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Provided player reward vouchers for final game of the year for U6-U9 and new set of goal posts for the main oval for 2015.

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Provided 2 for 1 bread and bread rolls for the 2 Auskick seasons covering all Friday night events.



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President's Report

Year 2015 will most likely be remembered as one of our club's most successful years, on and off the field. It is very pleasing to see the club continue to grow and so many of our young players enjoying both individual and team success in the youth age groups.

We had many achievements in 2015 including:

- An increase of 34 players on the previous year to 227 Registered Players in AFLBJ competitions, including 18 additional girls
- Over 120 Auskick Participants
- First ever Kinderkick Program
- Two teams in every junior age group from Under 6's to Under 11's
- Five and a half youth teams, including three youth teams in the top division
- Five teams reached the Preliminary Final
- Four teams reached the Grand Final
- One Premiership (U12 Division 2)
- Our first girls team in our own right
- Two state players
- Two players selected in the NAB AFL Academy (only junior club in Australia to achieve that)
- Three AFLBJ Best and Fairest Winners and two runners up.
- Runners Up in the AFLBJ Club Championship
- A record 25 players achieved representative honours
- Record sponsorship
- Mini-Oakman completed.
- A grant for nearly \$50k to replace the wooden pedestrian access to the club from the main car park

Our players were exceptional in how they represented our club. Always competitive, always playing in the right spirit, we continually receive feedback from external stakeholders about how our club conducts itself both on and off the field. The respect our players show their team mates, the umpires and the opposition is recognised by others across the league. Our sportsmanship and always playing in the spirit of the game are traits that we should all be very proud of.

As good as we have been at the traits above in previous years, a new benchmark was set in this area by our Under 13 girls team this season. In all my years involved in football, I can honestly say I have never seen a side which better represents what I think junior sport should be all about: fun, friends, trying your hardest, developing new skills, reaching your potential and having more fun. A massive congratulations to all involved in this team. Hopefully in years to come, we can develop our club in this area.

Our U12 Division 2 side won a premiership for the club. It is just our 5th premiership since 1991, which highlights just how tough they are to win. Four teams in Grand Finals in the same year is believed to be a club record. The support for our teams across the AFLBJ Grand Final weekend was a credit to our club. The whole club felt the pain of our Under 14's loss in the Grand Final with a kick after the final siren proving the difference.



Five of our players were invited to the annual AFLBJ awards – an outstanding achievement. Connor Ballenden was runner up in the Under 16 Division 1 Medal, Max Clayton was a runaway winner in the Under 14 Division 1 Medal, Lachie Ford was the runner up in the Under 13 Division 1 Medal and Charlie Selth and Hugh Weibgen tied to win the Under 12 Division 2 Medal.

In addition, we had 25 players achieve representative honours which is a club record. Two boys made state level –Connor Ballenden and Jack Clayton (Under 16's). Both Connor and Jack were also selected in the AFL run NAB AFL Academy. In this academy, they will get to train under some of Australia's best coaches with the most elite players junior players in Australia.

We will continue to strive to secure an environment where players at all levels can develop into both outstanding members of the community and the best young footballers they can be.

This is not without its challenges, both internal and external from time to time. Trying to provide a positive environment where players of all ability levels can play and develop a passion for our game is our club's motivation. No matter what challenges present if we continue to work towards this, we will safeguard our club into the future.

Auskick

Between our two Auskick Programs, we managed to have over 120 players participate. This is an outstanding effort, and our challenge is now to transition these numbers into our club football. Both programs were great successes, with high numbers still attending at the end of each program.

Special thanks to Catriona Labrom and Happy for running the winter program, together with Happy's helpers including George Labrom, Caitlin Barazza and Angus Campbell. The summer program was run by Andrew Groom, who did an outstanding job in his first ever Auskick program.

AFLQ also ran a Kinderkick program to complement our Winter Auskick Program.

We will also be running an Access All Abilities Auskick program in Term 4 at our club. This exciting initiative for children aged 5-12 with any intellectual disability will give our club an opportunity to engage with a whole new group of families whilst providing a much needed service to the community.

Junior Football

This year we opened mini-Oakman, giving the Under 6 and Under 8 players the experience of playing on a field properly marked out with real goal posts. We received very positive feedback on this experience for the young players.

We fielded 2 teams in each grade across the junior age groups. This represented an increase of one side versus last year in this area. Whilst this result was OK, we are falling behind most other clubs, particularly in the youngest age groups – Under 6, Under 8 and Under 9. To ensure our future sustainability, it is important we grow our numbers in these age groups. With mini-Oakman in place, we have plenty of capacity to run multiple teams in these age groups and



even develop our own “hub” competitions, limiting the travel for our youngest participants and their families.

The key for us in this area is access to the schools to promote ourselves. If you are able to assist us to get into this area, please let me know.

Youth Football

The AFLBJ introduced Under 17 and Under 15 age groups. As a club, we supported this initiative although it did not quite pan out as we initially expected. We did not expect an Under 16 competition to be offered as well. Our initial planning was around running Under 17 and Under 15 teams. Ultimately, we ran 1.5 Under 16 teams, combining with Kenmore to form an Under 16 Division 3 team as well as an Under 14 team, an Under 13 team and an Under 12 team.

Our youth football programs were very successful this year. We came runner up in the AFLBJ Club Championship. We had four teams participate in Division 1, four teams which made their competition grand final and another which made it to the Preliminary Final. As I mentioned earlier, we won just our 5th Premiership since 1991.

I do not wish to provide a detailed analysis of each team. The coaches are better equipped to do that than me. However, I do wish to recognise a couple of things in this area.

For the first time, Wests fielded a girls team in our own right in the new Under 13 Girls competition. This was a fantastic success, with 13 girls participating in the team. This team did not exist when round 1 was played in their competition. At the end of the season, they were one of the teams which played off in the Grand Final. With the girls ages spanning between 9 and 13, they developed a great camaraderie under their coach Mel Goode. A big thanks to Michelle Paterson who drove the girls programs in our club this year.

About 50% of our Under 16 Div 1 team were based in Toowoomba. These players travelled twice a week to Brisbane to play and train. They fully embraced our club, as I hope we embraced them and they played a big part in the success of our Under 16 team. The coach and team manager were both Toowoomba based. Our club is honoured to be providing these boys with a place to play competitive football and look forward to continuing our relationship with the Darling Downs into the future.

Our Under 16 Div 3 team was an Under 15 team. For the second time in three years, we have had to combine with another club to field a team. A big thanks to Jason Eldering for again coaching a combined team and to Kenmore for supporting this team. The decision to play up a year was not taken lightly. It was taken to ensure we played in a competition commensurate with our skill development, not our birth certificate. Well done to all boys, who really showed improvement throughout the season.

Club Umpires

One of the leadership opportunities provided by our club is the club umpire programme. To fill the shoes of Danny Smith was always going to be difficult, but between Fraser Labrom and Sam Wilkinson we managed to replace Danny and retain the quality of our umpiring programs.



Coaches, Team Managers and Volunteers

To the people who make the club tick on game day, a massive thanks! Your efforts were outstanding and your contribution to our club cannot be under estimated. The coaches require much support from team managers and other volunteers. Whilst we are trying to do everything as professionally as we can, it is the volunteers within the club that enable us to operate each week. A big thank you to all of you!

Committee

This year we were lucky enough to welcome some new faces onto the committee. Joining our long serving committee members Trudy Braybrook, Wendy Campbell, Jon Heales, Rob Labrom, Darren Smart and Happy were Helen Buntain, Andrew Groom and Ian Judson.

Together with our members, we are building an exciting club. Thank you for helping us build the great little club we have and for your ongoing commitment.

Sponsors

In 2015 we again reached record sponsorship levels. I would like to thank Astute Financial (Brad Wood), Queensland Combined Orthopaedic Surgeons (Rob Labrom), Judson Koman (Ian Judson), Total Generators (Andrew Donald), QScan (Mark Burgin) and Epic Pharmacy (Sturat Giles) for their major sponsorships of the club. I would also like to thank our other sponsors, Cuisine on Cue (Rob Morrow) and RBC (Cam Bulley) for their ongoing support and also Premier Dance Academy (Tanya Whelan) and Leanne Bulley Agencies for sponsoring our girls team. Your contribution to our club has been much appreciated. Finally, a special thanks to Cr Peter Matic for the financial and community support the Brisbane City Council provide our club.

Facilities

We have continued on our journey to upgrade our club and facilities. This year we upgraded the access to the clubhouse and did some landscaping. We are about to begin work on "Mini-Oakman" to provide a small field for our youngest age groups. We have installed a new disabled ramp and are continuing to work towards new change rooms. This new infrastructure is essential for us to provide off field facilities commensurate with the quality of our on field programs for both boys and girls.

See you in 2016!

Yours in Football
Ian Selth
President
WJAFC
September 2015



Auskick Report

Coordinator: Catriona Labrom



Friday evenings at Wests Juniors is synonymous with Auskick where our youngest members begin learning the skills required for Australian Football. Our Summer Auskick began on February 13th and our Winter Auskick coincided with the regular AFLBJ fixtures, which began on May8. We had over 100 children register for one or both of our Auskick programs this year.

Andrew Groom took the reins as our head coach for the summer program and we had 62 children registered. This was outstanding since Oakman Park was masquerading as a cricket ground. Andrew was ably assisted by Nick from AFLQ and Ian and Charlie Selth. Some of these children took up the challenge and signed up as team members in the junior teams.

Once the regular fixtures had started we continued with our winter format on a Friday night prior to the 6:30 game. Again we had over 60 participants registered, some who had completed the Summer Season and new ones as well. Happy Wallis continued as our Auskick director and enlisted Alex Bateman from AFLQ and Oliver Ritchie, John Macanawai, Zane Vozvoteca and Lachlan Barazza as regular assistant coaches. Together they continued the great work begun in the summer season to introduce basic Australian Football skills to our young members. Our club takes pride in our younger members acting as mentors at Auskick and this year was no exception. George Labrom, Angus and Lincoln Campbell, Jordi Groom, Harry Tozer and Caitlin Barazza helped throughout the season. It is wonderful seeing these boys and Caitlin coming down each week and giving back to our club.

The atmosphere around the clubhouse was terrific each Friday night with the canteen and BBQ catering to the large crowd. This would not be possible without a committed team throughout the season. A huge round of applause to our committed canteen manager, Nikki Bolton, our BBQ masters, Maurie Hand and Stephen Wootten, and our canteen helpers, Kara Campell, Kirsty Hunter and Karen Barazza for all their help throughout the season.

The highlight of our Auskick season is always the trip to the Gabba for the half-time mini-games. This year we had two separate visits. This year, 36 children played on the hallowed turf during the Brisbane Lions versus Port Adelaide game. Happy accompanied them onto the pitch as the on-field coach and Ben Wilkinson took on the role as umpire. After their warm up in the rooms below, they played like true Bulldogs in front of an appreciative crowd. Later in the season we went with another group of 18 to Brisbane Lions vs North Melbourne where Alex Nelson showed off his umpiring skills with a group of much younger Bulldog pups.





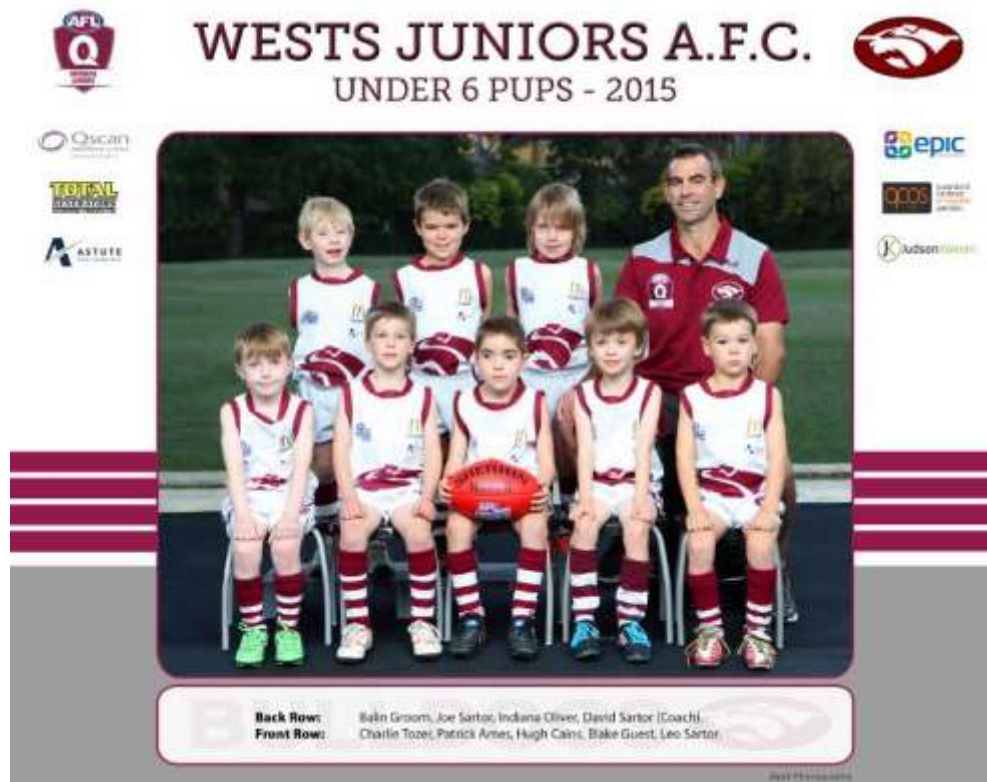
The Auskick program has continued to be a welcoming stepping stone for young families into our club. Thank you to committee members, Ian Selth, Rob Labrom, Andrew Groom and Darren Smart for their assistance throughout the year. Thank you to Blaec Ablett, our Development Coordinator from AFLQ North.

Finally thank you to the many Auskick parents who have supported the club and our clinic this year. We hope your child has enjoyed their experience and learnt new skills this season. We hope to see you back next season as Junior Bulldogs playing fixtures or another year of Auskick.



Under 6 Pups

Coach: David Sartor



Kick a goal, sing the club song, eat lolly snakes. Life doesn't get much better when you're a 5 year-old on a Saturday morning.

Wests Juniors fielded two under 6 teams for the first time this year - the Pups and the Yappers. We had 18 registered players, up considerably from last year. The teams played a full season of 15 rounds which included home and away matches against Yeronga, Jindalee and Sherwood.

Early in the season we focused on the basic skills of kicking, marking and handballing. By season's end we were learning about calling for the ball and leading to space. The skill development of the kids was clearly evident and great to watch as the season progressed.

A big thank you to the under 8 players, with whom we trained each week. We learned many things from the 'big kids' including some of the finer points of how to celebrate after kicking a goal. Participation was excellent with most of the players at training on Wednesday nights and some even making it to Auskick on Fridays.

We had the pleasure of playing home games on our brand new field 'Mini Oakman'. A highlight was watching the kids walk off the footy field, arm-in-arm singing the club song with gusto. This helped develop a sense of camaraderie which the kids will carry into the years ahead.



Thank you to the parents who helped out during the year and to those involved in running Auskick - bringing the next generation of players to the club. Next season looks promising for the Wests Juniors under 6s.

Player List

Patrick Ames

Patrick joined the Pups mid way through the year. He has a good basic skill level and is an enthusiastic member of the team. He loves being around his team mates and doesn't mind a wrestle either. Congratulations on your season Patrick, you've got a promising footy career ahead with the Bulldogs.

Hugh Caines

Hugh had an outstanding first year of footy and is one of the most courageous players in the team. He has a passion for the game and regularly shared his knowledge and advice with the coach, even during matches when he's trying to umpire! Hugh has a definite preference for playing in the forwards as he loves to kick goals. Keep up the good work Hugh, and we'll see you next year.

Balin Groom

This was Balin's first season in what I suspect will be a very long footy career. Balin started off with some basic skills courtesy of his big brother's home coaching (thanks Jordi), but steady attendance and training and games saw his footy skills develop significantly over the year. Balin's enjoyment on the footy field is obvious and his enthusiasm was great for team morale. Thanks for your contribution Balin!

