

**TUGGERANONG VALLEY
AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL CLUB
2023 YEARBOOK**



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PATRONS MESSAGE

Season 2023 seems to have gone by in a flash but there were many highlights for the Club both on and off the field that were underpinned by the efforts of players, coaches, managers, board members and volunteers that have again done so much for the Tuggeranong Valley Australian Football Netball Club across the senior men's and women's programs to our Rising Stars and Junior teams. The hundreds of hours that you put into pre-season, the season itself and post-season is critical to making the Club and competition tick and to the health of our great game across the territory.

No one epitomises this selfless service more than Ray Ghirardello and it was appropriate that Ray was recognised with the highest honour with his induction into the AFL Canberra Hall of Fame. Ray has put thousands of hours into volunteering for Australian Rules Football over 30 years, serving with distinction in almost every position imaginable from the playing ranks to junior and senior coaching roles, to critical board roles and a key role in bringing the Valley football clubs together as well as all the game day duties of line marking and canteen duty. There can be no better example of service to community than the extraordinary contribution that Ray has made to football in the Territory and in the Tuggeranong Valley.

And in this vein too it was great to see the Tuggeranong Valley Australian Football Netball Club receive the Prime Minister's Award as the best junior club in the ACT for 2023. Awards like this are no accident and it is testament to the hard work, enthusiasm and inclusivity of all involved in the organisation and running of the junior program.

On the field there were some great results with the Rising Stars Women's team making the finals for the first time in a decade, six out of ten junior teams made the finals with the Under 16 girls winning the premiership, and the Under 11 Red Mixed and Under 14 Red Mixed teams both runner ups. There were plenty of individual achievements with representatives at national championships and several representatives in the GWS academy teams in all age groups. Of particular note were the achievements of Jesse Borghouts, League Best and Fairest Under 15 Boys, and Aiden Henderson and Isaac Owusu, equal Best and Fairest Under 14s Mixed Boys. And there were several top 10 finishes across the various age groups.

It is great to see netball going from strength to strength in the Club with significant growth, moving from six teams in the inaugural season last year to 11 teams in 2023. It was also a strong performance on the court with six teams making preliminary finals, four making grand finals and three going on to be 2023 premiers.

It has been great to have a full football season as well as continued growth in the netball program and with the strengthening of links between the Club and St Mary MacKillop College. This year it has again been great to see the recognition of game milestones for senior and junior footballers, the selection of players in GWS academy and other representative teams as well as the spotlight on the many volunteers that make this Club great. It emphasises the strength that the Club has as a community that values the efforts and input of all its members.

After a couple of years of consultation, it is timely to consider what are the next steps to take in ensuring that Australian Football in the Valley has the right investment in infrastructure to support not just the existing playing community but to support growth in football over the next decade. This is critical for the wellbeing of the code in the Territory, and I am keen to work with the Board and Club, AFL Canberra and our local and federal Governments to this end.

Thank you to everyone at the Tuggeranong Valley Australian Football Netball Club for your generosity and warm hospitality throughout 2023, where there continued to be an investment in youth in the senior programs and a recognition of the contribution made by all to the Club. It's a privilege to be involved with a Club built on character, with a respectful and inclusive culture, which makes such an incredible contribution to the community down south.

David Smith MP

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

When thinking about how our 2023 season started, with the loss of all our junior gear in the fire at Gordon, to where we are now, you should be incredibly proud of being part of such a fantastic organisation that is now the third largest AFL club in Canberra.

This year we have a lot to celebrate, including but not limited to:

- * Three Junior league B&F winners - Jesse Borghouts, Isaac Owusu and Aiden Henderson
- * Three junior teams making it to Grand Finals
- * The Under 16 Girls premiership
- * Six of our senior players named in Teams of the Year
- * Nick Forester polling in the top 5 Community Men's League B&F
- * Joe Dunn's 2023 Goal of the Year
- * Continued reduction in margins in our seniors, with further improvements to our off-field culture
- * New experiences in our senior/junior engagement, with award night dinners, family BBQ's, more senior attendance at junior events, autograph sessions and even more planned for 2024 already
- * Four Netball Grand Finalists with three Netball Premierships
- * Kerry Hayes broke the Club record for most senior womens games played which now sits at 232.
- * Ray Ghirardello, inducted into the AFL Canberra Hall of Fame
- * Beth Matters named AFL Canberra 2nd Grade Women's Coach of the Year, and
- * Named 2023 Junior Club of the Year and AFL Canberra Social Media Winners.


To the Board, "Outstanding!" - Luke, Kristie, Matt, Paul, Amanda, Rachael, Laura, Leo, Karen, Yoey, Kim and Katie, we've faced fires (twice), break-ins, pathway projects, social calendars most would envy, painstaking merch orders, arguing with banks, securing of grants, coordinating volunteers and the list goes on. I am personally grateful for the support and commitment you have shown me as well. We make a great team!

To our Sponsors – Without your support we simply would not be able to provide the environment that we do. I would especially like to thank our Major Partners, Ian Mackay and the team at Canberra Southern Cross Club; Col McIntyre, McIntyre Property Group; Luke Jess, Contract Professionals; and Mark Woodward, MW Plumbing. Our relationship with each of you now extends well beyond 10 years and we are truly grateful for your ongoing trust and support in investing in our players and our community.

Congratulations again to our Major Club Award Winners and Life Members - We are very fortunate to have such incredible people that give their time and effort so freely and selflessly to make our club what it is.

Thank you volunteers - This year has without a doubt seen more and more people getting involved and invested in what we are doing. Which enables the Board to make inroads on where the club is trying to get to. To everyone that either joined a sub-committee or put your hand up even to do the smallest of tasks, thank you for recognising that it takes a village to raise a child.

So many reasons this year to celebrate our fantastic club. Congratulations again to all our award recipients, our players, families, and broader community. I can't wait to see what season 2024 brings.



Kellie Hogan
TVAFNC President

CLUB OFFICIALS

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Senior Medical Staff

Denis Liuzzi	Sean Finn	Sandy Beggs	Jarrold Phillips	Ian Knox
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CLUB OFFICIALS

1st Grade Mens

Coach: Jimmy Rice
Assistant Coaches: Paul Highmore, Stephen Donlan, Sam Robinson
Manager: Karen Donlan & Murray Chynoweth

1st Grade Womens

Coach: Leo Lahey
Assistant Coaches: Will Prowse & Kaitlin Dobing
Manager: Kim O'Dea

Rising Stars Womens

Coach: Leo Lahey
Assistant Coaches: Mick Patton & Tia Stevens
Manager: Anthony Mayer

16 Girls

Coach: Mick Patton
Assistant Coach: Tia Stevens
Manager: Laura Scheele

14 Girls

Coach: Matt Knox
Manager: Nicole Knox

14s Mixed Red

Coach: Mark Woodward
Assistant Coach: Jimmy Rice
Manager: Chris Fogarty

12 Girls

Coach: Luke Jess
Manager: Johanna Davies

11s Mixed Blue

Coach: Dante Miller
Manager: Sue Turtle

10 Girls

Coach: Gerard Patron
Manager: Ellen Keefe

2nd Grade Mens

Coach: Ricci Miller
Assistant Coach: Greg Walker
Manager: Laura Scheele

2nd Grade Womens

Coach: Beth Matter
Manager: Chloe Osborne

3rd Grade Mens

Coach: Jesse McPhail

15 Boys

Coach: Peter Borghouts
Assistant Coaches: Shane Harman & Jason Owen
Manager: Amanda Lowes

14s Mixed Blue

Coach: Kieren Rogers
Manager: Katie Kearney

13s Mixed

Coach: Kurt Masters
Manager: Lyndall Baker

12s Mixed

Coach: Adam Robinson
Manager: Taryn Crick

11s Mixed Red

Coaches: Simon Kelly & Jono Dean
Manager: John Wundersitz

10s Mixed Blue

Coach: Tristan Turner
Manager: Tania Hanzer

CLUB OFFICIALS

10s Mixed Red

Coach: Carman Marotti
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9s Mixed Blue

Coach: Jesse Baker
Manager: Lyndall Baker

9s Mixed Red

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MAJOR AWARDS

AFL CANBERRA AWARDS

2023 Prime Minister Cup Junior Club of the Year



Tuggeranong Valley Australian Football & Netball Club

Future Stars Women Team of the Year

Georgia Mayer

Morgan Stevens

Ashley Patton

Future Stars Men Team of the Year

Tristan Borghouts

Senior Women Team of the Year

Kiarna Woolley-Blain

Senior Men Team of the Year

Rhys Mooney

Women's Second Grade Coach of the Year

Beth Matters

Goal of the Year

Joe Dunn

MAJOR AWARDS

Patrons Award

Natasha Monger - Tash has been part of the TVAFNC community for over 10 years. She plays, has coached juniors, driven a positive culture within the playing group and the broader club and helped on various committees including social events, player milestone celebrations and has been a mentor for a lot of younger women's players. Tash is passionate about raising awareness of mental health issues and has been instrumental in helping others to speak up if they are struggling.

President's Award

Katie Kearney - is passionate, driven, determined and you cannot fault how much she loves this club. A first year as a board member, Katie brought a new level of excitement to social events, managed football and netball teams and helped with whatever was needed.

Club Person of the Year - Juniors

Ben Lehmann - no job too big for Ben. You'd often find him standing behind the BBQ, on the side of the road putting up signs or helping at trainings.

Club Person of the Year - Seniors

Jesse McPhail - Single handedly recruited, trained, organised, coached, and managed our Community Grade Men's side. Signs of a great leader when players flock from everywhere to play beside him.

The Matheson Volunteer Service Award - Juniors

Gary Searle – For many years now Gary has been on a junior committee, helped organise community events, managed a lot of pre-season activities by putting up road signs and flyers around the shops. With no fuss and always one of the first to put his name on the volunteer sheet.

Volunteer Service Award – Seniors

Ian Knox - always shows up (even after just having surgery) to make sure players are well looked after. Always putting the health and safety of our players first.

The Ray Ghirardello Junior Coach of the Year

Peter Ashcroft – For a few years now Yoey has coached or assistant coached multiple teams at a time. Been a mentor and leader for other junior coaches and this year mentoring some of our future coaches as well.

Most Valuable Player

Rhys Mooney - sets the example of what the behaviours of a senior player need to be and lead the team and club admirably.

Gerry Carroll – Most Courageous Player

Josh Brittliff - Josh is a hardened mature player that inspired his teammates to be tough through his ferocious attack on the ball.

Charlee Cremerius - Charlee personified courage and a do or die attitude, often playing with injury and without once ever losing her smile.

MAJOR AWARDS

Enright Award – Male Junior Player Achievement Award

Aiden Henderson - This player sets high standards of himself as a player, and the level that he plays each week. He has not only represented Tuggeranong, he has been a member of the Giants development squad, and was selected in the Super 24 team. He has also played for the ACT School Sports team competing in Albury this year. He displays good sportsmanship qualities and is a supportive member of the team. These qualities and his natural ability to play football are reasons he also was awarded winner in the league best and fairest.

Female Junior Player Achievement Award

Morgan Stevens - After a slow start due to injury, Morgan played in Under 16 girls premiership side, Rising Stars Women's and had her senior 1st grade debut, earning herself runner up awards in both the 16 Girls and RSW. She also captained the U15 ACT Schoolgirls team and led the side to unprecedented success where the team beat both Victoria and Western Australia and was named All-Australian.

Ash Taylor Encouragement Award

Quinn Barons - This player has worked hard throughout the AFL 2023 season, contributing not only to the Girls under 16s team as a player, but generally across the Tuggeranong Valley Football club including assisting as team manager of 2nd grade team and helping to coach the U9s. As an individual, this player's enjoyment of the game and AFL environment generally is highly evident which has been a real highlight that has translated into notable improvement across the season and her additional contributions throughout the club. She has displayed terrific resilience, overcoming a number of injuries and engaging positively with risk. We have been particularly proud to see her extending herself and trying new things. Given her love of the game and her growing confidence to try new things, Quinn is a worthy recipient of the Junior Encouragement Award.

Giant Heart Awards (GWS)

Luke Lowes - Works away quietly in the background, whether it be running water for seniors, helping with Auskick and the Junior program or even with running events such as this one tonight.

Denis Liuzzi - Denis does an outstanding job of supporting our trainers, organising equipment and works closely with our physios to ensure our players are well looked after.

MAJOR AWARDS

Life Members

Mick Patton - involved as a player since 1993 and when he finished playing in the 2000's was quick to continue supporting the club, by offering players opportunities for employment, be it administrative roles or apprenticeships. He has coached juniors since 2019 but has also been involved in assistant coaching roles in both the mens and women's senior space.

Pat McLindin - Pat and her late husband Daryl were involved in the Club in its inception back in 1968. In Pat's words, even back then she just loved the community and being involved in whichever way she could. Pat has sponsored players as an individual since at least 2008 and you wouldn't be blamed for thinking Pat was already a life member, so it is great we now make it yearbook official.

John Glenn - John joined the board in 2009, was Secretary in 2010 and President in 2011 and 2012. He worked tirelessly on the NEAFL agreement, establishing the required governance, and developing code of conduct policies for players. During his tenure as President, he also successfully negotiated an affiliation agreement with the Hawthorn Football Club, and we saw the first ever 3-year deal with the CSCC of whom we continue to have a strong partnership with 12 years later. Since 2013, John continues to be our Public Officer, ensuring that our Club acts in accordance with our constitution and the Associated Incorporations Act and is often called upon to provide advice to the Board on contentious matters.

Scott Newhouse - Receives player life membership for reaching 200 senior club games on 17 June 2023. A quality person and footballer who has maintained his love of footy and Club, despite juggling heavy work commitments.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF OUR 2023 AWARD WINNERS

MAJOR AWARDS

Congratulations again to Ray Ghirardello on his induction into the AFL Canberra Hall of Fame in 2023.

Ray has dedicated over 30 years of his life to volunteering for Australian Rules Football in Canberra. For his entire career he has poured his heart and soul into the Tuggeranong Valley community.

He is the epitome of volunteering and throughout his significant contribution would often be the first one to turn up and the last one to leave be it training or game day. Ensuring everything ran smoothly, every single time, improving the experience of the players, coaches, umpires, and supporters without fail.

He first played junior footy with St Edmunds and then in 1976 to mid-1980's – was a Senior Football Player with Manuka Football Club

After hanging up the boots Ray jumped into volunteering. You can name just about any role within the football club and Ray will have done it at some point. But his time coaching is probably the most precious to him.

He was a Tuggeranong Junior Coach from 1983 to 2000, and then a Senior Coach from 2004 to 2016. As a coach, Ray always ensured that every player received the best chance to develop their skills and enjoy their football. Many people around the club have stories of Ray taxiing players around to ensure they could get to training and game days. He broke the record books for the Tuggeranong Bulldogs coaching a team that won four premierships in a row from 1995 to 1998, playing in finals in 1999 and then returning in 2000 to win the club's first ever Under 18 Premiership.

Ray, his wife Mary, his children and now grandchildren are revered within the TVAFNC community. A wonderful role model to players and volunteers alike Ray is the only volunteer to receive life membership at both the Tuggeranong Bulldogs and the Tuggeranong Hawks, which is a testament to his dedication and commitment.

On behalf of the entire Tuggeranong Community, Ray thank you for everything you have done and continue to do.



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SENIOR FOOTBALL DIRECTOR

They say that it takes a village to raise a child....similarly, it takes a community to build a football club and get teams onto the field for a season of footy that stretches from November through to September. My first year in the role of Director of Senior Football has certainly opened my eyes to how much work goes on behind the scenes to enable our players to participate in the game we all love. I especially want to thank Kellie Hogan, Murray Chynoweth and Kim O'Dea who have been so helpful and supportive, and patiently responded to all of my stupid questions.

Any season of senior football inevitably brings with it challenges that will test the patience, dedication and commitment of everyone at the Club.

The scheduling of games (which in 2023 was determined by the home team, and therefore didn't fall into a consistent pattern) took some getting used to, but we got there in the end.

Whilst our results on the field were not as strong as we would have liked, I am big on the notion of 'green shoots' and looking for positives and the 'little wins' that we can take out of 2023. One of the big highlights was our Rising Stars Women team qualifying for the finals for the first time in a decade. Our Women's 2's team was also very competitive and were desperately unlucky to miss out on playing finals and had a percentage of 114 which was similar to the team that finished third. (Congratulations also to Beth Matters for being named Women's Second Grade Coach of the Year). The Women's 1's team played some excellent football at different stages and showed they can match it with the best teams in the competition for parts of matches, but the next challenge will be to do it for longer. However, with players such as Chloe Hinde, Charlee Cremerius and Kiarna Woolley-Blain, and emerging stars such as Ash Patton, Morgan Stevens and Georgia Mayer, the future of women's footy at this Club is looking very bright. In the Men's space, our Community Men's Div.3 team had a great win against Belconnen and were unlucky to not get wins against Eastlake. Our Men's 2's team were too good for Gungahlin but were very competitive against Eastlake also. Our Men's 1's team while not being able to notch up a win this year, were very competitive against Gungahlin and were able to reduce the margins considerably, with only two 100+ point losses this year compared to ten last year...see, 'green shoots'. I firmly believe competitiveness and then sustained success is not far away for this Club.

While we had many milestone games during the year, none were bigger than Kerry Hayes breaking the Senior Women's Club Games record – congratulations Kerry, a fantastic effort. Special mentions also to Scott Newhouse for playing his 200th Club game and to Tash Monger and Ben Dixon for passing the 150 Club game mark. Plus, Peter (Yoey) Ashcroft managed to break the Men's Senior Club game record...every time he played this year (I'm sure Yoey never gets sick of that joke).

Special thanks to Ray Ghirardello for keeping track of the statistics and milestones which allow us to recognise and celebrate the achievements of the players who have been such great servants of our Club.

Like many others, I also want to congratulate Ray on his well-deserved induction into the AFL Canberra Hall of Fame this year – becoming only the fifth Tuggeranong person to do so.

Off the field, this Club is in great shape with a great Board led by Kellie Hogan, and a devoted team of coaches and volunteers.

To our Head Coaches Jimmy Rice and Leo Lahey – thank you for everything you have done for this Club. I have seen first-hand how much of your blood, sweat and tears you have given, and we will always be grateful for everything you have done to improve this Club and get it heading in the right direction.

I also want to thank Jesse McPhail for his massive efforts this year in establishing and running our Men's Community Division 3 team. Jesse had to carry the load single-handedly for most of the year, but he never lost his sense of humour, and we are grateful that he was able to give many young (and not-so-young) players the opportunity to play footy.

SENIOR FOOTBALL DIRECTOR

Special thanks also to Ricci Miller and Beth Matters for taking on the difficult task of coaching our 2nd Grade sides, and for remaining so positive, even when they had to contend with the injuries and unavailability that test the depth of our playing list.

I would also like to thank the Assistant Coaches who did a fantastic job this year – Will Prowse, Kaitlin Dobing, Mick Patton, Tia Stevens, Greg Walker, and Sam Robinson.

One area that improved our professionalism this year was our strength and conditioning, and our team of physios and trainers. Sam Robinson and Jarrod Phillips did a mountain of work in S&C for the men and women respectively, while Laura King and Matt Moxon from Southside Physio worked well with our trainers led by the illustrious Denis Liuzzi, Jarrod Phillips, Ian Knox, and Sean Finn who provided great care and attention to our players. Thanks also to Tony O’Dea for assisting with the reporting and monitoring of injuries.

A big thank you to all of our team-managers – Kim O’Dea, Chloe Osborne, Murray Chynoweth, Karen Donlan, Laura Scheele, Anthony Mayer and Sandy Beggs who did a great job. In Mens 1’s, we used 39 players, in Men’s 2’s, we used 52 players, in Men’s Div.3, we used 41 players, in Women’s 1’s we used 43 players, in Women’s 2’s, we used 51 players, while in Women’s Rising Stars, we used 37 players – so that’s a lot of managing to make sure games run smoothly.

A massive thank you to our famous BBQ crew – Brett Monger, Brad Fox, Craig McLeish, Glenn Symons and Ray Ghirardello who managed to keep us fed, hydrated and amused. Thanks also to Glenn, Ray and Murray for organising the line-marking at Greenway.

