as a team player, looking to hook up with Zac, Luca, Hugh and Gus to link up the team in the centres. Jaime really developed his bravery as well, attacking the ball, tackling hard and picking himself up and keeping on going in some hard games. Jaime can now look to develop his over head marking, and also developing his ball bouncing to complement his running game. Well done Jaime a really great year.



Jamie Breen: Jamie had a break-out year, in his second year it really all came together for Jaime, and he became a strong and consistent player. Jamie has great pace, is gutsy around the contact, and attacks the ball very well in the air taking many fantastic Marks. Jamie is most at home in the forward line, with strong instincts for the goals. He attacks the ball in the air and on the ground, and works well with the players around him. Jaime is one of our most improved players in 2017, listening to applying what he is learning every week, well done Jamie.

Jordan Upton: Jordan was new to AFL in 2017 he really enjoyed his first year. He is a tall player with good athletic ability, and shows promise for the future. Jordan will benefit from continuing to develop his core skills of kicking and hand balling, he already marks very well. Jordan will also grow in confidence and can attack the ball more in 2018, don't wait for it to come to you, go and get the football and make it your own. Looking forward to seeing you develop and grow further in 2018, well done Jordan.

Luca Merry: Luca is a very promising player, who loves the tigers, and gives his all in every game for his team. Although playing 2 years up, he is quite fearless when attacking of the football, often found at the bottom of the pack and working well with the players around him to win the ball for the tigers and get the ball up the field. Luca developed his core skills - hand balling, kicking and marking. His kicking really improved with lots of practice, and a focus on kicking straight and developing a good technique - he can now kick straighter and further. Luca is a natural centre with good speed and endurance, and is one of the best tacklers in the team. Luca can now develop his over head marking, breaking packs and running into space, bouncing the ball and linking up with other players through kicking and hand balling. Well done Luca on a great season.

Sienna Merry: Sienna loves her AFL, every week she helped organise the kit bag, team and positions and was a great help to the Coaches. She loved playing around centre half back, in the ruck and also enjoyed the forwards. She surprised many a boy with her determination, great marks and brutal tackles, she can really hold her own. She illustrated bravery, taking a number of knocks throughout the season, but always got up and got on with it. A great team player, looking to give off the ball to a team mate in a better position. Sienna now needs to focus on developing her kicking technique, and taking her kicking to the next level through practice. She will also benefit from developing her speed, which will get her into better positions and space, allowing more time to kick the ball. Well done Sienna on another great season.

William Dawson: Will Dawson had a fantastic season, and it all came together for Will. Will has a great leap, strong mark and very good endurance and bravery. This means he can play anywhere on the ground and he did. Will learned how to break tackles, and to really attack the ball in 2017, as well as developing his core skills of kicking, hand balling and marking. He listened very well to the coaching and gave his all to every game. Will can develop his kicking, with a focus on straight kicking (not across the body) and this will help him all over the ground and to kick further and more accurately in the future which is exciting. Natural AFL build, Will it looks like you have found your sport well done :)

Zach Paul: Zach was one of our most improved players in 2017. Zach is naturally tall, and it would be very easy for him to simply rely on this and not develop his other skills. However to his credit it took his football seriously, listened and applied what we are teaching each week and as a result was one of most improved players. Zach is a natural ruckman, and learned when to compete, and when to get the ball quickly to our smaller and faster players. This was a fantastic combination and became key to the tigers team style and success this year. Zach also learned how to defend and sit back from the play (one kick back), ready to use his height to intercept the ball and return the ball to team with big kicks into the forward line. Zach also learned to dispose the ball quickly, and use his size to break tackles to avoid getting caught with the ball which is a great achievement. Well done Zach on a great season.

Josh Sheals-Cadden: Josh joined the team half way through the season, and rapidly picked up the game. By the end of the season he had learned to kick, handball and use his natural speed to win the ball and run away from the opposition. He has a good mark, and is a promising young player. Josh can take this confidence into 2018, and now really go and get the ball, don't wait for it, if its near you just go and get it mate. The more you get the ball, the more you will grow in confidence and experience. Your last couple of games were fantastic, and I look forward to seeing you grow further in 2018. Well done Josh, keep up your AFL :)

As you can see we really had a wonderful team, that worked hard for each other, showed great determination, had a fantastic time and is rich with friendships, great kids and good families.



I would like to thank Shane Crookshanks & Tony Griffiths from U10s Black for their incredible dedication and commitment to leading the U10 group and all training sessions. This was a huge undertaking, as I could rarely make training due to work and they really focussed on developing every players skills and their love of the game. We have taught great football and fair sportsmanship, and the kids have thrived. I would also like to thank Jack Pfeiffer for his tireless efforts as our manager and co-coach. Jack is very passionate about AFL, the development of our kids and club, and on developing a strong team and love of the game for our kids, and has been a pleasure to coach with in 2017.

Thanks to all the families and kids, you are all great people and we hope to see you again in 2018 :)

Thanks Gilles.

Under 10s Black



The 'Black' team had fifteen players this year with a number of rookies making their Tigers AFL debut, an import from the east and a playing group from the Under 9 team of last season.

From the first training session all the players showed they have not lost any of the skills learnt last year. After growing taller they were able to kick further, tackle harder and were ready to go.

It was fantastic to watch the team play as a group. When kicking out of the backline they are looking for a leading Tiger who then links to the centre and onto the forward line. Cheering parents from the sidelines watch a one two handball as the players carve up the middle of the ground. In defence our tackling is fierce and fair.

The Team owe a big thankyou to Team Manager Tony Griffiths who did a fantastic job organising all the players, parents and coach. His enthusiasm is catching and we never have a shortage of volunteer parents to help out on game day.

Both Tony and I are very proud and are privileged to have coached the players of Under 10 Black. We had a great time and whilst we are playing a competitive game we all need to keep having fun. The black team had a ball this year !

Go Tigers ! Shane Crookshanks & Tony Griffiths

Under 10s Black Player Profiles

#2 – BJ Harler : A big improvement from BJ this season, who gives his all, no matter his position on the field or the size of the opponent he's playing on. Attacks the footy hard at all occasions.

#4 – Sami Davis: Can play in any position but loves to kick for goal. Sami shows great skills in open space and will always keep the ball moving forward.

#5 – Sonny Smith: The little guy that can take the big mark. Sonny is always at the ball. In attack he is constantly looking for a way around the opposition to find the goals. When defending he tackles ferociously and does not let go. You can always rely on Sonny to give his best when playing for the Tigers.

#6 – Aston McCauley: A very handy asset to the team, who has plenty of guts and determination. You would not know Aston is one of our youngest team members, by the way he always goes in hard for the footy.

#7 – Logan Crookshanks: Logan's our creative wizard, who can quite often turn the game in our favour with a freaky skill or ferocious Tiger effort. He can pull something out of nothing and is a key member of the team, whichever position he is given to play and loves the sniff of a goal!

#9 – Pippin Stewart: Pip, is a little guy with a big heart. He loves nothing more than competing hard for the footy at the bottom of the pack and more often than not, winning the ball and distributing it out to his teammates.

#10 – Lewis Jumpertz: Another first year player who grew up in the USA. A passionate Bulldogs supporter he looks to copy his idols and will chase the opposition around the field. Forever practicing his kicks and handballs anytime he can.

#11 – Taj Nicholson: Another one of our taller players, who when given a key role always performs over and above for the team. With his lanky left foot kick, Taj always finds the target with hand or foot.

#12 – Oliver Griffiths: Mr Dependable. If you need a job done then Ollie is your man. A one person defending machine that will pick up the ball and run forward for a long kick. Loves to kick for goal from any angle. One of the biggest kids on the team even though he is playing up in a higher age group. He lets the opposition know he is around with some physical play.



#13 – Sam Pace: A recruit from the east. Sam had played before and slotted into the team very well. His side step and right foot kick is something to watch. Sam has great ball skills and will be a player to watch in the future.
A fierce tackler he is always playing hard at the ball.