Blake Guest

Blake is another first year player who showed enormous improvement over the season. He developed quite a passion for kicking goals as the season went on, and was heard yelling at the opposition to "get out of the way" as he ran down the ground towards the goals. I expect 2016 will be a promising season for Blake as his kicking and marking skills continue to develop.

Indiana Oliver

Indy had a terrific year. He is a ferocious competitor and quickly developed into one of our best players. Indy's strong commitment to training saw his marking and kicking skills really take off. If there was a contested footy and Indy was in there, chances were that Wests would come up with possession. Fantastic season Indy, keep up the good work and we'll see you next year.

Jonah Percy

Jonah was a late addition to the team and played in the final couple of games. He made an instant impression with his raw enthusiasm a standout feature. He has good football nous, and will be a terrific player for the club over the years to come.



Joe Sartor

Joe had a very strong and consistent year. Joe's signature is the bounce, which we saw on display frequently as he carried the footy through his zone before kicking it forward. He is also a good contested player, and keeps focus and attention when the ball is not in his zone. Well done on your season Joe and good luck next year when you move up to the under 8's.

Leo Sartor

Leo is another of the first year players who really loves his footy. He is rarely seen around the club without a footy in his hands, kicking to someone or himself. Another of the run-and-carry players, he also tries very hard to look for team mates when kicking. Leo showed he can be a very capable player with kicking and marking skills a feature. Overall a very good season.

Charlie Tozer

Charlie was one of our biggest improvers in the Pups and had a terrific season developing into one of our most consistent players. He is a good listener and can do a specific job when asked. Charlie is well positioned for a big season next year.



Under 6 Yappers

Coach: Paul Greaney

Manager: Peta Greaney



The 2015 season was only the third year that Wests fronted U6 teams and having two teams this year with eight or more players is a great indication for the future of the club. Also having two girls in the U6 Maroons this year was a great addition and provided a lovely balance.

The season began and ended in the same great team spirit developed through training, with games between the Yappers and the Pups on the sensational new mini-Oakman field. Having this facility for the first time this year provided a sense of belonging for the youngest teams in our club.

The talent displayed in this year's U6 Maroons was sensational. From the outset, the kids bonded well and understood the value of teamwork. This included a great willingness to share the ball with each other and to celebrate each other's successes. With a focus on skills development, each player was soon kicking, marking and hand-balling with confidence. And when it came to game day, the U6 Maroons played in the same manner as teams in higher grades, which will provide them with confidence for next year.

But most of all the kids had heaps of fun! The enthusiasm of the parents was passed on to the players, resulting in a very enjoyable season for all. I believe that the positive experience of this team in their first season will see them counting down the days till they can lace up the boots again next year.



Player List

Daniel Lorenz

Daniel joined the team late in the season, but his presence was felt immediately. Daniel brought a great right kick and an ability to follow the play to get the ball first. Working well with the team, Daniel has made some great friends and will be a player to watch in the future. Great season Daniel!

Emily Timbs

The start of this season was Emily's first touch of the football and her improvement throughout the season was inspiring. Emily was rarely ever beaten in the ruck when contesting the ball and when she had the ball in hand, she made the most of it. Emily led the team in sportsmanship by always looking to pass the ball to her team mates. Well done Emily!

Emma Greaney

Emma has a fantastic ability for marking the ball. With the ball in hand, Emma proved herself to be a great team player by always looking for a team mate to pass the ball too. Each week Emma trained hard to improve her skills and developed a solid left foot kick, resulting in a number of goals late in the season. Emma has all the skills and determination that make for a great footballer. Congratulations on a great footy season Emma!

Jacob Greaney

Jacob was a dominant player on the field. He contested for the ball with grit and determination and was hard to beat. Jacob has a natural instinct for playing footy and his powerful kicking of the ball resulted in many goals. Jacob formed strong friendships with his team mates and his ability to win the ball inspired others to play their best. Jacob has a big future with AFL and will continue to develop as a great player for the Wests club. Jacob also loved his oranges at half time!

Joshua Murphy

What Joshua lacks in size, he makes up for in skill. Joshua started the season with a great understanding and love of AFL and it showed on the field from the very first game. Joshua was always near the ball and was a real play maker. He is a natural all-rounder who can take a specky, run with the ball and off-load with accuracy. I will enjoy watching Joshua rise to greatness with a promising career ahead of him.

Kieren Pitts

Kieren was solid every time he played. From the moment he ran on to the field, until the final siren, he played with great enthusiasm. Kieren was liked by everyone and was a real team player. He always put himself in a good position to get the ball and followed through with a deliberate kick or handball. Well done Kieren!

Liam Kearney

Liam kept his eye on the ball for the entire game and was able to react quickly when the ball was headed his way. With a good right kick and understanding of where his team mates were, Liam played a strategic game. Liam would often set-up the play and defended his goals admirably. Keep up the great work Liam.



Tom Ford

Big Tom was an inspiration to the whole team. He has a punishing boot and is a great marker of the ball. When Tom got the ball he knew what he wanted to do and was unstoppable. Yet with his fellow team mates he was respectful and encouraging of others and was a valuable member of the team. I am sure that Tom will become a future leader in the club.



Under 8 Maroons

Coach: Andrew Groom

Manager: Stephen Glover



The Under 8 Maroons consisted of primarily two groups, a small core of players that have played together for the last couple of years and another small group getting their first taste of junior footy. The two groups become one team in a matter of minutes and each week, every player brought something new to both training and the games, but all showed great respect for each other, opponents, officials and parents. The team had a very successful year and were fittingly rewarded with Wests Juniors AFC Junior Team of the Year. Whilst no-one officially kept score, the team informed me they narrowly lost one game for the season. Whilst fingers and toes were often used during scoring, I think they're probably right.

Training was on a Wednesday night and usually involved 26 or so keen bulldogs from ages 5-8 (U6 - U8). The Under 8's did a particularly good job of mentoring the U6's and including them in the club. Training finished each week with a screaming rendition of the club song usually with the U9's running over to join in. All age groups provided what I believed was a fantastic environment for any young child to belong.

The team was always focussed on game days, if not on footy then chasing butterflies or playing with arm bands, but there was focus. We were incredibly fortunate to play most of our home games on the brand new "mini-Oakman, with it's fancy 25m arc line markings. The players generally shared the ball well both by foot and hand and at times we played some very good footy as they began to understand how to use and create space, as well as hit a target. Over the past two seasons, we've had a real focus on players keeping their feet. This year, we hardly



had to mention it. The team stayed on their feet, always played the footy and in general had a real desire to attack and get the footy. There were some awesome contests on the footy that I didn't expect to see for another couple of years. Not much more to say other than a fantastic group of kids, each one different and each one great.

Finally, some thank you's. Thanks to all the parents, a great group and keep up the great parenting. You made life as a coach easy. You offered assistance and helped out whenever asked. Thanks Stewart Hollingdrake for filling in as coach when I was away. Thanks to the other coaches Dave, Anda, and Stephen for making training fun each week. Thanks to Wendy Campbell who was the regular in the canteen on a Wednesday night and also to Nikki and Sophie Bolton on a Saturday morning for the Bacon & Egg rolls. Thanks especially to Stephen Glover for being a great team manager & assistant coach. Awesome.. Finally, thanks to Wests Juniors AFC for providing a great sporting club environment.

Player List

Harriet Bridges

Harriet's first year of club footy and she improved massively week to week. By the end of the season Harriet had kicked 7 goals in a single game, was contesting the ball at ground level and if she started sprinting few could catch her. She's listens, tries and applies and is a pleasure to coach and have on the team. The only person to consistently wait patiently for an end of game snake. Watch out for Harriet next year. Congratulations on a great first season of footy.

Tom Chalk

Tom's third season of footy at Wests Juniors was a great one. As in previous years, Tom noticeably plays better when an opposition player fires him up. This is really unfortunate for the opposing team because when Tom fires up very few players can catch him or have his attack on the ball at ground level. Tom's developed a good kick and when his confidence is up and he backs himself, he usually won't be caught. Tom always smiling, is well liked by teammates and was a player that brought the team closer together. Congratulations on another great season of footy Tom. Can't wait to see what happens next year!

Alex Costello

Alex's played his third season of junior footy. He's developed good hands, a good kick and has always read the game very well. However this season was about the contest. By the end of this season Alex was attacking the ball both at ground and in the air. In the final game of the season he attempted an extremely challenging and courageous eyes for the ball only contested mark which was basically the final challenge left for him in Under 8's. It's all coming together for Alex as a junior footy player. Well done Alex, you should be very proud of your season!

Charles Dirzcke

Charles' first year of club footy and another person who improved every week. Charles made big improvements with with his kicking, manning up on defence and movement into space. He was a great trainer, always giving it his all and is focussed during a game. Charles is proof that concentration and persistence at training will greatly improve your skills and game knowledge. Congratulations Charles on beginning to learn the game of footy and we look forward to seeing you again next year.



Spencer Glover

Spencer had an amazing season with the Under 8's and also played up on the occasion with the Under 9's. In my opinion he was the best contested mark in the Under 8 competition. Spencer only ever has eyes for the footy and consistently competed for the ball in the air and at ground level. I can think of two contested marks he took that I didn't expect to see for a couple of years. Not only courageous, he's a good runner with a significant turn of speed, developed a good bounce and has a booming kick for goal. He's also known for the odd goal celebration. Spencer has high expectations and aims to meet them. He regularly looks after his team mates on the field, is always smiling, very respectful, and an absolute pleasure to coach. Congratulations Spencer on a fantastic season. Top work.

Jordi Groom

Jordi had a breakout season of footy this year. His skills are always improving however he showed strong game knowledge and attack on the ball. Particularly pleasing was his ability in backing himself to run, step, bounce and deliver by hand and foot. He covered a lot of ground each game and managed to play some games with the Under 9's. He reached his 50 game milestone with Elliot Smart and Sam Kearney from the Under 9's in the last game of the season. I was particularly pleased with his on-field attempts to get others involved in the game and you could see he always gave his all. A great trainer and he was often found mentoring the U6's. He enjoyed the coming together of the team, loves his footy club and the people involved. Congratulations Jordi on a super footy season. Top work.

Jasper Heinz

Jasper's one of those player who pops out of nowhere, picks up, runs, kicks a goal, throws down a few high fives and then goes back to whatever else he's been thinking about. Always happy on the field at training and in a game and is well liked by his teammates. He's a good runner, has a developing skill base and is full of surprises. He doesn't like oranges, loves a banana and I'll remember him for the smile on his face when he turns up to training each week. I'll also never forget the sound of his boots smacking together when he does his side to side skipping on the field. Well done Jasper on a great first footy season. Watch out for Jasper next year!

Tom Hollingdrake

Tom played his second season of Under 8 footy and it started with goals. Tom's got good foot speed, good hands, can pick up and run and has a big kick. The first half of the season Tom was the main avenue to goal and he did particularly well kicking multiple goals on a number of occasions. He's got a cheeky smile and is a popular member of the team. He's always wanting to do push-ups at training and will occasionally been seen doing them with one-hand behind his back. Great work Tom. Look forward to seeing you next year!

Abby Marriner

Abby's first year of club footy, as she follows in the footsteps of her brother. Abby runs hard all game, applies herself at training and is usually found with a cheeky grin on her face. She's still gaining confidence as a footy player and occasionally surprises herself with a fleeting run and a nice kick or handball. Abby always looks to share the footy with others nearby and well liked by all on the team. Well done on a great first season of footy Abby.



Eva Sartor

Eva is one of the infamous Sartor 4, that are regularly found wandering around the club. She brought skills from her basketball background and quickly put them to good use. In the first half of the season Eva brought immediate attack on the ball, which was much needed. In the second half of the season she began to develop her kicking skills significantly. Eva was particularly good at keeping score and was always keen to remind her team (and opposition) of the score after a goal. She's always smiling, and an absolute pleasure to coach and have in the team. Congratulations on a great first season of footy Eva!



Under 8 Whites

Coach: Anda Tyalana

Manager: Karen Cranney

On-field Assistant Coach: Zane Vozvoteca



U8 Whites, what a year we had. It's been an amazing season. The players all proved to be very quick learners. This year we've been working on the basic skills of handball, kick, communication and bounce. I must say the boys and girl did a great job and never gave up. They turn up at training and games ready and to have a bit of fun. We lost one of our players through the season to a knee injury, Mitchell Greene. I hope all is well.

I would also like to thank the team manager, Karen Cranney. She has been amazing. Another big thank you must go to Zane Vozvoteca, the Under 8 Whites on-field assistant coach for the season. He did a great job. Also thanks to all the parents for helping us out on home game and away games too. It's been an absolute pleasure working with you all I hope to see you all next season. GO THE MIGHTY DOGS!

Player List

Sebastian Ames

Congratulations on an excellent season. Sebastian started half way through the season and he has significantly improved his kicking and handball skills. He plays very well with others in the team. Keep up the practise and we'll see you for a big season next year!



Hugh Donald

Hugh managed to really improve his basic skills this season. He's got a great kick and has improved his handball significantly. Hugh finished the season very keen to keep improving his marking, which is fantastic. Great work Hugh. Can't wait to see you next season mate.

Mitchell Greene

Mitchell only played four games this season and had an unfortunate run of injuries. In his first game of AFL he told me he was just starting to enjoy the game. Get well and we'll see you again next season.

Coen Griffiths-Smith

Coen possesses speed, determination and hunger for the ball. Coen improved significantly during the season and was regularly taking marks over much taller players. Coen also utilised his long direct kicking to team mates very effectively. He also appears to love the rough and tumble at the stoppage. Coen has the making of a good junior footballer. Congratulations on a season of footy!

Casper Oliver

Excellent work Casper. Casper possesses a good football understanding and can be a very good trainer when he's in the zone. Come game day he's often found producing some very good kicks and handballs. I think Casper is one player who'll really enjoy Under 9's. Casper, keep up the good work.

Cody Perry

Cody is very quick to get to the ball and can squeeze out good handballs to team mates when the ball is on the ground. He appears to really enjoy his footy and he reads the game well. Cody also loves a kick for goal or to a teammate. He's well like be all his team mates. Keep up the great work Cody and we look forward to seeing you next season. Congratulations.

Sam Philpot

Congratulations on a great season. Sam brought attitude to learn to training each week and come game day he would regularly try these skills. By the end of season Sam was a key player in the team and ready to make the move to Under 9's. Great job Sam.

Spencer Smart

Spencer is another very determined footballer and possesses a great skill set, great balance and has a natural understanding of the game. He always wants to be the best which makes coaching Spencer a pleasure. Congratulations on a great season and I hope to see you next season.

Lukas Tyalana

A very determined and athletic junior footballer with a big kick. Throughout the season, Lukas improved his skills more than I could ever ask. Excellent work. During the season, Lukas enjoyed playing with the Under 9's with many of his team mates from last season. I'm sure we will do it all again next year. Keep up the great work.



Holly Vozvoteca

Holly is always happy and I think it's almost impossible to wipe away her smile. Holly has improved a lot of her skills this season and is particularly good at running and getting the ball at ground level. Holly's regularly seen showing off her running skills with Arki in a range of games during U16 games, while she "watches" her older brother and U9's Assistant Coach Zane. Great season Holly.

Arki Wackwitz

Arki is very determined and always wanting to do more. Every game he would ask to start forward so he could put on some razzle dazzle and score the first goal. Always smiling, a great trainer and plays the game in great spirit. Good work Arki. See you next season.

Rose Worland

Never gives in until the umpire blows the whistle. Rose has particularly improved her skills in calling for the ball and passing to team mates. Good work Rose. See you next season.

