

# THE KOOKABURRA SQUAWK

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Welcome to the final edition of the Kookaburra Squawk newsletter for season 2018. We take a look back at our three grand final winning teams for 2018, recapping all the heart stopping events that went down in East Bowral on 22 September. Our new club President Aaron Fox, has penned his first column, sharing some early insights in what's happening in and around the club at the start of 2019, which includes some exciting news around registration day. We recap the complete list of award winners who were honored as part of our senior and junior presentation days, as well as provide a photo gallery of those who took out the major awards at each event. On a final note, the club wants to pass on a huge 'thank you' to Michael Murray & Zac Connolly, both stepped down as club president & VP at seasons end. Don't be strangers guys – still expecting to see lots of you in 2019!

### HILL TOP HARRY WITNESSES THE PASSING OF THE BATON



"Enjoy the new job Foxy, take good care of her mate"



"Thanks Mick, I'm really looking forward to it"





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## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK – AARON FOX

Hello HTSC Members,

Firstly I would like to introduce myself as the new President of Hill Top Soccer Club. I have big shoes to fill from Mick Murray and I appreciate all the hard work done before me and plan to continue the effort to push the club forward and continue to make sure the club is a fun and educational environment for all players and parents.

I would like to also congratulate the teams that qualified for the Grand Finals and a huge congratulations to the three Premiership teams, Under 15's, Youth Grade and AAM 1st Grade.

With our Senior and Junior Presentations a huge success we now move on to the off season. Wheels are in motion for 2019 with some fun ideas being floated around the Committee table.

The 2019 Season Registration Day will be a fun day and one day only. The club will have a jumping castle, inflatable soccer fields, fun games and a BBQ. The date set is Sunday February 17th, and will go from 10:00am to 2:00pm.

We will have a new range of club clothing available for order at the Fun Day. We have a supplier based in Sydney and the turn around on the clothing is expected to be quick. We will have a catalogue at the Fun Day.

We have met with Council Members to look at the maintenance of Boronia Park. We are confident that the works will be completed before Christmas thus giving us a soft level playing surface for the new season.

These are only a couple of the ideas being thrown around and we expect to have a few other initiatives as the new season draws closer.

Lastly, a huge thanks to the organisers of the Presentations and Committee Members who made 2018 Season a huge success that we can build on moving forward. See you all in 2019.



*Aaron Fox*

Aaron Fox  
HTSC president



# UNDER 15'S GRAND FINAL 2018

HILL TOP KOOKABURRAS Vs ST PAULS  
DAVID WOOD FIELD, BOWRAL, 22 SEPTEMBER 2018



## HILL TOP UNDER 15'S DOMINATE ST PAULS STORMING TO 3-0 GRAND FINAL VICTORY



In one of their most polished performances of the season, Hill Top Under 15's totally outgunned the 2018 U15 minor premiers St Pauls, clinically putting away the boys in Blue 3-0 to kick off grand final day in the best possible way for the Hill Top Soccer club.

A tight first 20 minutes was punctuated by a great strike by Jeremy Davis, who put the U15s up 1-0 after some great lead-up work by Calum Fraser. The Under 15's defensive line was particularly strong on grand final day, with Finn Malone, Nicholas Speakman and Luke Johnson all frustrating the St Paul's attack, in not giving them the slightest of openings. The defensive job Bodhie Neal did on St Pauls dangerman Sam Maurice was also a telling factor, defusing the season's leading goal-scorer to such an extent, the St Pauls coach extraordinarily moved him into the role of goalkeeper for the second half.

The Kookaburra's 2nd half got off the best possible start, with Finn Malone continuing his outstanding goal-scoring run, slamming a lovely volley across the St Pauls Keeper to register the U15s second goal. Mid-way through the second half Calum Fraser threaded a beautiful ball through to put Finn Malone in for his second, giving the U15s an unassailable 3-0 lead. The U15s maintained their dominance through to full time.

As a team the U15s were near faultless on their biggest day, with grand Final MVP Finn Malone, Dylan Ruiters, and Bodhie Neal all stand-outs, as well as Goalkeeper David Napper, who recorded a clean sheet against the most potent attacking team in 2018.

The win capped off a great season for the Hill Top U15s, who took out the Under 15 Jan Plain Cup midway through the season to record a rare Grand Final/Cup double.

**UNDER 15's Grand Final: HILL TOP 2 (F. MALONE 2, J. DAVIS) defeated ST PAULS 0**





# UNDER 15'S GRAND FINAL 2018

## PHOTO GALLERY FROM EAST BOWRAL – PAGE 2



**JEREMY DAVIS GOT THE 15s SCORING UNDERWAY**



**SHELBY MALONE'S DEFENCE WAS SUPERB IN THE DECIDER**



**COACH AARON FOX DELIVERS HIS MESSAGE AT HALF-TIME. THE UNDER 15'S EXECUTED THE GAME PLAN WITH ABSOLUTE PRECISION ON GRAND FINAL DAY**





# AAM YOUTH GRAND FINAL 2018

HILL TOP KOOKABURRAS Vs CHEVALLIER COLLEGE  
DAVID WOOD FIELD, BOWRAL, 22 SEPTEMBER 2018



## HILL TOP YOUTH DEFEAT CHEVALLIER COLLEGE TO TAKE OUT GRAND FINAL IN EXTRA TIME



Capping off what was the near perfect season, Hill Top Youth team defeated Chevallier College 1-0 in the 2018 Youth decider, in a game that went deep into extra time and was decided only a handful of minutes short of heading to a dreaded penalty shoot-out.