#19 - Daniel Tyson: Towards the end of the season Daniel played his best games. When given the job of ruckman he developed a new playing style and nothing was going to get in his way. Quick handballs in the centre and long kicks forward.

#20 – Alex Tyson: Another season of big improvement from Alex. Like his twin brother, he thrived when given a key role on the field during matches and was one of our key big man around the field.

#22 – Sebastian Boross: In his first season of AFL Sebastian has been learning all the tricks. Always at training and kicking the ball around. On the ground he plays in all the positions with great enthusiasm.

#24 – Harry Perkins: Harry was able to play for some of the season before an injury to his knee forced him to watch from the sidelines. He only has eyes for the ball and will tackle hard to get it.

#27 – Hamish Nosworthy: Often the last line of defence Hamish makes every effort to stop the other team from scoring. A great mark who will play on quickly and kick the ball long. He will tackle the opposition big or small and will hang on until the umpire blows the whistle.

Under 11s Division 1



Tiger spirit was on display each and every week with this young team. Whilst the wins were not always coming, this team showed a great willingness to compete each and every week. Their commitment towards training and improving their skills is to be commended. The boys pushed every team in the comp for the first half of games but without any subs most weeks it made it hard to sustain their performance. We have a great camaraderie and with the improvement this team has made, it makes for an exciting 2018!

Under 11s Div 1 Player Profiles

Jett Binks: “The General” It really doesn't matter which position you're in, Back, Forward or mids, you excel week in week out! You saved many goals in defence and you've kicked them as a forward. You've becoming a great leader and role model for the team.

Lucas Cervantes: “Rambo” If size was equal to attitude, Lucas would be 10 foot tall! You continue to impress all of us with your attack on the ball and on the player. You're often found at the bottom of the pack or bursting out of it. A key player for the Tigers this year.

Wil Duncan “Sticks” While new to our club and the sport, you've fitted in like you've been here for years. One of the youngest members of the team but you wouldn't know it. You've got a great left foot kick, courage, great awareness and we'll never forget that incredible mark you took at Tigerland and went on to kick the goal!

Tate Foster: “The Prince” Tate had a great start to the season in Div 3 and was promoted up to Div 1. Your pace around the ground is impressive and your willingness to try and kick goals is to be commended. A consistent team player that gives his all in games and at training.

Luca Gavagna: “Rhino” You're an explosive player that can clear the ball and can change the game from defence to attack in one move. You're ability to play multiple positions is a great benefit to our team and a big reason why he has a big future within the sport.

Oscar Haynes: “Ozzie” Who would have thought you'd never played AFL before, great fitness and we have seen a huge improvement in skills throughout the season. A lock down defender that never gave up.

Gethan Hawyes: “ Bull Dog” Coming back to footy seems like you haven't skipped a beat, another one of our on ballers who can burst a pack, brush off a tackle and kick the ball long. Loves zipping all over the ground off the wing and leaving defenders clutching air.

Josh Lawson “Horse” Whether it is playing key fwd or in the ruck, the work horse never gives up! He has a passion for the game and always appreciates his coaches. You've kicked a couple of awesome goals this year that you should be really proud of!

Leandro Pepper: “Rocket” Fast and agile, we've seen Leandro run circles around the opposition, exploding pace with good disposal making him a game breaker! You're another hard worker that never gives up!

Hudson Rose: “Lion” A 50+ game player with some very slick footy skills! You always seem to find space and read the game very well. A great mark and excellent disposal makes you an integral part of our team off the half back line.



Max Ryan: “The punisher” If you get tackled by this guy you know about it! As one of our regular on ballers he loves getting in there and extracting the ball. Whilst young for this age group he’s fierce at the contest and never gives up. Loves playing with his mates and being a Tiger.

Kane Sinclair: “6pack” As one of our fittest players in the team you never stop trying. We’ve seen some great efforts from you this year. You can run all day long and have seen some great tackles in defence which have saved many goals. Transitioning to midfield is the next challenge in 2018.

Jackson Smith: “Jacko” The team’s swingman, plays back and shuts down opponents and then pushes fwd and kicks goals. One of the youngest players in the team who has got some real slick footy skills. You are great team player who is destined to go far with his footy.

Tom Smith “The Hulk” You’d much rather run through a pack of players than around it. We know you often come off the battered and bruised but that means that half the opposition team are too! Your attack on the ball is relentless; you have a booming kick and have taken some really strong marks! You have this never say day attitude that his team mates love!

Josh Tallis: “JT” Our fwd pocket player with one of the best kicks in the team! You’ve laid some great strong tackles throughout the season and kicked some memorable goals.

Big thanks also to Ryan McPhee, Dane Burns, Hugh Lucas, Logan Crookshanks and Sam Pace for helping us out through the season.

Special mention to Simon Smith (manager) Paul Zovi (Div 3 coach) and Brad Sinclair (runner & conditioner) for their massive help. I couldn’t have done it without you guys.

It’s been a fun and rewarding season to watch these young men improve and love the game!

Jamie

Under 11s Division 3



Coach: Paul Zovi

Manager: Dave Thackeray

The “dream team” from under 10’s was back again to take on the challenge in under 11’s for 2017. With a bunch of different rules for the age group including runners, no zones and not to mention the inclusion of scoring, proved to be a significant challenge for the coaching and management staff alike. There was no time to get complacent after a successful 2016! For the first time, the tigers fielded two teams in the under 11 age group so getting the composition right for each team was the key. The division 3 squad included 16 players composing of 4 rookies, 2 girls and 1 player 3 years above his eligible age group! The season started slowly but team fell in to the groove as they looked to improve our competitiveness through 3 key attributes...handball, tackle and manning up!

The team narrowly missed out on winning two games during the year against St.Ives and Forrest lions but overall it was a year best summarised as “learning about the modern game”. Whilst a really challenging season for players and coaches alike, it was still another rewarding experience.

I would like to thank Dave Thackeray as manager and all the parents for helping out each week which allowed me to focus 100% on the coaching. From the Under 11 Div 1 team, Jamie Ryan and Simon Smith who between us all provided a well thought out and structured training program each week to keep it interesting and develop the kids. Lastly, to those in the background who keep the lights on such as Emma Whitelaw, and Mike Lay who set the ground up on match day.

It would be great to see all the kids back next season in under 12’s and equally bring some new talent along who can help grow and share the fun of Aussie Rules foot\ball.

Paul Zovi

U11s Div 3 Player Profiles

Alexander Barton: A return player from under 10’s who stepped up in his development. Like last year, Alex became a key member of the team leading from the front and being hard at the ball, where his performances were rewarded with a run in the Div 1 side. Again, free agency was on the table and Alex departed to Jindabyne ski team for the second half of the season – big loss to the tigers.

Alex Coulter: Alex continued his development by returning for another year of Aussie Rules. When the switch flicks for Alex, he’s a tackling machine which adds valuable defensive pressure to the team on the field. Hopefully Alex has a big pre season working on his kicking which should expand his skill offering to the under 12’s.

Jett Dicembre: “Basil” as he’s known to his team mates, continues to use flair and take on the opposition with a bounce and run approach which keeps the crowd entertained. Like last year, Basil had a number of memorable moments and will develop even further in under 12’s.

Taj Gleeson: always provides surprises to the coaching staff as they wait in anticipation to see which Taj will show up each week. The second half of the season saw Taj have some break out games by keeping the team’s defence well structured and playing influential roles in the ruck where required. A keen listener, Taj’s kicking skills also improved where he should be aiming for a big role in under 12’s.

Nathan Thackeray: No other player in the combined under 11 squad has made such a dramatic transformation over the off season. Either winning the contested ball or playing the team role as a tagger, Nathan’s performances were reflected in him winning the best and fairest and being called on to play key roles in the Div 1 team where opportunity presents- well done Nathan!