Thank you so much Wests Juniors Bulldogs for the opportunity to be involved. I look forward to next year. Thanks, Anda Tyalana



Under 9 Maroons

Coach: Darren Smart

Manager: Ruth Kelly



The U9 Maroons had a great year with new and old players combining for memorable moments. Throughout the year we had a number of Under 8's fill in along with some of the Under 9 Whites. With the Under 9s training together each week, Patrick and myself focussed on the base skills of AFL in a fun environment. We also had a number of dads help out during training and I know the players enjoyed the parents v kids at the end of training.

Thanks to Ruth for managing the team throughout the year and for the parents we could count on each week to ensure the games went on without a hitch.

Player List

Flynn Bajraszewski

Flynn only played a few games as he suffered 2 collar bone injuries. Tough little player chasing the ball hard at all times. Look forward to seeing Flynn back fully fit for next season

Findlay Booker

Findlay ran like lightning all-round the field always battling hard for the ball. Findlay's skills keep improving with each game and is becoming a dominate ball winner for the team. I look forward to continuing to work with Findlay next year and helping his progression to youth football.



Addison Edmonds

Addison enjoys the team aspect of the game and this year made many tackles and got involved in the play. His insightful comments throughout the game are always interesting and fun to hear. I have enjoyed having Addison in the team and look forward to him joining us again next year.

Sebastian Glassel

Seb played the game with enthusiasm and passion. He was able to win the ball and loved scoring goals. He played his part in the team each week and was always entertaining. I wish Seb well in his move to Melbourne and his football future.

Sam Kearney

Sam was one of those boys that after a slow start developed into a good footballer and enjoyed the physical contest. The last 3 weeks saw him excel whilst playing under 11's and then continue that drive with the U9 Maroon. Sam celebrated his 50 game milestone with Elliot Smart and Jordi Groom which was fantastic to see. I look forward to seeing Sam develop his footy next year.

Taj Lyndon

Taj was a quiet assassin. He doesn't say much but has improved immensely this year and was able to win contested ball on quite a few occasions in the later part of the year. I look forward to watching Taj develop the tenacity that I know he has next year and use his height to become a dominant player.

Joseph Matthews

Joseph was welcomed into the team for his first year of AFL. He slowly came to terms with the game throughout the season. Two highlight games were against Jindalee (mid season) and the final game against Fassifern where he kicked his first goal in AFL with 5 seconds remaining. I look forward to Joseph continuing on his AFL journey next year.

Elliot Smart

Elliot was our goal kicking machine this year. He loved the forwards but equally played back and in the midfield. His ability to read the play was great and his driving kick was always dependable. Elliot played his 50th game this year along with Sam Kearney and Jordi Groom. I look forward to Elliot developing his in and under skills next year.

Cameron Stockwell

Cameron was the quiet achiever this year. Each week he would play moments in a game like he was a seasoned veteran. The key with Cameron will be to stay in the game for longer periods. He can do it and I look forward to him continuing his AFL journey.



Under 9 Whites

Coach: Patrick Johnston

Manager: Byron Davis



This year has seen many familiar faces and some new faces joining the U9 bulldog ranks. The team has made great improvements by building on skills and enjoying the team spirit with their 'mates'.

I would like to thank Byron Davis and his assistant Sophie for taking care of the Manager duties, this role is critical to ensure the players and parents enjoy every game. Allocating jobs each week makes sure that we share the load when it comes to snakes, oranges and player awards.

Other parents helped regularly as well and special mention to Ross, Shaun & Todd for regularly supporting the team – this has been critical to successful training sessions and smooth games each week-end.

Player List

Hugh Andrews

Another great season from Hugh, he is a role-model player always listening and working on his skills. I enjoyed watching Hugh kicking many great goals over the year - the Saints will be looking to secure his signature one day.



Lincoln Campbell

Lincoln is Mr Consistent each week, I could rely on him to play forward to kick a few goals or go into the midfield to win the footy. He is a good leader at the club and one his team mates like to follow during the games.

Ben Coleman

Ben's second year at the club and this year he built on his skills and strong attack on the ball. His enjoyment playing in the team was evident after every game. I've enjoyed watching Ben grow into a good and reliable player.

Tess Davis

Tess is a tackling machine and enjoys getting her hands on the footy – she is great to watch as she takes on the players with a bounce and then delivers the footy to her team mates. Over the coming years Tess will continue to grow into a very good footballer.

Cameron Dubbeldam

This year Cameron grew into a footballer who could be counted on to take on the other teams with strong tackles. The goals kept coming and the Brisbane Lions are keeping an eye on the forward line goal sneak.

Rohan Eastgate

I enjoyed watching Rohan develop his skills and give '100%' in every training session which translated into good games. Over the coming years I look forward to seeing Rohan play at the bulldogs.

Tom Johnston

Tom loves playing with his mates and enjoys bringing his team mates into the game. This year Tom grew into a more rounded footballer by improving his tackling pressure and goal kicking skills. Well done Tom on a great year and supporting the coach with game day support.

Daniel Martin

Daniel joined our club this year and hit the ground running by working hard on developing his skills. The satisfaction of watching Daniel kick two awesome goals were a great reward to cap off a strong season from Daniel.

Aaron Remedios

No player shows as much passion each week - Ari always brings high energy and this helps him win many possessions during our games. I enjoy listening to the theme song and Ari takes it on with much gusto.

Charlie Sullivan

Charlie improved his skills each week over the season, he was a tireless worker at training which showed in the games. My best memory was when he kicked a goal over his Dad (Todd's) head who was goal umpiring at the time – this raised some loud cheers from the crowd.



Harry Tozer

Harry enjoyed another great season and he has worked hard on his skills which showed in the games each week. His enthusiasm at the end of the game with the song was always worth watching.

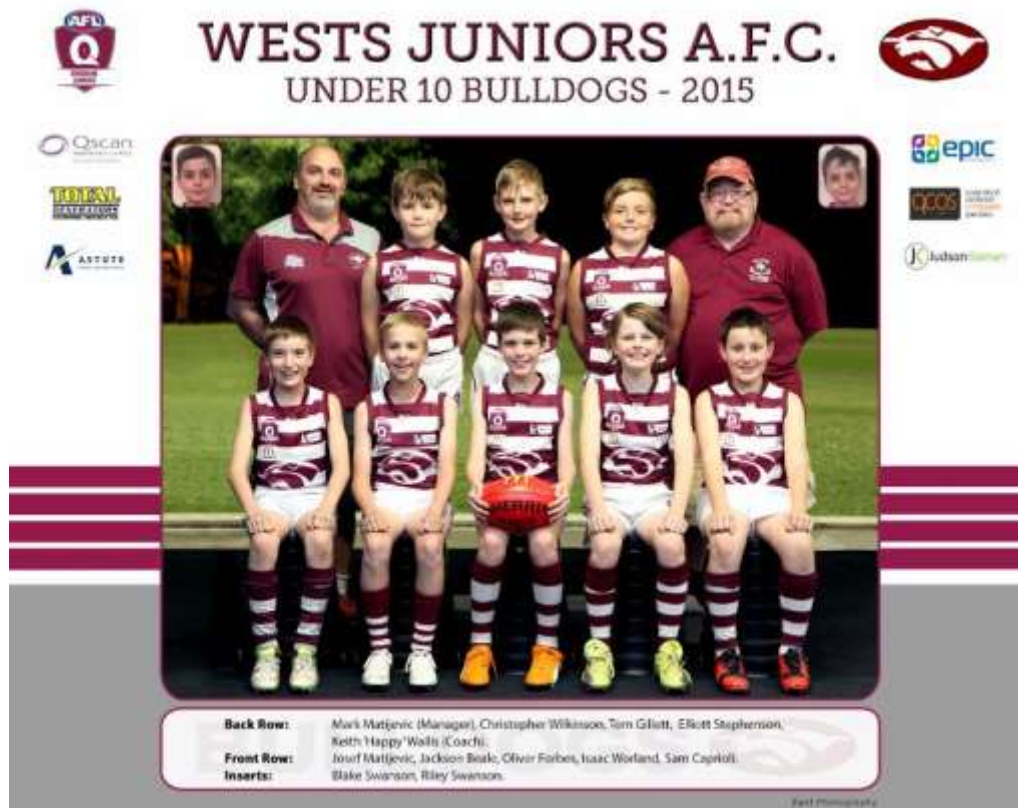
UP THE DOGGIES..... Enjoy the summer break...



Under 10 Bulldogs

Coach: Keith Happy Wallis

Manager: Mark Matijevic



The U10 Bulldogs Team had a year that was focussed on the development of structured game plans which is a natural progression from their skill development of the last few years. They had a lot of fun along the way, and have developed strong friendships and a culture that is positive and encouraging. The parents were a massive support to our boys, and are a massive support to the playing and non-playing group. As we did not have the 12 players required to field a team we had a lot of support from our U10 Maroon brothers and we need to thank them for a massive effort. We also had a number of Under 9's and Under 11's who played for us. They were all part of the fabric of our team, and the foundations of a strong playing group into the future.

Player List

Jackson Beale

Provided run throughout the whole season, and has electrifying pace and strong evasion skills. Has an ability to get the ball and use it well. Is well liked by all of his teammates and trains well and is a sponge for information. Improved over the whole year and looks to be a great player of the future.



Samuel Caprioli

Sam is a hard at it footballer who makes any team better when he plays for them. He is a strong kick, who is rarely beaten one on one, a good mark, and shows good pace. He is popular with teammates, as he is a bit of a "character" He played a lot of footy this year, including a lot of Under11 games, and has a good future in footy.

Oliver Forbes

Oliver is a footballer who listens, learns, and executes well. He is a natural forward who uses the ball well and loves a goal. He has taken a lot of strong marks and uses the footy well. He is well liked by teammates who appreciate how reliable he is, even under pressure. He is a cornerstone of this group and has a great future in footy.

Tom Gillet

Tommy is a name to remember for the future. He is new to Wests this year, but has quickly established himself as a player to watch. He has great game sense, is a great kick, mark, and shows good pace. He does get targeted by the opposition, but he takes it all in his stride. A strong competitor who loves a goal, he will be a strong part of our future!

Josef Matijevic

Joe is a strong accumulator of the ball, who has a knack of getting the ball in all situations, especially contested possession. He uses the ball well and kicked a lot of goals this year. Joe is an athlete who can run and tackle all day and has a passion for the game. Joe will be a strong part of the club going forward.

Elliott Steffensen

Elliott joined us this year from another club, and is a great contributor. He is a strong boy who takes a strong contested mark and has a strong left boot. He is a great club man who is popular in the group and is a reliable player. He showed glimpses of brilliance during the year, whilst remaining reliable at all times. Elliott shows great promise and will benefit from the season as he does what is asked, and does it well.

Blake Swanson

Blake is one of our big improvers for the year. He showed real dash in a number of games, and is one of the fiercest tacklers in the team. He positions himself well to receive the ball and loves his footy. He is a strong guy who shows strong commitment to the team and is part of the fabric of the team. Over the coming years Blake will continue to develop and is a likely key position player. It has been special privilege to watch his development this year!

Riley Swanson

Riley has shown a lot of potential this year and is a strong part of the team. Like his twin brother he is a strong tackler who positions himself well to receive the ball, and fights hard for the team. He has developed significantly this year and is a likely key position player as he is tall and solid. He will continue to develop if he shows the commitment he displayed this year.



Chris Wilkinson

“Wilko” came to the team this year and it has been great to have him at the club. He is a four quarter player who puts team first on all occasions, and this selflessness has made him popular amongst teammates. He tackles hard, positions himself well, and celebrates well. He kicked a number of great goals at important times during games and is the type of kid that is a pleasure to coach. Wilko is a big part of the group and has an important place in the future.

Isaac Worland

Isaac is one of a number of our recruits from other clubs and was a great contributor. Isaac was always in the middle of the action, and worked hard to involve teammates in his play. He has a good kick, and took some telling marks. He runs at pace and doesn't mind getting involved in contests. He is popular with the team as he is a talker and motivator. It was a pleasure having him on the team and he will be an important cog in the future.



Under 10 Maroons

Coach: Paul Greaney

Manager: Paul Audus



The 2015 season has seen these boys grow to become a team of great mates. The bonds that have been developed throughout the season have laid a great foundation for this group of young men to have a tremendous future with the West's club.

The U10 Maroons and the U10 Bulldogs trained together throughout the season and it was difficult to tell them apart. The enthusiasm that they brought to each game was both inspiring and uplifting, on and off the field. Through hard work and determination, their skills improved each week throughout the season and they grew in confidence with each game. Every player should be very proud of the way that they played in the true spirit of the game and in their achievements this year. I have no doubt that there are many player from this year's U10's that will emerge as future stars of AFL.

The players have been incredibly supported by their parents and a special thanks to Paul Audus for his impeccable management of the team, way above any expectations.



Player List

Aiden Murphy

Aiden was one of the most improved players over the season. He showed great determination in improving both his skills as an AFL player and his contribution to the success of the team. His presence on the field, particularly in contesting for the ball and tackling, meant he was a force to be reckoned with. In years to come, Aiden will continue to be an impact player for his team. Keep it up Aiden!

Danny Lawther

Relocating from Perth, Danny enjoyed his first season as a valued member of the Wests AFL club. Danny was solid in defence and when under pressure his gritty determination ensured a great result for the team. Danny's confidence grew throughout the season and his continued commitment to developing his skills will see his further development as an integral member of the team.

Ewan Parker

Ewan's grit, determination and focus on winning the ball is to be congratulated as he never shied away from a physical contest. Having coached Ewan for the past few years, I have enjoyed watching him develop into a player who can change the course of the game. In a one on one contest for the ball, Ewan was rarely beaten and his bravery on the field was inspirational to his team mates. With a good marking ability and kick, Ewan is a pleasure to watch play footy.

Harrison Philpot

Harrison proved himself to be the best ball kicker in the team. He made the most of every ball possession and consistently turned defence in to attack. Over the past few years Harrison has bonded well with his team mates and enjoys the camaraderie of the game. Over the coming years, Harrison's natural ability will see him further develop as an integral part of the team.

Joseph Greaney

Joseph is a proven play-maker for the team. Throughout the season he was able to read the play well and was consistently a strong contesteer of the ball. Joseph exemplified the team spirit by always looking to offload the ball to a player in a better position and equally knew where to position himself to create the most of every opportunity. Joseph's ability to kick goals inspired the team and his leadership both on and off the field raised the standard of his mates.

Lucas Norman

Lucas had a strong presence within the team. He displayed a calm nature on the field and his leadership was a big impact on the team dynamics. Lucas's game plan is well considered and deliberate. As one of the bigger players, Lucas knows how to control the play and stamp his authority on the game.



Oliver Hunter

Oliver possesses great skill and agility on the ball. As a quick and nimble play maker, Oliver was rarely beaten in contest and showed great ability in turning the game around, particularly when under pressure. Oliver is greatly respected and his team mates were drawn to his exuberant nature and love of football. His natural skills will see Oliver become a real star performer in the West's club.

Thomas Walsh

Tom is a born defender. He loves nothing more than to stop the opposition from kicking goals. At training, Tom formed great friendships with his team mates and continued this team spirit on the field. Tom's love of AFL was inspirational. When the game got tough, Thomas lifted the entire team. Well done on a great season Tom!

Tyler Audus

Tyler became increasingly stronger with every game. He is gifted with natural skills and talent that will continue to shine as Tyler progresses with his football. As Tyler grows with confidence he will be the player who can change the game around with his natural play making ability. Tyler is a courageous player, popular with his teammates and an integral member of our team.

Tyler Dent

Watch out for Tyler Dent, as he is destined to become a club champion. AFL is in his blood and he makes the most of every opportunity. Tyler is a prolific goal scorer and solid defender. He has an uncanny ability to capitalise on the loose ball. Tyler is never beaten in a one-on-one contest, is as tough as any player and has the ability to lift the entire team to greatness. Well done Tyler on a great season.




Under 11 Maroons

Coach: Kyle McHardy


Asst. Coach: Stuart Giles




Manager: Jenny Conrad







WESTS JUNIORS A.F.C.