A big thank you to Jason Kennedy and Geoff Bennett who shared the role of Ground Manager for home games. You guys were great to work with and went above and beyond on several occasions. Thanks to our runners, water-runners, scoreboard operators (and problem-solvers), scorers and time-keepers – you don’t always get the recognition you deserve, but we are very grateful for everything you do.

Thanks also to everyone responsible for decking out five of our teams in Indigenous jumpers for the Sir Doug Nicholls Round.

Thanks to our club and individual player sponsors – your generosity and support is much-appreciated. Special thanks also to our players. You are the very reason we do all of this, but we thank you for putting in the hard-yards during pre-season, for risking injury and putting your bodies on the line. This year the senior playing group showed their willingness to pitch in and give back to the Club by assisting with setting-up and packing up Greenway on match days.

Despite limited on-field success in recent years, the Club must be doing something right when players and people of the calibre of Kiarna Woolley-Blain, Ethan Bates, Jimmy McIntyre and Ed Collins return to this Club after very long periods out of the game due to serious injury. We, as a Club, never lose sight of the fact that our players are our most precious resource. So, we are grateful that you come back each year, and fingers crossed that our off-field success will convert into more on-field success very soon.

If I have missed thanking anyone who has helped me and more broadly the Club during this season, I sincerely apologise, but hopefully we can do it all again next year.

Paul Highmore

SENIOR ACHIEVEMENTS

SENIOR 1ST GRADE DEBUTS

Women's 1st Grade Debuts

Ashley Brine	Jasmin Le
Millie Chisholm	Georgia Mayer
Jorja Cockburn	Marni Mulcahy
Charlee Cremerius	Teagan Murphy
Sarah Gurgen	Ashley Patton
Darby Hayes	Morgan Stevens
Chloe Hinde	Tahlia Taylor
Kyra Jackson	Sabrina Ting
Laura Whitfort	

Men's 1st Grade Debuts

Will Anderson	Tom Grace
Adam Bennett	Evan Hill
Josh Brittliff	Mitchell Ivey
Tyler Dalmolin	Will O'Connor
Tyler Donlan	Sam Patton
Sam Emery	Jackson Woods

SENIOR MILESTONES

50 Club Games

Samantha Lawson	Courtney Bacon
Tahlia Taylor	Kaitlin Primrose
Sabrina Sanchez	Erin Shute
Mitchell Thomas	

Senior Women's Club Games Record

Kerry Hayes - 232

50 1st Grade Games

Stephanie Lahey

150 Club Games

Natasha Monger
Ben Dixon

100 Club Games

Mitch Asher	Aaron Ryan
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200 Club Games

Scott Newhouse

SENIOR DEVELOPMENT PLAYERS

U18 Womens

Ashley Patton (GWS & U18's Allies Squad)

SENIOR ACHIEVEMENTS

SENIOR TEAM AWARDS

First Grade - Men

Best And Fairest (Bobby Hughes Medal)	Rhys Mooney
Runner Up B&F	Sam Emery
Player's Player	Rhys Mooney
Most Consistent	Tristan Borghouts
Coach's Award	Ryan Kennedy Oliver Synnott
Best First Year Player/Rising Star	Tyler Donlan
Most Improved	Anthony Marando

First Grade - Women

Best And Fairest (Dino Benedetti Medal)	Chloe Hinde
Runner Up B&F	Charlee Cremerius
Player's Player	Chloe Hinde
Most Consistent	Trunisha Patel
Coach's Award	Nikki Harvey
Best First Year Player/Rising Star	Ashley Patton
Most Improved	Samantha Lawson

Second Grade - Men

Best And Fairest (Peter Ashcroft Medal)	Adam Crowther
Runner Up B&F	Anthony Lupton
Player's Player	Anthony Lupton
Most Consistent	Tyler Dalmolin
Coach's Award	Peter Ashcroft
Most Improved	Lane Tattam

Second Grade - Women

Best And Fairest (Eugenie Hickey Medal)	Karen Hill
Runner Up B&F	Marni Mulcahy
Player's Player	Charlie Bartak
Most Consistent	Sam Hennessy
Coach's Award	Sarah Gurgen
Most Improved	Paris Ahern

Third Grade - Men

Best And Fairest	Nick Forester
Runner Up B&F	Seth Welsh
Player's Player	Nick Forester
Most Consistent	Phil McDonald
Coach's Award	Dion Cannon
Most Improved	Lachlan Manuel

Rising Stars - Women

Best And Fairest	Ashley Patton
Runner Up B&F	Morgan Stevens
Player's Player	Hannah DeVoy
Most Consistent	Ashley Patton
Coach's Award	Millie Chisholm
Most Improved	Maddie Garner

SENIOR PROFILES

SENIOR GAME STATS

Bacon	Courtney	60
Ahern	Paris	37
Alexander	Ruby	12
Anderson	Will	15
Ashcroft	Hayden	49
Ashcroft	Peter	417
Asher	Mitch	107
Bacon	Taylah	84
Bacon	Courtney	60
Bartak	Charlie	12
Bates	Ethan	41
Bennett	Adam	27
Bennett	Rob	17
Bennie	Blake	32
Bergkotte	Bradley	28
Bernasconi	Matt	159
Boots	Mikayla	28
Borghouts	Tristan	38
Bourke	Callan	39
Bowman	Hannah	4
Bowman	Lauren	10
Brine	Ashley	20
Brine	Katrina	11
Brittliff	Josh	12
Brodrick	Chloe	12
Brown	James	145
Butler-Woollard	Lily	34
Cannon	Dion	81
Cargill	Thomas	34
Carroll	Joseph	30
Carroll	Liam	11
Carruthers	Brad	13
Carruthers	Michael	29
Channon	Matt	120
Chisholm	Millie	34
Chynoweth	Madie	18
Chynoweth	Liam	1
Clayden	Madeleine	10
Clout	Emily	19
Cockburn	Jorja	14
Collins	Ed	33
Cox	Cassidy	21
Creech	Liam	41
Cremerius	Charlee	13
Crowe	Bradley	66

Crowther	Adam	27
Dalmolin	Tyler	26
Dalmolin	Charlotte	3
Dalwood	Alexander	25
Davey	Tara	2
de Wilt	Maarten	12
DeVoy	Hannah	15
Dixon	Ben	156
Dobing	Kaitlin	21
Donlan	Tyler	49
Donlan	Karen	77
Donlan	Stephen	5
Dunn	Joseph	65
Ellison	Adam	70
Emery	Sam	15
Evans	Zac	20
Fearn	Shilna	2
Fernie	Malcolm	145
Ford	Rhiannon	6
Forester	Nick	24
Fraser	Alana	12
Freedman	Stacey	28
Fuller	Justan	36
Gapp	Kirrilee	5
Garner	Madeleine	12
Gentle	Milli	15
Ghirardello	Anne-Maree	133
Ghirardello	Kathryn	193
Grace	Tom	21
Graham	Timothy	4
Granger	Will	29
Gray	Logan	103
Guarino	Kylie	3
Gurgen	Sarah	15
Harvey	Nikki	71
Hayes	Darby	11
Hayes	Kerry	232
Hayes	Darby	11
Hearne	Jarrold	29
Hennessy	Samantha	26
Hill	Karen	125
Hill	Evan	35
Hinde	Chloe	10
Hodge	Tom	96
Howie	Paige	20
Ivey	Mitchell	13

SENIOR PROFILES

Jackson	Kyra	5
Jarosz	Nicholas	26
Jenkins	Belinda	30
Jess	Tayla	7
Jones	Seamus	6
Kearney	Scarlett	14
Kennedy	Ryan	76
Kennedy	Brad	37
Kennedy	Lachlan	44
Kickett	Jay	304
Kildey	Indiana	10
Kildey	Willow	1
Knox	Angus	9
Knox	Emily	32
Koutsoupas	Steph	45
Lahey	Steph	71
Larkin	Em	49
Lawson	Samantha	62
Le	Jasmin	24
Leitao	Jason	1
Lewthwaite	Hannah	20
Lindgren	Shane	25
Lupton	Anthony	71
Machin	Andrew	9
Mackay	Holly	12
Magrath	Sonya	12
Mak	Josh	21
Maloney	Marc	266
Manuel	Lachlan	6
Manzoney	Claire	44
Marando	Anthony	70
Matters	Beth	95
Mayer	Georgia	22
Mayer	Madison	11
McCabe	James	175
McDonald	Connor	25
McDonald	Phillip	142
McIntyre	Abi	38
McIntyre	James	45
McKelvie-Hill	Lucy	39
McKelvie-Hill	Polly	32
McNamara	Faith	7
McNamara	Hope	6
McPhail	Jesse	173
Millard	Jaymee	2
Miller	Dante	40
Miller	Ricci	219
Mison	Nicole	2
Mohring	Nevayah	9

Molloy	Sam	34
Monger	Natasha	156
Mooney	Rhys	27
Mulcahy	Marni	35
Murphy	Teagan	13
Newhouse	Scott	206
O'Brien	Ciall	47
O'Connor	Will	9
O'Dea	Lucas	17
Ormazabal	Kelsey	5
Ornsby	Daryl	119
O'Shannassy	Cate	13
Otten	Hayley	21
Packer	Eilish	52
Packer	Joseph	17
Patel	Trunisha	37
Patton	Ashley	25
Patton	Sam	35
Patton	Ashley	25
Patton	Kate	10
Pezzullo	Antony	115
Piercy	Anneka	25
Pilcher	Tyler	30
Primrose	Kaitlin	58
Riley	Jayden	39
Roach	Charlotte	48
Rodway	Ange	77
Rowlands-Mowle	Blake	7
Ryan	Andrew	63
Ryan	Aaron	105
Said	Christina	21
Sanchez	Sabrina	52
Scott	Sally	23
Shallies	Liam	39
Shelton	Bowen	130
Shute	Erin	52
Single	Teigan	49
Stevens	Morgan	8
Supple	Daniel	11
Symons	Ben	170
Symons	Jason	162
Synnott	Oliver	82
Tattam	Lane	13
Taylor	Tahlia	59
Thomas	Mitchell	50
Thompson	Zachary	13
Ting	Sabrina	9
Tokley	Lucy	3

SENIOR PROFILES

Trewartha	Sophie	27
van Bockel	Isaac	45
Ward	Brett	123
Warland	Aiden	14
Webb	Peter	120
Weller-Lewis	Rhys	66
Welsh	Seth	29
Whatman	Jake	82
Whitfort	Laura	8
Woods	Jackson	7
Woolley-Blain	Kiarna	23
Worner	Nikki	13
Wyeth	Layne	12

SENIOR PROFILES

1ST GRADE MENS



COACH'S REPORT

The success of a football season is usually determined by the win/loss ratio in the end. It would not be a fair indication of the achievement of our senior men's program and the success cannot be measured solely on the score board. Those who are lucky enough to spend time in the inner sanctum of our men's team can attest to the resilience, determination, courage and professionalism of the playing group. To do what they are asked to do every week is incredible. They don't back down; they turn up and do the work. They do this for each other and the TVAFNC guernsey.

I am incredibly proud of this group and what they have achieved this season.

They are a group with enormous amounts of talent, who genuinely enjoy the company of each other. This has galvanised their bond and has driven their high expectations at games and training and has made this club a place to be.

This success off the field WILL translate to success on the field and the players need to continue to believe that their desire to succeed takes time and coordinated effort.

Our best is good enough to be in the top four teams in the competition and we showed this on numerous occasions through-out the season.

Injury and illness always play a part in football. The depth of our squad was again tested this season. We were able to call on players with confidence and select several debutantes this year. Adam Bennett, Tyler Dalmolin, Tyler Donlan, Tom Grace, Evan Hill, Sam Patton, Isaac Van Bockel all made their 1st grade debut in 2023.

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Recruitment in the offseason saw us add Josh Brittliff, Same Emery, Mitch Ivey, Will O'Connor, Jackson Woods, Jaymee Millard, Angus Knox, Maarten de Wilt and Lane Tattam to our list. They all played their first games for the TVAFNC in 2023 and we welcomed back former players Ethan Bates Will Anderson, Logan Gray, Josh Mak, and Isaac Van Bockel to the TVAFNC footy club.

Thank you to the assistant coaches, Paul, Steve, Robbo, Ricci and Greg for your unwavering support, footy intelligence, and robust discussion. Thank you for continuing the consistent messaging and clear player pathway, we're fortunate to lead this group. We have struck the right balance with this coaching group, and I am very grateful for your passion, advice and friendship.

Thank you to Karen and Murray for the mammoth amount of work you do and have done off the field to keep us all in line so that we can focus on coaching and the players can focus on playing.

To the leadership group; as a group you provided relentless support for your teammates. The way each of you stood tall at different stages of the season to keep the group together and picked them up week in week out is a hard thing to do, and I thank you for that. Thank you for your input and taking ownership of the team with your accountability at selections, and congratulations on the leadership you displayed this year. Having the opportunity to continue to develop leaders and young men is a real privilege that will help them and the footy club into the future.

To the playing group: Thank you. You did everything we asked of you. I believe you grew as individuals and as a group. You challenged each other's commitment and established expectations of the group, increased the accountability, and had a good time doing it. Thank you for the belief in me and the team vision, I know your best is good enough! Our work continues and our expectations of each other continue to grow, next year and beyond.

Congratulations to Rhys, and Tristan who made the AFL Canberra Teams of the year for Rising Stars and Seniors and to Joey Dunn for his goal of the year.

Thank you to the support staff, those who strapped, ran water, time kept, shuffled magnets and took stats. We couldn't coach or play to the best of our ability without your support and assistance. In particular, Denis, Sean, Laura and Matt, Jimmy McIntyre, Steve Donlan, Pete Borghouts, Karen Donlan, Ethan Bates, Nick Jarosz, Josh Hogan and Marty and the numerous junior footballers who assisted with water running.

I full faith that the evolving culture of this group will lead them to the success they deserve. It's built not bought; we will get better together.

See you at the footy

Jimmy

SENIOR PROFILES

2ND GRADE MENS

COACH'S REPORT

2023 was a season of mixed emotions – anticipation, excitement, disappointment, frustration but mostly a sense of pride, particularly with how the group banded together as a unit both on & off the field. At times it can be difficult coaching a 2nd Grade side with a regular and high turnover of different players from week to week and with 53 different players throughout the year, this season was no exception. With that said, every player that played for the 2nd Grade warriors this year all bought into the group camaraderie and gave their all for the guernsey & their teammates.

Whilst we didn't get as many wins as we would have hoped, the lads can be proud of the improvement that was made throughout the year, indeed some of the passages of play at various times was fantastic to see. It's just about making these passages happen more often and for longer periods of time which will turn those "we got close" games into wins.

A massive thank you to Greg Walker for being by my side all year, I certainly appreciate your calm influence and eye for strategy and tactics – your knowledge and guidance was a great benefit to the side. Thank you to all of our regular volunteers, all the players that were runner or managing the board for us, timekeepers, all the water runners especially Cohan Riley and most of all our wonderful manager, the beautiful Lauralie and her excellent assistant Quinn Barons.

Lastly, congratulations to all the award winners on a fantastic season. You can all be super proud of the season you had.

It was a privilege and an honour to coach & play alongside these mighty warriors who no matter the opponent or the result, fought to the end and went out on their shield.

Ricci

3RD GRADE MENS

COACHES REPORT

2023 was a bit of a roller coaster ride. Struggling to field a fully fit side each week, but the boys dug deep every week, and I couldn't fault their efforts. Each player who came in bought in and enjoyed their time and that's what community-grade footy is about. We competed well against the best sides, even sometimes without a full squad. We managed to secure a win against our archenemy, Belconnen, which is always good. I'm looking forward to next year, and I believe the lads are too.

I'd like to express my gratitude to Dion Cannon, who helped me on game day and also when I couldn't make it to the game day presentation. Additionally, I'd like to thank Kellie Hogan, Paul Highmore, and Kim O'Dea for all their support throughout the year.

Jesse Mcphail

SENIOR PROFILES

1ST GRADE WOMENS



COACH'S REPORT

Our season in 2023 was a little mix-and-match with some really exciting signs and talent emerging and some great glimpses of where we can really be at enough to keep some serious excitement around the group and for the Club. We had new players join the senior women's and stamp themselves on the competition. We had juniors making their senior debuts and doing amazingly well, and we had some of our players make the next step up and really show the benefits of committing to themselves, personal improvement and their teammates.

One of the most impressive seasons came from local junior Sam Lawson who was a very deserving winner of our Most Improved for season 2023. Sam has always been a talent, and an amazing young person, however this year Sam stood up to become one of our most reliable and dangerous defenders. It was great to see Sam rack up 50 senior games and dominate at Canberra's highest level. When Nikki Harvey returned this year there was some genuine excitement, however we could not have envisaged Nikki standing out as one of our most reliable defenders and as a leader in her own right. Nikki had an amazing year which was recognised with the 2023 Coaches Award, such was her influence on the both the playing and coaching groups. Our Most Consistent was Trunisha Patel who was one of our players who really took a massive step forward in 2023. Trunisha was already a very good player, however 2023 saw her become the first back pocket I've ever seen tagged such was her ability to influence the game.

Chloe Hind and Charlee Cremerius were two new players to the side this year and what seasons they had!!! Chloe was a very deserving winner of our Best and Fairest and Player's Player awards dominating throughout the season with her electric pace and ability to win the contested ball.

Charlee was Runner-up Best and Fairest and also a deserved winner of the Club's Most Courageous Player award after a season as essentially the sole ruck option in first grade. Both Charlee and Chloe have been amazing additions to the group both from a playing and cultural perspective and immediately established themselves as key members of an exciting group.

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It was also great to see Kiarna Woolley-Blain named in the AFL Canberra Team of the Year in her first year back from serious injury in 2022. Kiarna started forward and was then moved to centre half back where she dominated and eventually saw her named in the TOTY back line.

With nine Rising Stars Women's players playing first grade in 2023 it is exciting to think what the years ahead could be. Charlotte Roach and Erin Shute continued their first-grade experience doing very well when available. Millie Chisholm, Ash Patton, Georgia Mayer, Darby Hayes, Ash Brine, Morgan Stevens and Jasmin Le all made their first-grade debuts and did amazingly well. All have come up through the ranks of our juniors, even Darby who has been driving up from Tathra for about four years to have a game when she's not dominating for the Sea Eagles back home. It was great to see Millie Chisholm make her first-grade debut after two years of driving in from Wagga every week to player Rising Stars. It was especially exciting to see Ash P and Ash B, Georgia, Morgs and Jaz make their debuts. These kids have worn the red, white and blue since the amalgamation and represent the future of women's footy in the Valley and wowwee can all these kids play!!! The older players absolutely loved seeing the kids come through and can't wait for preseason to begin (so I'm told!!).

It has taken while to reap the benefits of the amalgamation in 2020 but this year gave us a real good look at what having a stable, supportive, developmental pathway for our youth girls looks like.

I want to thank all of the people who brought this together in 2023. The TVAFNC Board, led brilliantly by Kellie Hogan and Luke Jess, all of our sponsors, especially the Canberra Southern Cross Club, MW Plumbing, McIntyre Property, Procurement Professionals and Keane Consulting. All of the player sponsors that supported our players, all of our players who travelled from far and abroad to represent the Valley, especially Sally Scott who often drove in from Wagga on a Thursday to train with the group as well. I especially want to thank all of the coaches across the senior program. In the first grade I can't thank Will Prowse and Kaitlin "Harry" Dobing enough. Both were amazing all year, and even after Harry suffered a catastrophic ACL injury in round one, she still gave of her time to the group and myself. It was also great to have Mick Patton join the group where he could, and finally Beth Matters who was quite deservedly recognised as the Second Grade Women's Coach of the Year at the AFL Canberra awards. You are all simply the very best group to work with.

I would also like to thank Kim O'Dea as Team Manager. It is a tireless and thankless job, but we all appreciate your efforts in getting the team sorted and ready to do battle. To our medical staff, Laura King, Matt Moxon, Denis Liuzzi and Ian Knox – you guys are superstars. It is critical for any senior sports program that wants to be taken seriously to be well supported by a strong medical program and we could not have asked for better with all of you. In that same vein I would like to give my final thanks to Jarrod "Sauce" Phillips as our High Performance and sports trainer for 2023. Sauce has been an exceptional addition to the senior women's program, and we are all keen to see how hard he drives our 2024 program and beyond.