Whilst never having dropped a game to Chevallier the entire season, no more than a single goal ever separated the teams whenever they met in 2018, and the grand final was no exception. A very tight first half with limited opportunities saw both teams head into the main break locked at 0-0, with Kookaburra's coach Mark Johnson urging his team to stick to the game-plan and maintain patience at all times.

The second half was much the same as the first, with disciplined defence by both teams meaning the opportunities were extremely limited. After the full 90 minutes the scoreboard remained deadlocked at 0-0.

At the start of the 2nd period of extra-time a communication error between fullbacks Shayne Brown and David Holland almost handed the game to Chevallier, however, a brilliant recovery from goalkeeper Lucas Carpenter saw the 1-on-1 drama averted. No more than 2 minutes after this scare the Kookaburra's broke the stalemate in dramatic circumstances, with Hill Top's 2018 Rookie of the Year, Dylan Errington, cracking home a thunderous strike to put the boys in front after approximately 110 minutes of football.

A tense final 7 minutes saw Chevallier press Hill Top hard, but the Kookaburra's held on to record a thoroughly deserved grand final victory, underlining their crowning three weeks earlier as undefeated Youth Grade minor premiers for season 2018

**AAM YOUTH GRAND FINAL: HILL TOP 1 (D. Errington) def. CHEVALLIER COLLEGE 0**

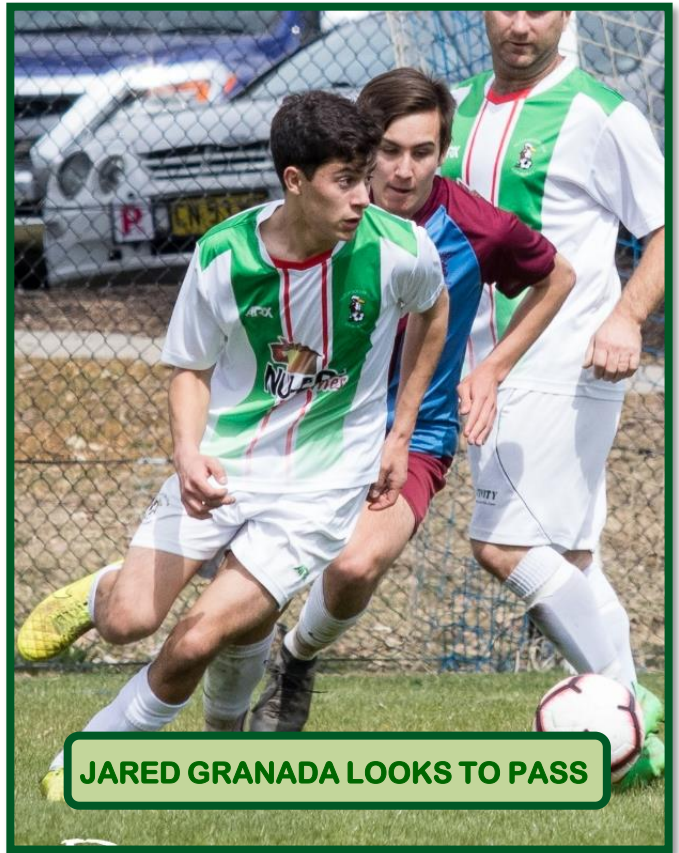




# AAM YOUTH GRADE GRAND FINAL PHOTO GALLERY FROM EAST BOWRAL – PAGE 2



**ZACH UNWIN FIGHTING HARD**



**JARED GRANADA LOOKS TO PASS**

## **DYLAN ERRINGTON BROKE THE DEADLOCK WITH A FANTASTIC LATE WINNER**







# AAM PREMIER GRAND FINAL 2018

HILL TOP KOOKABURRAS Vs YERRINBOOL  
DAVID WOOD FIELD, BOWRAL, 22 SEPTEMBER 2018



## HILL TOP AAM BREAK A 15 YEAR GRAND FINAL DROUGHT IN FIRST GRADE CLIFFHANGER



In one of the most gripping Grand Finals in recent history, Hill Top's Premier League men stormed home to overrun Yerrinbool in the First grade decider, wiping away 15 year of disappointment in bringing home the club's third major trophy for the day.

The game did not get off the best start for the Kookaburra's, with Bushranger's Scott Hillard bringing up the grand final's first goal after 15 minutes, despite calls of handball by Hill Top players in the lead-up being ignored by the referee.

After that opening setback, Hill Top slowly began to take control of the contest, creating a number of good first half chances. A superb long-range attempt by Chris Packer cannoned off the crossbar just before the break, with the Kookaburra's heading confidently into half time despite being behind 1-0 on the scoreboard.