UNDER 11 MAROON - 2015









Back Row: Jenny Conrad (Manager), Max Marriner, Jack Fewster, Nicholas Conrad, Dominic Byrne, Ryan Breaden, Kyle McHardy (Coach).

Front Row: Lachlan Cuppari, Oliver Skillecorn, Zac Crosby, Luke Prescott, Sam Batiste, Eden Channon, Hutton Buckingham.

Absent: Harrison Herd, Sam Giles, Stuart Giles (Coach).

Just Photography

The 2015 football season has come and gone, and all in all, it was a successful season for the Epic Under 11 Maroons. Win/Loss ratio might not have gone completely in our favour, but individual improvements, combined with a team structure and focus that looks exceptionally good for next year and beyond, has this team sitting pretty for the future.

With the core of our Maroon group being maintained from previous years along with the wonderful addition of boys who switched their allegiances to the Bulldogs from Springfield, this was always going to be a developing and interesting year. To all the teams' credit, it took about 2 training sessions and a quarter of football in round 1 against Forest Lake to show that we had a very special bunch of footballers on our hands. The individual comments below will give some insight into how each boy added to this team and highlight their footballing strengths, but it is as a TEAM we can look back on 2015, and really count our successes.

However wonderful these boys are, I always believe it is a reflection of the families and homes they come from. It's no miracle each of these fine young men are the way they are, not only as footballers, but off the field as well. As a coach, it has been a pleasure dealing with all of the parents and families this season, and you should all be commended on the way you have set up



your boys for the rest of their lives. They truly are a wonderful group and I hope they stick together and get the results they deserve.

To all of you, who have assisted in anyway this season, know that it is appreciated greatly by me and the boys. The games simply wouldn't be as enjoyable without your assistance. Special mention to Jess for being a front half of season runner, and all the team hope you are safe and well overseas serving our country. To Jenny Conrad who is the greatest team manager known to man. Once again for your tireless efforts and commitment to the boys, thank you very much. Without you the season would be nowhere near as successful or as enjoyable. Last but not least, Stuart. Without his guidance, trust and friendship I would not be involved with this great young team. I hope we all know how privileged we are to have him involved, not only with our team, but with our club, I certainly am very grateful.

Congratulations all on a wonderful year, bring on 2016! 1,2,3 BULLDOGS!!!!

Player List

Sam Batiste

Clean, tough team man. Wonderful skills and goal sense. Added a string to his bow by playing across halfback, and began many of our goal scoring raids with his run and carry and smart delivery from defence through the midfield. Injury couldn't stop him from a wonderful season. 2016 looks promising. Similar AFL Player: Jack Steven (St Kilda)

Hutton Buckingham

Speed, Balance and unheralded courage. When Hutton was up and running, so to were the Maroons. A barometer for our side each week. Started many of our attacks from midfield, and carried the ball for monstrous amounts of metres gained. A real exciting young footballer. Similar AFL Player: Luke Parker (Sydney Swans)

Dominic Byrne

Improves leaps and bounds each year. A Coaches dream and a wonderful young footballer. Team first attitude, and can play anywhere. Was wonderful when on ball, and unbeatable off half back. Silent assassin on a footy field who has a very bright future. Similar AFL Player: Pearce Hanley (Brisbane Lions)

Eden Channon

Quiet achiever, although as vocal as anyone during drills at training and gets his team going. In and under, straight at it, sums him up. When Eden is up and about, the team benefited greatly in 2015. Hardly beaten one on one. Similar AFL Player: Jed Adcock (Brisbane Lions)

Ryan Clune

Massive development this season from big Ryan. Went from a tall defender to starting ruck, and really gave us toughness and heart in the midfield. If ever he lost the tap to a taller ruckman, you could bet your last dollar he would be first to follow up and regain possession for his team. Similar AFL Player: Matthew Leuenberger (Brisbane Lions)



Nicholas Conrad

Tall, Strong and a brilliant reader of the play. Whether behind the ball and repelling attacks, or up forward causing havoc, he is a pillar of strength for our team. Leaves all he has out on the field and lifts his team mates with his presence. One on one is unbeatable in the air or on the ground. Similar AFL Player: Stefan Martin (Brisbane Lions)

Zac Crosby

“Animal”, as he is affectionately known. As tough as they come, and never gets beaten. Can play anywhere and always does an outstanding job for his team. Often got the tough jobs and never let us down. When he tackles, the opposition stayed tackled. Reads the play as well as anyone in the team, and lead from the front each match. Similar AFL Player: Rory Sloane (Adelaide Crows)

Lachy Cuppari

Athletic and a smooth mover. Has more talent than he realises. This is scary, because he showed plenty in 2015. Quick and fit with an appetite to learn. Gave us energy when on the ball and roamed the wings as good as anyone in the comp. Similar AFL Player: David Zaharakis (Essendon Bombers)

Jack Fewster

Talented and doesn't waste it. Trains as hard as anyone, and works harder on game day. Wayne Carey like season when at centre half forward and as dominant when pushed back or onto the ball. When we needed something, he delivered. Strong, with wonderful skills and an insatiable appetite for the contest. Another great year. Similar AFL Player: Jobe Watson (Essendon Bombers)

Sam Giles

A breakout year for Sam G. Went from an established goal kicking forward, to a dangerous creative midfielder who could still snag a goal, and was as creative and reliable when off half back in 2015. Trained and played regularly with the U/12s, and this helped him take his game to a new level each week. A very clean pair of hands were his big improvement, became a 'one grab' player allowing him to take advantage of his football nous. Similar AFL Player: Luke Breust (Hawthorn Hawks)

Harrison Herd

Year to year Harry's development has been fantastic. This year he made a niche for himself as a pressure forward and really grew in confidence, often roaming the field to get involved and help his team mates. Played well above his height and weight and always gave his all. Similar AFL Player: Lewis Taylor (Brisbane Lions)

Max Marriner

'Bruce' as he is affectionately known in our group, stemming from 1) his Batman training attire and 2) his off field nature compared to his on field exploits. A year where highlights were plentiful, Max's long awaited goal brought myself and Stuart the biggest highlight of the year. His willingness to learn and take on challenges will leave him in good stead for the future. Similar AFL Player: Dayne Zorko (Brisbane Lions)



Luke Prescott

Found his home at Full Back this season. Not only saving numerous goals, but taking intercept marks that often ended up in our forward line, resulting in a goal. Developed as much as anyone this year and was one of the most reliable players every single week. Always competed hard and never gave up. Very consistent season. Similar AFL Player: Nathan Brown (Collingwood Magpies)

Oliver Skillecorn

“The Rock”. Defender who was always playing his role. Used his size and strength to his advantage, and is a true competitor. Opposition coaches often commented on how well he played his position and no opponent got the better of him. As the year progressed so did his ball winning and game sense. A quality addition to the WJAFC Maroons. Similar AFL Player: Josh Gibson (Hawthorn Hawks)

A GREAT YEAR BY ALL!

Thanks
Kyle



Under 11 Whites

Coach: Rob Campbell

Training: Kyle McHardy and Stuart Giles

Team Manager: Kara Campbell



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Back Row: Hugo Russ, John Whelan, Lachlan Scroggie, James Douglas, Thomas Brentnall, Kyle McHardy (Coach).
Front Row: Angus Campbell, Joshua Campbell, George Labrom, Oscar Russo, Rigby Wilson, Julian Dargi.

Jackie Photography

Thank you to our team parents for encouraging the boys to play AFL this season. It was great to have such a supportive and keen group of parents and this is reflected in how good a season the boys had.

Thank you to Kyle and Stuart who ran the Wednesday night training for both under 11 teams as a single group. The boys got fantastic value from this and Kyle was a very worthy winner of the club Junior Coach of the Year award.

Thank you to Kara, our team manager. Under 11 football involves 15 players on the field plus a bench (if possible). We had a core list of 12 players for our team, and of these, 6 also played other Saturday sport and could not always make it. So Kara put in a major effort each week to arrange for players from other teams to come and help us.

It was quite remarkable to see this group of boys come together and form a team that naturally played such disciplined, selfless and competitive football. A good example of this was the game against Calamvale, where we were severely undermanned, but the boys mustered a "Vince-Lombardi-style-effort" to come away with a win. Not pretty, but amazing to see from boys of this



age, especially with half of them in their first year of AFL and half also being under 10s. Junior sport is about fun, and there was plenty of fun had singing “we’re a pack of bulldogs” that day.

Player List

Angus Campbell

An experienced player with good mobility, who really stepped up when we needed him to. Reminds us of: Chad Wingard, Port Adelaide.

George Labrom

A dangerous running player who brings his team mates into the game. Reminds us of: Cyril Rioli, Hawthorn.

Hamish Harp

A mobile basketballer who gained a lot of confidence as the season progressed. Can play at either end of the ground. Reminds us of: Scott Pendelbury.

Hugo Russ

A true character and quick learner, most improved player this season, can play at either end of the ground. Reminds us of: Luke Hodge.

James Douglas

An attacking weapon with a lethal stiff arm and tackle, who plays rugby as a warm up for AFL games. Reminds us of: Josh Kennedy, Sydney.

John Whelan

An experienced key position player who can take a strong overhead pack mark, which is rare at this age. Reminds us of: Tom Hawkins, Geelong.

Joshua Campbell

A contested ball winner with skills on both sides of his body. Reminds us of: Sam Mitchell, Hawthorn.

Julian Dargi

A talented midfielder with great pace and a good ability to read the play. Reminds us of: Chris Judd, Carlton.

Lachlan Scroggie

An experienced key position player with great physical presence. Reminds us of: Travis Cloke, Collingwood.

Oscar Russo

A fast ball winner who can tackle well. Can play anywhere on the ground. Reminds us of: Patrick Dangerfield, Adelaide.



Rigby Wilson

A pure ball winner with great courage and determination. Reminds us of: Joel Selwood, Geelong.

Thomas Brentnall

An elite athlete with good height. Can play anywhere on the ground. Reminds us of: Nick Naitanui.

Players from Other Teams

We had some great players from other teams play for us throughout the season, thank you, we loved having you guys in our team.



Under 12 Division 2 Premiers

Coach: Ian Selth

Assistant Coach: David Pfitzner

Skills Coach: Grant Vesper

Manager: Peter Snedden



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UNDER 12 DIVISION 2 - 2015





Back Row: David Pfitzner (Assistant Coach), Kodi Mogis, Kenji Burgess, Daniel Harris, Hamish Buntain, Erik Hensley, Ryan Daniskevicius, Mark McCabe (Runner).

Second Row: Peter Snedden (Manager), Will Cruice, Aidan Walsh, Jack McCabe, Tom Pfitzner, Daniel Meggitt, Liam Morrow, Gus Rayson, Ian Selth (Coach).

Front Row: Oliver Cruice, Charles Connell, Nicolas Snedden, Hugh Weibgen, Charlie Selth (Captain), Jack Martin (Vice Captain), Caleb Black, Mitchell Vesper, Archer Wood.

JMS Photography

The Under 12's participated in Division 2 in 2015. The top 4 teams in this Division were very even which meant nearly every week was an exciting challenge. We finished the minor round in second place, with 10 wins and 4 losses.

The boys' best football was better than any other team in the competition. Our kicking skills around the ground stood out and we had a great mix of both inside and outside players. But ultimately, it was our hunger for the contest and our tackling pressure that secured the Under 12 Division 2 Premiership.

As a team, we played some really good football at times. Our skills were a notch above our opposition. Defensively, we were almost air tight except for the second semi-final. At times, we



struggled to put the score on the board we would have liked, but when we got our run going we were able to score freely.

As a team, we had an outstanding commitment to training and all players supported each other in a really positive way. This was fantastic and meant that all player's contribution to the team was valued by their teammates. Our leadership group of Charlie Selth (Captain), Jack Martin (Vice Captain), Hamish Buntain, Ryan Daniskevicius, Nic Snedden and Mitch Vesper excelled in their roles.

Congratulations go to Charlie Selth and Hugh Weibgen who tied in the AFLBJ's Under 12 Division 2 Medal. This was an outstanding achievement for both boys. Congratulations also to Caleb Back, Mitch Vesper and Hugh Weibgen on making their respective Regional teams and attending the Under 12 State Carnival held in Toowoomba.

Special thanks to Peter Snedden who did an outstanding job as team manager. Also, thanks to our team's assistant coach David Pfitzner who was able to share his infinite football knowledge with the boys and Grant Vesper for his outstanding work with the player's skills. In addition, a special thanks to Brad Wood and Mark Weibgen who were a great help on the training track and Mark McCabe for fulfilling the role of runner on match days. And finally, to all the parents who helped out on goals, boundary, running water, first aid, canteen or ground marshall a big thank you as well.

Player List

1. Eric Hensley

Eric was a first year player who has a natural ability to read the fall of the ball, which often saw him popping up in the right place at the right time. This was highlighted by Erik's opportunist goal in the Grand Final when we were on a roll. As he develops his skills and game understanding, Eric will develop into a very good footballer.

2. Nic Snedden

Nick was one of the side's most consistent players. Playing off half back and through the midfield, Nick has great evasive skills and rarely loses a one on one contest. He is a great endurance runner who, and as he develops his ability to read the play, will become a really damaging player. Nic was a member of the team's leadership group and played his best football for the season in the finals.

3. Hamish Buntain

Hamish is a talented footballer, who played as a key forward and in the ruck on occasions. He did his best work close to goal where his ability to take a pack mark was telling on occasions. When on the ball as a ruckman, he was able to provide a real physical presence at the stoppages. Hamish's developing leadership skills were rewarded by being part of the leadership group.



4. Charles Connell

A speedy small forward, who when he backed himself was able to “burn off” his opponents and become a thorn in opposition sides. Possessing a very good kick, Charles was able to impact on the scoreboard regularly. As he grows on confidence and develops his tackling, Charles will become an outstanding player as speed and good kicking skills are critical for success in his role.

5. Sam Giles

A regular Under 11 player, Sam was always valuable when he “filled in” for the Under 12’s. A very smart footballer, Sam was able to put himself into the right spots to win the football ahead of his much bigger opponent and also score the odd goal.

6. Hugh Weibgen

Joining Wests from The Gap, Hugh is a hard at it player who possesses a great ball sense and damaging left foot kick. Playing mainly through the midfield and occasionally forward, Hugh was able to impact the scoreboard regularly to top our goal kicking list. Hugh was selected in the Met North Under 12 side, where he won their MVP award playing across half back. Hugh also won the AFLBJ Under 12 Division 2 Best and Fairest Medal. He was also awarded Best on Ground in the Grand Final by the AFLBJ.

7. Liam Morrow

A hard-nosed defender who can also run on the wing, Liam is a great tackler. Never afraid of the contest, Liam attacks the ball aggressively and is capable of winning the contested ball better than most. Liam developed enormously late in the season, with his ability to stay on an opponent and mark the ball really standing out. With more consistent execution, he will develop into a very good player.

8. Mitch Vesper

A genuine two sided player, Mitch rarely wasted a possession with his precision kicking. He is one of the hardest trainers I have seen at this level and a sponge to improve his knowledge of the game. Playing mainly as a midfielder/running half back, the efficiency of his disposal meant he was a very damaging player as he was able to penetrate opposition defences through both his precise kicking and good decision making. Mitch was selected in the Met West Under 12 side.

9. Oliver Cruice

The youngest player in our team, the always smiling Ollie was only a month too old to play Under 10’s. Despite his tender age, he proved to be one of the side’s most valuable players. He was one of the rocks of our defence. With genuine courage, outstanding skills and an innate ability to read the play, Ollie will become a very talented footballer over the coming years.

10. Charlie Selth (C)

Charlie was an outstanding leader for the team. His great understanding of the game meant he was able to help his teammates get into the right position and ensure the team’s structures were followed. He also played his role exceptionally well, winning a lot of inside ball and distributing to his outside runners as well as stopping countless opposition attacks with his intercept marking. Charlie won the AFLBJ Under 12 Division 2 Best and Fairest Medal.