Isabella Zovi: following up from her rookie year, ‘Izzy’ continued to bring her hardness and fleet skills on match day as a goal scoring forward or fill in ruckman. The “shirtfront” was a feature in the second

half of the season which brought great entertainment to the crowd. Hopefully Isabella continues her development in the game in under 12s next year.



Flynn Zovi: The younger brother of Isabella and playing 3 age groups up to help out the squad, first impressions earned him the enviable name of the “enforcer”. Reluctance of the coach to play him anywhere else but the forward line due to his mother’s strict rules of engagement, it was quickly apparent that tackling and winning the ball was his thing. Break out game against St.Ives in the second last round earned him the 3 votes so reward for effort and perseverance by the player. Watch out for the enforcer in 2018!

Chloe Nichols: a late starter to the season in her rookie year, “Rocket” proved to be a major ball winner around clearances and contested ball. Mum’s words were true stating “she loves to muck in with the boys” so making the midfield position her own, Rocket made a huge difference to the team’s competitive edge and was a real pleasure to coach throughout the season. It would be great to see Rocket continue playing next year as a combo with Isabella.

Harry Whitelaw: “The outlaw” spent the first half of the season in the Div 1 team but found his home in the Div 3 team until he broke his arm while exploring a skateboarding career. The outlaw liked to play his own game but after mum and coach gave him a pep talk about needing to lift his work rate, he found his natural position in the ruck and began to be the player we knew he could be. Harry should be looking to dominate under 12’s when he returns from injury in 2018.

Tobias Adams: “T-Bo” as he’s known to his team mates, made his rookie debut after transitioning from rugby union in the off season. A goal scoring machine, T-Bo developed into a bustling forward who made it hard for the opposition to match up on week in week out. Memorable moment for T-Bo was a 40 meter bomb goal that had the crowd in awe after ignoring coaches’ instructions to avoid the rugby style kicking style at all costs – great season T-Bo!

Kalan Love: Like Harry Whitelaw, the “running man” spent the first half of the season in the Div 1 but found his home in the Div 3 team. Illness restricted the running man to a limited number of games but his outside game and ability to run all match was a valuable asset to the team as his development continued from under 10’s. Unfortunately the running man is heading to Newcastle so the tigers will lose a promising player in 2017.

Thomas Kelly: They say beware of the quiet ones and especially those rookie’s listed. Thomas joined the tigers for the first time and was quick to display his skills on match day. Clean marks and good tackles were his trade mark playing as a deep forward or hardnosed defender. Always smiling, he clearly enjoys his footy. Great first year Thomas!

Aiden Bedford: Booming kicks is this player’s trade mark on match day and training. Always well mannered and bubbly, Aiden provides good positive energy around the team. The coaching staff has high expectations of Aiden which are slowly coming to the fold, so with a solid pre season under his belt, 2017 should bring rich rewards for Aiden in his football development.

Jackson Hein: Another rookie player for the under 11’s, Jackson brought some interesting dynamics to the forward line. Always smiling and bringing maximum effort each Sunday, Jackson had the ability to do the odd special thing in the forward line that provided score board pressure for the Tigers. The memorable snap in the forward pocket against Forrest lions showed his ability to play the game. A great start for Jackson in his first year.

Yoon Parry: A break out year for the Yoon “the man bun” Parry in division 3. Playing all sorts of positions throughout the season, Yoon’s development was a real pleasure to watch as he seamlessly finds the ball with ease during the game working hard for his team mates. Hard at the contest and smooth on his feet, Yoon should enjoy further development in under 12’s next year whilst leading the way with the latest and greatest haircuts.

Joel Castle: An experienced player bringing loads of outside run to the Div 3 team following on from his involvement in the under 10’s the previous year. Joel is a great kick of the football and goes hard with the hair slicked back like he means business! More of the same run next year Joel.



Under 12s Division 2

Another successful season with a great bunch of young fella's. Unfortunately we fell short again in the finals but we will keep on trying until one day we get to the big GF. Well done to all the boys, they play with true tiger spirit and even after some heavy losses mid season, they remained good mates, had a few wins and found ourselves in the finals. This was just reward for good effort.

Coaching AFL can be really tricky and definitely very busy. The job is made so much easier with such supportive and enthusiastic parents, thank you all for your support, I sincerely appreciate it. I most definitely need my coaching support team, as previously mentioned it can be a tough job, so the help from dad's at training, Cam, Mike and Todd is really necessary and greatly appreciated.

Most importantly thank you to Ange. A manager's job is constant and busy. Ange toils away behind the scenes with no fuss and perfect efficiency. Thanks Ange on behalf of myself, the boys, the parents and the club.

Thank you to Mike Lay and our club committee. Pittwater is a great club and we were proud to represent it this season.

U12s Div 2 Player Profiles

Alex Keavy #12 (co-captain) Plugger, he either kicks goals or saves goals. Plugger is a passionate and integral part of our team. He relished his role as a captain this year and often demonstrated strong leadership both on the field and with his half time analysis. His passion for his mates and the team is a real crowd pleaser and sometimes even for the opposition crowd.

Benjamin Curgenvan #14 (co-captain) Another captain that showed a great knowledge of the game. Often Ben was given unglamorous jobs such full back and working with Will D behind the ball. Ben always showed his silky skills often under extreme pressure and duress from the opposition. Ben did a great job of coordinating our defence. Ben's knowledge of the game gave his defensive team confidence to do their jobs well.

Billy Anderson #4s Billy was chosen for the Swans academy this season. This is a just reward for his effort and growing and impressive understanding of the game. Billy is a key part of our on ball mid field and has started learn the art of reading the game and getting his timing right. He has lots of effective and useful disposals. Billy is a tough and brave player.

Dane Burns #7 Dane is a real team man. He is happy to play any position and is really good at sticking to a job. He never complains and is always happy to play even when he gets the dirty jobs. Dane gets plenty of work done but often inconspicuously. As a new member to our team this year he fit in well and is renowned for his reliability amongst his mates.

Darcy Armstrong #20 Darcy grew and grew and has kept on growing. Darcy is a reliable player that has greatly improved his understanding of the game. This understanding combined with a definite toughness has been a great pleasure to watch from the sidelines. Darcy will always stick up for his mates and is a tough player when needed. Late in the season he was a reliable defender.

Finn Halmagyi #1 Finn has a great understanding of the game. He has a great talent of moving into space and providing a good forward line target. Finn has good ball skills which ensures his disposals are well thought and effective. Finn did a good job of organising our forward line where he became a tactical leader.



Jack Dixon #6 Jack, no skate boards next year. We want and need you to play next year. We missed you as part of our team and look forward to seeing you next year.

Josh Kerr #19 Josh again played a strong role as a key midfield target. His speed and understanding of the game ensured that he was difficult for the opposition to handle. This season he added a new element of consistently effective disposals and worked well in combination with Whiley. Josh was an exciting player to watch as a spectator.

Logan Lay #10 Like so many of our players Logan was consistently enthusiastic and hardworking at training. This resulted in Logan improving his footy and developing a better understanding of the game. He mostly played on the left wing and started to play a key role in the formation of our forward line. Especially in the last half of the season Logan increased his involvement and was strong at competing in his one on one contests.

Patrick Davies #32 Pat is another of our quiet achievers but a necessary and reliable part of our team. Later in the season Pat became a regular in our defence and was reliable in closing down his opponent. When moved to the forward line he showed a strong set of hands and was rewarded with some great goals late in the season. Pat is another of the smaller boys but always stands up for his mates.

Ryan McPhee #9 Ryan , the great entertainer. Loves the battle, loves taking a big mark and setting the crowd wild. Another of our new Swans academy recruits, Ryan continued to improve and importantly enjoy his footy. Ryan never played a set position and became a very versatile and reliable player. Importantly Ryan always played at a flat out and passionate pace and never left anything out on the field.