One of the most deserving recognitions that occurred this year was Natasha Monger being awarded the Club's Patrons Award for 2023. This is the most prestigious recognition at the Club recognising extraordinary contribution to every aspect of the Club and for Tash to receive such recognition was brilliant. Tash has been at the epicentre of every positive initiative at Tuggeranong for a while now but 2023 was amazing. A hardened footballer, gun netballer, mad tik-toker (what ever that is!), indefatigable spirit and beautiful soul, Tash has been amazing. Well done Tash!!

A final thank you to our first-grade women's leadership team of Kathryn Ghirardello, Taylah Bacon and Stephanie Lahey. You are three of the very best humans anyone could want to meet and have led the team brilliantly throughout the year. Thank you so much!!!

Take care everyone and we will see you all in preseason!!!

Cheers

Leo

SENIOR PROFILES

2ND GRADE WOMENS

COACH'S REPORT

This year has been one of the most enjoyable seasons I've ever been a part of, despite narrowly missing out on finals, there are so many positives to reflect on. We have proven that when we play our best footy, we can beat anyone on any given day, which is exactly what we did. We beat every team in the competition, including the minor premiers Queanbeyan and the eventual premiers, Ainslie. We can take a lot of self-belief and confidence out of our ability to win games, particularly when it was close, and our backs were against the wall. While missing finals was a bitter pill to swallow, we will be better for the experience, and we will continue to build on our brand of hard contested footy and selfless play. I am immensely proud of the team's desire to continually improve and get the most out of themselves and each other.

Some of the year's highlights include Kerry Hayes breaking the all-time Women's club record with 232 games. Well done Kez on this great achievement. We welcomed back some club legends, including Karen Hill, who went on to win the Eugenie Hickey Best and Fairest medal. To everyone who made sacrifices and juggled other competing priorities, including family, studies and work, thank you for turning up and putting your body on the line for this mighty club.

Special thank you to Chloe Osborne (manager), Nathan Osborne (interchange steward and husband extraordinaire) and the coaching staff in Leo Lahey, Will Prowse, Jarrod Phillips, Kaitlin Dobing, Mick Patton and Tia Stevens. A special shout out to Nikki Harvey and Lucy McKelvie-Hill for doing the rotations with such precision and enthusiasm. Thanks Dennis Luizzi, Laura King and Matt Moxon for your ongoing care and diligence in keeping our bodies ticking over. Thanks to the leadership group for sharing the load and always putting the team first. To anyone who ran messages and water, you are legends, yes Alana Fraser, this includes you!! Thanks to my amazing mentors Tash Monger, Kat Ghirardello, Courtney Bacon and Kylie Guarino, for your support, wisdom and for always putting a smile on my face when I needed it most. Last but not least, thank you to those opposing club coaches who voted me 'AFL Canberra Women's Second Grade coach of the year'. I am so humbled and honoured to be recognised by my peers for this award in what was my first year as Player Coach.

Beth Matters

SENIOR PROFILES

RISING STARS WOMENS

COACH'S REPORT

This season was a very exciting step forwards for both the Rising Stars Women's program and the Club as a whole. The Club, and the competition, got a front row look to some of the most exciting talent coming through the program and also some of the most club-oriented juniors soon to graduate into the senior program. This all culminated in the first finals appearance for a Tuggeranong Valley Rising Stars Women's team in over a decade and, despite not going deep into the finals, I don't think anyone could argue that the future look truly bright in our women's program.

The players however were not the only exciting evolution in the Rising Stars Women's space, we also saw significantly more involvement in supporting the side in 2023 with Tia Stevens and Mick Patton joining the coaching group, alongside Anthony Mayer as Team Manager and Ian Knox continuing his commitment to the program doing a great job as sports trainer and first aid for the season. It was so great to be able to work alongside all of these amazing people and I know I, the Club and all of the players were much better for their involvement. Tia and Patto also coached the Under 16 girls for the season, culminating in a well-earned premiership with many of those girls playing up in Rising Stars throughout the year.

We welcomed some new faces to the group this year with one of those, Maddie Garner, capping off a great first season being recognised as our Most Improved Player by seasons end. Maddie was completely brand new to the game but by seasons end had become one of our most reliable players running out games on the wing with fierce competitiveness. For the second year in a row the Coaches Award went to Millie Chisholm who was simply amazing all year. Millie epitomises everything coaches look for – constantly seeking to improve; seeking, and listening to, feedback; embracing challenges and hardship; supporting teammates; and, simply doing everything in their power to get better. Great year Millie. Finally, our Most Consistent went to Ash Brine. Ash started the year without any intention of playing football, however ended the year as our most consistent player, a key leader within the group and with a number of senior games under her belt, including getting a thoroughly well-deserved first grade debut. You had an amazing year, Ash!!

Player's Player went to Hannah DeVoy. Hannah came into the year uncertain about what the season might look like, and battled through injury for parts of the season, however managed to get a roll on towards the end of the year and we got a real insight into just how good this kid can be. It was great to see Hannah rewarded for a great year. Our Runner Up Best & Fairest quite literally could not have done much more in a season – Captained her State; Led ACT U15 Schoolgirls to their first win ever at national level, and then their second; selected as All-Australian; made her first-grade debut; dominated Giants Academy; the list quite literally goes on and on. Morgan had a great year, despite missing the first part of the season through injury. It was an amazing season for Morgs but what stands out for me is that Morgan strives not only to make herself better and improve all the time, however she commits to her teammates and Club constantly supporting those around her. Well done, Morgs!!

Finally, our Best and Fairest had a season that defies most descriptions. Through an amazing Giants Academy campaign, to her first-grade debut/season where she starred, to playing for the Australian Womens Diamonds Baseball team in Canada in the world cup qualifiers, Ash Patton was simply a star. Again however, it was not just her on field displays that were impressive. When Ash couldn't play because of being selected for Allies or Australia, she would turn up to every game and run water or messages out to her teammates or take their warm-ups and make sure everyone was ready to go. We are only at the very start of the journey with these kids and Ash's journey with footy (or baseball) in hand looks like it'll be an exciting one. Great season Ash!!

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Ash, Morgan and Georgia Mayer were also recognised at competition level with their selections in the AFL Canberra Rising Stars Women Team of the Year. All three had magnificent years with Georgia bursting on to the scene and becoming a very consistent high performer in first grade womens throughout the year.

It was exciting to see so many of our Rising Stars Women's players playing senior footy as well in 2023. We had nine RSW eligible players play first grade with "veterans" Charlotte Roach and Erin Shute playing the season out in seniors, however we also saw First Grade debuts go to Millie Chisholm, who not only debuted and then played 7 games, but also played 8 second grade women's games (WOW!!). Ash Patton, Georgia Mayer, Darby Hayes, Ash Brine, Morgan Stevens and Jasmin Le all made their first-grade debuts and did amazingly well. Additionally, Emily Knox, Neveah Mohring, Chrstina Said, Hannah DeVoy and Hannah Lewthwaite all made their senior debuts in the second-grade women's competition and showed that they were very much in contention to make their first grade debuts in 2024 if they want it.

It has taken while to reap the benefits of the amalgamation in 2020 but this year gave us a real good look at what having a stable, supportive, developmental pathway for our youth girls looks like. There is probably two more years to come with bringing players through, however if you had the chance to get to see some of our youngsters getting around this year you will know why I am so bullish on the pathway for the years to come.

I would like to finish by saying a massive thank you to everyone that helped out throughout the season in even the smallest way. You are all amazing and we hope to see you all next year!!!

Cheers

Leo

JUNIOR FOOTBALL DIRECTOR

What a season 2023 was, no covid, no wash outs, no home ground base for the start of the season but lots of fun!

Before our season could even get started, we were devastated with news that our junior club home base shed at Gordon ovals had been struck by vandalism and we had lost all our equipment and uniforms in a fire. With the support of many generous donations, and some hard work to identify what was lost, the board were put to work in our off season to start replacing everything. We thankfully were able to replace most of our equipment in time to start with an amazing meet and greet with AFL GWS players and our season launch. We then headed into our season all prepared.

This year we entered 19 junior teams into the competition. We had teams in age groups from Auskick Pro's to U16 girls. With another great season completed, we had 6 of these team's progress through to the finals. Well done to all these teams, it is an achievement to make finals and you should be very proud of yourselves.

We got to show just how strong Valley football is when in front of all our TVAFNC families, friends, and supporters the U11 Red, U14 Blue and U16 Girls competed in the Grand Finals. All these teams represented our club with pride and passion, and I would like to congratulate you all for a fantastic season.

I would like to extend a special congratulations to the U16 Girls. The girls took to the field against strong competitors in Queanbeyan Tigers, you showed your skills, teamwork, and determination to come away with a win and bringing home both the minor premiership and premiership pennants for 2023. CONGRATULATIONS, I look forward to watching you all continue with your amazing football journeys.

I would like to acknowledge and congratulate our League Best and Fairest winners, Jesse Borghouts in U15 Boys and joint winners Aiden Henderson and Isaac Owusu in U14 Mixed. This is a huge achievement across 2 very competitive age groups. We have many talented players in our club, for their outstanding achievements this year we have awarded Aiden Henderson and Morgan Stevens as our Players of the Year. Congratulations to you both for a fantastic 2023 season. Last but not least, congratulations to Quinn Barons, the recipient of the Ash Taylor Junior Encouragement award. Your contribution as a player in the U16 girls, assisting as team manager of the second-grade team and helping to coach the U9s you have demonstrated your maturity as a young player in our club. I hope you continue to extend yourself and share your passion for AFL with our community.

This year we continued our focus on having our Juniors and Seniors coming together by having our junior teams attend the Senior club Saturday night presentations. Again, this was a hit for our junior players. Getting a chance to interact with the Senior players, hear about their game day achievements and share a meal has our Juniors very excited about their pathway into Senior football. We even made a few our Senior players feel like celebrities when some our U10 players had a meet and greet session and asked for photos and signatures from the players. I'm not sure whose smiles were bigger! This relationship building is key to our pathway into Senior football and will continue to be a high priority moving into 2024.

I would like to say a very big THANK YOU to all our amazing Coaches, Managers and Volunteers for your support. I cannot thank you all enough for your time, effort, love of the game and this club. Your support to ensure our players can take to the field each week is greatly appreciated. Whether you are a Runner, Water Runner, First Aid Officer, Timekeeper, Goal Umpire, Field Umpire, Fruit Cutter, or Guernsey Washer, we all thank you very much.

JUNIOR FOOTBALL DIRECTOR

Our Ray Ghirardello Coaches Award recipient, Peter Ashcroft, is a coach that has shown his dedication and commitment to many players over the years. From Auskickers through to Senior players, Pete, has had an impact by training and developing these players, passing on his own skills and love for the game. Congratulations on this fantastic recognition.

Volunteers are the foundation of our club, and I would like to congratulate and thank our recipients of our junior club volunteer awards. Ben Lehmann as the Junior Club person of the Year, and Gary Searle as the Matheson Memorial, Junior Volunteer Service Award. You have both supported our club for many years in various roles but this year, your support on game day BBQs has been greatly appreciated so thank you again.

To our players, I cannot say thank you enough for getting your boots on, mouth guards out and proudly wearing the TVAFNC uniform each week. From our youngest members to our oldest, I hope 2023 saw you enjoy the game, make long lasting friendships and that you are ready to come back in 2024. Next season is set to be another fabulous one and I look forward to seeing TVAFNC continue to grow and strengthen as a club.

Amanda Lowes

JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENTS

JUNIOR MILESTONES

50 Games

Lawson Dickson
Daemon Birch
Olli Carswell
Jaxon Kickett
Ollie Williams
Fraser Henderson
Zachary Kimball
Logan Rasmussen
Myles Robinson
Ben Rohan
Riley Burbidge
Liam Stefanuti
Lilly Stephan
Layla White
Sophie Patron
Mia Terry
Owen McAlister
Riley Watson

Benji Lowes
Bridget O'Shannassy
Mitchel Crosby
Min van Campenhout
Jack Staite
Hudson Wundersitz
Louis Edwards
Reid Stewart
Oscar Zacny
Jarrah Lancarter
Bailey Emblen
Margaret Basilisco
Charly Watson
Annaliese Perry
Reina Fearn
Marcus Turtle
Rylan Travers

150 Games

Chelsea Hogan

100 Games

Nicholas Masters
Bayley Morton
Ryder Anesbury
Bruno Grzegorzewski
Cooper Lowes

Sam Whyte
Nate Coleman
Nik Dokonal
Bella Broderick

200 Games

JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT PLAYER

U16 Girls

Morgan Stevens (All Australian, ACT School Sports, GWS development & invited GWS Academy Player)
Indiana Kildey (ACT School Sports & GWS)
Kate Patton (ACT School Sports & GWS)
Alana Fraser (ACT School Sports & GWS)
Katrina Brine (ACT School Sports & GWS)
Tayla Jess (ACT School Sports)
Lucy Tokley (GWS)
Madison Mayer (ACT School Sports)

U14 Boys

Aiden Henderson (ACT School Sports/GWS)
Riley Masters (ACT School Sports/GWS)
Bayley Morton (GWS)
Zac Owen (GWS)
Liam Stefanuti (GWS)
Isaac Cooper (GWS)
Nate Coleman (GWS)
Lukas Severa (GWS)
Haydn Janek (GWS)
Blake Kearney (GWS)
Sam Whyte (GWS)

U15 Boys

Jesse Borghouts (ACT School Sports & GWS)
Jack Reilly (ACT School Sports & GWS)
Xavier Govan (GWS)
Ash McLean (GWS)
Stuart Reichstein (GWS)
Jack Miels-Barrett (GWS)

JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENTS

U14 Girls

Margaret Basilisco (GWS)
Bella Broderick (GWS)
Grace Davidson (GWS)
Tia Herbez (GWS)
Chelsea (GWS)
Kildey Willow (ACT School Sports & GWS)
Milla Knox (GWS)
Jade McPherson (GWS)
Lilly Stephan (GWS)
Charly Watson (GWS)
Tia Galea (GWS)

U13 Boys

Darcy Borghouts (GWS)
Zachary Dalmolin (GWS)
Fraser Henderson (GWS)
Lucas Herbetz (GWS)
Nicholas Masters (GWS)
James Rice (GWS)
Ruben Hines (GWS)
Miller Woodward (GWS)

U13 Girls

Emma Deakin (ACT School Sports)
Darcie Kickett (ACT School Sports & GWS)
Hayley Merriman (ACT School Sports)
Sophie Patron (ACT School Sports & GWS)

U12 Girls

Sophie Patron (ACT School Sports & GWS) Mana
Robinson (GWS)

U12 Boys

Ali Aslan (GWS)
William Crick (ACT School Sports & GWS)
Fraser Henderson (ACT School Sports & GWS)
Josphe Rutten (ACT School Sports & GWS)
Lewis Rice (ACT School Sports)

JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENTS

JUNIOR TEAM AWARDS

16 Girls

Best And Fairest (Jo and Greg Lewis Trophy)	Alana Fraser
Runner Up B&F	Morgan Stevens
Player's Player	Alana Fraser
Team Player of the Year	Katrina Brine
Coach's Award	Georgie Cooper
Most Improved	Indi Kildey
Player of the finals	Alana Fraser

13s Mixed

Best And Fairest	Darcy Borghouts
Runner Up B&F	Nicholas Masters
Team Player of the Year	Ewan Baker
Coach's Award	Jacob McNamara
Most Improved	Jaxon Kickett

15 Boys

Best And Fairest	Jesse Borghouts
Runner Up B&F	Stuart Reichstein
Player's Player	Jesse Borghouts
Team Player of the Year	Jack Reilly
Coach's Award	Ash McLean & Ryan Geerdink
Most Improved	Nathan Matthews

12 Girls

Best And Fairest	Sophie Patron
Runner Up B&F	Billie Morton
Team Player of the Year	Hayley Merriman
Coach's Award	Addison Sturzaker
Most Improved	Aislinn O'Dwyer

14 Girls

Best And Fairest	Milla Knox
Runner Up B&F	Jade McPherson
Team Player of the Year	Chelsea Hogan
Coach's Award	Mariella Vigar
Most Improved	Ruby Yazici

12s Mixed

Best And Fairest (Michael Jones Trophy)	Fraser Henderson
Runner Up B&F	Ali Aslan
Team Player of the Year	William Crick
Coach's Award	Chops Thomas
Most Improved	James Rootes

14s Mixed Red

Best And Fairest	Aiden Henderson
Runner Up B&F	Riley Masters
Team Player of the Year	Bayley Morton
Coach's Award	Zac Owen
Most Improved	Riley Burbidge
Player of the finals	James Rice

11s Mixed Red

Best And Fairest	Lewis Rice
Runner Up B&F	Jack Staite
Team Player of the Year	Mitchell Crosby
Coach's Award	Jack Staite
Most Improved	Carter Ramsden
Player of the finals	Nixon Dean

14s Mixed Blue

Best And Fairest	Blake Kearney
Runner Up B&F	Lukas Severa
Team Player of the Year	Isaac Owusu
Coach's Award	Liam Stefanuti
Most Improved	Cooper Aiken

11s Mixed Blue

Best And Fairest	Blake Wickson
Runner Up B&F	Jordyn Lea
Team Player of the Year	Harry Grimm
Coach's Award	Riley Watson
Most Improved	Blake Wickson

JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENTS

10 Girls

Team Player of the Year	Isla Kearney
Coach's Award	Evelyn Pollard
Most Improved	Sophie Williams

10s Mixed Red

Team Player of the Year	Oliver Greaney
Coach's Award	Benjamin Barrett
Most Improved	Flynn Douglas

10s Mixed Blue

Team Player of the Year	Alexander Turner
Coach's Award	Toby Ellis
Most Improved	Caitlin Sommer

Auskick Pros Gold

Coach's Award	Logan Smith
Most Improved	Violette Munchow-Hogan

Auskick Pros Red

Coach's Award	Thomas Adamaitys
Most Improved	Liam Rogers

Auskick Pros White

Coach's Award	Solomon Brown
Most Improved	Joshua Schofield

Auskick Pros Blue

Coach's Award	Lachlan Staite
Most Improved	Mitchell Ashcroft

9s Mixed Red

Team Player of the Year	Jayden Buchi
Coach's Award	Sam Maiden
Most Improved	Jasper Phillips

9s Mixed Blue

Team Player of the Year	Noah Owusu
Coach's Award	Eli Scheeren
Most Improved	Ekam Singh

JUNIOR TEAMS OF THE YEAR

JUNIOR MALE TEAM OF THE YEAR

Coach:
**Mark Woodward &
Jimmy Rice**

B	Ewan Baker (U13's)	Lachlan Searle (U15 Boy's)	James Rice (U14's Red)
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HB	Darcy Borghouts (U13's)	Nicholas Masters (14's Red)	Aiden Henderson (U14's Red)
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C	Joseph Rutten (U12's)	Blake Wickson (U11's Blue)	Cooper Lowes (U15 Boy's)
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HF	Jaxon Kickett (U13's)	Stuart Reichstein (U15 Boy's)	William Crick (U12's)
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F	Lois Scheeren (U11's Blue)	Thomas Farrer (U11's Blue)	Herry Grimm (U11's Blue)
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Followers
Jordyn Lea (Rover) (U11's Blue)
Jesse Borghouts (Ruck Rover) (U15 Boy's)
Declan Clowry (Ruck) (U14's Red)

Interchange
Mana Robinson (U12's)
Riley Masters (U14's Red)
Bayley Morton (U14's Red)
Fraser Henderson (U12's)

JUNIOR TEAMS OF THE YEAR

JUNIOR FEMALE TEAM OF THE YEAR

Coach:
Matt Knox

B	Jade McPherson (U14 Girls)	Madison Mayer (U16 Girls)	Chelsea Hogan (U14 Girls)
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HB	Hayley Merriman (U12 Girls)	Morgan Stevens (U16 Girls)	Reina Fearn (U12 Girls)
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C	Alana Fraser (U16 Girls)	Indi Kidley (U16 Girls)	Billie Morton (U12 Girls)
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HF	Milla Knox (U14 Girls)	Kate Patton (U16 Girls)	Darcie Kickett (U12 Girls)
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F	Willow Kidley (U14 Girls)	Tayla Jess (U16 Girls)	Isla Pfeiffer (U14 Girls)
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Followers

Sophie Patron (Rover) (U12 Girls)

Katrina Brince (Ruck Rover) (U16 Girls)

Emma Deakin (Ruck) (U12 Girls)

Interchange

Karli Jess (U12 Girls)

Tia Herberz (U14 Girls)

JUNIOR PROFILES

16 GIRLS



2023 Under 16 Girls



Back Row: Mick Patton (Coach), Kiara Miller, Amelia Naughton, Morgan Stevens, Quinn Barons, Xanthe Barons, Kate Patton, Dale Naughton (A/Coach)
Third Row: Lucy Tokley, Faith McNamara, Alana Fraser, Caitlin Jorritsma, Emily Welsh, Hope McNamara, Tayla Jess
Second Row: Tia Stevens (Coach), Bridget O'Shannassy, Georgia Ryan, Georgie Cooper, Katrina Brine, Zoe Keen, Laura Scheele (Manager)
Front Row: Chantel Burnett, Charlotte Dalmolin, Hannah Bowman, Shiina Fearn, Indiana Kildey, Lauren Bowman, Ava Glover, Madison Mayer
Absent: Chloe Brodrick, Tara Davey, Jessica Dokonal, Ava Trimper, Savanna Trimper, Olivia Wellington, Mia Willis

COACH'S REPORT

Congratulations to the U16 Girls team who had a fantastic season, showcased through the girls playing an awesome game against Queanbeyan to win this year's Canberra U16G AFLW Grand Final. This was the result of a great year that included finishing minor premiers with 9 wins and 3 losses, a fantastic achievement which you all should be proud of.