11. Archer Wood

Archer was one of the team's most improved players during the year. Zipping around the forward line as a small forward, Archer was often crumbing the ball off the hands of the taller players. He also showed a great ability to play as a leading forward despite his small stature. As he grows, I am sure Archer will become a very good player capable of running through the midfield.

14. Angus Rayson

"Gus" provided one of the season's highlights with his running goal against Calamvale. Gus showed glimpses of his ability on occasions throughout the season. As his skills continue to develop and with improved fitness, Gus could become a very consistent and good player as his attack on the ball is very good.

16. Jack McCabe

Jack made the wing his own throughout the season. Tall, lean, quick and with a penetrating kick, Jack's confidence grew every game and he really hurt the opposition with his run and carry and his ability to break the lines. As one of the team's most improved players, I am confident Jack will develop an inside game to complement his outside run.

17. Tom Pfitzner

Tom developed into a damaging wingman throughout the season. Still an Under 11, he possesses silky skills and literally glides across the field. He played some great football throughout the season, particularly as an offensive player. However, in the Finals his ability to apply defensive pressure came to the fore. As he becomes more confident in his attack on the football, he will develop into an outstanding footballer.

18. Ryan Daniskevicius

Ryan is a very talented footballer who had a really good season. A classic swingman who is able to play key forward, key back or as a flanker at either end of the ground, his versatility really added to the team's mix. A great tackler, he also possesses a sharp burst of speed on occasions. A member of the leadership group, Ryan always set a good example for his teammates.

19. Aiden Walsh

One of the younger players in the team, Aiden made the half back flank his own during the year to become one of the side's most reliable players. Displaying occasional flashes of brilliance, Aiden has a good football brain and was amongst the most consistent players in the team. In future years, I am sure Aiden will be able to develop his game as an inside midfielder.

21. Will Cruice

The older of the "Cruice Boys", Will was a delight to have in the team. Like his brother Ollie, the elder Cruice was always smiling. A good athlete who possesses speed, a beautiful kick and a great set of hands, he has all the tools to be an outstanding footballer. Late in the season Will improved his ability to win the contested ball, and with this element added to his game the sky is the limit for him as a footballer.



23. Dan Meggitt

Still an Under 11, Dan played a variety of roles throughout the season and never let the team down. A great runner, when Dan backed himself he could be electrifying, using his speed to advantage both in defence and offence. A couple of run down tackles were among his highlights during the season, as he proved to be equally adept in both the forward line and back line.

24. Ben Good

Ben was one of our team's most improved and dependable players. Playing mainly at Full Back, Ben displayed great defensive nous which meant our defence was one of the best in the competition. When let off the leash, Ben proved to be a very effective tap ruckman. Ben showed a great hunger for the contest, and whilst not always pretty in his execution, he was always effective in what he did.

25. Kodi Mogis

A great team man, Kodi was our first choice Centre Half Back but also showed an ability to swing in the ruck. A good reader of the play, Kodi was impassable on occasions. Throughout the season, he developed both his marking and kicking and proved to be one of our side's best tacklers. Kodi developed into one of the team's most important players. He was exceptional on many occasions throughout the year, and never appeared flustered in any situation.

28. Marcus Berahulak

A multi-talented sportsman, Marcus is a natural athlete who possesses the potential to develop into a dominant player. Missing a number of games due to injury and other sporting commitments, when fit Marcus proved he was capable of being the dominant ruckman in the competition, as well as a very damaging key forward. In the finals, Marcus had a breakthrough series of games which really highlighted just how big his potential is.

29. Kenji Burgess

On occasions Kenji showed his potential by taking some good marks, kicking the odd goal and providing a forward line target. During the season, Kenji worked hard to improve his skills and with this level of commitment, he could develop into a very good player. He also showed some good pace on occasions, and when he learns to really attack the ball he will become a very dangerous player. Unfortunately, Kenji injured his knee late in the season, missing the finals.

30. Jack Martin (VC)

Another injury marred season for Jack, who at his best can be one of the most dominant key position players in the competition. After a season where he struggled to get momentum, Jack was swung to Centre Half Forward late in the season and proved what a good player he is. He provided the team with a great presence in the forward line. As vice-captain, when his confidence grew he gave the team some great leadership on the field.



31. Dan Harris

Dan could always be relied on to make a contest when the ball was in his area. Enjoying the physical aspects of the game, Dan showed an ability to apply the big tackle. Dan has developed a good grasp of some of the games finer points, and if he develops his skills he could really take advantage of his understanding of the game and become a very good player. I am excited by the potential Dan has to develop into a very good player.

35. Paddy O'Toole

One of the most likeable characters you would ever meet, Paddy's season ended almost as it started. A broken arm in the second grading game unfortunately proved to be the end of his season. We look forward to seeing Paddy back on the track in 2016!

38. Caleb Back

Another Under 11, Caleb is a player who possesses a great amount of potential. He has all of the skills to be an outstanding player. Able to use both sides of his body, he combines speed, skill and tackling. As he learns more about the game itself, especially improving his knowledge of where and when to run and learns to maintain his effort over a full four quarters, Caleb will progress into the very upper echelon of players within his age group.

Top up players

Thanks to Angus Campbell from the Under 11's who filled in for us once throughout the season when we were down on numbers.



Under 13 Division 1

Coach: Cam Bulley

Assistant Coach: Darren Fletcher & Rob Ford

Manager: Ian Judson



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UNDER 13 DIVISION 1 - 2015



Back Row: Anthony Caprioli, Connor Bulley, Jack Ryan.
Third Row: Robert Ford (Assistant Coach), James Ledingham, Ethan Harris, Max Law, Lachlan Newcomb, Darren Fletcher (Assistant Coach).
Second Row: Jason Hunter (Runner), Rupert Wells, Ben Wilkinson, Joshua Braithwaite, Cameron Bulley (Coach), Tom Evans, Alex Guy, James Theile, Ian Judson (Manager).
Front Row: Flynn Randall, Jacob Fudali, Harrison Hunter, Tyler Wallis, Bayley Judson (Vice Captain), Matthew Fletcher, Liam McBrien, Finn Tapp, Mitchell Laborn.
Absent: Lachlan Ford (Captain).

Just Photography

Our Team benefitted from the arrival of several quality, experienced players from other clubs over the preseason in 2015. We also saw a number of boys step up to take on more responsibility, which allowed the workload to be shared amongst the boys and enable us to play as a team.

Coming off a season where the boys came 2nd last in 2014, we eventually fell just short of a Grand Final berth. All involved should be extremely proud of their year as we learnt many lessons which came from a wide array of experiences that only a season of AFL can bring. Injuries, sickness, massive wins & massive losses, heat, cold, rain, lack of players, too many players, self doubt, over confidence, anger, frustration, elation and disappointment were just some of the factors which stealed the boys for their finest game of the year.

I can't remember a game these boys have played which better displayed their Bulldog spirit, commitment to the team and passion, than their Preliminary Final loss to Aspley. What an effort!



I am sure we will hear a lot about this group of boys in years to come and on behalf of the team I'd like to thank Ian Selth and the entire Wests Juniors Committee, the parents of the boys, Darren, Rob, Jason (Steve) and Ian Judson for making season 2015 such a memorable year.

Player List

Josh Braithwaite

Josh's first season of AFL was as good as anyone could have imagined. With a thirst to have the ball in his hands, Josh's skills from rugby and soccer complimented his natural sporting ability. Clean hand and foot skills belied the fact he had not played AFL before. Everyone who has seen Josh play is keen to see him pull on the maroon & white in 2016 and take his game to even greater heights. A season to be proud of Josh.

Connor Bulley

After breaking his foot in the preseason and missing the first game v Jindalee, Connor became a real focal point for the team in attack. His overhead marking, accurate foot passing and team play was great to watch. Connor's breakout game v Redlands where he kicked 6 goals including one on his left showed how dominant he can be. Expect big things from Connor as his AFL career continues to blossom.

Anthony Caprioli

Caps' season started like a freight train and only slowed because of injury and illness. A popular member of the team, Caps gained defensive skills in the u14s as well as pinch hitting in the backline at stages through the year. A beautiful overhead mark, deadly accurate and long kick as well as being very physical, Caps will only get better in 2016. Scary thought!

Mitch Labrom

Asked to play a variety of roles this season, Mitch applied his typical no nonsense style to each situation. Mitch is a born leader who has the respect of the entire coaching and playing roster. To see this guy run at the ball without any short steps inspires everyone watching and he is a role model the team should learn from.

Bayley Judson

Juddy is the most reliable player in the team. You know what you are going to get each contest from our Vice Captain and that is 100% effort. Having more help this year than in previous seasons, Juddy was able to play different roles and learn different skills. His team first attitude showed Bulldog spirit and he is loved by everyone involved for his passion, desire, skill and reliability. Great season Juddy!

Lachlan Ford

Lachlan was named Captain and developed his footballing and leadership skills through the season. He played a number of roles which he learnt from and was able to bring other team members into the game through his voice, attack on the ball and skill. A much revered player by team mates and opposition, Lachlan possesses numerous qualities that make him not only a great footy player but a great young man also. Well played Fordy!



Lachlan Newcomb

Newcs is a popular player of the 2015, u13s. He has pushed to get the most out of himself. His highlight came v Calamvale early in the season when he not only took a great overhead mark but also kicked a superb goal from an acute angle. Keep working hard and you will achieve your goals, Newcs.

Tom Evans

Tommy possesses great speed and agility and his best games are full of skill. A broken thumb curtailed his season and we missed his drive in his absence. Tom has all the traits to be a great footballer and with confidence and self-belief, expect big things from Tom.

Jack Ryan

Jacko cemented his spot in defence this year and gained confidence in his own ability as the year rolled on. A telling game in Jack's development was v Morningside where he played on a highly skilled player and put his body in the line of fire a number of times. Another player who can develop with confidence and belief. Well done, Jacko!

Rupert Wells

Rupert, like most of the boys, played a variety of roles for the team this season. A thoughtful and quiet young man, Rupert excelled in space and a clean overhead mark late in the Preliminary Final showed the great skill he possesses. Another who has the ability and can go to another level with self belief, he also has the fitness to get to many contests and impact them also.

Alex Guy

Alex played on the ball most of the year and was very consistent across most of our games. A very experienced player, rarely did Alex panic. His decision making was second to none and his quiet confidence and first rate training ethic was a real example for the rest of the team. Part of the leadership group, Alex is a class act.

Ben Wilkinson

"Wilko"! What can I say about the guy that can do anything? Again, a popular member of the team, he found his spot down back this year. Highlights from Wilko included a couple of big flies that would have won mark of the year if they'd stuck, some superb defensive punches and a few long dashes from deep in defence. Wilko is passionate about his footy and there is always something happening when he is around. Great season, Wilko. You are a beauty!

Finny Tapp

Finny came to the club from Everton and fitted in from day 1. He has the ability to get the loose ball and reads the play very well. Whilst playing most of the season close to goal, Finny also had great games in defence as well as in the mid field. Finny is a real character whose company was enjoyed by all who were in his presence and his footballing ability is of a very high standard. Training nights were great as we never knew what outfit he would turn up in.



James Ledingham

This was James's 6th season of AFL and he brought up his 50th game. A very late start due to a broken thumb also, James' training commitment needs to be highlighted. Leddo hardly missed a session when returning and pushed himself at each training to get the most from himself. Illness at the wrong end of the season was disappointing for Leddo.

Liam McBrien

What a bonus it was to have Liam at Wests in 2015. A loyal Jindalee player for many years, Liam's switch to the Bulldogs meant we were able to see a class act play every week. Incredible balance, sublime skills, massive work ethic and one of the nicest kids you could meet. Liam is a team player who is just as happy getting down into the backline to help as he is pushing forward to have a shot at goal. We're very lucky to have the McBrien's at Wests and I assure you that Liam will be an important player for Wests for years to come. Great season Limo!

Flynn Randall

Flynn made a big call to leave his much loved Ferny Grove club to play with us this year. What impressed everyone about Flynn was his desire to better himself and play his role. Flynn attacks the ball when in his vicinity and is his harshest critic. A real personality who wears his heart on his sleeve, Flynn excelled in a team and competition which were a big step from his previous season. As an added bonus, Wests also got his Mum & Dad and the Randall's have been a massive acquisition to Wests Juniors.

Harry Hunter

Yet another player who made a call to leave his previous club. H became a much loved team member almost instantly and his presence at training and games lifted those around him. H was a strong and consistent performer all year and on the big stage of Div 1 finals, H was a leading light. Part of a lovely family, H and Jason made big impacts with the team in 2015 and his continued improvement can only bode well for a successful 2016. Great year H!

Max Law

Max played his first year of AFL and learnt a hell of a lot in a very short time. Max was thrust into a variety of positions and can be very satisfied with his performances. His breakout game was against Wilston Grange when he kicked 4 goals and was dominant. It took his Mum & Dad a week to get the smile off his face, apparently. Another great young man who became a popular team member straight away and has a real ability to play AFL. Congratulations Maxy.

James Theile

We must thank the Labrom family for getting James to Wests. A lightning quick, hard at it player who will only get better, James is a delight to coach. He listens and applies the lessons taught and his skills improved sharply considering this was his first year of AFL. With a preseason, James can expect to become an integral team member in 2016.



Matthew Fletcher

Matty is a Rolls Royce. He has the ability to break lines, hit targets on both sides of his body and impact the scoreboard. Matthew's body let him down at the end of the season and his loss to the team was immeasurable. Upon his return, albeit at half fitness, his mere presence was a lift for the boys. His Preliminary Final performance showed immense courage and his disappointment showed a real passion which is evident in all that he does. Expect to see big things from Matthew in 2016 as he is a wonderful player and young man.

Tyler Wallis

Tyler was an under ager playing his first year in AFL after a rugby league career. Tyler's development was amazing and you only needed to look at his kicking, handballing and marking at season's end v the start to see how far he had come. A really bubbly young man, he fitted in very well and should be a star in his own age group as he is happy to put his body on the line.

Jacob Fudali


The Smiling Assassin! Jacob is a wonderful young man who came to our club this year and seemed to love everything about AFL. Never without a smile, his passion for the game is infectious. He played forward and back and learnt to push himself to other levels in order to play his role. Jacob's Dad Julian was a huge part of the team this year and we are lucky to have 2 great guys like Jacob and Julian involved at Wests.



Under 13 Girls


Coach: Melissa Goode





Manager: Michelle Paterson




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UNDER 13 GIRLS - 2015











Back Row: Caitlin Barazza, Sophie Paterson, Caitlin Ford, Jessica Vick, Jade Somerville, Mel Goode (Coach).
Front Row: Abby Lennon, Tahlia Paterson, Mia Kearney, Emily Austin, Monique Judson, Elouise Griffiths-Smith.
Inserts: Alice Bonnett, Abby Wellington, Michelle Paterson (Manager).

Jusk Photography



The Under 13 youth girls were only formed in round two of the competition. The girls managed to get a convincing win and play well as a team despite never having played together before. Many of the girls were completely new to footy, but they all had a great attitude and developed a real love for the game.

The season predominately focussed on teaching the girls the basic skills and rules of the game. Whilst we had a rough start to the season and suffered a few losses, the girls always had a smile on their faces at the end of games and it was this attitude that lead to their weekly improvement and ultimately got them into the Grandfinal.

Massive thank you to Michelle Paterson for taking on the mangers role, and Stephen Vick for being the worlds greatest runner on game days. Thank you to the parents and brothers who ran water, goal umpired, ran boundary or were ground marshals. Finally, i'd like to thank the girls for a great season and making my first coaching experience so rewarding.



Player List

Emily Austin

Emily is a fierce competitor for the ball who absolutely loves her footy and celebrating a goal. Em plays both in the back line and up forward, not afraid to take her opponents on and she took a spectacular mark leading from full forward in our first finals game against Jindalee. Emily is a very confident girl and that shows in how she goes about playing footy.