Sebastian Laird #25 Basty in his first year of AFL footy was another of our quiet achievers. He quickly picked up an understanding of the game and became an important part of our outer midfield. He was a reliable target and quickly learned the importance of winning his share of one on one contests. Basty came on against our nemesis team Pennant Hills and kicked a heap of goals. This was a just reward for consistent and reliable effort at training.

Taine Coates #18 Our ferocious on ball mid fielder. Like our other small midfielders Taine was a reliable ball winner and hard tackler. Billy, Taine, Will and Basty developed a strong and reliable midfield combination that was often the frustration of our opposition. Even in the tough games Taine showed an unwavering determination which often inspired his team mates.
One word, Brave!

Toby Urban #27 Toby, what a good man. Toby worked and worked and continued to improve his entire game. As our only tall defensive player he played a vital role in shutting down opposition tall forwards. I'm certain the opposition would refer to him as a pest because he was so good at sticking to his job. Late in the season Toby had some really great touches and these touches started to develop into good effective disposals. Toby was a great back up ruckman for Will T.

Tom Brinkley #34 Tom was new to AFL this season. He was always at training and consistently improved as the season progressed. Through this persistence and patience Tom continued to gel into the team and became an important part of the forward line. Later in the season he started to understand his position and when to become involved. His effort was rewarded with some strong and exciting marks late in the season.

Whiley Toll #17 (co-captain) A skilful, tough and inspirational player and captain. Whiley led his team and his midfield by example. I can genuinely say that Whiley didn't have a quiet game all season. Whiley was always tagged by opposition coaches and continued to move adapt and play his game better than the opposition. Whiley is a captain that gives his teammates confidence and inspires with his effort. His marking skills above his head are just brilliant and always a crowd pleaser.

Will Munro #2 Another of our hard and tough midfield on ballers.. Will was also a reliable and strong defender amongst our defensive regulars. Along with Billy, Taine and Basty he was a consistent ball winner and a strong midfield and defensive player. Will was very good at winning his one on one contests especially in defence. This quality often gave his defensive team mates confidence.



Will Day #5 Will D often had the task of the crappy job each week. This was because of his skill and talent at reading the play and being one kick ahead of the opposition. He was really great at creating the wall one play behind the ball. Will was another one of our players that always stuck up for his mates. Will's presence and reliability on the field also provided confidence and reassurance to his team mates.

Will Taylor #28 Our mad dog ruckman. Will's enthusiasm and willingness to perform in his position for his team was inspirational. Always with a smile and element of comic, Will brought out the importance of enjoyment in our team's footy. Will and Toby really loved talking and planning the tactics of the ruck position. Later in the season Will furthered his skills and started to increase his possessions, with some crowd pleasing marks. Will's determination was a strong example for his team mates to follow.

Well done to all the team this season. You are all genuinely good blokes and good mates. Pittwater under 12's played footy this season in the true Tiger spirit and made the club proud.

Under 13s Division 3



A small but keen group of AFL mad young men turned up at the start of this year staring down the barrel of a what looked like it would be a long season. With a little under our minimum numbers we fought off the pressure of another season of forfeits. A strong recruitment drive for players yielded positive results for us with maximum team numbers.

Before I go on, I want to acknowledge our outstanding manager, Lyndsay, who tirelessly worked to recruit a full team, ensure our administration was up to date, engage the parents to be boundary umpires, goal umpires and runners. Thank you Lyndsay - Your commitment to our team was a large part of what made our season a success.

While I am here I must thank ALL of the parents who have assisted me this year, whether it be to join in at training during the final rounds, turning the sausages on the BBQ or assisting in the canteen, and even coming along with a picnic rug and a chair to cheer at the match, it helps us as a club develop the friendly, family club and all things we stand for in the Under 13s. You are the ones who allow your young men to develop into being the best versions of themselves as footballers and as young men. Thank you.

The start of the season was extremely challenging when the losses came thick and fast. I know there were many boys who question if we were going to have another season like we did last year. Our round 5 match against Willoughby- Mosman saw us get convincingly trounced where moral was low. This led to losses against St Ives, and North Ryde Dockers and it appears we had forgotten how to win.

A short break after school holidays and the boys came back refreshed with many transitioning into year 7 they were more comfortable with workload and developing into fine young men.

A spiteful encounter with Manly saw many of our boys forced to step up their physicality and intensity on the football and it was this match that saw us click into footy mode. As a team we came together committed to "protect each other" and put our body's on the line to secure the ball knowing that other team mates have their back. A one point loss saw our boys disappointed but taking the games even more seriously and with many of them wanting to prove to themselves and each other they can do this.

After a number of very close matches we came home with a rush and ended up securing a finals birth against North Ryde Dockers - A team we only just beat in the last few seconds, it was always going to be a big game. We stuck with them for the majority of the match until a couple of quick goals in the last 3 mins saw our finals come to an end. Our Tigers performed extremely well and should be extremely product of the exceptional ending to the season - We would have never thought we would end up in the finals based not eh start of the season. CONGRATULATIONS EVERYONE.

During the season we had some stand out performances from every player, there was not one game where I failed to see someone demonstrating a new skill, trying something different and supporting their team mates. It was extremely rewarding to see.

Andre Cervantes : Our hard working ball winner Andre excelled in scrapping off the ground - Was instrumental in scoring the winning goal against North Ryde Dockers in the final hundredth of a second.

Beau Nicholas : Our passionate ruck man who worked his guts out every match to ensure he won the ball ups. In his final few rounds secured 90% of all hit outs and appeared to be everywhere around the ground.

Beau Valentine : A beautiful kick of the ball, Beau played his best football at the end of the season with the climax being a run away goal during the final with North Ryde

Daniel : Our safe handed full back got shuffled the half forward line for a few matches this year and we saw some of Dan's best footy. Bagging a few goals and securing strong marks Daniels footy experience shone through our forward line.



Dylan : Dylan joined us this season and quickly became an integral member of our back line - Safe hands and cool under pressure, Dylan stood tall in many two on one contests in front of the goal square and came away with the footy.

Flynn : An energetic player who is developing his AFL skills around the ground. Flynn's season was topped off by a goal in the closing stages of the season where the entire team surrounded him to celebrate

Ian : Our impact player, Ian was unlucky to be injured for many of the games this season but when he came on he had an immediate impact to the game. Two beautiful touches of the footy that change the tempo of the match. We look forward to seeing Ian again next year.

Jai : Another new player to the Tigers this year, Jai's football developed well during the season where he managed to secure a number of goals while up in the forward line. He had his best match in the final and applied sensational pressure to the Dockers.

Kaleb : Our hard running, elusive ball winning machine, Kaleb's service to the team consisted of securing the football, providing clean hands to mark, and making sensational line breaks that ALWAYS changed the tempo of the team. Kaleb was the driving force for the team to move towards the goal square and his stepping crossed up too many of opposition players.

Kyan : Another new player to come to the team who developed consistently every match Kyan enjoyed the contests for the ball and snuck in many game changing kicks.

Lachlan : Our well balanced winger who demonstrated the ability to use his strength, safe hands and accurate kicking later in the season. Once Lachlan started running right the call he was rewarded with numerous goals & plenty of ball.

Michael : Mr Versatile, Michael was able to be where he needed to be when he needed to be there and always did his best to fulfil his remit. His decision making during the season improved and proved to be challenging for opposition players.

Michell Gilligan : After playing around the ground in various positions Mitchell found his home in the centre of the ground and was strong in securing the ball, running hard and delivering penetrating kicks in to the forward line.

Mitchell White : Our surprise package Mitchell developed the most during the season and saw the footy many times and pulled off some sensational marks at critical points in our matches. His long kicks and safe hands served the team well.

Riley Pickard : After a season off Riley came back to footy with a vengeance, his ability to provide strong defence and his intensity on the ball saw Riley as our go to guy on players we needed to shut down. A move to the back line saw Riley really show his skills and safe hands to lock out defenders.