This year's group of over 30 girls worked hard at training on skills, fitness and most importantly teamwork. This hard work was on display in the grand final win over Queanbeyan by 5 points. Our team motto was "#Wenotme" and each player showed that on the big day.

The club also put a lot of effort into the transition from 16s into the senior ranks and we had many players play up in the rising stars team and some in the senior grades. It was very pleasing to see several u16s players on a regular basis at the optional 2nd training with the senior squad on a Thursday night. I know the senior women's group are excited to see the junior talent coming along and enjoyed training alongside of them each week.

We also had six players represent the ACT in the u15s school sports carnival at Ballarat, they all did the club, the state and themselves proud.

As with any season, there are a lot of thankyou's. Firstly, a big shout out to the team sponsor Lanyon Pharmacy. A big thank you also to all of our parents for helping create a great team atmosphere and stepping in to help when ever needed. A special mention to our volunteers that helped out every week, Claire Manzoney, Ricci Miller, Ian Barons, Shayne & Jack Welsh, Scott Kildey, Scott Glover and Jacob McNamara

A massive thanks to Tia and Dale for helping me out with the coaching this season. It was great working with and learning off you guys. We had lots of fun and I look forward to working with you guys again.

Thanks to Leo, our Head of the women's AFL program, for helping with the group throughout the year. It was great to pick your brain about players and game situations.

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Thank you to Laura Scheele for being the best team manager again (5 years in a row now) and doing all the admin things behind the scenes so that all we had to do was concentrate on coaching the girls each week.

Finally, but not least, a big thank you to the TVAFNC board for another great season of Valley Football.

Once again, congratulations to all the girls on their achievements throughout the 2023 season. I look forward to seeing you all in 2024 and can't wait to see what our girls can do next season!

Mick, Tia and Dale

JUNIOR PROFILES

16 GIRLS PLAYER PROFILES

Quinn Barons

Total Games at end of 2023 – 73

Quinn had a great season being one of our tall forwards. Her attack at the ball and determination in packs was fierce but unfortunately a few head knocks and injuries saw her game time limited this season. Quinn also helped coach the u9's this year and co-managed the 2nd grade men's team giving back to the club off the field. Excited to see what Quinn can do injury free year in 2024.

Xanthe Barons

Total Games at end of 2023 – 72

Xanthe again had a stellar season. Not many players have the versatility to play backs, mids and forwards but Xanthe showed just how it's done. Her contested ball work and kicking continued to improve this year and her determine to play on (even through injury in the semifinal) shows what a force she is and hopefully will continue to be for the Valley.

Katrina Brine

Total Games at end of 2023 – 158

Kat had a sensational season. Her intensity at the ball and hard tackling gave the team exceptional movement all across the field. A coaches delight as Kat can play anywhere on the field. She also represented the Valley through being a part of the GWS development squad and through being a part of the history making ACT school sports u15 team and was a key player in our RSW team.

Chantel Burnett

Total Games at end of 2023 – 21

One of our dual netball/football athletes in her second year of AFL Channy had a solid season. Her attacking speed made her a strong option on the wing and up forward and when she masters game positioning, she will be a weapon in years to come.

Hannah Bowman

Total Games at end of 2023 – 43

Don't let this kid fool you. One of the quieter girls off the field Hannah is a weapon on the field. She is one of our key tagging defenders who shuts down who ever she is playing against. Her repeat efforts are one of the best on the team and was another reason we also saw her play up in our Rising Stars Women (RSW) team.

Lauren Bowman

Total Games at end of 2023 – 66

Loz showed us this year not only is she one of our key defenders but can also be dangerous up forward. She has had a niggling calf injury all year, but this hasn't stopped her having a solid season in u16's and also playing up in RSW. Excited to see her continue to develop in RSW next year.

Georgie Cooper

Total Games at end of 2023 – 43

Georgie's skills have grown so much over the year making her one of key wingers due to her fast run and clean ball skills. Once she masters her kicking on the run there will be no stopping her. Her commitment at training to improve her skills has made her a dream to coach with a fractured finger the only reason she missed a couple of games this season.

Charlotte Dalmolin

Total Games at end of 2023 – 49

One of the few players to play every game this season Charlie showed us she can be one of our strong defenders. Her attack and quick kick out of our back line one of her weapons. She was another of our players who was selected to play up in our RSW this year. If Charlie can get through training consistently without injury, she will be a dominating player.

Tara Davey

Total Games at end of 2023 – 14

Tara joined us a little late in the season but quickly solidified herself as one of our key forward targets and one of our rotating rucks. Tara showed her strong body work in packs and further focus on her ability to take contested marks will make her a weapon around the field. Tara was also invited to play up in RSW this year, but her game time was limited due to basketball commitments.

Tully Devoy

Total Games at end of 2023 – 49

Unfortunately Tully only managed a couple of games this year but showed she is a strong option up forward kicking a goal in one of those games. We hope to see Tully back at the club for a full season next year so we can see her reach her full football potential.

JUNIOR PROFILES

Shiina Fearn

Total Games at end of 2023 – 11

Another of our players who joined us partway through the season Shiina became one of our utility players who we could place all across the field. As one of our longest playing athletes we are keen to see what Shiina can do when she is fully focused on improving her football skills.

Alana Fraser

Total Games at end of 2023 – 66

Lans had her best season yet. Her development and willingness to grow her skills showed on the field both in u16s and playing up in RSW. Lans also represented the Valley being a part of the GWS development squad and school sports state representative team. If Lans continues to work on her consistency in attacking the ball she will reach her dream of playing 1st grade in years to come.

Ava Glover

Total Games at end of 2023 – 14

Ava definitely didn't have a season expected of a first-year player. She looked right at home with her ground ball work and quick ball movement. We are very excited to see Ava's development in her second year where she can continue to hone her kicking and contested skills.

Tayla Jess

Total Games at end of 2023 – 81

Tayla has a strong season playing u16s, being a part of the school sports team and being invited to play up in the RSW team. When focused Tayla is one of the league's best players. She has been working hard with her Dad to improve her kicking technique and if she continues honing her craft and her focus, she will become the elite footballer we know she is capable of being.

Caitlin Jorritsma

Total Games at end of 2023 – 19

As one of our second-year players Caitlin has continued to really focus on improving her skills seeking regular feedback from the coaches. This translated onto the field throughout the year, and we hope to see Caitlin back in 2024 so she can continue to build her confidence as a footballer.

Zoe Keen

Total Games at end of 2023 – 67

Zoe had an interrupted season but when available was a strong attacking footballer in our forward line. We hope to see Zoe back in 2024 so she can continue to develop her confidence and kicking on the run skills.

Indiana Kildey

Total Games at end of 2023 – 23

What an incredible second year of footy for Indi. One of our strongest mids and tagging players who gives the team vital clearance out of the mids. She played up in RSW, represented the club in school sports and GWS and is one of our dual club football/netballers. We encourage Indi to work on protecting her head in packs so she can continue to dominate for years to come.

Madison Mayer

Total Games at end of 2023 – 96

Madi had another excellent season as one of our strongest players in the mids and backs. Her contested footy is one of the best in the team and was one of the reasons she was invited up to play RSW this season. Madi just missed out on representing the club at SSACT but has represented the club all year as a league umpire. The coaches are excited to see Madi continue to develop in 2024.

Faith McNamara

Total Games at end of 2023 – 71

What a year for Faith as our leading goal kicker for the team with 18 goals for the season. Although she started the year with a serious injury which saw her sidelined, Faith has since worked hard all season on being a dangerous forward. This strength saw her being invited up to play RSW this season. We are excited to see what Faith will achieve in RSW next year.

Hope McNamara

Total Games at end of 2023 – 96

Another one of our players who has played every game this season Hope had been elite as our last line of defence. Her ability to read and clear the ball has saved the team from multiple goals throughout the season. It also saw her invited up to play in the RSW this year. Hope will be a player to watch in years to come.

JUNIOR PROFILES

Kiara Miller

Total Games at end of 2023 – 143

KiKi again showed why she is our starting Ruck this season. Her ability to win the tap, contest the body and give her all time and time again was on full show this season, right up until her season ending injury just before finals. KiKi continued to support her team and help coach the u9's and co-manage the 2nd grade men's team all season despite the injury. A true asset to our club.

Amelia Naughton

Total Games at end of 2023 – 25

As one of our second-year players Milly really improved her confidence and skills making her one of our strong forwards. Her improvement in taking a contested mark and kicking to a target being highlights for the season. Juggling representative basketball and football saw Milly miss a few games throughout the season but we look forward to seeing her continue to develop in 2024.

Bridget O'Shannassy

Total Games at end of 2023 – 56

This season saw Bridget play her 50th game and kick her first career goal. Although very quiet on and off the field Bridget worked hard all season to improve her ball movement as one of our key forward crumbers. If Bridget can find her voice and build her confidence, she will be a weapon for years to come.

Kelsey Ormazabel

Total Games at end of 2023 – 3

Kelsey joined late in the season playing up in the RSW and helping out in u16s. Her tackling skills are her strongest asset and continued to improve with each game. With a full preseason and commitment to training Kelsey could be one of our key players in years to come.

Kate Patton

Total Games at end of 2023 – 120

As one of our dual netball/football athletes Kate had an interrupted season but still made her presence known when she did take the field. Her hard contested footy and tackling are one of her strongest weapons despite being one of the youngest on the team. It's also what secured herself a position playing up in the u15 SSACT team and also the RSW. Kate is one to watch in future years.

Georgia Ryan

Total Games at end of 2023 – 40

Georgia had a solid season playing as one of our key wings all year. Another one of our players who when focused can be a dominating force on the field. Looking forward to seeing what Georgia can achieve if she makes it consistently through training without injury.

Lucy Tokley

Total Games at end of 2023 – 45

Lucy has had a fantastic season being one of three girls to have played every game this year. Lucy is developing as a strong option up forward who can also play in the backs due to her strong clearing defensive play. As a member of the GWS development squad and getting the opportunity to play in RSW it is clear that Lucy is on the path to becoming a strong senior footballer.

Ava Trimper

Total Games at end of 2023 – 47

Ava played limited games this year due to competing kick off times to another footy code we won't mention. When able to play Ava showed off her fierce tackling skills and her don't give up attitude with multiple repeat efforts. Sadly, Ava and her sister Savanna missed the GF due to relocating to Canada for the rest of the year. We look forward to having her back fulltime in 2024.

Savanna Trimper

Total Games at end of 2023 – 30

Savvy also had an interrupted season due to playing in two codes of footy on the same day. When available Savvy brought much needed strength to our back six playing hard tackling footy and quick clearing kicks out of defence. We wish her and Ava well for their Canadian adventure and hope they both return to the club full time in 2024.

Morgan Stevens

Total Games at end of 2023 – 70

Morgan had an exceptional year of footy despite battling injury and illness. 2023 saw her captain the u15 school state team, continue as GWS development squad player and be invited to play up in the GWS Academy, RSW and also make her first-grade debut as a 14-year-old. Despite all of this her pinnacle was being selected in the u15s All Australian team. Look out AFLW.

JUNIOR PROFILES

Olivia Wellington

Total Games at end of 2023 – 6

Olivia only managed to take the field once this year with the team in our first game of the season and showed she is an up-and-coming footballer. We hope to see her re-join in 2024 for a full season with the club.

Emily Welsh

Total Games at end of 2023 – 40

Another one of our youngest players Emily continued to improve her football craft as one of our forwards. This year saw Emily kick two goals for the season and showed signs of building confidence in holding her own as the season went on. We encourage Emily to work on getting the footy under pressure and in congestion so she can continue to grow as a crumbing forward.

Mia Willis

Total Games at end of 2023 – 115

Mia was again one of the teams' strong forward options being the second leading goal kicker for the team with 15 goals for the season. We look forward to Mia reaching her full potential in 2024 in the Rising Stars Women team, which she showed us glimmers of throughout 2023.

JUNIOR PROFILES

15 BOYS



COACH'S REPORT

2023 has certainly been a year of ups and downs for the U15 boys with two teams coming together as one. Measures of success comes in different forms and, any way you look at it, this season has definitely been a successful one. Starting the season with a resounding victory against Gungahlin provided a great confidence boost to the boys. Unfortunately, from there we had a mixed bag of results with losses against teams below us on the ladder costing us a chance to play off in the finals. In many of our losses we had more scoring shots with our behind count, and slow starts, ultimately being our undoing.

Many junior teams will often drop their heads when they are down a few goals, but these boys have developed a fantastic 'never say die' attitude and, in many games this year would come home like a steam train. Two such games were against Marist, where we came from 30 points down to draw with them at the final siren, and against Ainslie Black where at one point we were over 20 points down, the boys knuckled down and, allowing Ainslie to only score one more goal for the game, came away with a 19-point victory.

This group of boys optimise the very nature of what team sport is about. They played hard for each other, running in support, protecting each other and, when the chips were down, they would get around each other with an amazing amount of encouragement to run each game out to the very last second. This was further demonstrated by attendance at training, which was fantastic, with the boys turning up come rain, hail or shine, and always wanting to learn new skills and game play to further enhance themselves as a team.

Throughout the season we had support from a multitude of our parents, but special thanks must go to Amanda, our manager and Director of Junior Football, coaches, Shane, Jason and Ben, and one of our First Grade Players, Tristan, who ran many drills for us during training. Also, throughout the season we had a number of the U14's put their hands up to help the team when needed and we would like to thank Aiden, Michael, Riley and Zac for the support they gave and the immediate impact they had in any game they played.

This team is the future of football in Tuggeranong, over the next four to five years, and the foundation has been laid for success as these boys continue towards senior football. I look forward to watching the continued development of the team and am confident they will taste success in the very near future.

Peter Borghouts

JUNIOR PROFILES

15 BOYS PLAYER PROFILES

Ryder Anesbury

Total Games at end of 2023 – 107

Ryder has been amazing in defence this year. Having worked hard on all aspects of his game, Ryder was guaranteed to attack the ball and opposition hard, win the ball and then kick it directly to a team mate to push us into attack. Ryder also comfortably injected himself into the midfield when required ensuring the ball was delivered to his team mates to great effect.

Matthew Bennett

Total Games at end of 2023 – 94

Matt is a man who can be relied upon and, when given clear direction, deliver as needed. Matt's ability to win the ball is fantastic and in one of the big games of the year, against Ainslie Black, Matt dominated, ensuring if he couldn't take the mark that his teams were delivered the ball with clean hands for a shot on goal.

Jesse Borghouts

Total Games at end of 2023 – XXX

Our team Captain is an amazing footballer and outstanding leader. Jesse, who attended the National U15 School carnival this year has an extremely bright future and is a player to watch in as part of the GWS Giants Academy. The support he provides to his teammates and coaching staff is second to none.

Harry Durham

Total Games at end of 2023 – 48

Harry has become an amazing defender in the 2023 season. His defensive pressure has been fantastic and groundball attack has led to the opposition often being repelled quickly out of our defensive 50, allowing for quick movement into our forward line. We are looking forward to seeing Harry continue his development as a defender in 2024.

Ryan Geerdink

Total Games at end of 2023 – 89

Ryan entered the season with an injury that kept him out of the picture for all but the last couple of games. Ryan's dedication to the team is outstanding, turning up to every session that he could while working to improve his foot skills. We look forward to seeing how much of a positive impact Ryan will bring the team in 2024.

Xavier Govan

Total Games at end of 2023 – 93

Part of our leadership group, Xavier has become an integral part of our defensive unit in 2023 organising them into a close-knit group working well to repel to ball quickly and effectively. Xavier's attack on the ball has been impressive and his dedication and effort in training, and on game day, sets a great example for his teammates.

Bruno Grzegorzewski

Total Games at end of 2023 – 109

In 2023 Bruno has reinvented himself as one of the top, most consistent, goal scorers of the competition. Bruno has an amazing ability to read the ball in the air and out mark, often much taller, opposition players. He has a fantastic turn of speed that helps him win the hard 'groundball' and get in a position for a shot on goal.

Lachlan Hamer

Total Games at end of 2023 – 106

Lachlan is a fantastic running player who has continued to show his diversity throughout the year ready to play in any position asked of him, especially across the backline. He has locked many opposition players down and is one of the best 'give and get' players on the team providing amazing support to his teammates as they went on the attack.

Ryder Harman

Total Games at end of 2023 – 120

As our Vice-Captain in 2023, Ryder has become the ultimate 'swingman' capable of locking down and leading our defence, or pushing forward and slotting a number of goals. Ryder's confidence in his own abilities has continued to grow and he has become a very reliable mark and kick which has benefitted the team immensely.

Henry Hayes

Total Games at end of 2023 – 37

Henry started the season exceptionally well and was well on the way to become an integral 'cog in the wheel' before he succumbed to injuries that ended his season early. We are looking forward to him re-joining the squad for preseason.

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Jarrah Lancarter

Total Games at end of 2023 – 51

Jarrah has cemented his spot in the team as a great ruckman and marking option across centre-half forward. His second and third efforts are amazing using his big frame to let the opposition know he was around and ready to protect his teammates.

Riley Lehman

Total Games at end of 2023 – 90

Riley has become a very multi-faceted player this season ready to run off the wing, through the midfield, or tag opposition players when requested. A thinking player, it has been great to see Riley put forward his thoughts during games and at training quite often picking up things the coaches did not see but actioned immediately.

Cooper Lowes

Total Games at end of 2023 – 109

Cooper has worked hard to 'own' the wing in 2023. He has embraced our use of width as part of the gameplan and using his speed and agility either uses the space he has created or sidestepped opposition players streaming forward to pump the ball long into the forward line to a teammates' advantage.

Samuel Major

Total Games at end of 2023 – 49

Being one of the smaller boys in the team did not stop Sam from getting in amongst the action and doing what he needed to do to disrupt the oppositions attack on the ball. Playing predominantly in the forward pocket Sam was always lurking at the bottom of the pack to get the ball out for a quick release to a team for a shot on goal.

Nathan Matthews

Total Games at end of 2023 – 26

One of our team larrikins, Nathan has become a great marking option in the forward line this year. Nathan has an ability to judge the ball in the air extremely well and when most players push too far forward Nathan would use his body exceptionally well to take a mark in our forward line.

Ben McGann

Total Games at end of 2023 – 99

As our main ruckman, Ben has often dominated the opposition number and shown his diversity pushing forward as a marking and goal kicking option. Ben has some fantastic speed and consistently brought a second and third effort to every play he was involved in.

Ash McLean

Total Games at end of 2023 – 126

Unfortunately, Ash's season was cruelled by injury, only able to play the last couple of games of the season. In the few games he was able to play Ash showed why he is an excitement machine and will be a valuable part of our forward line in 2024.