Caitlin Barazza

"Razza's" signature move around training was the airplane, however on the field the "Razza special" involved palming her opposition off and clearing the ball out of danger. Another backline bandit who pushed into the midfield to use her strength and skills to get the ball forward. She often intercepted the opponents' kicks into our backline and always went hard at the ball. Razza was the team's "class clown" providing many laughs with her crazy antics.

Alice Bonnet

Alice was definitely one of the most improved players on the team, her first game she was so nervous she didn't want to go on the field. Alice played a majority of the season in the backline, however her best performance was a game she played in the forward where she showcased her attacking skills and kicked a couple of great goals.

Caitlin Ford

Caitlin started the season in the ruck, but really found her place in the team playing forward when she kicked several goals against Yeronga. As her confidence grew she became a better footballer and was more aggressive towards the footy which saw her kick more goals. Caitlin is a great team player, always supporting and encouraging her team mates and was always eager to train, unless, like most of the girls, it involved running.

Eloise Griffiths-Smith

Eloise, the little forward pocket not afraid to tackle the opposition often twice her size. Eloise was a regular at training, her attitude towards learning the game and new skills was admirable. Always there with a second effort, if she didn't beat her opponent to the ball she made her best effort to keep it in our forward line.

Monique Judson

Minnie is a small forward with a big kick and is a very good shot at goals. She always supports her team mates and does the little things that make her a great team player. Minnie has a strong shepherd which has helped many of her team mates kick goals as well. Always keen to learn new skills and loves footy.

Mia Kerney

Mia's determination to improve her game was evident very early in the season, she would often come off at the end of quarters and ask what she should do to beat her opponent. Mia is very quiet off the field but her aggression on the field and want for the footy is impressive. Not afraid to bump her opponent in a contest and loves the midfield. It was great to see Mia's confidence grow during the season and become the great player she is now.



Abby Lennon

"Beetles" was unfortunate to suffer an injury that saw her miss a few games this season, loves playing up forward and has great ball skills. Beetles isn't afraid to put her head over the footy and competes with even the biggest opponents. Often tells me she doesn't want to play in the midfield but is always seen around the ball regardless of where it is on the field. Abby was very quiet when she first came down to training but definitely got finals fever and really showed her crazy side.

Sophie Paterson

Sophie is the backbone of our defense, although a forward at heart as she demonstrated during our finals campaign, when she kicked a goal playing fullback. She is a strong competitor and reads the play well to ensure she is first to the ball. Sophie has strong kicking and handball skills but it is her aggression and tackling ability that made her such a great fullback.

Tahlia Paterson

What Tahlia lacks in size she makes up for in talent, making it quite easy to forget she is one of the youngest players on the team. Capable of playing anywhere on the field, it is her ability to read play and put herself in the right position that is her greatest attribute on the field. Loves to kick goals during games and fight with her sister, Sophie, during training.

Jade Somerville

Jade started the season in the backline, her pick up and carry of the ball saw her move into the midfield, Jade has a great run and kick ability and we had to quickly teach her to bounce because she was always finding plenty of space to run. Often first to the ball, aggressive and always puts her head over the footy. Jade loves to have a joke (mostly at my expense) but always listens and is a great asset to the team.

Jessica Vick

A consistent performer and a leader within the team, Jess was great in the backline often playing a centre/flank halfback role and sticks to her player like glue. She is a real team player, always does the one percenters and is a role model to the other girls within the team. Jess is the eyes of the team, especially on nights she doesn't wear her contacts.

Abby Wellington

Abby was our star ruckman throughout the season, has taken some fantastic marks, kicked a few goals and has a great long kick that often came in handy in delivering the footy into the forward line. Abby is great at getting the ball out of a contest, getting around her opponent and is always around the ball. Unfortunately Abby missed a few games this season due to other commitments but was definitely a key to our success later in the season.



Under 14 Division 1

Coach: Keith Wallis

Assistant Coaches: Andrew Bolton & Stephen Vick

Manager: Bill Wilson



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UNDER 14 DIVISION 1 & 2 - 2015



Back Row: Andrew Vick, Alexander Flintoff, Lachlan Tonkin, Grant Shelton, Sam Bolton, Andrew Bolton (Assistant Coach).
Second Row: Bill Wilson (Manager), Jack Paterson, Alexander Nelson, Jack Donaghue, Keith 'Happy' Wallis (Coach), Quinton Cugola, Matthew Burgin, Jake Somerville, Stephen Vick (Assistant Coach).
Front Row: Frank Rayson, Mitchell Lake, Tom Campbell, Harry Wilson (Vice Captain), Max Clayton (Captain), Kian Dennis (Vice Captain), Harrison Gobbie, Campbell Aston, Khai Beaumont.
Insert: Nicholas Buntain.
Absent: Will Mullaney.

J&B Photography

A disappointing end to what was a very successful and rewarding campaign for the 14's. The season was not without its challenges. Whilst we started early in the season, school commitments weighed heavily resulting in a lack of numbers at training and this was a consistent theme throughout the season. This is not intended as a criticism as it is readily apparent and understandable that school commitments take priority. However, it is testament to the skill of our coaches and our playing group that so much was achieved with on average a full complement of players training once a week.

This year we welcomed back our 2 Toowoomba boys Campbell Aston and Grant Shelton who have become key players with our team. Likewise Kian Dennis returned with enhanced skills and dominated in the ruck throughout the season. Later in the season saw the return of Will Mullaney as a welcome addition. Mitch Lake and Lachie Tonkin joined us from Kenmore, Harrie Gobbie from Morningside and Alexander Nelson from Everton Park. All 4 players quickly moulded into the team and made valuable contributions throughout the season.



The season started off well with a demolition of last year's grand final winners Aspley. Despite one training session a week with a full or near full squad, we enjoyed a high level of fitness and progressed our skill levels. We followed our coaches' instructions and played some exceptionally entertaining football. Sandgate took Aspley's place as our rivals this season. We lost by one point at the first meeting, had a forgettable second meeting loss when we were comprehensively beaten with an under strength side. Sandgate were the only two games that we dropped during the regular season. We had to fight hard for a number of our wins but often dominated our opposition. We finished second to Sandgate at the end of the regular season.

We went in as underdogs against Sandgate in the first final. Nevertheless we were in the zone and were good across the park. We went harder at the contest than Sandgate and rattled them. As the game progressed, our confidence grew and Sandgate's game fell apart missing a number of gettable scores late in the game. We prevailed and made it through to the Grand Final. Sandgate won a hard fought contest against Aspley in the preliminary final against the team they lost to in the 2014 Grand Final. The stage was set for an epic Grand Final and an epic Grand Final it proved to be. It was a fascinating contest between 2 well coached teams with a spread of very good players, all hungry for victory. Both teams lifted and provided a very good exhibition Grand Final football with the lead changing on several occasions throughout the game.

Our team came out in the final term ahead by a few points, kicked the first 2 goals and led by that margin until close to full time. In the final minutes Sandgate clawed back with 2 quick goals. The siren sounded with Wests ahead by 3 points and it seemed we had the Grand Final. However, as the siren sounded, a Sandgate player took a mark in the forward pocket on the boundary. To win he would have to goal from a long way out on a seriously tough angle. There was a sense that the task was too great but it proved not to be the case. The kick was low but well directed and went through the posts. It was a controversial score as our players maintained that it had been touched in flight before the line. It was a devastating loss but Sandgate proved worthy winners and are to be congratulated on their victory.

It was a Grand Final that will go down in AFLBJ history. The final minutes of the game went viral and even featured on the Fox Footy 360 show. Despite the extreme disappointment of a Grand Final loss in the most gut wrenching of circumstances, on reflection the season was a great success for our footy team. We have all reason to be extremely proud of the achievements of 2015.

Thanks to those U13 players namely Lachie Ford, Anthony Caprioli, Bayley Judson, Alex Guy and Connor Bulley who willingly played with us when we were short on numbers.

Thanks also goes to our parents for supporting our boys each week-end and in particular to the dedicated team of goal and boundary umpires, water runners, canteen helpers and others who each week give up their time to assist in the running of the team. Also special thanks to Steve Somerville for undertaking the Ground Marshall duties at home.



Finally on behalf of the boys and parents a big thank you to our coaches who again this year have done a marvellous job with our boys. Special mention goes to Andrew Bolton who this year achieved a Level 2 Coaching Accreditation with the AFL. Attaining this level is no walk in the park requiring many hours of dedicated work. Andrew has developed into a fine coach with a great passion for the game and a really great rapport with the boys.

Last but not least congratulations to our boys for a truly successful year of AFL footy.

Player List

Campbell Aston

What a great season of football for Gup this year. A great competitor with a remarkable ability to get aerial for a screamer. Playing inside and outside centre in the midfield confused the opposition no end, and with his flashy style and finesse more often added to our score line. Great to watch...

Khai Beaumont

Khai came down from the 15's this year. Khai's small frame was no impediment to his effort for the team. He played forward and back and always did what was asked by our coaches.

Sam Bolton

Sam is a solid all rounder with an accurate left foot kick. Sam showed courage in the tackle and displayed a strong overhead mark making him a key asset in the mid field. Sam makes his opponents work hard for possession. Another great season for Sam again playing up a year.

Nick Buntain

Nick took a mid season sabbatical to concentrate on studies and basketball. He returned to the team for the Finals and demonstrated he hadn't lost his skills. Nick's strong mark and ability to read the play made him an asset in the forwards.

Matthew Burgin

Matthew has been a loyal Wests clubman for a number of years and had a standout season with our group this year. He has developed very good marking skills, competes and reads the play well. He played in the back line and provided a great defence, especially in the finals.

Tom Campbell

Tom is a small forward with the ability to crumb the ball and steal sneaky goals. Tom started the season strong but suffered an off field injury and supported the team on crutches from the sideline. Tom returned late in the year to play his 100th game only to be concussed.

Max Clayton

Our Captain this season played with style and dash. He is a remarkable footballer inspiring his own team and the opposition. A ball magnet and beautiful kick off both feet, Max moves with time and space to produce results consistently. ALFBJ Best and Fairest this year with 29 votes. This speak volumes of his prowess and more importantly character. Classy effort Max.



Quinton Cugola

Quinn is the developer of the year and time and time again proved his role at full back. His speed out of dangerous situations, kicking to safety brought much applause from the crowd and the coaching box. A true Div One player, with a fantastic work rate. Awesome Season Quinn.

Kian Dennis

Kian's ability to get off the ground gave the team a huge edge in the Ruck contest this year, with his reach unequalled overhead. It is also his work rate below his knees that continually wins him easy ball. Kian has the biggest engine in the team and commits with passion. He is one of the most likeable larrikins in the group.

Jack Donoghue

Jack is Mr. Consistent and could always be relied on to be hard at the ball. His strong hands and a sharp kick made him versatile across the ground and a key midfielder. Jack has developed into a very handy player.

Alexander Flintoff

Alexander's penetrating left foot kick and ability to shut down the opposition forwards with strong hands and a fierce tackle made him an integral member of the back's line up. Another great season for Freddie.

Harrie Gobbie

Harry was a great addition to our team this year. He played in the half back flank and as the season progressed so did his skill level culminating in a very good finals series. He has good hands and usage of the ball and a handy kick. We hope to see him and his mum Louise and step-dad Paul at the club next season who were great supporters and contributors.

Mitchell Lake

Mitch is not our biggest player but what he lacks in size he makes up for in heart. A skillful player who can play all over the park – back, centre or forward. A canny ability to find and also defend the goals. A real character on and off the field and a great team player.

Will Mullaney

Will was a welcome addition to our team late in the season following his first year in AFL during 2014. He is a great athlete – strong and fast and with a few games under his belt he also made a valuable contribution to our finals campaign.

Alexander Nelson

Nelly – a tall solid full forward whose presence intimidated the opposition. He kicked a number of vital goals for our team and also played in the ruck as backup to Kian. He was extremely effective in this role, in particular during the Grand Final when he won considerable ball. He will continue to develop as a player.



Jack Paterson

Jack played out of his usual backline position this year, being moved into a more mobile role in the forwards where he continued to boast dependability. He is great overhead, completely committed and a very good decision maker. His ability to win the ball contributed to the team's success this year. Well done, Patto.

Frank Rayson

Frank is a small forward with a big heart. He was aggressive around play and quick to grab the loose ball. Frankie always got his head over the ball and often picked up a free kick around the goals. Frank's improvement this year was evident for all to see.

Grant Shelton

Grant's skill set is courage and strength. He is a tough contender for the ball showing little mercy for his opponent; however it was his strong aerial mark and straight kick that made him a key forward and goal scorer.

Jake Somerville

Jake had an unfortunate season suffering a serious shin injury in the early part. At that point he had continued where he left off last season with a typically strong kicking marking game as well as strong at the contest. Despite his injury, Jake attended every game and almost every training session. He is a great example of the Bulldogs spirit generated at our footy club.

Lachlan Tonkin

Lachie is a consistent forward and not afraid to get stuck in when the time is right. Lachie learnt to play his position and over time improved to be a good player in goal assists. He is competitive in his play and made steady progress as the season progressed.

Andrew Vick

Andrew is a gentleman with a wry smile and an easy nature. That is until he pulls on a Wests Jersey. He is relentless, punishing, fast and agile. He had pace off the backline to run through the lines and advance his team's position week after week. He has made outstanding progress this season. A true competitor.

Harry Wilson

Whatever Harry commits to in life is done at 100% except football where he takes it up another notch. Harry has a marvelous footy brain and reads play like few others. His ability to get across the paddock to punish the opposition is gutsy. He contests time and time again and without any question, takes out the best "Mark of the Year". Well Done H.



Under 16 Division 3

Coach: Jason Eldering (West's Juniors) & Sean Luhrs (Kenmore)

Assistant Coach: Mark Kennedy



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KENMORE/WESTS BEAR DOGS

UNDER 16 DIVISION 3 - 2015



Back Row: Lachlan Morrow, Oscar Prior, Joshua Hunter, Brendan Duncan, Zachary Wells.
Third Row: Sean Luhrs (Coach), Reiley Berry, Phillip Groves, Nicholas Austin, Aaron Luhrs, Oliver Rudling, Jason Eldering (Coach).
Second Row: Mark Kennedy (Assistant Coach), Alex Filippi, Cameron Edwards, Gus Cooper, Scott Harris, Lachie Mulder, Aiden Shogren, Danny Cooper (Runner).
Front Row: Curtis Eldering, Ryan Bell, Tom Lynch, Harry Watt (Captain), Tieman Coalter (Captain), Tom Saxby, Sam Fletcher, Nicholas Kennedy.
Absent: Alexander Penklis, William McMurtrie.

Ju 15 Photography

The BearDogs was a hybrid team between Kenmore Juniors (Bears) and West Juniors (BullDogs). The young BearDogs had an outstanding season competing in most cases 18 months above the team's average age. This under aged team played against older players all year, and to their credits they played with passion and the true West Juniors spirit.

Player List – Wests Juniors only

Ryan Bell

Had an outstanding year and played a key role for the team on the wing and forward line.

Curtis Eldering

Another great year for this young lad, who loves the contested ball and one on one battles.



Scott Harris

Continued to develop as a key position player, who held down roles at centre half forward and centre half back. His ability to win the ball below his feet is his key strength.

Alex Penklis

Due to a significant injury at Park Ridge early in the season Alex missed the season with a broken collar bone.

Cameron Edwards

Another consistent year for this gift young player, who has all the skills to develop into a top line player.

Nick Austin

Young Nick played 2 years above his age and showed his coaches and team mates why he will develop into a top line AFL player. His marking ability and wonderful handballs set up numerous set plays throughout the season

Zach Wells

Continues to develop his skills as a potential key position play. His over head marking and contested ball skills were a highlight throughout the year. 2016 could be the breakout year for this young player.

Alex Filippi

This young lad has all the speed and athletic ability to be a top line AFL player. To Alex's credit he also played 2 years up and his efforts throughout the year were outstanding.

Lachlan Morrow

Another positive year and contribution to the team. His selfless roles throughout the year helped the team to stay competitive in a number of games. He played key roles in the ruck and on ball throughout the season.