Tyler : Another new player to the team, Tyler showed a clean set of heels in most contests & the touches he got were always clean to his team mates

Will Hitchings : Intensity is Will's forte - our dynamic mid fielder was able to provide a positive impact to every contest he went into and most times came up with the footy and a smile on his face.

Lucas : Playing up a number of age groups Lucas was one of our "celebrity" players who was ferocious on the ball and often outclassing players two times his size.

Myles : Also playing up a number of age groups Myles showed so sneaky football skills during the few matches he played and managed to sneak in a few goals.

My highlight of the season was our last round match against Manly, where we decided we were going to enjoy our footy against our arch rivals. We committed to celebrating every goal with a commando roll. It really lifted the spirits of the players and entertained the crowd and brings a smile to my face every time i think about it.



Thanks for a wonderful season Under 13s - It is an absolute honour and a privilege to see you all develop into fine young men who have a respect and appreciation for AFL plus understand what it means to be a member of a team. I look forward to seeing everyone next season where we will commence our preseason earlier this year so we come together as a cohesive unit.

**YELLOW AND BLACK!
GO TIGERS**



Under 14s Division 2

In summary, 2017 was best seen as a transition year – where the boys are growing into young men. That's not without its challenges – as some of our opposition this year had some pretty big units playing for them. In true Tiger tradition, our boys always played a super competitive brand of football and should be commended on their football development during the season.

I would like to thank Peter Francis for all his help, guidance, and support. Whether it was devising practice drills, or on game day Peter's energy and enthusiasm never wavered. Also a big shout out to our Team Manager Jacqui Harvey for her efforts in ensuring all the boys got to the right venue, at the right time, with the right club strip on! In addition thanks to all the parents who volunteered their time to ensure the smooth running of the side on game day. Duncan

U14s Div 2 Player Profiles

Callum Archibald: Callum was asked to play in a number of new positions this year and it helped him develop his game. Whether midfield, forward or in defence, Callum always gave 100 percent.

Owen Borg: Owen had a good year for the Tigers in 2017. Hampered at times by injury, Owen improved his skills over the course of the season and his enthusiasm for playing with his mates really shows.

Tom Butler : Baseball commitments slowed Tom's start to the season. Once he got into things, Tom proved a super reliable backman, stopping most opposition attacks. He is a great clubman and he is a pleasure to have around the club.

Jasper Crouch: Jasper was our mister fixit this year. He played tall in the ruck, at centre half forward and centre half back as well as running on the ball as a midfielder. When he is on-song, Jasper can make the game look so so easy. One of the side's most laconic players.

Brock Dailey: We have enjoyed coaching Brock this year. One of the smallest players in the side, he always plays with amazing intensity. He played mostly midfield or on the half forward line. Brock is really reading the play well these days, as sometimes you would see him run down to help out in our last line of defence. Kicked some good goals too.

Ben Francis: Ben mostly played on the wing, midfield or off half back. He is a terrific runner and is also starting to read the play really well. He is super tough and never gives an inch.

Nathan Francis: Nathan played a number of positions this year and was very reliable and dependable wherever he played. Played some of his best footy off the half back line.

Adam Goring: We have loved Adam's development this year. Played mostly in the forward line and nowadays has a real sense for the goals. Has developed his speed nicely and became a much more contested player the longer the season went on.

Luke Harvey: Luke had a really strong season, and was one of our most consistent players. Playing mostly in the midfield, Luke is blessed with great speed, a good kick, and loves kicking goals. Luke is also very strong overhead and he should be very proud of his development this year.

Tom Ironside: Tom was having a breakout season until injury in the shape of a broken finger cut short the year. Up until that point, we took advantage of Tom's courage, speed and hunger for the contest. We hope he enjoyed his season enough to come back next year as he is a valued member of the side.



Sam Kosack: Sam played mostly in the backline which he should see as a feather in his cap, as everyone knows that good sides are built around good, reliable defenders, and Sam is all of that and more. He not so secretly wanted to be a forward, but that will have to wait until next year. A great club man.

Zach Marks :Zach played a handful of games with the Tigers and showed he has all the skills to be a great Tigers player.

Milo May: Injury cut short Milo's year. Milo has a super enthusiastic vibe, lovely skills and is great to have around the club.

Asher McLean: Injury cut short Asher's season with the Tigers. Asher played mostly in the forward line and gave his all to most contests.

Breyton Montgomery –Smith: Breyton had another stand-out year with the Tigers. Playing mostly in the midfield he became our go-to- guy to get the side out of a sticky situation. His overhead marking, contested play, and decision making with ball in hand went to another level this year. Can match it with any opposition.

Jake Morris: One of the new boys to the side this year, Jake had a great year, playing either off half back, wing or on the half forward line. He made a very solid contribution to our side.

Mitch Morris: Mitch played some great games for the Tigers this season. He is super competitive and always won his position whether playing in the ruck or at half forward.

Aidan O'Malley: Another step up this season for Aiden. He had a really consistent year, mostly off half back or wing, and is one of our most important players. Aiden has always been tiger tough, but is now starting to read the play really well.

Bailey Pike: Bailey played mostly in the forward line this season and did a great job. He is blessed with a lovely kick and his attack around the ball really stepped up this year.

Carlton Rakic: Carlton is a smart player who reads the play really well. He mostly played on the wing or half back and could be relied upon to play really accountable footy. A great club man.

Oliver Thomas :The heart and soul of our side. With Ollie in the side everyone walked that bit taller. Our number one ruck who never let us down, nor was ever beaten. Kicked some great goals too near the end of the season, and always showed plenty of Tiger Spirit.

James Whitelaw: James had a strong, consistent year, until injury cut short his season. He played mostly at full back and when on song, has a booming kick, and is rarely beaten in a contest. Showed enormous spirit by playing out the game under duress when he sustained a broken foot.

Antwone Cortes: We were so wrapped that Antwone wanted to come back and play with us this year! Playing only a handful of games, Antwone fitted in nicely on the half forward line and always looked dangerous. We look forward to seeing Antwone in Tigers colours again next year.



U12s Youth Girls

Macy Beuzeville: First year player. Macy's speed and determination for the ball has seen her take on opponents twice her size. Macy reads the play well and constantly presents in dangerous parts of the ground. She is hard running and leaves nothing in the tank. Our little pocket rocket should be congratulated on her efforts. Well done Macy

Trinity Brogden: First year player. Trinity is our youngest player who has worked hard on developing her skills and showed rapid improvement during the season. She played mainly in the forward line and was very close to kicking her first goal at the Gala Day. Well done Trinity and we look forward to having you back again next year.

Olivia Byrne: Olivia has been with the Tigers since she was 6 years old. Olivia had success last year taking home the trophy for the U14's Youth Girls team. Olivia is one of our taller players and the last few rounds has dominated all over the field. Olivia is rarely beaten one-on-one and isn't afraid of the physical side of the game. Her work rate means she can rack up disposals if left unchecked. Olivia was one of our Ferocious Tiger Award recipient this year. Well done Olivia

Kiana Carty: Kiana joined the Tigers in 2016. Kiana comes from a strong Representative basketball background in which her basketball commitments took precedent this season. Kiana was also in the winning U14's Youth Girls team last year. Kiana wins her own footy and breaks well away from the contests. She has a strong kick which made an impact on the scoreboard. Unfortunately, injury late in the season kept Kiana sidelined. Well done Kiana

Chelsea Cozens: First year player. Chelsea provides lots of energy around the team and brings leadership qualities with her. Chelsea has been our very valuable, hardworking "high leaping" ruck and is also a key defender. She is hard running and highly skilled who leaves nothing in the tank. Chelsea also wins the Gold medal for the most beautiful smile. Well done Chelsea

Zannah Dixon: First year player. Zannah is a physical small defender who has good skills and reads the play well. Zannah is rarely beaten one-on-one with her speed and she is a good spoiler. She is not afraid to put her body on the line to win clearances. She is an exciting player and one to watch in the future. Well done Zannah

Tess Elmslie: First year player. Tess comes from a strong Representative netball background in which her netball commitments took her away from a few of our games. Tess's skills have developed throughout the season and she possesses an electrifying ability to burst from contests and has a unique skill to turn a game with her run. Wherever Tess plays she can blow the game wide open. No doubt Tess will be an asset to AFL Woman's Footy in the future, she's one to watch. Well done Tess

Isabella Fiaola: First year player. Ella has been our Miss Versatility this season playing through the midfield and down back. Ella's competitive nature means she enjoys the physical aspects of the game always tackling opponents no matter what their size and always offering wonderful support to her teammates. Maybe her 3 brothers have something to do with this! Ella was one of our Ferocious Tiger Award recipient this year. Well done Ella.