Jack Miels-Barrett

Total Games at end of 2023 – 98

Jack has balanced both soccer and footy commitments very well this year. A member of the GWS development squad, Jack is able to slot into most positions on the ground and impact the game immediately. Jack has a fantastic kick and can be relied on to clear the ball out of defence with great efficiency.

Thomas Olver

Total Games at end of 2023 – 79

Unfortunately Thomas has had a very injury interrupted year in 2023 and the team sorely missed his explosive speed off the halfback line and wing. We are looking forward to seeing a fit Thomas in 2024 to add another dimension to the team's structure.

Lochlan Otten

Total Games at end of 2023 – 74

Lochlan has brought some valuable height to the team in 2023. Lochlan is always ready to put his body on the line and has demonstrated a great ability to bring the ball down in a contest to the advantage of his teammates, be that in defence or attack.

Cody Owen

Total Games at end of 2023 – 127

Cody is another of the 'excitement machines' of the team. His ability to take a flying make, wheel around and slot a goal has added another dimension to how the team has played in 2023. Cody has become one of our dependable 'taggers' if we have need it during a game and is able to run through the midfield when required.

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Declan Passlow

Total Games at end of 2023 – 76

Declan missed a large part of the season through injury but was a valuable addition to the team in the last few games of the season especially with his attack on the ball and run out of defence.

Toby Pryde

Total Games at end of 2023 – 44

Toby has been a highly valued member of the team this year whose enthusiasm and desire to improve his skills are second to none. He takes onboard all advice and guidance, and it has been fantastic watching him get in and impact games where he can. Toby has developed an innate skill of harassing the opposition, so they often turn the ball over to one of his team mates.

Stuart Reichstein

Total Games at end of 2023 – 99

Stu has continued to grow as a footballer this year able to play centre-half back position while injecting himself through the midfield and half-forward line. Stu is one of the hardest at the ball and lets the opposition know he has come to play with exception marking and tackling abilities.

Jack Reilly

Total Games at end of 2023 – 80

Jack is a running machine who is able to provide a spark within the team that very few boys at this level can. His ability to pluck a mark from out of 'nowhere' is amazing and he has a phenomenal turn of speed that saw him regularly cut through the opposition's defence for a shot on goal.

Sam Rizzuto

Total Games at end of 2023 – 44

Sam played much of this year as one of our 'mosquito fleet' on the wing. Throughout the year, Sam developed a great deal of confidence in his own running abilities and quickly learnt to use his speed to get away from opposition players creating space and options for his team mates to get the ball to him.

Lachlan Searle

Total Games at end of 2023 – 98

Lachlan has cemented his position as one of the premier fullbacks in the competition, able to lock forwards down and rebound the ball with consummate ease. Lachlan's marking and kicking has improved out of sight and in many games, he has restricted opponents who are used to kicking 'bags' of goals to just one or two. Lachlan is going to be a huge asset for any team's defensive structure in years to come.

Blake Shannon

Total Games at end of 2023 – 91

Blake has been one of the most consistent and dedicated trainers in 2023. Blake has played through persistent injuries to be one of our great forward 'crumbers' ready at the drop of a ball to flick a quick handball out to the advantage of his teammates.

Reid Stewart

Total Games at end of 2023 – 50

Reid has played off the wing this year providing great run, in support of his teammates. While he is one of the smaller members of the team, Reid won't back down at a contest and has often used his speed to get to a contest and 'worry' the opposition out of possession of the ball.

Cooper Willson

Total Games at end of 2023 – 43

Throughout the year Cooper continued to amaze the coaching staff with his adaptability and diversity in positions he is able to play. He has a deceptive amount of speed that he puts to great effect when required to run off the back line. Cooper has added to our midfield depth and will undoubtedly spend more time running through the 'mids' in 2024.

Oscar Zacny

Total Games at end of 2023 – 51

Oscar has been one of the quiet achievers in 2023. He has been instrumental throughout the year providing stability both defensively and offensively especially in games when we were down. Oscar has become one of the best intercept marks in the team, if not the competition, and we look forward to seeing his continued improvement in 2024.

JUNIOR PROFILES

14 GIRLS



COACH'S REPORT

Season 2023 saw a large group of U14 girls come together to form one team. 28 girls started the season with an additional 2 girls joining during the year. The team comprised of some seasoned campaigners, girls with 1 season of experience and some girls brand new to the game. With varying levels of experience and understanding of the game the girls worked hard at training to support each other to develop new skills.

The girls started the year well, getting to know each other and coming together to have the opportunity to sing the club song. The first few rounds saw the girls show some true grit and determination, not only against their opponents, but the weather. The beautiful sunny Saturday conditions did not continue for the girls' competition, seeing the girls play 3 consecutive weeks in freezing, rain and blizzard like conditions at times. A real test for the team and supporters, but they kept turning up to play their best each week.

It was great to see a very strong competition across this age group with our girls putting a lot of pressure on all teams most weeks. The second half of the season saw the girls play the top 2 teams twice with great improvement shown to end the season. Well done girls.

The season cannot go ahead without the support of the club and the generosity of many volunteers and team sponsor. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many people who have supported our girls each week.

Firstly, the parent and carer supporters of this group of girls are fantastic, each week we saw many come to cheer on our girls and congratulate them on their efforts. We had a number of parents put their hand up each week to fill game day roles and help the game run smoothly, thank-you to Steve Davidson, Zed Slat, Morris Wilson, Greg Pearce, Tim White, Karen Davidson and special mention to Greg Popple for managing the interchange board each week, (even when his own daughter was not playing due to injury), a task that some weeks seemed impossible.

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A big thank-you to Nicole Knox for managing the team again this year. Nicole not only does all the necessary behind the scenes tasks to keep the season rolling, she also creates a great community environment for the girls and their families to be a part of.

Thank-you to Matt and Tonina-Lee from Matish concreating for sponsoring the U14 girls this season.

And last but not least, Myles Pfeiffer, Thank-you for sharing the coaching role with me. Your unwavering enthusiasm to keep the girls having fun, learning and consolidating new skills each week was greatly appreciated.

Well done to all of the girls, we look forward to seeing all of your smiling faces return to the great game of AFL in 2024.

Matt Knox

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Margaret Basilisco

Total Games at end of 2023 – 51

MJ was a great contributor to the team this season. MJ continued to build on her skills from previous seasons and is always a reliable competitor. MJ is comfortable in the thick of the contest and willing to take on any challenge. Congratulations on playing your 50th junior AFL game.

Casey Bowman

Total Games at end of 2023 – 48

Casey might be slight in stature, but she makes up for this with effort and always with a smile. Casey is always willing to take on the contest and will give 100% wherever she is playing on the field. Casey is a great contributor to the team. Well done Casey.

Isabella Brodrick

Total Games at end of 2023 – 101

Bella has a very protective nature and loves to defend her team and their goals. Bella is often seen chasing down an opponent to regain the ball or placing a well-timed shepherd to give time to her teammates. Congratulations on playing your 100th Junior AFL game.

Matilda Cooney

Total Games at end of 2023 – 46

Tilly had a fantastic season; she came ready to play and give her all every game. Tilly was committed at trainings which showed on game day. Tilly found a love for playing in the backline, she was reliable and relentless with her tackling efforts all season.

Layla Cooper

Total Games at end of 2023 – 23

This was Layla's second season of AFL. Layla has the beginnings of good AFL skills and with a bit more drive and self-belief would show herself what she is capable of. Layla has a big kick and loves to tackle opposing players.

Grace Davidson

Total Games at end of 2023 – 39

Grace is a very influential player amongst the team, having the personality and ability to sway her teammates and the game. Grace leads with her strong efforts, often breaking through packs and creating effective disposals for her team. Dangerous in front of goals, Grace also had the opportunity to show her strengths in defence.

Tia Galea

Total Games at end of 2023 – 56

Tia was rearing to play with a great preseason training effort. Unfortunately, Tia had a season ending injury that saw her sit all but 1 game on the sidelines. Tia supported her teammates all season. Looking forward to seeing Tia in action next year.

Mia Hall

Total Games at end of 2023 – 11

This was Mia's first year playing AFL. Throughout the season her confidence grew and her commitment to training paid off with a great improvement in her skills and understanding of the game. We look forward to watching Mia improve further next season.

Zoe Harman

Total Games at end of 2023 – 78

Zoe is a seasoned junior player with a great skillset to display. Zoe has an excellent understanding of the game, often positioning herself well to receive the ball, getting into space and delivering the footy well. Watching Zoe create space for herself and have a run down the ground is great to watch.

Tia Herbez

Total Games at end of 2023 – 39

A fierce competitor, Tia is often found on the bottom of the pack fighting for possession or trying to break through out of the pack. Tia has great defensive skills with a tough tackling ability as well as the determination to drive forward in attack. A great season for Tia.

Jetaya Hodge

Total Games at end of 2023 – 9

This was Jetaya's first season of AFL, joining the team a few games into the season. Although timid to start, Jetaya continued to train well and asked great questions to gain a better understanding of what was expected of her. Increasing in confidence Jetaya started to win free kicks in the teams' final game of the season and kicked a goal which was a highlight of the season seeing her teammates encouraging her.

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Chelsea Hogan

Total Games at end of 2023 – 164

Chelsea celebrated an outstanding achievement this season, playing her 150th Junior AFL game. Chelsea is the type of player everyone wants on their team and is a coach's dream. Chelsea leads by example with her hard style of footy and never give up attitude.

Abby Jess

Total Games at end of 2023 – 8

Abby is a skilful footballer who is beautiful to watch when she is in action. Abby possesses an excellent overhead mark. Abby was challenged this season in multiple positions, finding the wing home where she could have a run. We look forward to seeing Abby grow in confidence with her footy.

Emily Joritsma

Total Games at end of 2023 – 8

New to AFL this season, Emily's athletic ability shone through quickly. Emily grew in confidence every game to the point you would not believe this was her 1st season of AFL. Emily was always keen to get in and contest the footy and as her understanding grew, she became a very effective and reliable player.

Willow Kildey

Total Games at end of 2023 – 28

A natural athlete with a competitive streak, Willow loves to push herself from start to finish. Willow continues to grow her AFL skills and loves to chase down loose balls with her strong running game. She has had a great season working hard in a variety of positions.

Milla Knox

Total Games at end of 2023 – 132

Milla was always there to dig us out of a hole through her defensive pressure in the backline, busting out of packs with a clearing kick and continually pushing the ball forward. An experienced and talented player, Milla naturally took an on-field leadership role, coaching and supporting the newer players during games. Another great year.

Sophie Luchterhand

Total Games at end of 2023 – 5

Sophie started her AFL journey late in the season and was a natural from the start. She is strong, fearless at the ball and has great hands. With only having a few games under her belt, she had an immediate impact to the game and her enjoyment of playing was evident by the big smile on her face. We are excited to see her on the field next year.

Jade McPherson

Total Games at end of 2023 – 22

Jade has great skills and is a fierce competitor, often beating larger opponents in one-on-one contests. Jade is excellent at reading the play and was used in multiple positions to strengthen the team were needed. She gives everything during the game, works hard and continues to grow as a player.

Mia Pearce

Total Games at end of 2023 – 43

Mia is one of our shy and quiet players on the team. Mia showed at training she has amazing strength with her teammates rarely winning a contest with her. With a bit more confidence in herself Mia will see these skills translate onto game day. Keep at it Mia.

Isla Pfeiffer

Total Games at end of 2023 – 28

Isla is a versatile player transitioning her skills into all positions on the field. Isla possesses a big accurate left foot kick often clearing out of the backs or entering the forward 50. Isla is willing to compete in a contest often creating options for her teammates. Isla always has a positive attitude and willing to help all her teammates.

Isabella Popple

Total Games at end of 2023 – 71

Isabella started the season strong, keen to get out and play every week. Isabella was growing in confidence each game until she unfortunately suffered a season-ending injury. Bella was always helping at trainings and supporting her teammates on gameday. Good -luck next season Bella.

Lucija Slat

Total Games at end of 2023 – 27

Lucija is always smiling and oozes enjoyment from playing footy. Lucija always gives her best in every game and can't wait to get to the next round. Lucija's enthusiasm is enviable, she is willing to accept any challenge thrown at her including taking on much bigger opponents. Well don Lucija.

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Lilly Stephan

Total Games at end of 2023 – 60

When Lilly is on her game there are not many that will break through her tackles. Lilly is a strong player with great potential. Lilly showed a greater understanding of the game often displaying great connecting plays with her teammates. Congratulations on playing 50 junior AFL games.

Anne Trenton

Total Games at end of 2023 – 2

Anne was new to AFL this season and always put in her best at training sessions. Anne stepped way outside her comfort zone playing a contact sport for the first time, Anne is to be commended for her bravery.

Mariella Vigar

Total Games at end of 2023 – 12

Mariella's natural affinity for defence helped strengthen our backline and you wouldn't know that this was her first year of footy. Working hard at training and taking on all feedback, Mariella improved throughout the year and is a great addition to the team.

Charly Watson

Total Games at end of 2023 – 51

Charly is a consistent player, looking for feedback from the coaches to improve her performance. Charly had some great games in the backline and got involved when in the midfield. Congratulations on playing your 50th Junior AFL game.

Layla White

Total Games at end of 2023 – 51

full of life, Layla brings energy to the game with strong running on the wing and tenacious pressure on the opposition. Layla built throughout the year with some of her best games coming late in the season. Congratulations on playing 50 Junior AFL games.

Zoe Williams

Total Games at end of 2023 – 24

When on the field Zoe gives it her all with her confidence growing with every game. Zoe actively seeks feedback from the coaches to improve her performance, this showed in the last few games of the season with Zoe winning free kicks and helping the team with some great individual efforts. Keep up the great work Zoe.

Maeve Wilson

Total Games at end of 2023 – 61

Maeve is one of our quiet achievers who is always up for a challenge and wants to contribute to the team. She put her hand up for ruck and worked hard against opponents who were sometimes a lot bigger than her. Maeve always gives 100%, both at training and on the field.

Ruby Yazici

Total Games at end of 2023 – 11

Ruby came back to AFL after a few years off and we are sure glad she did! Ruby loves the physicality of the game, either flying in the ruck or wrestling for possession of the ball. A bit rusty at the start of the year, Ruby soaked up all the coach's feedback and put it directly into her game and improved week on week. Looking forward to seeing her build on a great year.

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14S MIXED BLUE



COACH'S REPORT

Although the season ended with the disappointment in losing a Preliminary final, this group should truly hold their heads high for the efforts and success they were able to achieve through the year as they faced plenty of adversity through the season challenged each week to field a team, however being able to fight each week to their maximum competing at a high level.

After the high of last season, the team expected to further build on that achievement of making the Grand final in 2022, this season started with losing a couple of important players interstate or to other sports but was then compounded with a number of long term injuries to start the year then again for the back end of the season. On a good day we only had 20 fit players to select from.

Throughout the season the team found themselves in the precarious position of playing with no bench and/or requiring opposition teams to even up to allow the team a fighting chance to be competitive, fully testing the teams spirit and ability to run games out. However, holding strong as a team and accepting the challenge they faced as a team always gave their all and at times exceeded expectations with performances, they could only be proud of.

The team should be proud with what they achieved as a group with the hiccups faced it only made the team hungrier, pushing hard at training and trying to play our 'team' brand of football each week. Finishing 3rd is still a fantastic achievement and many of you have so much improvement yet to come.

To our existing and new players to this year it was a pleasure being involved in your footy journeys and together striving to improve, identifying area's we can improve on as a group and as individuals.

Ian, your efforts this year has been appreciated in stepping up to assist me with coaching the team this year this including the period Brodie was out for a few weeks injured you still braved the cold weather and helped guide the boys through a fantastic season. The team couldn't have performed as well without you, Thank you!

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Katie, the effort you put towards the team and club is enormous where the effort behind the scenes at times goes unnoticed. I know everyone from the players to parents appreciates all the effort you devote for this group, much appreciated!

Woden Automotive Services – our team sponsor, again! Gav you're a passionate supporter of the team always flying the Tuggeranong flag. The few games you were missing it just wasn't the same without you..... was a little more quiet than usual!

Special thanks to our First Aid officer Janice, I couldn't be more grateful yet horrified for you on the number of game day issues we encountered this year. As I have mentioned to you previously the number of injuries accumulative in the previous 5 years wouldn't equate to the number of issues we encountered this year. So, thank you again! And to all our parents, thank you for the roles you play each week towards our young footballers including the game day roles you played at different stages.

Well done team on another competitive and character-building season and hope to see the group continue together and keep pushing the team first attitude!

Kieren Rogers

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Cooper Aitken

Total Games at end of 2023 – 75

Only small in stature Coopers hunger to win the ball and fearless attack on the ball found him playing in positions where we required a player to win the hard ball and farm it out to his running teammates. Cooper never hesitated to put his team first and always pushed our team values where I think his football lifted another level this year. I see Cooper's development able to lift to greater heights and look forward in seeing you continue in the game. Fantastic season, Cooper!

Isaac Boate

Total Games at end of 2023 – 90

This year found Isaac shift from his usual positioning in the backline to move down to our forward line. Boatie when his sights are set on the ball he has an intimidating presence where any player (including his teammates) quite often comes off "second best" The hardest trainer Isaac displays such heart and with some further work on his kicking I can see Isaac's football taking it to the next level! Another great season, Isaac!

Nate Coleman

Total Games at end of 2023 – 106

This year Nate found himself playing more time in the forward line with some short bursts in the middle. Nate's positioning and footy smarts are well in advance for someone of his age where he contributed some vital long-range goals for the team this year. As one of the teams vice captains Nate always lead from the front using his voice and placing his body on the line to win the football for his team. Nate this year again participated with GWS development squad. Well done on a fantastic season, Nate!

Isaac Cooper

Total Games at end of 2023 – 43

Icy this year spent the season on the wing where I believe his football further developed and gave him greater opportunities to use his pace breaking down the wings then booting it long with his fantastic long kick deep into our forward line. Also utilising his goal kicking craft from his first two seasons Icy was able to find many shots on goals when pushing down into the forward line. Another one of our GWS development program participants – Great season Icy's look forward to seeing your footy development grow further again. Great season!

Nik Dokonal

Total Games at end of 2023 – 110

Nik possesses silky skills and football smarts with an uncanny ability to find himself in the right position. A motivated team player who every game lead our team's "team chant" before running out each quarter. Nik managed to find a number of sneaky goals over the top of the pack and on a number of occasions was able to hit his teammates with his beautiful delivery. Well done on a solid year Nik!

Bailey Emblen

Total Games at end of 2023 – 55

Bailey's season was remarkable considering he only made two trainings throughout the year (during the final series). Bailey is an explosive player where his attack on the ball and hard tackling was intimidating for his opponents. Bailey's uncanny ability to win the ball and have clear shots on goal was unbelievable however, if he managed to dramatically improve his conversion he could have potentially tripled his tally for the year. Conflicted with his love of Rugby League I would hate to see Bailey give AFL away as I truly believe he can become an excellent AFL footballer with more specific AFL related training. Well Done Bay!

Charlie Fegan

Total Games at end of 2023 – 38

'Chuckles' had his start of the season derailed by missing the first half of the season due to injury however this didn't stop him still coming down to training and game days to assist. Once Charlie was able to get back on the field he became a key part of team connecting the movement of the ball through the midfield too deep into our forward line. Charlie's goal sense even found him kick a few goals by seasons end. A player with great potential, stick with it Charlie, Well done!

Tia Galea

Total Games at end of 2023 – 56

Unfortunately this year wasn't the season for Tia to remember. Tia trained early in the season however succumbed to a crippling injury that kept her out for the season. Tia came out to watch a number of games to support the team throughout the season in the hope she would be able to finally eventually. You have no doubt a fine future ahead of you and hope to see you dominating the field for years to come however unfortunately not against the boys.

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Ryan Grant

Total Games at end of 2023 – 31

Ryan brings great humour to the team with his jovial antics making training fun for his teammates. On game day Ryan's football improved out of sight playing most weeks down at Fullback. Always there to put immediate pressure on his opponent Ryan was rarely beaten. Funnily enough maybe in the future we need to consider Ryan up forward as on three separate occasions when sent forward for short stints Ryan was able to kick a goal (once for our opponents). Great season Ryan!