Oliver Ruding

Coming up to Qld from heartland AFL Victoria, Oliver continued to improve his AFL throughout the year. With further improvement with contest ball, Oliver will develop into a top line key position play.

Sam Fletcher

Coming to us from Tassie this year, this young man developed into a key forward and potential key on ball player. His break out game against Yeronga demonstrated to the coaches and players that this player has the gears, speed and footy smarts to make it to the big stage.



Under 16 Division 1

Coach: Charlie Aston

Assistant Coach: Mark Clayton & Darren Smart

Manager: Stuart Southey



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UNDER 16 DIVISION 1 - 2015



Back Row: Nicholas Verrenkamp, Tyler Gilmore, Mitchell Wren.
Third Row: Charlie Aston (Coach), Tom Dearnaley, Tom Reardon, Jacob Sheath, Jared Pascoe, Thomas Smart, Mark Clayton (Assistant Coach).
Second Row: Darren Smart (Runner), Nathan Cherry, Lachlan Barraza, Zane Vozvetca, Thomas Clark, Sandy Labrom, Ryan Cherry, Stuart Southey (Manager).
Front Row: Angus McAuliffe, Kale Ross, Ben Southey, Jack Clayton (Captain), Connor Ballenden (Vice Captain), Brock Aston (Vice Captain), Dan McLean, Conor Barry.

Just Photography

The U16 team can reflect on 2015 as a good one and be proud of their effort in a year where they went close to winning Queensland's toughest competition for their age group. With just an ounce of luck we would have been Premiers but unfortunately Maroochydore were our nemesis and their boys were just a bit more committed in the end. We entered the season with a small but strong list of 24 players and expectations of being a contender were high.

We had a core group of about a dozen players with a strong fitness base having done a good pre-season. The other dozen players starting training a bit later after transitioning from various summer sports. The team was also split about 50/50 by geography with half the team local Wests boys and the others being from Toowoomba. Although this aspect was a challenge at first, it didn't stop the boys becoming great mates both on and off the field.

We finished second at the end of the minor round with an 8-4 win/loss record after beating all teams at some stage of the year. Our depth was really tested at times due to sickness, injury



and unavailability with a few games requiring reinforcements from the U14 and Beardog teams to field more than 18 players. We thank Happy and Jason for their support with this. After a drop away in our mid-season form and a loss to Aspley, we turned things around with a couple of good performances over Sandgate and then an honourable loss to Maroochydore.

The highlight of the year was our qualifying final victory over Maroochydore at Burpengary. The bigger ground suited our running style of play and we showed just how good our best football could be. Our contested ball improved consistently during the year as did the defensive work rate.

I really believe that the majority of players learned a bit about themselves during the year and completed the season as better footballers. Thanks to Mark and Darren for their unwavering support in the coaches box as well as during the week at training, on the phone and via email. The communication in the group was excellent. Thank you also to Stuart who did an excellent job as Manager which is even more credible given the geographical challenges of living 120klm away from the club.

We also appreciated all the support of those parents who ran water, were support umpires (goal and boundary), ground marshalls, canteen workers, time keepers etc. and also to those who attended to player preparation and injuries.

Maroochydore's win at all costs attitude pushed the boundaries of fair play and tested the tolerance of us all which meant the Grand Final loss was a bitter pill to swallow, however we can hold our heads high as I feel we earned a great deal of respect from people both within and outside the Wests club.

Player List

Brock Aston

A clear winner of the best and fairest this year polling in 10 of the 12 games, Brock was outstanding in the middle part of the year when we had lot's of players missing. Although a little slow to start, he was in our top 3 players for 7 consecutive games between rounds 5 and 11. An "inside" midfielder who likes getting in for the contested ball he uses it well, especially when he has a bit of time and space.

Connor Ballanden

An outstanding talent and one of the most promising tall juniors in the country. At his best Connor is unstoppable. He is mobile and athletic as well as being dominant in the air. When he was "on" this year Connor was best on ground as reflected by 16 umpire votes. Consistency is the only ingredient he needs to find to achieve all of his goals.

Lachlan Barazza

Lachy returned to AFL in 2015 and can be happy with his year as a mid sized defender. He attacked the ball well and was reliable in turning back opposition attacks. He improved his fitness during the year which helped him in finals.



Connor Barry

We were really pleased with Connor's development. He gained confidence as the year went on and by the end he was willing to put himself right in to the contest as we had asked. His running and agility is a real strength.

Nathan Cherry

An interrupted season with injury restricting his output this year. Nathan hurt his leg at the state championships early in the year and was out for a long period. A tough midfielder and clever forward, he was a valuable player when available.

Ryan Cherry

Like his twin brother Nathan, Ryan is a tough midfielder who wins the footy and can break lines with awesome leg speed. He is dangerous around goals and in our best starting on ball group. He fitted in to the team really well and was in our best several times.

Jack Clayton

A top quality footballer, known and respected by all at Wests, Jack can play anywhere on the field and dominate a game. He started the season brilliantly and was leading our B&F until struck down with glandular fever mid season. He returned for the GF and although not at his best still contributed a couple of goals.

Tom Clarke

Tom has good speed for a tall boy and an excellent kick for goal. With a little more attack on the footy he can win more possession and have a big influence on matches with bags of goals. His season was continuing to improve until unfortunately suffering a serious knee injury just before the finals.

Tom Dearnaley

A 15 year old lad from the Darling Downs, Tom found his first year in U16 at this level a real challenge. He kept putting in the work on the training track and improved throughout. He will have learned a lot from the experience and be a better player next year.

Bailey Eldering

A strong forward in previous years, Bailey found himself at the other end as a back pocket in 2015. His attack on the ball was good and several times he charged through a pack and left forwards on the ground in his wake.

Tyler Gilmore

Tyler is another bottom ager who played as a "permit" player for us this year and when he did he was a good second or third "tall forward". His marking improved and he was able to slot through a few goals from limited chances. His second efforts and attack on the ground ball are areas to work on in the off season if going to have more impact in 2016.



Sandy Labrom

Always a popular team member, Sandy is somewhat unpredictable but clearly talented. Just when you thought he was out of a contest he would bob up for a mark or possession. Was used in a number of different positions this year in a "utility" role and can be a very important contributor next year with a full pre-season under his belt.

Angus McAuliffe

A tough and reliable defender and winger who also filled in as a midfielder when required. Angus always gives 100% and he demonstrates an attack on the ball that is a great example to others in the team.

Dan McLean

Dan played as a small forward this year after moving to us from Coorparoo. He was a very welcome addition to our squad and had some good moments when able to lead in to space and mark out in front.

Jarred Pascoe

An elite runner who never takes a backward step. A great pickup from Coorparoo this year and Jarred featured in our best players in several games. If he can work on his kicking he will go to another level as he gets plenty of the ball.

Tom Reardon

A great reader of the game who uses the ball really well but Tom was unable to perform at his best as injury ruined the year for him.

Kale Ross

As hard at the ball as anyone who plays the game, Kale is a fearless midfielder with outstanding endurance. He had a consistent season and worked really hard on and off the field. He finished fourth in our best and fairest award which was a credit to him in his first full season in Brisbane.

Jacob Sheath

Highly placed in our B&F and that is a reflection of his efforts this season. Jacob made the move to Brisbane and after a slow start really found his feet by mid season. He seemed to improve every week thereafter. Playing as a tall defender and back up ruckman his contribution was invaluable to the side. A good mark and great kick who also reads the game well and positions himself behind the ball to intercept opposition attacks.

Tom Smart

A very popular team member who always has a laugh with the boys. Tom played one of the hardest positions on the field with distinction. He had a very strong mid season period of 3-4 games where his second efforts and lead up marking were inspirational to the team.

Ben Southey

Ben also had an injury interrupted season after damaging his thumb at the state championships. Gradually increased his output as the season went on and the GF was his best game for a while. A smooth mover on the field who can break lines when he backs himself.



James Sprason

James has great speed and is a fantastic finisher around goal. These qualities allowed him to finish the season as a clear winner of our goal kicking award. With a more aggressive approach to winning the contested ball, James could be a real top level senior player.

Nick Verenkamp

A great target for us in the forward line this year. Nick always had a tall defender against him and often beat them. He is a good kick for goal and moves very well for a tall lad. His game against Aspley on a Friday night was a standout.

Zane Vozvateca

A pleasure to coach, Zane always gives his best and does it with a smile on his face. He is a top level runner and shows great courage on the field. Playing mostly off the half back line this year, Zane turned many opposition attacks around and sent Wests forward instead. A big future and this rising star could possibly be the club's next state representative.

Wil Wilson

Wil made a big impact from limited appearances this year. His game against Sandgate was incredible to watch with 8 goals from 9 opportunities. He seemed to appear out of nowhere and take uncontested marks which shows how well he reads the flight of the ball. A talented athlete and capable of being a great player of our game with more effort.

Mitch Wren

A really good season for Mitch this year where his football went to a new level. Played mostly in defence and occasionally as a backup ruckman. Chases hard, runs straight lines at the ball and tackling pressure was excellent.



Club Umpires Report

Coordinator: Sam Wilkinson

Coach: Fraser Labrom



With the departure of Danny Smith the year began with no Umpire Coordinator and not many umpires. However due to promises of assistance along the way and with a promise of help from the best umpire of them all, I took up the role of Umpire Coordinator and it has been a pleasure to watch the growth and development of our Club Umpires during the course of the season.

We began the season with three umpires and this number quickly grew to five. Three of our boys had umpired either for Wests or other clubs before and two were new to umpiring. The addition of "Mini Oakman" made umpiring the Under 8 games a real pleasure of the boys as the field was clearly marked and they were able to concentrate on the flow of the games.

All of the boys attended the training conducted by AFLBJ and also attended extra club training run by Fraser Labrom. Fraser was invaluable in passing on the experience that he had garnered under the leadership of Danny Smith. He mentored the boys in training and on game day and encouraged them to provide leadership for the children that they were umpiring and to pass onto them the passion for the game.

Two of our Umpires (Ben and Alex) were provided with the opportunity to umpire a game during half-time at the Gabba, both of them enjoyed the experience immensely. Fraser and I attended almost all of the games that our boys umpired and we were really happy with the level of commitment and professionalism shown by the boys.



As in previous years, we have had great feedback from our coaches, managers and parents as to the quality and behaviour of our Umpires. This feedback has also come from other parents from other clubs. I congratulate Danny Smith as he has set a high standard at Wests and we have kept this in mind this year to ensure that our Umpires follow in this tradition. The best feedback we received was that the boys had great enthusiasm and were fair with a complete lack of bias.

I must thank Fraser as he has moved from the role of Umpire to Umpire Coach and Mentor with ease. The boys were happy to take advice and recommendations from Fraser and had a great respect for him. Next season will start with an excellent core of returning umpires. The boys have gathered a lot of game day experience and handled a couple of difficult situations with a great level of maturity. Three of them had the opportunity to boundary umpire during the finals series and this gave them a great insight into the next levels of umpiring.

We owe a great debt of gratitude to the parents of the umpires. Thank you for supporting the additional training and the match commitments. Your young men are fine representatives of Wests and show the club in a wonderful light every time they take the field.

In compiling this report and in putting together our Umpire's award I sought feedback from the Coaches and Managers of the Under 8's, 9's and 10's. I'd like to thank them for their open assessments of the boys and the support that they have shown our Umpires. Their players listened and were respectful of our umpires which made their roles easier and ensured that they were able to concentrate on the players and ensure they had a fair and fun game.

Please find underneath comments about each Umpire. Thank you boys for a wonderful season. I am very proud of the level of commitment and enthusiasm exhibited by all of you. I hope you enjoyed Umpiring as much as you love playing! And I look forward to seeing you in 2016.

Umpire Team List

Jack Clayton

Returned to our Umpiring ranks this year and demonstrated to us what a great umpire looks like. He was clear in his directions, knew the rules inside out and demonstrated a great enthusiasm for umpiring and for the games. However illness and a heavy load of other sporting commitments meant that we couldn't get Jack on the field as much as we would have liked this year. But his excellence was a great example to our other umpires who all looked to emulate his performance and leadership.

Frank Rayson

As a second year umpire, Frank, showed a great grasp of the games and its rules. Frank has a great attitude and a will to improve. Frank followed the play well and moved quickly across the ground allowing him to adjudicate on as much of the game as possible. As with all of our Umpires, Frank continues to improve in his voice and delivery, ensuring that his umpiring will only grow and improve. Frank was also happy to jump in and help at Kenmore when they needed an extra umpire, further spreading the great reputation of our Wests umpires!



Alex Nelson

Alex came to us from the Everton Wolves, where he had umpired several games last year. Alex was quick to adapt and respond to the expectations of umpiring at Wests and quickly became a favourite with the Under 8's. Alex has a great command of his environment and with improved running and voice delivery will quickly become a very good umpire.

Scott Harris

Scott began umpiring later in the season and due to school commitments was unable to umpire as many games as he would have liked to. However after a baptism of fire (with some very energetic Under 10's) Scott showed a great aptitude for umpiring. He has shown a great adaptability and will continue to learn and improve in this role.

Ben Wilkinson

Ben demonstrated a love of the game and clear understanding of the rules. In Ben's first year he quickly demonstrated a command of umpiring and a level of maturity that impressed many of the coaches (and his mum!). Ben showed a willingness to improve his skills and a willingness to take the game on. This will only improve with more umpiring time under his belt.



Player Awards

Under 12 Division 2

Best & Fairest Winner	Hugh Weibgen
Best & Fairest Runner Up	Charlie Selth
Best Team Man	Oliver Cruice
Coach's Trophy	Mitch Vesper
Most Improved	Ben Good
Most Consistent	Kodi Mogis
Best in Finals	Marcus Berahulak

Under 13 Division 1

Best & Fairest Winner	Lachlan Ford
Best & Fairest Runner Up	Bayley Judson
Most Consistent	Liam McBrien
Coach's Trophy	Harrison Hunter
Most Improved	Ethan Harris
Best Team Player	Connor Bulley
Best in Finals	Lachlan Ford

Under 13 Youth Girls

Best & Fairest Winner	Caitlin Barazza
Best & Fairest Runner Up	Jade Somerville
Coach's Trophy	Eloise Griffiths-Smith
Coach's Trophy	Tahlia Paterson
Most Improved	Alice Bonnett
Most Improved	Caitlin Ford
Best in Finals	Sophie Paterson

Under 14 Division 1

Best & Fairest Winner	Max Clayton
Best & Fairest Runner Up	Harry Wilson
Most Consistent	Campbell Aston
Most Consistent	Kian Dennis
Coach's Trophy	Jack Donoghue
Most Improved	Andrew Vick
Most Improved	Matthew Burgin
Best in Finals	Quinton Cugola



Under 16 Division 3

Best & Fairest	Tiernan Coalter
Best & Fairest Runner Up	Scott Harris
Best Team Player	Gus Cooper
Coaches Award	Nicholas Kennedy
Most Improved Player	Sam Fletcher
Best First Year Player	Oliver Rudling
Best Team Player	Jacob Luhrs
Coaches Award	Aaron Luhrs
Most Improved Player	Ryan Bell
Best First Year Player	Oscar Prior

Under 16 Division 1

Best & Fairest Winner	Brock Aston
Best & Fairest Runner Up	Jack Clayton
Best & Fairest Runner Up	Connor Ballenden
Best in Finals	Mitch Wren
Coach's Trophy	Kale Ross
Most Improved	Tom Smart
Leading Goalkicker	James Sprason



Owen Blackwell Medallions

The Owen Blackwell Medal is presented in recognition to those players who have shown outstanding commitment & loyalty to Wests Juniors. This Gold, Silver or Bronze Medal is awarded to players who achieve 225, 200 or 150 Career Club Games throughout their playing career at the Bulldogs.