Charlotte Gee (Charlie) : First year player. Charlie's work rate and endurance allows her to be competitive from the first bounce of the ball, until the final siren. Charlie has plenty of natural ability and her wonderful team player attitude exudes positivity. She attended all training sessions and is highly disciplined and coachable. Charlie also wins the award for best "Head Strapping". Well done Charlie

Charlotte Haddad: First year player. Charlotte is a dynamic and exciting player who is always looking to attack the footy. Charlotte's skills have improved throughout the season and her ability to read the play and to take a mark is a credit to her. We look forward to having Charlotte back again next year. Well done Charlotte



Ebeny Henery (Beny): Beny has been a Tiger for a few years. Beny's running efforts combined with her energy makes her a reliable and great team player. Beny skills have improved tremendously throughout the season and has started to really make her mark. Beny has been a delight to have on the team and has achieved some fantastic results. Well done Beny

Marley Lewis: First year player. Marley is athletic and agile and has a great kick, she is extremely quick through the midfield and is effective in getting her hands on the ball. She has been one of the most improved players this season. She has a very big future ahead of her. Well done Marley

Leila McDougall :First year player. Leila comes from a Representative Touch Football background who is our classy midfielder. With her speed and ball skills she can hurt the opposition as she runs up and down the wing. A natural athlete, Leila is a rising star of the game and we can see success on the big stage. Leila was one of our Ferocious Tiger Award recipients this year. Well done Leila

Jemma Selwood: First year player. Jemma has the ability to produce something out of nothing and is regularly at the top of the stats sheets. She has been one of the leaders of the team and has produced some spectacular goals and loves taking a speccy. She has the capacity for brilliance. Well done Jemma.

Imogen Selwood: First year player. Imogen has enormous amounts of heart who can play at either end of the ground. She is reliable and her work rate outside the of stoppages makes her a terrific target for team mates around the ground. Her hands are clean and she is a great reader of the game, she will be one to watch has she continues to develop. Well done Imogen.

Zoe Shirdon: First year player. Zoe comes from a Representative Touch Football background. Zoe is very athletic and can play all over the field as a utility type player, we have enjoyed watching her skills improve over the year to become one of the best markers of the game. She is an elite ball winner and can feed it out to the outside runners. Another one to watch in the future. Well done Zoe

Saskia Rundle Trowbridge: First year player. Saskia may be small in stature but plays with enormous amounts of heart. Saskia is reliable and is a great team player with loads of potential who has found her feet very quickly. Saskia's skills will continue to develop with more exposure to her Footy. She has been a delight to have on the team. Well done Saskia.

Sophia Wilson: First year player. Sophia has developed her skills throughout the season. She enjoys the physical side of footy and never shies away from a contest. Sophia has been our key defender who is athletic and powerful and also provides support to her team. Unfortunately, she suffered a foot injury in the last part of the season which sidelined her. We look forward to Sophia furthering her skills next season. Well done Sophia



Youth Girls Coordinator

Dear All

Well, what a wonderful year of Youth Girls football for the Pittwater Tigers football club.

Our inaugural season for Under 12's was an amazing success with 20 girls taking to the field at some point throughout the season. Incredibly well led by coach Simon Cozens (Smiley) and Chantelle (team manager). Smiley took on the challenge of introducing so many girls to AFL for the very first time and his wonderful caring nature will ensure that they'll all be back in 2018. They created history for the club as the first ever Under 12 girls team for Pittwater and very quickly established themselves as a force. They will get better and better which is very exciting.

The Northern Phoenix joint venture saw an increase in numbers and a competitive spirit right through to the final round. Tony and Ash and John inspired the girls every week to keep improving and it was a delight to see so many new girls join the group and find their feet. With all Under 18 teams thrown into Division 1 this year it was always going to be a challenge, but the girls never once showed they weren't up for it and gave their all.

The Under 15 team were courageous to the last day. They also introduced a number of girls brand new to AFL this year and as a group came together remarkably quickly. Their season was amazing and fell short at the last hurdle on preliminary final day. As coach, I couldn't be more proud of this gorgeous group. They supported each other all year and were a delight to be involved with. I was so proud of these girls and they showed a maturity beyond their years on many occasions. I could not have asked for more.

The future of Youth Girls AFL, not only on the Northern Beaches, but in NSW, is alive and well because of the wonderful girls and families that have come together across our club this year,

Thanking You

Go Tigers – Matthew Byrne

U15s YGs Player Profiles

Kira Beuzeville: In her 2nd year of YG's footy and showed wonderful improvement. Still a pocket rocket but never let an opponent get an easy ball. Will give her all regardless of the size of the opposition. A big heart with a big future.

Roxy Beuzeville: Picked up from where she left off in 2016. A gifted and balanced player who could play anywhere across the ground. Became an integral part of the backline and her run and carry set up many forward attacks. Always prepared to put her body on the line to win a contest and keeps getting better and better. Watch out 2018.

Neve Clacy: One of the most reliable "veterans" of the team. Went anywhere she was told at any time. Improved again and became more ferocious as the year went on. Will be even better again in 2018 and I expect to see opponents getting out of her way as she grasps how strong she really is.

Malia Cleveland: Back to footy after a year off and improved again. Unfortunately didn't get as many games in for the year as she would have liked but was not afraid to put on a hard tackle and work to keep the ball in the forward line. Hopefully she will be back in 2018 to bolster what will be a formidable Under 18's team.



April Cozens: Stalwart of the team. Played anywhere and was capable of shutting down an opponent or setting up goals in attack. Reliable is her middle name. A great leader that will be unstoppable in 2018. Huge heart to match her effort every week.

Kate Davis: If the size of your heart determines your height, Kate should be 8 foot 7. What an incredible young lady that put her head and body on the line week in and week out. A great leader among the girls and an inspiration. Her first few years of YG's footy indicate she will be a big star of the future. Her courage was exemplified at the back end of the season where a badly strained ankle still didn't prevent her from being a stand out player in the finals.

Charlotte Dawson: First year player that improved every single time she ran on the field. An amazing effort to become such a reliable player in her first time playing this game. She also became an integral part of a dominant defensive line up and never shied away from the hard work required. If her first year is anything to go by "watch out" next year.

Jessica Doyle: First year player who has a massive future ahead of her. Elite runner who clocked up metres and metres every game. Her read of the game was remarkable and a skill you can't teach. Jess also has a heart too big for her body and 'how good she can actually be' is quite a scary thought. Recognised in her first year and selected in the Rep All Stars team.

Lucy Eyres: Took her game to the next level in her 2nd year. Became a focal point up forward and always contested. Hasn't fully realised how awesome she is and when it clicks, the opposition better beware. Strong, courageous and a wonderful team player.

Sophie Feighan: Improved wonderfully in her 2nd year and brought her running game to the next level. Harder at the ball and was a great outside player to compliment the team. Another one who could play anywhere and a valuable member of the team.