Benjamin Hawkins

Total Games at end of 2023 – 29

Ben joined us from the 'reds' at the start of the season and he immediately found a home with our team. Although very quiet Ben improved his game each week where we tapped into his elite fitness and let him run around in the midfield and at times off the half back flank. Ben was always trying to improve his game often asking for clarification or advice on how to further his game. It was a pleasure having you in the team Ben and I can see a great future for you in footy. Well done!

Haydn Janek

Total Games at end of 2023 – 88

Haydn this year continued his solid form as a half back flanker where he consistently played on opponents much larger in size. A confidence player who likes to back himself and runs off his opponent cutting off many opposition attacks to counteract us into an attacking position. Haydn participated in the GWS development program and hope to see Haydn continue to improve his football and rediscover his dominating form of previous years. Great job!

Blake Kearney

Total Games at end of 2023 – 129

This year Blake took his football to the next level being promoted from Full Back to put his large frame and fantastic kick to more use in the midfield. Blake's physicality and focus on winning the ball was a pleasure to watch where he often started many forward presses by the team off the back of his ferocious attack on the ball. Recognised by the team to take a leadership role and played a big part on the GWS development program, I have no doubt Blake's ability and passion for the game will take him a long way.

Xavier Lozancic

Total Games at end of 2023 – 38

Xavier's focus on winning the ball and the lack of fear on his attack on the ball at times put himself in harm's way. Xavier possesses speed to burn and often was found running across the front of the pack accelerating away then kick long down field. Xavier also had the ability to play as a lockdown player often suffocating strong opponents of easy possessions due to his ability to wear them like a glove. I hope to see Xavier continue with the game as he has plenty to offer. Well done!

Ulrich Nilsen

Total Games at end of 2023 – 24

Uli returned this year hungry to build on his first season with the team where he made a transition from our forwards to our back line. This lifted the pressure on Uli having to win the ball and shift his focus on only having to stop his direct opponent saw Uli's impact on a game increase significantly. Winning more of the ball Uli became more confident with his disposals now with our next steps in trying to get Uli to use his big frame to his advantage then watch out opposition forwards!

Brodie Nokes

Total Games at end of 2023 – 76

Mr reliable out of our back 6, Brodie may only be small in size however this has provided him the ability to read the play and back himself to leave his direct opponent in search of winning the ball then being able to use it for the team calmly and accurately with his beautiful kick. Brodie had a tough start to the season where there was a run of 3 or 4 games when he managed to take a big hit and unfortunately missed a few games due to injury. Well done on a great year!

Isaac Owusu

Total Games at end of 2023 – 99

Isaac started the season with a 'Bang' with all his pre-season efforts paying off dominating play in the ruck for the team. Where he was outsized in the ruck, Isaac made up for this in general play with his elite running and fitness saw him win plenty of ball. Isaacs's effort this year didn't go unnoticed voted co-captain by the team, participant in the GWS Academy. However his biggest achievement was winning this years "u14 Best and Fairest award" in the league as joint winner with Aiden from Tugg 'reds'. Awesome season and congrats on your individual award!

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Luca Rogers

Total Games at end of 2023 – 81

Started forward but started to find some more confidence part way through the year when moved further up the ground however unfortunately missed 12 weeks of the season due to a serious hand injury. In desperate hope to play again and push for a finals game once he was given the green light to do some light training Luca was back with his team training hard rewarded with a game in our final game. Hope to see you get a full season in next year and take footy to the next level, well done!

Lukas Severa

Total Games at end of 2023 – 48

Voted Co-captain by his peers it was great to have Lukas permanently with the team after he dropped back from last year's u14s. Lining up between Ruck Rover and CHB this year, Lukas played a very solid and dominating season for the group. Lukas had a strong attack on the ball never beaten in one-on-one contests where when he had ball in hand he has a long raking kick. Lukas has a team first attitude and look forward in seeing him further develop his game. Lukas ability was also recognised with an entry into the GWS development program. Great job!

Liam Stefanuti

Total Games at end of 2023 – 53

One of the fittest and most consistent players I have seen for many years as coach. Liam's ability to cover the ground and get to majority of the fields contest is a testament to his fitness. Not only fit Liam also doubles this up with speed and the ability to break tackles and send the ball long in our favour. I believe with more work on his kicking at pace and 'one touch' skills Liam can absolutely be elite in this game. Joined the GWS Development program this year. Fantastic season, Liam!

Cesc Werner-Gibblings

Total Games at end of 2023 – 30

Cesc was able to compete strongly this year presenting himself out of our full forward line playing as our stay home forward providing opportunities for his crumbing team mates to win the ball from his feet from his presenting up forward. An extremely positive and encouraging teammate who was always willing to speak up, encouraging his teammates at training or our group huddles. Another solid season and look forward to seeing you return next year, great job!

Angus Whitworth

Total Games at end of 2023 – 15

Angus joined the team this year with no previous football experience however an enthusiasm you can only wish for all of our players to bring. Angus's development through the season was fantastic dramatically improving his marking and kicking but utilising that blistering pace he has on the wing – no one can catch him, unbelievably quick! If Angus continues the improvement he showed this year to next watch out we have a footballer on our hands. Excellent first year Angus!

Sam Whyte

Total Games at end of 2023 – 117

Sam's football has really flourished since his move to the backline late last year. A smooth player who possesses one of the nicest kicks in the league. So many times starting at full back Sam was able to carry the ball 30m then kick it clear over the pack unleashing his quick wings to transition down forward. A very encouraging player always asking the right questions at training and game day! Sam was part of the GWS development squad! A fantastic season Sam - well done!

JUNIOR PROFILES

14S MIXED RED



COACH'S REPORT

This season was going to be more of a challenge than last season. Coming off a Premiership winning year in 2022, we knew other teams would be looking to take us down. To the boy's credit, they worked hard on improving and developing their own game as well as the team's game from the very first training session. Pleasingly, the development and improvement continued throughout the year, with every single player in the team, at some point, showing what they were capable of. All the season's efforts were reward with the team competing in back-to-back grand finals.

I personally would love to thank my co-coach Jimmy Rice for his ongoing advice and knowledge. We both have a very similar outlook on junior development, and I think this translates to the performance of our team over the past couple of years.

To Super Manager Chris Fogarty, you are amazing, with the work you do during the week and on game day you are a very big part of this team, and we cannot thank you enough.

Thank you to our game day helpers every week. Nick Henderson (runner), Rocco Schirripa (goal umpire – the best in the business), Steve Cochrane, Brian Morton, Tim Davies (Boundary umpires), Jason Owen (First Aid), Tash Ryan (Timekeeper) and Tracy Summers (photographer), along with every other parent who at some point throughout the year stuck their hand up and helped out. A key part of the culture of the team is that everyone puts in and does their job, and this was shown throughout the year by our volunteers.

This year has been super enjoyable, and it's been a pleasure to be a part of your son's footy journey.

Thank you.

Woody & Jimmy

JUNIOR PROFILES

14S RED MIXED PLAYER PROFILES

Riley Burbidge

Total Games at end of 2023 – 64

Riley has had a super year, continuing to improve and understand footy and rewarded with the season's Most Improved player. He has become a very valuable and versatile member of our team. Will only comminute to get better as he pays more and more footy.

Declan Clowry

Total Games at end of 2023 – 31

Second year playing footy, and you would never know. Premier ruckman in the competition, his desire to jump at every contest is only seconded for his desire to win the footy when it hits the ground. Super talented player with a very big future

Michael Cochrane

Total Games at end of 2023 – 76

Michael's development this year as a wingman has been dramatic. Has completely changed his game to be more team focused with a commitment to hard working defensive running has given our team so much drive from the back half. Extremely fit and strong, I see Michael controlling a wing in any team he plays in in the future.

Thomas Davies

Total Games at end of 2023 – 113

Silky smooth and skilful. Time slows down when Tom gets the footy. Always willing to listen and learn at training and throughout a game. Tom has added a level of class to our forward line and midfield all year. Classy and quality footballer.

Joshua Fearn

Total Games at end of 2023 – 36

Another solid year from Josh in 2023. A tough, run straight at the ball player, with power and speed. Josh's ability to play both down back and run through the midfield has helped our team be more dynamic and challenging for other teams to play against.

Patrick Fogarty

Total Games at end of 2023 – 90

The Big Sauce!!!! Pat has developed into the premier fullback of the competition, rarely beaten in the air and his reading of the play has taken his game to the next level. Pat's ability to control the entire backline through his directive voice to his teammates, has made him a vital piece of our team success. Capped off the season with our teams BOG in the grand final.

Bill Fogarty

Total Games at end of 2023 – 48

Bill the bull. A tough, no-frills footballer, who loves to get the hard ball and makes sure he does his job for the team. Bill has been a massive part of our backline and midfield this year, providing constant toughness and reliability to the team wherever he plays.

Aiden Henderson

Total Games at end of 2023 – 84

A super talented footballer, who backs himself to win the football whenever it is near him, both in the air and at ground level. Silky mover across the ground, with the ability to hit targets and kick goals from outside 50m. Winning the League BnF shows how good a year he has had!! Rewarded throughout the year with a spot on the U15s ACT school boys team as a 14-year-old.

Ruben Hines

Total Games at end of 2023 – 87

Ruben's year has been solid and consistent, his ability to play as a lockdown defensive player in the backline or be a part of our midfield group, is a credit to him and his desire to help the team wherever the team needs him. We love it when "Footy Rubes" turns up on Saturdays.

Benjamin Lowes

Total Games at end of 2023 – 62

Benji has become our little forward line hustler. Always playing at the feet of the bigger boys, Benji gives his all each and every time his is on the field. Benji's ability to listen and understand his positioning on the field, helps create goal scoring opportunities for himself and his teammates.

Lewis Maguire

Total Games at end of 2023 – 29

Big Jerry!!! Lewis has had a great year in his development as a forward line player. His ability to listen and understand the role he has been asked to play is a credit to him. Always willing to throw his body around, he has also continued to work on his overhead marking, which has improved dramatically throughout the year. A solid contributor to our team success this year.

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Riley Masters

Total Games at end of 2023 – 90

Riley has a desire for the football like no other player in our team. His ability to be strong in the contest, whether it be on the ground or in the air, together with an uncanny gift to know where the sticks are, makes him a nightmare match up for the opposition teams. A damaging player, with huge potential. Rewarded throughout the year with a spot on the U15s ACT school boys team as a 14-year-old.

Bayley Morton

Total Games at end of 2023 – 109

Exceptional understanding of the game and how he can get the most out of himself as well as bring others into the game. Has developed into a key member of this team, with his smart thinking, positioning and skillset. No-one has worked harder on their game this year than Bayley, an outstanding year of football.

Liam O'Brien

Total Games at end of 2023 – 94

Our very elusive Backman/winger has had a solid year. Liam has worked hard on his kicking and positioning within a game to help become a solid contributor to our team. He has the ability to find space where there doesn't seem to be space, to help create for the team.

William O'Reilly

Total Games at end of 2023 – 73

Will has this uncanny ability to consistently pop up in the right position at the right time. A solid member of our forward line all year, Will creates space for his teammates, but is always there for a sneaky goal or two for himself as well!

Zac Owens

Total Games at end of 2023 – 149

No-one is harder on this kid more than himself. A ripper footballer, who is not only strong and tough, but skilful and damaging as well. He has worked hard this year on continuing to develop his forward craft. Loves to take a big mark and kick a bag of goals. He was rewarded for all his hard work with the leading competition goal kicker for the season and a top 10 finish in the leagues BnF.

James Rice

Total Games at end of 2023 – 126

A captain, who leads by example in every aspect of being a footballer. He demands respect through his actions, is always putting the team first and pushes his teammates to be better. The heartbeat of the team, James is a quality, tough footballer who loves to win the hardball on the ground or in the air. Another outstanding year of football and development.

Ethan Ryan

Total Games at end of 2023 – 47

Ethan moved into the backline this season and became a very strong and reliable defender. A strong and tough bodied defender, who loves to tackle and provide a contest. He has continued to work on his ball skills and has improved dramatically throughout the year with some of his best work in important matches.

Eugene Schirripa

Total Games at end of 2023 – 30

Gene has had a solid year, developing an all-round footy game. He has played his best footy as a defender, but also has played across the ground, through the midfield and in the forward line (loves a goal!!!), or wherever the team needed him at the time. I look forward to continuing to see Gene develop over the next few years.

Cooper Summers

Total Games at end of 2023 – 135

Scooter started the year out running through the backline and then finished the year as a sneaky small forward. Through the second half of the year, he has really developed a team first approach with his positioning and quick hands, creating opportunities for his teammates. A great end to the year Scooter!!

Tim Sweeney

Total Games at end of 2023 – 28

Hoops! Another solid year of development, continuing to look to mark the footy at its highest point has built confidence in Tims ability to win the footy in the air. With good pace and the ability to make a strong lead for the ball, I look forward to continuing to work with Tim on his forward craft into the future.

Miller Woodward

Total Games at end of 2023 – 37

Miller has had a real solid year in his development and understanding of the game. He has become a vital part of our backline group and finished the year off as a quality one on one defender. Miller was rarely beaten in defence and often set up the team to unleash its attack. His want and desire to help his teammates makes him a valued asset to the backline.

JUNIOR PROFILES

13S MIXED



2023 Under 13 Mixed



Back Row: Kurt Masters (Coach), Nicholas Masters, Daemon Birch, Thomas Kamarul, Harmehar Cheema, Lucas Herberz, Jacob McNamara, Lyndall Baker (Manager)

Middle Row: Oliver Riley, Caleb Crosby, Mitchell Brine, LJ Hugo, Riley Geerdink, Oliver Williams, Ewan Baker, Tia Herberz, Darcy Borghouts

Front Row: Jaxon Kickett, Lawson Dickson, Milla Knox, Daniel Limbrick, Malachi Laird, Callan Govan, Chelsea Hogan, Zachary Dalmolin, Eamon Lang, Archer Edwards

Absent: Olii Carswell, Cameron Matthews

COACH'S REPORT

What a year it was for the under 13's mixed team, a new coach manager and players joined a well-balanced team that was nurtured over many years by Mark, Justin and Matt. We were lucky to acquire new players in Milla, Chelsea, Tia, Darcy, Harmehar LJ and Fraser who all added great value and adaptability to our under 13's team, we were also grateful to have Under 14's players Blake and Sam play with the team. We were blessed with 8 Giants Academy players on a regular Saturday.

After a slow start of getting used to each other we really hit the ground running and were able to take it up to teams each week. It can be hard to kick the frost of each week through a Canberra winter, but the challenge was taken in full. As a team we prided ourselves on our attack on the ball and the way we were able to spread the ball and bring our teammates into the contest.

We were grateful to have a big squad with the most pleasing thing being the regular game day and training attendances from the whole squad. This came with challenges of managing such a large bench (Cheers Pete) and suitable training sessions, however we had many laughs and enjoyed the season together some even laughed at my jokes.

Congratulations must go out to our best and fairest winner Darcy who also came 4th in the league BnF and runner up Nicholas. We had a really close vote count with special mentions going out to Lucas, Zac, Malachai, Jaxon, Jacob and Ewan who all polled well and had great years. Congratulations to our team player of the year Ewan, coaches award Jacob and Most improved Jaxon.

We like to thank everyone who helped out throughout the year which made asking for help a pleasure with everyone pitching in and assisting. Special thanks go to Mark and Jay for Trainings and games, Peter for game day assistance, Lee Anne for first aid each week and a big thankyou to Justin and Steve for doing umpiring each week. On Behalf of Lyndall and myself we would like to thank all the families for entrusting us to guide your children through the trainings and games throughout the year.

Kurt Masters and Lyndall Baker

JUNIOR PROFILES

135 MIXED PLAYER PROFILES

Ewan Baker

Total Games at end of 2023 – 43

Ewan had a great season, never missed a training session and always turned up ready to go. He was our trusty full back with a great knack of when to attack and stay and defend. Ewan was a great leader amongst the team.

Daemon Birch

Total Games at end of 2023 – 56

Daemon was our tallest player with lightning speed, always turned up with a smile. Daemon played many roles but mainly through the ruck. We keep encouraging Daemon to back himself in.

Darcy Borghouts

Total Games at end of 2023 – 111

A deserving Best and Fairest winner with a great work ethic and willingness to compete. Darcy led from the front and was tasked with many challenges in which he fulfilled with ease. Loved to take the game on. He was also a member of the GWS academy.

Mitchell Brine

Total Games at end of 2023 – 114

Mitch played above his size most weeks as ruck option for the team. He never complained and always went about the task at hand. Mitchell found really good position around the ground and development though out the year was great to see.

Olli Carswell

Total Games at end of 2023 – 52

Olli has great skills and is the best kick in the team. He distributes the ball well, always finding a target. A great set of hands who can get himself out of contests. Very silky player. We will miss him in 2024.

Harmehar Cheema

Total Games at end of 2023 – 43

New to the club in 2023 Harmehar gave us a target and presence through the half forward line. He really grew in confidence and was great to watch him roll onto to his left foot and deliver the ball forward.

Caleb Crosby

Total Games at end of 2023 – 81

Caleb was a great role player for the team quite often playing multiple roles throughout a match to help team balance. He was at his best when attacking the football and giving drive with his pace on the ball. You can tell Caleb loves football by the way he goes about it.

Zachary Dalmolin

Total Games at end of 2023 – 119

Zac is a great user of the football always finding a teammate around the ground. He regularly was one of our better players by his attack of ball and smarts around the ground. A pleasure to coach. A deserving member of the GWS Academy

Lawson Dickson

Total Games at end of 2023 – 63

Lawson played his best football through the wing and across half forward. He got us going in 2 of wins for the year with first up goals, a great user of the ball and would often unselfishly bring his teammates into the game with a creative handball.

Archer Edwards

Total Games at end of 2023 – 79

One of smaller players you could quite often find archer at the bottom of packs. His attack on the ball quite often inspired his team mates to show similar commitment. He was regularly rewarded for his courage. Another fine season.

Riley Geerdink

Total Games at end of 2023 – 37

Riley had a great year after coming off a broken arm. It was great to see him get a full season in. He was at home in defence and the wing. A good competitor who was a reliable in any role. We look forward to Riley getting another full season in 2024.

Callan Goven

Total Games at end of 2023 – 32

Cal was a reliable contributor each week who played his best football through the middle and down back or even on a wing. You could find Cal honing his skills at each and every session, and he always took advice given and applied it to game days.

Fraser Henderson

Total Games at end of 2023 – 9

Fraser came to our team halfway through the season, a capable footballer who covers the ground well with good skills and game sense, Fraser added some real attacking assets to the side and quite often popped up kicking multiple goals. A member of the GWS Academy and ACT under 12s Schoolboys Team.

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Lucas Herberz

Total Games at end of 2023 – 75

Another member of the GWS academy. Lucas applied himself well each week, quite often he would find himself against a big forward from the opposition. He would take on that challenge and win more than his fair share. Lucas has clear ability and will be a strong player for Tuggeranong for years to come.

Tia Herberz

Total Games at end of 2023 – 96

Tia was a great asset to the 13s team who enjoyed the rough and tumble of the game. Tia got better as the games got rougher holding her own against bigger opponents and showing the boys how to get it done. She enjoyed good games through the middle and down back. A GWS Academy Member

Chelsea Hogan

Total Games at end of 2023 – 164

Chelsea is one of the best competitors in the 13s and was rarely beaten. She plays the game with a smile win lose or draw. Chelsea had her best games when down back in the heat of the battle. Another deserving member of the GWS academy.

Thomas Kamarul

Total Games at end of 2023 – 74

It was great to see Tom's skill improve throughout 2023. Tom was used down back on big opponents and competed really well. His clean hands from the ground and trusty kick proved an asset for the team.

Jaxon Kickett

Total Games at end of 2023 – 70

With the most deadly sidestep in the competition, Jaxon really came into his own in the second half of the year after filling in for the 14's. The confidence he went into each game thereafter and taking on the opposition was great to see. A fine season.

Milla Knox

Total Games at end of 2023 – 132

Milla played her best football through the middle and across half back, with some fine performances when tasked jobs against the better opposition's players. Another player who revelled in the rough and tumble of games. She was a deserving member of the GWS academy.