Silver Medal – 200 Wests Juniors Games

Jack Clayton
Jordan Williams

Bronze Medal - 150 Wests Juniors Games

Tom Smart
Zane Vozvoteca

Former Recipients

Gold Medal

2014 Fraser Labrom
2012 Carl Foster
2005 Liam Tagell
2000 Jason de Wever
1993 David Wallis
1989 Lachlan Wallis

Silver Medal

2012 Nick Rosen
2011 Carl Foster
2008 Blain Coates, Rhys Tagell
2007 Robert Hughes
2005 Nick Tison
2004 Liam Tagell
2001 Grant Christensen, Michael Shaw
1999 Mark Dowley, Shane Harwood
1998 Jason de Wever, Andrew Harwood
1993 Michael Shinnick
1991 David Wallis
1988 Lachlan Wallis
1987 Richard Billings

Bronze Medal

2014 Liam Lafferty, Sam Bolton
2013 Jordan Williams, Sandy Labrom, Ryan Cassady, Robbie Dopking, Luc Fern
2012 Jesse Beaumont, Lochlainn Gaw, James Ryan, Lachlan Barazza, Jack Clayton



- 2011 Brad Teasdale, Fraser Labrom, Oliver Brodi-Davis, Oscar Dielemans, Max Schooter, Henry Mundie, James Mackie,
- 2010 Harrison Harvey
- 2009 Oliver Allbutt, Carl Foster, Matthew Joyce, Ben Larsen-Smith, Logan Murray, Chris Read, Alex Ritchie, Nick Rosen
- 2007 Ryan Schwarz, Jack Pershouse, Andrew Saunders, Tim Sharpless,
- 2006 John Flynn, Luis Narvaez, Matthew Rosen, Rhys Tagell, Bernhard Sier
- 2005 Tom Bulcher-Hughes, Blaine Coates, Wade Harrop, Robert Hughes, Ronan Lynch, Chris Tison
- 2004 Stirling Drake, Tom Hughes
- 2003 Andrew Johns, Tim Jones, Nick Tison
- 2002 Liam Tagell
- 1999 Scott de Wever
- 1998 Grant Christenson, Luke Harwood
- 1997 Nick Beckman, Brad Hanson, Michael Shaw, Luke Triglar
- 1996 Mark Dowley, Andrew Harwood, Shane Harwood, Jason de Wever
- 1993 Justin Ryan
- 1991 Brett Backwell, Michael Dean, Darren Edgar
- 1990 Michael Shinnick
- 1989 David Wallis, Stewart Wilson
- 1988 Adam Brady, Peter Shepherd
- 1987 David Colbert
- 1986 Jeff Deeth, Lachlan Wallis
- 1985 Justin Gravestein
- 1984 Barton Black, Fergus Black, Cameron Bulley, Joel Dean, Ben Heard, Martin Slabosz, Greg Smith
- 1983 Robert Bulley, Michael Downes, Brett Ferguson, David Watts,
- 1982 Nathan Dean
- 1981 Richard Billings
- 1979 Scott Arthur, Adam Bell, Jeff Bourn, Steven Cross, Tim Eustace, Neil Howard, Stewart Howard
- 1978 Neil Armitage, Peter Clifford, Daryl Dawson, Garth Dawson, Jamie Read, Grant Whittaker

100 Game Player Milestones

Congratulations to those players who achieved milestone games in 2015.

Angus McAuliffe
 Thomas Campbell
 Andrew Vick



2015 Perpetual Awards

The President's Trophy awarded to The Club Champion

Max Clayton, Under 14 Div 1

Vice-President's Trophy awarded to The Club Champion Runner Up

Lachlan Ford, Under 13 Div 1

Charlie Selth, Under 12 Div 2

Hugh Weibgen, Under 12 Div 2

Most Improved Team

Under 13 Youth Girls

Junior Team of the Year

Under 8 Maroons

Youth Team of the Year

Under 13 Division 1

and

Under 16 Division 1

Club Umpire of the Year – Golden Whistle Award

Benjamin Wilkinson

Keith 'Happy' Wallis Trophy awarded to Coach of the Year

Melissa Goode (U13 Youth Girls)

Junior Coach of the Year

Kyle McHardy, U11 Maroons



Team Manager of the Year

Stuart Southey, Under 16 Div 1

Junior Clubman of the Year

Caitlin Barazza

In 2009 Wests Juniors introduced the Junior Clubman award. The award recognises young players who make a significant contribution to the club.

Former Junior Clubman of the Year Recipients

2014 Charlie Selth
2013 Liam Martin
2012 Lachlan Barazza
2011 Sarah Teasdale
2010 Oliver Wooten
2009 Fraser Labrom

O.A. Johnson (Occa) Trophy awarded to Clubman of the Year

Andrew Groom

Former Clubman of the Year Recipients

2014	Fiona Kearney	1994	Geoff McPhee
2013	Danny Smith	1993	Karen Beckman
2012	Jodie Martin	1992	Joan Edgar & Sue Harwood
2011	Clare Harvey	1990	Leigh Chamberlain
2010	Phil & Mauzie Mulherin	1988	Margaret Deeth
2009	Di Larson-Smith	1987	Jill Oke
2008	Chris Tison & Maurie Hand	1986	Jill Oke
2002	Andy Zosars	1985	Eleanor Wallis
2001	Bryce Harrop	1984	OA Johnson (Occa)
2000	Alan Swann	1983	Rhelma Muir
1999	Penny Tison	1982	Marlene Howard
1998	Faye Tagell	1981	Bill Armstrong
1996	Sarah Butler	1980	Garth Dawson



Golden Bulldog Award

Darren Smart

The Golden Bulldog award recognises particularly hard-working individuals who by virtue of their continued efforts over several seasons form the backbone of the club. The Golden Bulldog Award is given to individuals for outstanding continued contributions to the Wests Juniors Australian Football Club.

The criteria for the Golden Bulldog award are:

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

It is with great pleasure and thanks that the club acknowledges Darren Smart as having exceeded these criteria.

Former Recipients of the Golden Bulldog Award

Rob & Catriona Labrom
Trudy Braybrook
Russell & Patricia Shooter
Ernie Harvey
Phil Mulherin
Andrew Wellington
Jon Lorraine
Andy Rosen
Brian Watkins
Penny Tison
Henk Van Paridon



Special Achievement Award

Connor Ballenden

West's Juniors AFC presented Connor Ballenden with a Special Achievement Award in recognition of being selected in the 2015 / 2016 NAB AFL Academy

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Jack Clayton

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Current Players Game Tally

Current Players Game Tally is the number of games played while at Wests Juniors AFC as recorded in the AFL Brisbane Juniors database. As a club, we want these numbers to be correct, so if you believe your game tally is incorrect please make contact by emailing westsjuniors@aflbj.com.

Ames	Patrick	3	Buntain	Hamish	85
Ames	Sebastian	7	Buntain	Nicholas	116
Andrews	Hugh	37	Burgess	Kenji	28
Aston	Campbell	42	Burgin	Matthew	61
Aston	Brock	41	Byrne	Dominic	61
Audus	Tyler	35	Caines	Hugh	13
Austin	Emily	9	Campbell	Lincoln	57
Austin	Nicholas	123	Campbell	Joshua	77
Back	Caleb	16	Campbell	Angus	57
Bajraszewski	Flynn	9	Campbell	Thomas	104
Ballenden	Connor	38	Caprioli	Samuel	43
Barazza	Caitlin	16	Caprioli	Anthony	67
Barazza	Lachlan	193	Chalk	Thomas	33
Barry	Conor	32	Channon	Eden	53
Batiste	Sam	13	Cherry	Ryan	13
Beale	Jackson	23	Cherry	Nathan	9
Beaumont	Khai	127	Clark	Thomas	18
Bell	Ryan	69	Clayton	Max	124
Berehulak	Marcus	73	Clayton	Jack	203
Bolton	Samuel	189	Coleman	Benjamin	19
Bonnett	Alice	14	Connell	Charles	28
Booker	Findlay	46	Conrad	Nicholas	73
Braithwaite	Joshua	16	Costello	Alex	28
Breaden	Ryan	11	Crosby	Zac	13
Brentnall	Thomas	12	Cruice	Oliver	18
Bridge	Harriett	10	Cruice	William	17
Bucholz	Max	37	Cugola	Quinton	59
Buckingham	Hutton	16	Cuppari	Lachlan	24
Bulley	Connor	146	Daniskevicius	Ryan	96



Current Player Game Tally (cont.)

Dargie	Julian	14	Guest	Blake	14
Davis	Tessa	26	Guy	Alex	141
Dearnaley	Thomas	14	Harp	Hamish	8
Dennis	Kian	34	Harris	Daniel	68
Dent	Tyler	10	Harris	Ethan	61
Dirckze	Charles	9	Harris	Scott	71
Donald	Hugh	18	Heinz	Jasper	12
Donoghue	Jack	126	Hensley	Erik	19
Douglas	James	9	Herd	Harrison	47
Dubbeldam	Cameron	22	Hollingdrake	Thomas	27
Eastgate	Rowan	11	Hunter	Oliver	23
Edmonds	Addison	38	Hunter	Harrison	18
Edwards	Cameron	72	Johnston	Thomas	32
Eldering	Curtis	31	Judson	Monique	14
Evans	Tom	70	Judson	Bayley	140
Fewster	Jack	60	Kearney	Liam	13
Filippi	Alexander	42	Kearney	Sam	51
Fletcher	Mathew	42	Kearney	Mia	15
Fletcher	Sam	15	Labrom	George	72
Flintoff	Alexander	129	Labrom	Mitchell	128
Forbes	Oliver	29	Labrom	Sandy	192
Ford	Thomas	6	Lake	Mitchell	20
Ford	Caitlin	16	Law	Max	14
Ford	Lachlan	97	Lawther	Danny	12
Fudali	Jacob	18	Ledingham	James	59
Giles	Samuel	65	Lennon	Abby	8
Gillett	Tom	48	Lorenz	Daniel	3
Gilmore	Tyler	10	Lyndon	Taj	41
Glassel	Sebastian	29	MacLean	Dan	12
Glover	Spencer	35	Marriner	Abby	11
Gobbie	Harrison	20	Marriner	Max	28
Good	Benjamin	60	Martin	Daniel	12
Greaney	Jacob	12	Martin	Jack	83
Greaney	Emma	12	Matijevic	Josef	57
Greaney	Joseph	52	Matthews	Jospeh	13
Greene	Mitchell	3	McAuliffe	Angus	113
Griffiths-Smith	Coen	11	McBrien	Liam	18
Griffiths-Smith	Eloise	15	McCabe	Jack	33
Groom	Balin	12	Meggitt	Daniel	78
Groom	Jordi	52	Mogis	Kodi	41



Current Player Game Tally (cont.)

Morrow	Liam	27	Smart	Elliot	51
Morrow	Lachlan	21	Smart	Thomas	157
Mullany	William	19	Snedden	Nicolas	78
Murphy	Joshua	13	Somerville	Jade	16
Murphy	Aidan	12	Somerville	Jake	79
Nelson	Alexander	14	Southey	Ben	24
Newcomb	Lachlan	80	Steffensen	Elliot	38
Norman	Lucas	50	Stockwell	Cameron	28
Oliver	Indiana	14	Sullivan	Charles	12
Oliver	Casper	11	Swanson	Blake	33
O'Toole	Paddy	30	Swanson	Riley	34
Parker	Ewan	60	Tapp	Finnegan	19
Pascoe	Jared	14	Theile	James	14
Paterson	Tahlia	27	Timbs	Emily	13
Paterson	Sophie	16	Tonkin	Lachlan	14
Paterson	Jack	70	Tozer	Charlie	13
Penklis	Alexander	51	Tozer	Harry	29
Perry	Cody	11	Tyalana	Lukas	15
Pfitzner	Thomas	46	Verrenkamp	Nicholas	69
Philpot	Samuel	34	Vesper	Mitchell	24
Philpot	Harrison	33	Vick	Jessica	15
Pitts	Keiran	13	Vick	Andrew	107
Prescott	Luke	59	Vozvoteca	Holly	13
Randall	Flynn	18	Vozvoteca	Zane	151
Rayson	Angus	45	Wackwitz	Arki	12
Rayson	Francis	82	Wallis	Tyler	15
Reardon	Thomas	10	Walsh	Thomas	53
Remedios	Aaron	18	Walsh	Aidan	48
Ross	Kale	18	Watt	Harry	21
Rudling	Oliver	15	Weibgen	Hugh	20
Russ	Hugo	12	Wellington	Abby	11
Russo	Oscar	29	Wells	Rupert	96
Ryan	Jack	66	Wells	Zachary	95
Sartor	Leo	13	Whelan	John	50
Sartor	Joseph	20	Wilkinson	Christopher	17
Sartor	Eva	13	Wilkinson	Benjamin	33
Scroggie	Lachie	39	Wilson	Rigby	25
Selth	Charlie	138	Wilson	Harry	135
Sheath	Jacob	20	Wilson	William	113
Shelton	Grant	33	Wood	Archer	87
Shelton	Brendan	26	Worland	Rose	10
Skillecorn	Oliver	12	Worland	Isaac	12
Smart	Spencer	27	Wren	Mitchell	17



Representative Players

Darling Downs U12

Caleb Back

MetNorth U12

Hugh Weibgen

MetWest U12

Mitch Vesper

Brisbane Inner North U14

Sam Bolton

Max Clayton

Kian Dennis

Jack Donoghue

Lachlan Ford

Mitch Lake

Jack Paterson

Harry Wilson

Brisbane South East U14

Harrison Gobbie

Brisbane South West U14

Campbell Aston

Darling Downs U15

Campbell Aston

Tom Dearnaley,

Tyler Gilmore

Tom Reardon

MetWest U15

Mitch Lake

Zane Vozvoteca

Brisbane North U16

Connor Ballenden

Jack Clayton

Brisbane South U16

Brock Aston

Nathan Cherry

Ryan Cherry

Kale Ross

Jacob Sheath

Ben Southey

Queensland U16

Connor Ballenden

Jack Clayton

NAB AFL Academy

Connor Ballenden

Jack Clayton



Life members

Owen Backwell

Anne Johnson

Keith Bedford

Oscar A Johnson (dec)

Graham Billings

Kym Lynch

Liz Bulley

Andy Rosen

Les Chamberlain

Tony Sinnamon

Ian Christesen

Phil Tagell

John Clarke

Penny Tison

Claire Dean

Eleanor Wallis

Hilton Deeth

Gary Wallis

Merv Gregg

Keith Wallis

Phil Harwood

Roy Wallis

Marlene Howard

Tony de Wever

David Jay



Around the Club - Photos

A small but simple collection of photos of our teams and some players from around the club hopefully representing a little of what our club was like this year.

The photos have the noticeable absence of parents and club volunteers. This isn't because we don't want you in photos, it's probably because you were holding the camera, running the canteen, cooking the bbq, filling water bottles, coaching, managing, ground marshalling, even attending to other family members or maybe just maybe, you were enjoying watching your kids play footy.

Here's two favourites from the collection that follows.



U11's Maroons & Whites walking off the field smiling, belting out the club song after playing.



At least one of us got excited about making the U14 grand final.



U16 GF



U13 GF



Banner time



U14 GF



U13's



U12 GF



The new Epic Pharmacy banner!





U14 GF



U6 Pups



U12 GF



U8 Whites & Maroons



U16 GF



U13 Girls



U6 Pups & Yappers



U9 Maroons



U13 Prelim



U13 Girls



Under 11's – White and Maroons



U16 GF



U12 GF



U13 Prelim



Mel Goode
U13 Girls Coach



M Clayton – U14



U13 Girls



H Weibgen – U12



U16 GF



U14 GF



U12 GF



U14 GF



U13 Girls GF



U16 GF



U8 Maroons



C Selth - U12



U13 Girls



L Ford
U13



On the move



Under 6 Yappers v Pups on the new mini-Oakman



U12's





U12 Premiership Team



Time to play U10 Bulldogs!



Finals fever!



Brisbane Lions came to training



U13 huddle



U13 Girls



U11 Whites



Umpire coaches pep talk U6/8



Under 10 Maroons

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