Hailey Ferguson: Another one of the strong reliable girls that had the opposition "shaking" when they saw them run on the field. Hailey brought her Under 18 experience from 2016 into the team and became rock solid in our defence. Strong overhead with a penetrating kick she too will be a force in 2018

Ymke Hamman: Did what we thought she would in her second year. Became a force. Ymke's run and carry of the ball was sensational and her strength and speed made the opposition "move out of the way". Inspired the team with her ability to break tackles and run on to that trusted left foot. I think some of the opposition are already having nightmares about playing her in 2018 when she will be even more intimidating. A joy to coach and watch.

Ashleigh Mercer: Was the General in 2016 and in 2017 was the "Governor General". Better and bigger than the year before. Ash was leading goal kicker for the team and clocked up plenty of km's leading but as we know, the delivery at this level, isn't always spot on. Didn't deter her from pushing back and becoming the key to many a defensive play within our forward line. Enormous heart and an inspiration to the girls around her on the field. Courageous and played injured (wrist) for the back end of the season without a word about it. Star.

Eliza Monnock: Another of the remarkable first year girls. Incredible hands and clean at the ground for her height. Improved every game and showed a wonderful ability to read the ball in the air. I'm excited to see her go to the next level because it will be elite.

Charli Munro: How good can she be? Improved from the year before, which was a feat in itself considering how far she had already improved. One of the first picked in the strong defence and never let her opponent get an easy possession. Great attack on the footy and wonderful commitment. 2018 will be an opportunity for her to become an even bigger influence and leader of the group.

Ocean Pounsett: Took her game to the next level also this year. A very talented player capable of playing in any position. Unfortunately suffered a few nasty injuries that prevented her from playing as many games as she would have liked. Strong overhead and also capable of booting the leather off the ball. Another one of the "How good will they be" bunch who already have me itching for 2018.



Layla Ritchie: Another first year player. How good can this girl be? Like all the new girls, it took the early rounds of the year to get a handle on what this "new" game was all about. Great clean hands and a wonderful touch in the ruck. Tapping to the right position is an asset for the team and Layla will be an even greater asset in 2018.

Ellie Shefts : Another remarkable year for a remarkable player. Was able to dominate at times throughout the year and a leader amongst the girls. Had success at rep level and was also named in the Youth Girls "All Nations" team to play at the diversity championships. Has an enormous future and 2018 could be a year where the whole of NSW Youth Girls hear about her. I'm expecting big things and I know she can deliver.

Saffron Smith : If ever there was an example of "realising your potential" this girl did it in 2017. Saffron threatened to be awesome in 2016, in 2017 she was. Not a player in the competition could match her strength and speed and with a prodigious kick she was unstoppable in defence. On more than one occasion her kicks from the backline set up goals in the forward line. She is another one to watch in 2018 and with two years of footy now under her belt her 3rd year could be extraordinary

Sierra Smith: What an improvement from 2016. Another 2nd year player who realised the physicality of the game was "part of the fun of it". Sierra's attack on the footy and tackling pressure went to a new level this year and apart from being a wonderful young lady will be a leader of this team in 2018.

Under 17s Div

Pittwater Tigers Joint Venture U17 Division 1/3 Report 2017

The 2017 footy season for the under 17 teams was again a joint venture (JV) with Manly. There were Tiger representatives in the division 1 and division 3 teams. While Manly players made up the majority of the squad there were 9 Tiger players in the JV teams with a combined total of over 1,000 games by the end of the year. The contribution of all the Tiger boys in 2017, and over many years, should not be underestimated in maintaining the Tiger spirit throughout the club.

Pre-season was disjointed and disrupted by rain and availability of ovals with the U17 squad training by themselves, with the U19 Manly Warringah Wolves or with the complete Wolves squad. The teams went into the season without the best preparation.

For the div 1 team the competition started with 7 teams and end up with 8. The team finished the year with 6 wins, 8 losses and a draw and ended up 5th. The team should have played finals, given Glebe who finished 4th were elevated from division 2 during the year with their 6 wins, and we did beat Glebe during the year in our only game against them. Other good wins were against Moore Park/Newtown in round 2 and against St. Ives in round 6 when both games "got a bit agro" but the Tiger/Bombers stayed tough and true with great wins.

The best game of the year was a draw against Penshurst who were the eventual runners up. Unfortunately, the season ended with the forfeit by Moore Park/Newtown which robbed the opportunity for the departing U17 boys to be acknowledged for their contribution to teams and clubs over the years on the playing field.



The Tigers Players:

The departing boys:

Marcus Doyle - 150 games in total 9 games with 17s Div 1 and 3 games with the U19 Wolves in 2017. Marcus started with the Tigers in 2009 when he played U9's and was in Tigers teams to U13s when JVs started with Manly for U14s.

Ethan Elliott - 194 games throughout his time at the Tigers. Ethan was injured in 2017 and only played 2 games. Ethan started playing with the Tigers in 2007 with the U9's and has been a stalwart of the club.

Mason Rutzou - 150 games after starting with the Tigers in 2007 with the U9's. Mason had 11 games this year with 17s Div 1 and 3 games with the U19 Wolves. Mason was acknowledged for his contribution to the U17 team this year picking up the Coaches Award.

Tenzin Tenkyong - 75 games in total with 13 games with 17s Div 1 and 5 with the U19 Wolves. Tenzin is an outstanding talent and knows how to get the ball, even when outsized and then how to find the goals. He has a "golden boot" (mostly) and received the Golden Boot Award for the div 1 team with over 30 goals. Tenzin started with the Tigers in 2013 with the U13s and was supported by the Tigers to attend Narrabeen Sports High AFL Academy.

Harry Vaughan - 110 games with 12 games with 17s Div 1 and 3 games with the U19 Wolves. Harry started with the Tigers in the U11s in 2010 when still a true U10. Harry was voted the Best Team Player with the U17 div 1 team.

The U16 boy who went to the next level:

Kyle Martin – Kyle has been around the Tigers for years and we have lost count of the number of games he has played but it is well over 100. He has been acknowledged for his outstanding contribution to the Tigers over the years and this year started playing footy at a whole different level. Kyle played only one junior game with the U17s this year with most of his games with the Wolves U19 team and finished the year playing with the Wolves Premier team in Sydney AFL – the highest level in the Sydney AFL. Kyle is also a member of the Swan U16 Academy team and played with the U16 State team the Rams.

The U15 boy playing up:

Byron O'Mahony - 57 games with 13 games in the U17s div 1 and reached his 50 game milestone during the year.

The div 3 team made the finals but were knocked out with the last kick of the game. They had an interesting season with some players making contributions to the div 1 team during the year. Many of the boys in the div 3 team were true U16s so will have the opportunity to contribute to the U17s again in 2018. The two Tigers in the Div 3 team were Mitchell Butler who achieved his 50 game milestone during the year and Joel Wiles who like Kyle has been around the club for a significant number of season and has been a representative at the Swans Academy over the years.

All the boys have made an awesome contribution to the Tigers over the years both in stand-alone Tigers teams and in JVs with Manly. They have played in Tiger premierships, won Tiger Awards over the years and to have a combined games total of over 1,000 games shows their commitment to the Tigers and being provided with the opportunity to play AFL. I would like to acknowledge the parents of these boys as well as 1,000 games means a lot of training nights and plenty of miles (sorry kilometers) travelled over Sydney to get to the games and helping out and cheering on game day.

Thank you also to Mike, Emma and the committee for keeping the club running on and off the field. It should not be underestimated how important the opportunity provided by the club is for all boys and girls to play in a team sport.

Peter Vaughan – Coach



Under 18s Youth Girls “Northern Phoenix”

Georgia Byrne: A tall target that plays in and under, more than she should, out of necessity and due to her endeavour to win the ball at every contest. Great team player and always so positive to be around.

Lauren Couper: Awesome player, so hard at the ball, it's scary. Team valued her presence, for Home games. Many thanks and go tackle the HSC.

Hayley Creed: Played better than she would admit, with a few real stand out games, including up forward against Maroubra when probably shouldn't have been playing! This showed her commitment to the Phoenix team and the girls, evident all season.