As Hill Top's second half confidence continued to grow, Yerrinbool parked the proverbial bus in front of their goals, grimly defending their lead as the Kookaburra's pressed hard for the equalizer. After a number of very close calls, Andy Rae latched onto a great pass from a teammate to thunder the ball into the back of the net, bringing the score level at 1-1 midway through the second half.

With the momentum now well-and-truly behind the Kookaburra's, Hill Top's forward line exerted wave-after-wave of attack towards the Yerrinbool goal, with the Bushrangers finally cracking a second time when Youth Grade substitute player Flynn Hessenberger put away a shot deflected by the Yerrinbool Keeper, sending the Hill Top crowd behind the Boardman Avenue goals into absolute delirium.

It was now Hill Top's turn to hold on for dear life in the final 10 minutes, which they did, rounding out not only a great day the senior men and the club all-round.

**AAM PL1 GF: HILL TOP 2 (F. Hessenberger, A. Rae) def YERRINBOOL 1 (S. Hillard)**





# AAM PREMIER GRAND FINAL 2018

## PHOTO GALLERY FROM EAST BOWRAL – PAGE 2



**JACK DAWSON CONTROLS THE BALL IN THE 2<sup>ND</sup> HALF**



**CHRIS PACKER ONE OF THE BEST ON GROUND IN THE GF**



**ANDY HITCHENS LEAPS HIGH TO DEFUSE A DANGEROUS YERRINBOOL RAID IN THE 1<sup>ST</sup> HALF**





# MAJOR AWARD WINNERS FOR 2018

PHOTO GALLERY FROM JUNIOR & SENIOR PRESENTATIONS



**NATHAN BISHOP**  
CLUB PERSON OF THE YEAR



**DYLAN ERRINGTON**  
ROOKIE OF THE YEAR



**LUCAS CARPENTER**  
SENIOR GOALIE OF THE YEAR



**JACKSON BLATCH-MAY**  
JUNIOR GOALIE OF THE YEAR



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## Hill Top's Newest Life Member



**HARD WORK REWARDED:** Outgoing Hill Top Soccer Club President Michael Murray presenting Craig Napper with his new life membership. **Photo: Anita Brown**

In the past seven years, Craig Napper has been everything from a photographer to club treasurer. And his hard work for Hill Top Soccer Club was recently rewarded with a life membership. Napper, who became the club's 15th life member received the honour at the club's senior presentation night.

"It was a huge surprise, but also a great honour. Growing up mostly in and around rugby league, I didn't really know a great deal about soccer until my son started playing juniors for Hill Top in 2011," he said. "I started out as the under-8s photographer, then writing the club newsletter followed. Former president Mark Johnson then engaged in a bit of arm-twisting to make me treasurer. Every year my dossier of duties grew that little bit more.

"I feel a great responsibility in making sure our village's premier sporting club maintains its place not only in the HSA competition, but the number one option for young Hill Top families in getting their children playing sport in a safe, family friendly environment".





# HILL TOP SOCCER CLUB SENIOR AWARD WINNERS 2018



Team	Players Player	Best & Fairest
AAM First Grade	C. Packer/ J. Friedewald	Kris Spilarewicz
AAM Reserve Grade	Mitch White	Alex Hill
AAM Third Grade	Patrick Clarke	Austin Collings
AAW First Grade	Isabel Preston	Erin Packer
AAM Youth Grade	Flynn Hessenberger	Justin Piccles



# HILL TOP SOCCER CLUB JUNIOR AWARD WINNERS 2018



Team	Rising Star	Coaches Award
Under 15's	Bodhie Neal	Nicholas Speakman
Under 13's	Andrew Bova	Maxine Colavito
Under 11's	Lincoln Blatch-May	Jacob Harrison
Under 10's	Preston Terry-Evans	Ally Gardner
Under 9's	Dylan Hemans	William Fussell
Under 8's	M. Parsons/E. Porter	Patrick Crawford
Under 7's	Jace Gardner	Bridie Stephens
Under 6's Red	A. Hill/J. Heathcote	Brock McMullen
Under 6's Green	Lucius Gray	Charlie Joseph



# HILL TOP SOCCER CLUB MAJOR AWARD WINNERS 2018



Club Life Member Award	Craig Napper
Club Person of the Year	Nathan Bishop
Rookie of the Year Award	Dylan Errington
Senior Goalkeeper of the Year	Lucas Carpenter
Junior Goalkeeper of the Year	Jackson Blatch-May



# HILL TOP SOCCER CLUB FAMILY FUN DAY REGISTRATION FOR 2019



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**FUN GAMES**



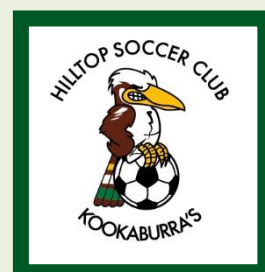
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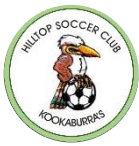
**INFLATABLE SOCCER FIELD**

## **BORONIA PARK, HILL TOP**

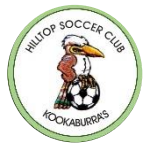
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