Malachi Laird

Total Games at end of 2023 – 62

Malachi had an up and down year due to a foot injury. When up he is one of most potent players who has knack of popping up and kicking multiple goals, great overhead, great skills and ability to outrun the competition. We look forward to an injury free 2024.

Eamon Lang

Total Games at end of 2023 – 64

A silky mover with great skills by hand or foot you could find Eamon out roaming the wings. His ability to find space and link up the teammates by foot through the wing were key features of his season.

Daniel Limbrick

Total Games at end of 2023 – 37

Daniel's best games were through the forward half of the field. He had a knack of getting himself in perfect positions for the forward forays under the high ball and out positioning his opponent. Daniel really grew into the season.

Nicholas Masters

Total Games at end of 2023 – 122

Nick had another strong season with some strong marking a feature. He was a player of multiple positions to help team balance and needs. He was at his best when attacking the ball and taking the game on with ball under arm. A GWS academy Member.

Cameron Matthews

Total Games at end of 2023 – 127

Cam another welcome addition to the team for 2023 found himself up forward and through the wing, a regular goal kicker with a great kick and sense for goal. We look forward to Cameron continuing on in 2024.

Jacob McNamara

Total Games at end of 2023 – 66

We had Jacob pinned as our CHF at the start of the season but after a season changing second half against Marist, he was moved into a midfield role where his size and attack on the ball were features of his game. A leader of the team by his style of play.

Oliver Riley

Total Games at end of 2023 – 21

Oli was a good asset to the forward line with a trusty left foot. He was at his best when he got his pressure and attack on the ball up. A trusty left foot and a good sense on goals. We look forward to next year for Oli.

Oliver Williams

Total Games at end of 2023 – 69

We worked with Ollie to ensure he got the contest right in his game, which resulted in him having a day out later in the season with 3 cracking goals (could have been 4). Oli also kicked goal of the year from the boundary early in the season. With a sure and straight kick, the more we can get the ball into Ollie's hands, the more goals we will kick.

JUNIOR PROFILES

12 GIRLS



COACHES REPORT

I could not be happier with the way the u12 girls team developed and conducted themselves throughout the year. Our team of 28 players this year comprised of 13 x u12 girls, 12 x u11 girls and 3 x u10 girls. Amongst our 28 players we also had 11 first year players. With this mix of younger and first year players, the improvement and development both individually and as a team over the course of the season was excellent.

We finished fourth for the season and beat every team during the year except for the top team, which went through the season undefeated.

The girls should be very proud of their season and the way they played. They showed strong development over the year and there is a huge amount of development still possible in this team, with so many girls new to Australian football and with 15 of our 28 players eligible to play in the under 12s again in 2024.

As with any season, there are a lot of thankyou's to the families and volunteers that make it possible for the girls to go out and play football each week.

Thanks to Ruben and Bailey our goal umpires, Kate Jones for providing First Aid, Mick Stevens and Jay Kickett our runners, Gerry Patron for managing the team board and interchange, and Mark Lang for helping out at training during the year. A big thanks to all our other parents, relatives, guardians and family members that helped out at various stages during the season.

A huge thanks to Joh Davies for being our team manager and doing all the necessary things to keep our team going so that all I had to do was concentrate on coaching the girls each week.

I would also like to thank Damian and Fiona from Jupiter Kitchens for being the u12 girls team sponsor in 2023.

And finally, a big thank you to all of our u12 girls that turned up in strong numbers at trainings and on game days and always gave 100%. I look forward to seeing you play football again next year and continue to develop your skills, and most of all, keep having fun!

Luke Jess

JUNIOR PROFILES

12 GIRLS PLAYER PROFILES

Amelia Adamaitys

Total Games at end of 2023 – 24

Amelia grew in confidence as the year went on and became one of our strong marking options towards the end of the season. Amelia can kick the ball a long way and I hope she continues to work on her skills as she moves into the u14s in 2024. Amelia played 15 games and kicked 3 goals for the u12s in 2023.

Gabriella Bonaccorso

Total Games at end of 2023 – 11

Gabby is a first-year player and grew more confident as the season progressed. If Gabby can keep working on her handballing and kicking over summer she will continue to improve in season 2024. Gabby played 11 games for the u12s in 2023.

Amelie Brown

Total Games at end of 2023 – 13

Amelie is a first-year player that worked hard on her skills, getting to training early to practice her kicking. I look forward to seeing Amelie continue to progress further with another season of u12s in 2024. Amelie played 13 games for the u12s in 2023.

Amelie Davies

Total Games at end of 2023 – 34

Amelie has strong pace and looked at her best when she could get in some space and use her speed. Amelie has another year of u12s and as she continues to work on her skills, has the capacity to be a really strong player in 2024. Amelie played 14 games for the u12s in 2023.

Emma Deakin

Total Games at end of 2023 – 41

Emma is great at second and third efforts and generally played at centre half forward, centre half back or in the ruck, often against older and bigger opposition. Emma was selected in the u12 girls ACT team which travelled to Albury to play in the national carnival in 2023. Emma played 14 games and kicked 6 goals for the u12s in 2023.

Reina Fearn

Total Games at end of 2023 – 72

Reina runs straight at the football and doesn't show any fear. She was always in the packs, making tackles and fighting for the ball and is good at one-on-one contests. If Reina works a bit more on her kicking, she has the potential to be a really strong player for the u14s in 2024. Reina played 11 games and kicked 8 goals in 2023.

Caitlin Hamilton

Total Games at end of 2023 – 18

Caity is a first-year player and still has two years left in the u12s. Caity went on a family trip around Australia prior to the end of the year and therefore missed the last few games of 2023 but prior to that, was developing well and improving each week. I look forward to seeing Caity continue to develop in 2024. Caity played 6 games for the u12s in 2023.

Abbey Hines

Total Games at end of 2023 – 37

Abbey often played in the ruck or on the half forward or half back line and was often given the task of taking on much larger opponents. Abbey has good pace and picks the ball up well at speed. If Abbey keeps working on skills such as kicking on the run and grows more confidence in going for her marks, she has the ability to play some really good football next year in the u14s. Abbey played 15 games for the u12s in 2023.

Karli Jess

Total Games at end of 2023 – 69

Karli loves getting into the contest and worked hard this year on playing on whenever possible and getting in a good position on the field to stop the opposition attacks. I am looking forward to seeing Karli further develop her skills over summer so that she can have a really strong season in 2024 in the u12s. Karli played 15 games and kicked 4 goals for the u12s in 2023.

Ella Kearney

Total Games at end of 2023 – 25

Ella grew in confidence as the year progressed and had some really strong quarters for us when she went into the ruck against much taller opponents. Ella has the ability to take a strong mark and break opponents tackles and this is part of her game I hope she continues to develop. Ella played 14 games and kicked 1 goal for the u12s in 2023.

JUNIOR PROFILES

Darcie Kickett

Total Games at end of 2023 – 36

Darcie has great speed and good skills and works best when she has space and moves the ball quickly and I encourage her to keep developing those parts of her game when she moves to the u14s in 2024. Darcie was selected in the u12 girls ACT team which travelled to Albury to play in the national carnival in 2023. Darcie played 13 games and kicked 15 goals for the u12s in 2023.

Hannah Lang

Total Games at end of 2023 – 23

Hannah is a first-year player and developed well over the season. Hannah is attentive at training and works on her skills and I look forward to seeing her continue to develop in 2024 with another year in the u12s. Hannah played 12 games for the u12s in 2023.

Brooklyn Maxwell

Total Games at end of 2023 – 14

Brooklyn is a first-year player and improved steadily over the season, including making some strong tackles, particularly towards the end of the season. I expect the experience of her first full season will ensure that Brooklyn will continue to develop in the u12s in 2024. Brooklyn played 14 games for the u12s in 2023.

Eloise McWhirter

Total Games at end of 2023 – 40

Elsy still has two years left in the u12s and I expect with the experience and confidence of a full season behind her she will be one of the u12s stronger players in 2024. Elsy played 14 games and kicked 1 goal for the u12s in 2023.

Hayley Merriman

Total Games at end of 2023 – 41

Hayley is a tenacious player that is not afraid to get into the contest. Hayley does a lot of great team-oriented work with her tackling, smothering and shepherds. Hayley is always keen to seek feedback on how she can improve her game and I look forward to seeing her develop in 2024 with another year in the u12s. Hayley was selected in the u12 girls ACT team which travelled to Albury to play in the national carnival in 2023. Hayley played 15 games in 2023.

Billie Morton

Total Games at end of 2023 – 38

Billie backed up to play in the u12s each week in 2023 after playing in the u10s. We played Billie in an isolated role in the forward line on occasion and she used her strong one on one play and accurate kicking to kick a number of goals for the team. I look forward to seeing Billie get even better in 2024. Billie played 14 games and kicked 15 goals in 2023.

Aislinn O'Dwyer

Total Games at end of 2023 – 10

Aish is a first-year player and has a nice left foot kick. Aish developed into a strong marking player for the team as the season progressed and I hope she continues to work on her marking when she moves to the u14s in 2024. Aislinn played 12 games and kicked 2 goals in 2023.

Sophie Patron

Total Games at end of 2023 – 60

Sophie had a strong season in 2023 and has the ability to play well in most positions. Sophie is a nice kick and mark and works hard at training to continually improve her game. If Sophie can get a little louder on the field, she has the ability to become a strong leader for any team she is in. Sophie was selected in the u12 girls ACT team which travelled to Albury to play in the national carnival in 2023. Sophie played 14 games and kicked 5 goals in 2023.

Annaliese Perry

Total Games at end of 2023 – 62

Annaliese is a good mark and an accurate kick. With a bit more confidence to go for more marks she will be a strong addition to the u14s in 2023. Annaliese played 15 games for the u12s in 2023.

Sarah Powell

Total Games at end of 2023 – 21

Sarah is a first-year player and has another full year of u12s in 2024. With some practice with her kicking and marking, I look forward to seeing Sarah continue to develop in 2024. Sarah played 15 games in 2023.

Holly Smith

Total Games at end of 2023 – 42

Holly does a lot of the hard things that often go unnoticed, but you could see it in the game photos each week, she was always the one in the pack making the tackles and providing a shepherd. These team efforts as well as her strong voice make her a great team player. I look forward to seeing Holly's progression as she moves into the u14s in 2024. Holly played 15 games in 2023.

Jorja Smith

Total Games at end of 2023 – 11

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Jorja is a first-year player and grew in confidence as the year went on. Jorja made some strong tackles and took some nice marks during the season. With some work on her kicking over the off season, Jorja should continue to develop well as she moves into the u14s in 2024. Jorja played 11 games for the u12s in 2023.

Linley Stevens

Total Games at end of 2023 – 31

Linley played some really strong football this season, particularly across half back and through the middle of the ground. Linley does all the one percenters, like tackling, smothering and shepherding, really well. In the second half of the season Linley also started playing on after taking a mark or getting a free kick and this added another dimension to her game. Linley will be a strong addition to the u14s in 2024. Linley played 10 games and kicked 2 goals in 2023.

Addison Sturzaker

Total Games at end of 2023 – 15

Addi is a first-year player and was always at training early working hard to improve her skills. Addi progressed really well through the season, and I hope she continues to work on her skills over the off season as I think she can have a really strong year in the u14s in 2024. Addi played 15 games in 2023.

Mia Terry

Total Games at end of 2023 – 67

Mia makes a strong tackle, rips the ball away from opposition and is not afraid to make a shepherd or smother the ball. If Mia can work on her kicking over the summer it will take her game to new level when she moves into the u14s in 2024. Mia played 13 games and kicked 2 goals for the u12s in 2023.

Brooke Trenton

Total Games at end of 2023 – 11

Brooke is a nice mark and kick for someone in their first season of Australian football. I expect Brooke will progress well as she moves into her second season of u12s in 2024. Brooke played 11 games for the u12s in 2023.

Lucy Walker

Total Games at end of 2023 – 14

Lucy is a first-year player and still has two years left in the u12s. Lucy became more confident as the season progressed and did particularly well in the last couple of games. If Lucy keeps working on her skills, she has the potential to be one of the stronger players in the u12s over the next couple of seasons. Lucy played 11 games for the u12s in 2023.

Maiya Warwick

Total Games at end of 2023 – 25

Maiya is a quiet achiever in our team. She proved to be reliable at keeping her opponent quiet while also taking some nice marks, particularly when playing across the half back line. Maiya has another year in the u12s, and I expect she will be one of our stronger players in 2024. Maiya played 15 games for the u12s in 2023.

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COACH'S REPORT

Another season done and what a ride it turned out to be for the team this year. While we finished eighth overall, it does not fully represent the ability of our team in being a competitive outfit in this competition.

Our season started well with a close loss to Gungahlin and a nail biting win over Marist in the first three rounds. We were then impacted by long term injuries and illness after round four to many players, and it took to round 10 until we were able to get the majority back on board. I commend the team for battling through this period, showing good resilience and determination.

Additionally, I like to thank the players from the other teams that supported us through this period by backing up and playing additional games for us. Our final four rounds were highlighted by three outstanding wins and one close loss again against Gungahlin (eventual grand finalists). These wins pushed us to just missing finals but restoring the belief that we can match it with any team in the competition. While the season may be viewed on wins v losses, I believe that we achieved more as a team this year in building a strong resilience to the obstacles that we had to overcome throughout the season. Improvement in football is not a constant line and demonstrates that for us to be a successful team, we need a strong focus and contribution from everyone every week.

This year we welcomed three players that have never previously played AFL and I would like to commend Connor Annan, Isaac Lehmensich and Flynn Shea on their efforts in becoming integral members of our team. We also farewell Flynn Smith in 2024, thank you Flynn, and thank you Courtney for your support this year.

Such a successful season can't be done without incredible volunteers, which we had in abundance. From all the parents that helped with game day snacks, to our goal umpires, to Mark our boundary umpire, Jesse and Justin our (extraordinary) field umpires, El and Liset our First-Aid officers, Kath for the match day photos, Craig and Kirt our runners, and those that filled in when key officials were away. Your efforts did not go unnoticed, and we are all deeply appreciative for your contribution.

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A special thanks to Justin, for his assistance in coaching throughout the year, and Phil Rohan to helping when Justin was umpiring. And finally, a big thanks to super-manager Taryn, your ultra-organisation was exceptional again, and your support to me throughout the season has been greatly appreciated. I speak on behalf of the other parents in the team, but you are the glue that binds the team together in what you do for us.

A final message to the players, let's reassemble in 2024 and put all our efforts into becoming the team that we know we can be. It won't be easy, will take a lot of effort but let's have fun in trying.

Adam Robinson

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Connor Annan

Total Games at end of 2023 – 8

Coming from a rugby league background, Connor is a strong tackler and quickly established himself a crucial member of our defence. Shows great skills with his run and carry out of defence and look forward to further development in 2024.

Ali Aslan

Total Games at end of 2023 – 64

Ali transformed himself into our leading Ruckman, who was capable as playing as an extra midfielder. A wrist injury meant that Ali missed a number of games, however on his return he slotted straight back in and was a key contributor to our improvement in form.

Jack Aslan

Total Games at end of 2023 – 73

Jack played up in our age group this year and has demonstrated that he is a capable of playing at this level. Is an elite runner and played some strong games in the back half of the year at half forward.

William Crick

Total Games at end of 2023 – 48

Will had a sensational year playing through the midfield, with the ability to sneak forward and kick a goal. A highlight was the leadership shown in our game against Queanbeyan black where Will led from the front as our midfield dominated last year's grand finalists. Capped of his year with selection in the ACT schools' team.

Fraser Henderson

Total Games at end of 2023 – 56

Fraser again was our leading goal kicker with 22 goals with the majority of his times spent playing through the midfield. Fraser possesses a lethal long kick, and a highlight was a goal kicked from the centre square when playing Queanbeyan Gold. Capped of his year with selection in the ACT school's team.

Zachary Kimball

Total Games at end of 2023 – 55

Zach had a mixed start to the season, with illness and playing in different positions. A move back to the fullback position resulted in Zach playing some sensational football over the last four rounds of the season, where his marking and counter attacking a delight to watch. Is rarely beaten one on one and would be one of the leading fullbacks in the competition.

Isaac Lehmensich

Total Games at end of 2023 – 11

Isaac joined the team this year, playing AFL for the first time rotating between the forward line and the wing, demonstrating his versatility. I am looking forward to Isaac leveraging of this years' experience and having a big year in 2024.

Rory Maguire

Total Games at end of 2023 – 34

Rory or Boris as he prefers to be called was again our defensive rock playing at either fullback or halfback. Boris spent a lot of time playing ruck during the middle of the season and was able to provide the midfield with plenty of ball. A move back to the defensive line for the last part of the season validated Boris credentials as one of the best and stingiest defenders in the competition.

Bayden Matthew

Total Games at end of 2023 – 81

Bayden again showed his ability to be a hard tackling, elusive half forward in the games that he played this season. Has found his feet at this level and I look forward to a big year in 2024.

Quade McConaghy

Total Games at end of 2023 – 88

Quade's season was disrupted with injury forcing him to miss several games through the middle part of the season. However, remains a key cog in our midfield and contributed to our wins playing off a wing or on ball.

Sophie Patron

Total Games at end of 2023 – 60

Sophie joined the team in round two to help cover missing players and stayed with us for the rest of the season. Sophie is an outstanding player, capable of playing in any position. Her attack on the ball, combined with silky skills and fierce tackling demonstrates her talent in this sport. Capped of the year with selection for the second straight year in the ACT schools' team.

Logan Rasmussen

Total Games at end of 2023 – 63

Logan had a solid season back end of the season for the team after experiencing a disrupted first half through injury and illness. Logan is a hard tackling, strong marking footballer with the ability to play in all positions across the ground. Was able to use his experience at this level to his advantage when dropping back to help out the under 11's.

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Archie Reid

Total Games at end of 2023 – 41

Archie continued his form from 2022, rotating between defence and the forward line along with relief work in the ruck. Is a strong contested mark, and great one on one defender, and provided a real focal point in our forward line in the last four rounds.

Mana Robinson

Total Games at end of 2023 – 24

Mana demonstrated his skills as an elusive attacking half forward using his blistering pace to his advantage. Finished with 17 goals for the season, highlighted with four against Queanbeyan black, and three clutch goals in our round three win against Marist.

Myles Robinson

Total Games at end of 2023 – 53

Myles had another strong development season, playing either in the forward line or defence. Myles worked hard and the improvement in his kicking and ability to take strong marks in defence under pressure was evident in games.

Ben Rohan

Total Games at end of 2023 – 50

Ben showed that he has all the attributes to be an outstanding footballer. Can take a strong mark, has speed, and can slot goals from tight angles which was highlighted with two clutch goals against Gungahlin.

James Rootes

Total Games at end of 2023 – 21

James transformed himself into one of the competition's best attacking halfbacks. His ability to take a mark and move the ball out by foot or through his long raking kicks was a highlight this year. Poised to spend more time as a midfielder in 2024.

Joseph Rutten

Total Games at end of 2023 – 39

Joey was another that missed a number of games through injury and illness this year, but when fit he was a key cog in our midfield providing explosive speed and long kicking on the wing. Kicked an outstanding goal on the run against Gungahlin in round 10.

Flynn Shea

Total Games at end of 2023 – 12

Flynn signed up to the team, having never played football before and made steady improvement on his skills throughout the year. He played every game this season, in both the forward line and defence. He looks like an 80's footballer and demonstrated these qualities through his ability to apply a strong tackle. Thank you, Flynn, and see you next year.

Flynn Smith

Total Games at end of 2023 – 35

Flynn had another strong season, playing mainly in the forward line with some time on the wing. Has great speed, and utilised this to his advantage in some of the classy goals he kicked this year. Flynn moves schools in 2024, and we wish him well in all his endeavours.

Chops Thomas

Total Games at end of 2023 – 23

Chops is a classy attacking half back forming a dangerous attacking combination with James during the season. Is a strong mark and loves to run and use his long kicking to his advantage. Chops is a great team player and gets everything done with a can-do attitude.

Noah Walters

Total Games at end of 2023 – 41

Noah spent his time playing between the forward line and the midfield. Is a player that can take a good mark, with attacking instincts. A classy forward, Noah kicked 11 goals this year, highlighted with four goals in both games against Weston Creek and the Magpies.