Sophie Eyres: A stand out season, with plenty of the ball and great game sense, while showing even more leadership, on and off the field with others keen to play along side her.

Sophie Engel: Played most games this season, while juggling a big academic year. A tough and reliable defender who supported all the Phoenix activities, all season.

Emma Feighan: Great to have in the team, always there at trainings and games. Loves interacting with her team mates, the opposition less so! Saved her best for last, against Maroubra, with her fella looking on.

Hailey Ferguson: A very capable defender with good, clean hands and real attack on the ball, each and every game. How old is she? Most regular player from U15's which was greatly appreciated. Love your work!

Sally Ferguson Great athlete who has enormous ability, doing a lot of heavy lifting this season, after a stand out 1st year in 2016. So strong across half back and started to hit up targets, while running out of defence, which provided another real weapon in her arsenal.

Alice Fowle: A great player to have in the team, bringing a sense of humour and delight at having a run around each and every week with the Phoenix. Stick with it.

Amy Kercher: Racked up her 50+ consecutive game, during this season. Brings a love of AFL to the team that is admirable

Emily Roach: Ever dependable, each and every week with great attack on the ball, good hands and an even more penetrating kick this season. A delight to coach with her no fuss attitude and positive disposition.

Roxy Beuzeville: Rock star of a player and always smiling! Super fast and attacks the ball. Many years of great AFL ahead. *

Sophie Feighan: A delight to have in the team, playing with her sister when she was allowed! Took a big hit in one game, but bounced back, as always *

Ellie Shefts: Super star player with an immense future in AFL. Racked up loads of votes, in the games she played up with the Phoenix. Thanks *

Jessica Doyle: Reads the play better than most, which is not bad given it's her first season. Huge potential, when she stops growing! *

Kate Davis: Plays well beyond her years with real toughness and desire for the ball in a contest. Loved having her play up, when she could. *



Lucy Eyres: Easy going nature meant she made herself available for U18's more often than she would have liked, but the Coach loved her for it!

Isabelle Ironside : Came back to AFL after a year away, playing several games then pulling up stumps. Always welcome back, anytime.

Rachel Dunn: New to AFL and could be anything, with the run, attack on the ball and deceptively good skills. Like most, competing interests but a real talent. Coach's sense is that a second season would be something to see.

Hannah Harrison: Delightful player that brings an enthusiasm to everything AFL, training, games, kick-to-kick. Injured for the middle of season but turned up each week, regardless to help out. A delight to have in the team.

Georgia Cairnes : New to AFL this year but improved each week, playing her best games late in the season. Looking forward to continuing that trajectory in 2018.

Anisha Sawaid : Great competitor with real strength in contests – rucks, tackles, ... Her strong presence was notable in games she played and missed in those she couldn't. A big 2018 if time permits.

Ocean Pounsett: Raw talent and pace, together with a clear love of AFL, when on the field. Could do and be anything, if she wants it. And still so young!

Saffron Smith: Another delight to have play up this year, offering real talent and a presence around the ground. Revelled playing in the older age group and will transition well next season.*

Tea Lisle : Yikes! First season and got amongst it from the get go. Can run all day and impressive skills that got better and better throughout the season.

Ymke Hamman : Real competitor, thriving in the challenge of playing up with the Phoenix. Worked on her skills and got the reward, gaining an extra 10-15m and more reliability with her kicks.

Gabi Van Dyk : Played two games, late in season, showing great talent, especially overhead marking and general ball skills. Anything could happen if catches the AFL bug even more!

Josi Butler : Late recruit that clearly has a willingness to learn the craft of the game. Her buzz for the game of AFL along with run in her legs makes her an exciting prospect in 2018.

Jenna Zani : A great addition to the Phoenix this season, getting along to all team events, trainings and games, when in the country! Seems to really love the game and is prepared to take on the tackler.

April Cozens : Only one game, playing up, but what a game! An absolute bundle of positivity and politeness that's an asset to any team or club *



Kirah Godsell : Exciting young player who has fallen for AFL and enjoys getting amongst it, anywhere on the field. Skills lifted a lot through the season. Could only play up for the one game but loved it!*

Hannah Woolfe : Young Forest U15 player with a lot of grit and a huge appetite for the ball. Only played up for the one game but a great talent.*

Farewell to Lauren we wish you well !!

You wouldn't necessarily know it, but Lauren is in only her second season of AFL. Her aerobic strength and courage in the contest was notable whenever she took the field. While also tackling the HSC in 2017, Lauren committed to at least playing all of the Home games for the Northern Phoenix which she did, along with an additional Away game which was greatly appreciated by team mates and coaching staff alike. Lauren plays taller than she is, being strong in the ruck with a good leap and played her best football in this position, and in a defensive midfield role. Lauren can and will run all day and will run through anything, if asked i.e. she is very coachable. Lauren brought a level of discipline to her training, fitness and recovery post-game that was commendable, borrowing from her previous experience in touch football and at a national level in cheerleading. Her kicking has improved dramatically and her on-field leadership and maturity, along with tenacity at the contest will be sorely missed. A big thank you for being you.

Appendix A: Code of Conduct

Junior Australian Football Clubs



Today's parents have an important role in the delivery and support of sporting activities for their own and other children. With it comes a clear responsibility to act in a constructive and encouraging manner at all times.

Players

“Play by the rules and within the ‘spirit of the game’”

- Play for the ‘fun of it’ and not just to please parents, coaches and teachers.
- Play by the rules and within the ‘spirit of the game’. Shake hands with your opponent after the game.
- Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials or other players, deliberately fouling or provoking an opportunity and throwing equipment is neither acceptable nor permitted in any sport.
- Work equally hard for yourself and your team. Your team’s performance will benefit and so will you.
- Be a good sport. Admire all good passages of play whether they be by your team or the other team.
- Treat all players as you would like to be treated. Do not interfere with, bully or take unfair advantage of another player.
- Co-operate with the umpires, your coach, team mates and opponents. Without them there would be no game.

Parents, Caregivers and Spectators

“Remember children play sport for their enjoyment not yours”

- Focus upon the child’s efforts and performance rather than the overall outcome of the event. This assists the child in setting realistic goals related to their ability by reducing the emphasis on winning.
- Encourage children to always participate according to the rules.
- Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a game.
- Remember children learn best by example.
- Applaud good play by all teams.
- Encourage children to participate, do not force them.
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.
- Respect official’s decisions and teach children to do likewise.
- Show appreciation of volunteer coaches, officials and administrators. Without them your child could not participate.
- If you disagree with an official, raise the issue through the appropriate channels rather than question the official’s judgement and honesty in public. Remember that most officials give their time and effort for your child’s involvement.
- Consumption of alcohol is inappropriate at all junior games.
- When umpires receive a small amount for out-of-pocket expenses, don’t adopt a ‘you are paid not to make mistakes’ attitude, we all do.



“Ensure that equal opportunity for participation in sports is made available to all children”

Ensure that equal opportunity for participation in sports is made available to all children, regardless of ability, size, shape, sex, age, disability or ethnic origin.

- Ensure that rules, equipment, length of games and training schedules take into consideration the age, ability and maturity level of participating children.
- Ensure that adequate supervision is provided by qualified and competent coaches and officials capable of developing appropriate sports behaviour and skill technique.
- Remember that children participate for enjoyment and play down the importance of rewards.
- Provide clinics aimed at improving the standards of coaching and officiating, with an emphasis on appropriate behaviour and skill technique.
- Ensure that parents, coaches, sponsors, physicians and participants understand their responsibility regarding fair play.
- Modify rules and regulations to match the skill level of children and their needs.
- Condemn unsporting behaviour and promote respect for all opponents.
- Publicly encourage rule changes which will reinforce the principles of participants for fun and enjoyment.
- Ensure that your behaviour is consistent with the principles of good sporting behaviour.
- Make a personal commitment to keep yourself informed of sound officiating principles and the principles of growth and development of children.

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