Henson Werner-Gibbings

Total Games at end of 2023 – 25

Henson again showed that he is a classy defender and was a constant rock in our defence throughout the year. Has the ability to take a strong mark, and also showed that he had the ability to turn defence into counterattack. Another player to show his versatility by moving forward and kicking goals in our games against Queanbeyan black and Weston Creek.

JUNIOR PROFILES

I IS MIXED RED



2023 Under 11 Mixed Red



Back Row: Jon Wundersitz (Manager), Jack Staite, Nixon Dean, Hudson Wundersitz, Joshua Reid, Simon Kelly (Coach)

Middle Row: Farren Limbrick, Antoni Tukalski, Lewis Rice, Mitchell Crosby, Carter Ramsden, Min van Campenhout, Maxwell O'Callaghan

Front Row: Lucas Skilling, Darcy Kelly, Eamon Govan, Harvey Bryceson, Riley O'Brien, Louis Edwards

COACH'S REPORT

What a season 2023 was for the Red Dragons! Before we got underway there was a concern about our numbers for the season ahead, but some savvy recruiting resulted in 6 new players joining our team just in time for Round 1. It is fair to say that the new players definitely brought a positive vibe and impact to our team.

2023 was a chance for the boys to break free and play what is seen as more true football with no more zones, full rules and proper tackling introduced. You could tell they were excited for this, and early training sessions brought new and different drills to adapt to these changes. The other addition which is always exciting to boys of this age is the introduction of scoring, a ladder and the possibility of playing a finals series at the end of the season if good enough.

Our season started very well, continuing on from last year with a series of wins. The boy's confidence was getting stronger by the week and you could see this in how we were improving our team work and also individual progress. In the middle of the season, we played some very challenging games against the top teams and this strengthened the boys resolve for a big finish to the season.

Unfortunately, with 4 rounds left in the season myself along with Darcy had to leave the team due to moving overseas. We were both very disappointed to not be able to finish the season with the team as we were very invested and would miss the team greatly. At this point of the season with a change like this I guess the season could go either way. Once again though this fantastic community of players and parents came together and finished with 4 wins to lead the team into a final's series. I would like to thank Jono Dean, Justin Crosby and our fantastic manager Jon Wundersitz for taking over and leading the boys so well for the remainder of the season. It is a big commitment to take on and myself along with our whole team community are very thankful for your efforts.

So, after a hard fought season the boys finished second on the ladder and earned the right to play in their first ever finals series. Due to finishing top 2 the boys had the first week off and awaited our opposition for the preliminary final the following week. Our opposition for the game ended up being a Marist side that developed nicely through the year and were in good form leading into the finals. The game was very hard fought and the closest game the boys had played for the season. It was goal for goal and after a very tense finish where most parents were probably more on edge than the players, we came out on top with a fantastic 3-point victory. We were now in the Grand Final!!

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Our Grand Final opponents would be an Eastlake side who over the past two seasons have been a standout team. This game was going to be a big challenge, but the boys had built a lot of confidence throughout the year and believed they were good enough to win. Leading up to the game the boys were very excited by the opportunity to play in a Grand Final in their first season of competitive football. The game started out a very strong and even contest with the boys showing they are a great football team. As the game drew on, Eastlake did start to pull away earning a well-deserved victory. To the boy's credit they never stopped trying and even with the disappointment of losing this game, the experience they have gained will hold them in great stead in future years. The parents and wider supporter base are so proud of your season boys, and I hope that on reflection you are too.

Overall, the boys again had a lot of success in their development and also gained an understanding of how important being part of a team environment is. The greatest aspect of the season was how welcoming they were of all teammates, the positive and encouraging manner in how they engaged with each other and the friendships they formed.

I would really like to thank all the parents, grandparents, family members and friends that came out every week to support the boys. Each week you could feel the energy and support you provided, and I know it gives the boys an extra lift each week to perform for you. It is a big commitment to take the boys to training and games each week and I hope you felt the reward in watching them take the field and play in a way that gave them so much enjoyment. You were also given very important duties each week and you did these with just as much energy as the kids each week. Thank you for your support!

This leads me onto our manager Jon Wundersitz who has done a fantastic job for multiple seasons now. His ability to clearly communicate all necessary details and do it with a great sense of humour makes the season easier and enjoyable. Thanks Jon!

Finally, a big thank you to the players. It was so enjoyable to coach you this year. Your energy and enthusiasm make the job so easy and fun. Enjoy the off season, you have so much potential, and I look forward to following your progress in the coming seasons!!

Simon Kelly

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Harvey Bryceson

Total Games at end of 2023 – 27

Harvey's development continued to flourish this season. Last year he was our most improved player, and you could see the confidence he had gained impacting his football from Round 1. Harvey is a great teammate to have. He is always positive and thinks team first. He listens to the coach to not only improve himself but clearly follows team structures and positioning to be a very important cog in the structure of our team. Well done on another great season Harvey!

Mitchell Crosby

Total Games at end of 2023 – 61

Our Team Player of Year award winner. This sums up Mitch and what he means to our team. He brings positive energy to both training and games. He does this through the way he interacts with his teammates and the way he plays his football. He looks to bring teammates into the game with his sharp left boot but also does the small things to help the structure of the team. Well done on your contributions to the team this year Mitch!

Nixon Dean

Total Games at end of 2023 – 27

Another exceptional season for Nixon. Nixon's biggest asset is his kicking which throughout the year was of great advantage to the team. He would regularly hit targets when in the midfield, bomb long goals when up forward and gain a lot of clearing metres out of defence when needed. Nixon is a real barometer to our team. When he is feeling up for the game he is nearly unstoppable, and you can see his teammates go along for the ride with him. Continue to develop consistency in your game Nixon and the future is only up for you as a footballer and the teammates you play with.

Louis Edwards

Total Games at end of 2023 – 50

Our hard nut defender! It was great to have Louis join our team this year. He plays his football with a lot of passion and his energy rubs off on his teammates. Throughout the season Louis also worked hard on continuing his skill development and is another player who made giant strides in this aspect of the game. Congratulations on your season!

Eamon Govan

Total Games at end of 2023 – 26

A new player to join our side this season, Eamon showed straight away that he was experienced and going to fit in nicely. He has the ability to play across the field and as the season went on the wing position took to his liking. He is a committed footballer and due to this will continue to develop his game and be a valuable part of the team. Well done Eamon!

Darcy Kelly

Total Games at end of 2023 – 31

Darcy is not a flashy player but is Mr Consistent and reliable every week. He does a lot of the hard underneath work; with his strength this season being going in to get the ball and find a teammate with a handball. He has clean hands on the ground and when marking which is very important to the team's ball movement. Unfortunately, Darcy missed the final part of the season but is to be congratulated on another great season.

Farren Limbrick

Total Games at end of 2023 – 43

Farren continued to develop his all-round game nicely this season. He has a great running ability with the half back and wing positions suiting his skill set nicely. Farren is a great team player, he plays where required and interacts positively with his teammates. Well done on another great season!

Riley O'Brien

Total Games at end of 2023 – 39

One of our most improved players this season, Riley was a lot more consistent with his performances each week. There is no doubting his courage and contested football ability but this year he also added an improved skill set. He was always hungry to play forward and with continued improvement in his kicking I'm sure the big bags of goals will come. Well done Riley!

Maxwell O'Callaghan

Total Games at end of 2023 – 25

Max is a real character of our team. He brings high energy to every training session and game. This season Max has worked hard on developing his skill set and I would say his overhead marking has been the biggest improvement. Keep training hard, keep bringing the energy and you will see great improvement in the coming years.

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Carter Ramsden

Total Games at end of 2023 – 15

Carter was one of our fantastic last-minute additions to the team this year. He has great height and is very athletic. As the season went on you could see his confidence building by the game and he started to take the game on. Carter is a very natural kick and when in range of goals showed his ability by being in the top 5 goal scorers for the season. Congratulations on a great year and winning the Most Improved Award.

Joshua Reid

Total Games at end of 2023 – 23

Josh continues to apply himself each week at training and in games. His confidence is building to go in and get the ball and this was rewarded with more possessions getting in and under and getting a handball out to teammates. The next step in your progress Josh is to back yourself in when you get the ball to go for a run and trust your kicking ability. You are a great teammate and well done on your season.

Lewis Rice

Total Games at end of 2023 – 88

What a fantastic season you had Lewis. Every game you played was at a very high standard and this comes from your inner drive to perform well but also to lead your teammates. You control the half back line and midfield with a great ability to read the game and were a key cog in leading our defence each week. Your marking ability is a real asset to your game and your drop punt improved out of sight. Keep up the great work Lewis!

Lucas Skilling

Total Games at end of 2023 – 11

Lucas was a new member to our team this year and brought a great skill set with a lot of running ability. He loved to go in and get the ball and also loved a goal when playing up forward. Unfortunately, you did battle with an injury towards the end of the season but it was great that you made it back to have an important impact in the finals series. Well done Lucas!

Jack Staite

Total Games at end of 2023 – 56

What an exceptional season Jack! We were very lucky to have you join our team this year, making a huge impact from the very first game. Your all-round game is equal to the best in the competition, you read the game so well, you always make the right decision with the ball in hand and your skill set is outstanding. In saying all that one of your best attributes is your team first approach, inclusion of all and the positive energy you give to your teammates. Congratulations on an outstanding season!

Antoni Tukalski

Total Games at end of 2023 – 20

It was great to have Antoni return to the team for 2023. Antoni continues to work hard on his game, and you can see his confidence building each week. Your kicking ability was a big improvement this year and now it's about having the confidence to go for a run and use it when you get the chance. You bring a positive energy to the team and well done on your season.

Min van Campenhout

Total Games at end of 2023 – 56

Min's season got better and better each game he played. After a slow start he got back to the ways which earned him the tag of Energizer Bunny last season, finishing the year in strong fashion. When you are feeling up for it Min, you are nearly impossible to stop, with exceptional speed and awareness to get the ball moving forward to our advantage. Continue to work on your drop punt in the off season and I'm sure more and more goals will come your way!

Hudson Wundersitz

Total Games at end of 2023 – 55

Hudson was given the big job to start the season in the ruck. He did this with enthusiasm creating good contests in the centre allowing the midfielders first use of the ball. Hudson also played a lot of time down forward and was rewarded this year with a couple of great goals for his persistent efforts. Hudson has a great drop punt and with improved confidence in your marking I'm sure we will be seeing a lot more of it in seasons to come.

JUNIOR PROFILES

I IS MIXED BLUE



2023 Under 11 Mixed Blue



Back Row: James Lea (A/Coach), Jordyn Lea, Owen McAllister, Thomas Farrer, Braxton Ezzard-McCarthy, Peter Scheeren (A/Coach)
Middle Row: Dante Miller (Coach), Rylan Travers, Will Shapiro, Ben Kelly, Riley Watson, Levi Nation, Sue Turtle (Manager)
Front Row: Tom Howden, Luis Scheeren, Kaison McDowall, Marcus Turtle, Blake Wickson, Harry Grimm
Absent: Lewis Irwin

COACH'S REPORT

I am at my happiest when I am coaching football and I've never been happier and more obsessed than this year with the devils.

Our season didn't start off so well with a fair few losses, we started off 5-5 and ended 10-6 which is just incredible. We did not look like we could make finals. But halfway through the season the boys really started to kick into another gear, everyone started to take training really seriously and was putting in the work individually to become better footballers and a stronger team and I could not have been prouder of the boys for making it as far as they did.

Football is a big part of my life and I have formed connections with each child and their parents, and it has been an exciting and enjoyable year for this reason.

I am extremely thankful to James Lea (Assistant Coach) - James really helped me out this year with planning trainings, gameplans, running the board, and individualising coaching techniques to suit each child, I could not have coached the devils to the extent I did this year without him.

Peter Scheeran (Assistant Coach) - Pete played a very active and crucial role in the team this year. He was always there to provide a second opinion, give the kids a pep talk and add to/make new drills using his wealth of football knowledge. I believe Pete and I make a great duo for the devils and hope we can continue to coach together.

Sue Turtle (Manager) - I admire and appreciate Sue's passion for the Devil's growth. She puts a lot of work in behind the scenes, organising everything and making sure I don't forget stuff. Often the work of a manager can go unnoticed, but I could not be more thankful to Sue for the work she does for our team and I have loved having her as a part of the team! Another huge thank you to all of the parents on the team as the game doesn't happen without you bringing your kids out in the freezing cold and helping out by umpiring or sorting out fruit/general help.

I hope the devils stay together for years to come as we have formed a very strong and committed coaching group who are ready to go with the devil's as they progress through the years, and I cannot wait to see how they turn out! Go Devils! Onto next year!

Dante Miller

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Thomas Farrer

Total Games at end of 2023 – 10

Tommy started off as a full forward this year and through commitment and hard work he has developed a great mark of the footy and a willingness to throw his body around. Tommy had the courage to start trying out the ruck position halfway through the season and became a great ruck/goal scorer. I'm very proud of you Tommy and I can't wait to see what the future holds for you mate.

Harry Grimm

Total Games at end of 2023 – 10

Harry has shown a real dedication to improvement this year and has come leaps and bounds from last year. Harry has an infectious attitude that has affected me and his teammates. He has become a great goal scorer and always listens to people's advice and instructions. He also has a very high football IQ and perceives the game at a high level for his age.

Benjamin Kelly

Total Games at end of 2023 – 10

Ben aka The Magnet has really grown, and he has become a key player on the defensive end. Whenever we are having trouble with an opponent in their forward line we can always rely on Ben to shut him down. Ben has a great mindset, and I can't wait to see where it leads him in the future.

Jordyn Lea

Total Games at end of 2023 – 10

Jordyn's best attribute at training and during games is that he always gives 100% effort whether we're losing or winning. It definitely rubs off on me and his teammates and it has led to him becoming a strong leadership figure in the team. His desire to give it his all has led to fast rates of improvement in his skills as well. Jordyn never ceases to impress me with his desire to play a strong game of footy and it will help him in any endeavours in life.

Owen McAlister

Total Games at end of 2023 – 10

Owen is one of our most trusted forwards. He started off the season as one of the main goal scorers but because he is very unselfish and has a highly skilled kick he became a player who is very good at assisting others to get goals. Owen has a bright personality, and he has an infectious attitude towards the game. I've noticed Owen is becoming a leader on the team, often stepping up to run warmups and just being a voice. If he keeps that up he will be a very strong leader in this team in the future.

Braxton McCarthy

Total Games at end of 2023 – 10

Braxton has taken on the majority of the ruck role through the season and showed great improvements especially in the second half. I admire players who are willing to play ruck as it takes a lot of courage. Brax was also able to take strong marks and kick goals when he would have his break down forward. Brax can also be a very ferocious tackler, often locking the ball down forward. I can't wait to see what Brax's future looks like.

Kaison McDowall

Total Games at end of 2023 – 10

Kai is a beast and a reliable backman. He often is asked to handle their biggest/fastest player which is no easy task. He is almost always able to put a big hit on and slow them down. Kai brings a good energy to training and often brings a high intensity and physicality that helps the team get pumped and ready for the game ahead. I can't wait to see what Kai's future holds for him.

Levi Nation

Total Games at end of 2023 – 10

Unfortunately, due to injury Levi missed a few games during the middle of the season. But when he was able to play he was usually on fire, whether it was scoring 3-4 goals, unselfishly dishing out great passes or having a run through the middle with his silky ability to evade defenders. Levi has a will and determination uncommon for his age, he always gives it his all and that is an admirable quality in a young footballer. Levi has a bright footballing future ahead of him.

Luis Scheeran

Total Games at end of 2023 – 10

Luis has become a strong leader in our team, and he is respected by his teammates, this is because of his burning desire to always give 100% effort at training and during games. He is always trying to improve on his weaknesses and get his teammates involved in the game. I have seen that Luis often treats training as if he is in a game and brings the intensity that infects his teammates which is an important attribute in a young player. I can't wait to see how Luis' future in football turns out.

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William Shapiro

Total Games at end of 2023 – 10

Will has made great skill improvements this year and has impressed me with his ability to kick and handball on his non preferred side. Will has become a valuable running half-back for the team and has started throwing his body around which is great to see. Will shows a real desire to improve and when he puts his mind to something he becomes great at it. I have high hopes for Will's future in football.

Rylan Travers

Total Games at end of 2023 – 10

Rylan showed great improvements in his skills and attitude from last year. He became a feared tackler and a reliable backman, he is always trying to work on his weaknesses which is a great quality of a young footballer, and I am excited to see how Rylan's football journey turns out in the coming years.

Marcus Turtle

Total Games at end of 2023 – 10

Marcus has become one of our most valuable goal saving back men this year and every now and then he's able to go forward and kick a goal. He has developed a great overhead mark through practise and always listening to the advice of his coaches. Marcus always brings a positive, upbeat attitude to games and training which helps uplift his teammates. I urge Marcus to continue asking questions to further his knowledge and skills. The club has a great young footballer on their hands with Marcus.

Riley Watson

Total Games at end of 2023 – 10

Riley came back into the team this year and from the very first training session he attended he put everyone on watch. He always has a game face on and it's clear to everyone he is always going at 100%. Riley is also one of our main back men and is a great, attacking backman. If Riley continues to show up and work the way he does he will be an outstanding player very quickly.

Blake Wickson

Total Games at end of 2023 – 10

Blake a.k.a blaze combines great skills, a good football IQ, unbelievable speed and an animalistic hunger for the footy when he plays and trains. He always leaves everything he has on the footy field, and he has gained his team mates and my respect for the way he goes about football.

Lewis Irwin

Total Games at end of 2023 – 10

Lewis joined the Devils halfway through the year and was an excellent addition to the squad, he has a mindset and a drive for football and to improve his skills like no other, he constantly amazes me with his relentless attack on the football whether it be at training or during a game. He also is willing to throw his body around and compete with the toughest players which I admire. I hope Lewis continues to play AFL as he has a bright future.

Logan Rasmussen

Total Games at end of 2023 – 10

Logan came down from U12's halfway through the season and became an integral part of our team constantly making game saving plays in the backline. He has football IQ that is far beyond his age, and I haven't met a player who is such a strong leader at his age before. He is also respected and listened to by his teammates.

Lewis Irwin

Total Games at end of 2023 – 10

Lewis was another player who joined our team halfway through the year, he brought an infectious, competitive edge to training and games straight away. He has a hunger for the ball and a willingness to put his body on the line which is great to see at his age. I can't wait to see how much Lewis improves over the years.

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10 GIRLS



2023 Under 10 Girls



Back Row: Gerry Patron (Coach), Evelyn Pollard, Everleigh Squire, Alyssa Keeffe, Callista Bourandanis, Isla Kearney, Ellen Keeffe (Manager)
Middle Row: Hannah Masters, Violet Henderson, Olivia Hawkins, Billie Morton, Aria Staite, Sophie Williams, Hannah Patron, Alex Lawder (A/Coach)
Front Row: Alicia Patron, Riley White, Georgia Trenton, Isobel Brown, Jade Merriman, Grace O'Dwyer, Jayde Lawder, Darcey-Rose Blyton

COACH'S REPORT

THUNDERFEATED!!!!

With big shoes to fill in the coaching position at the Thunder, I was looking forward to taking on the job. The Thunder team list was filled with incredible talent, and more than half the girls were new to footy or playing their first season with the TVAFNC.

The girls were great at training and were very keen to learn, taking in every word and working hard to practice their skills, with huge improvement across the team. The girls that had played the season before were great at welcoming the new girls to the team and helped them out at every opportunity. We had a lot of fun with a great vibe at training incorporating our skills into some fun games that kept us all interested and distracted from the cold Canberra nights. We enjoyed a fantastic fancy dress themed training and even a visit from a rogue dinosaur for our last training night.

The 2023 season was fantastic for the Thunder with a strong showing from the girls each week. With the largest squad in the competition, the girls showed great sportswomanship by playing for opposition teams almost every week to ensure that both teams could have a great game of footy. And when they did play for other teams, they definitely did not take it easy and put their best boot forward no matter who or where they were playing. Teams like this one are special thanks to the way the girls go about their footy, always including, caring and encouraging each other to do their best and play their best.

I have thoroughly enjoyed coaching this season, but it is fair to say that I had the easiest job because of the fantastic support and efforts of the parents, friends and families.

A very special thank you must go to Elle for her tireless work as team manager. Elle was exceptional in keeping the season running smoothly and making sure we were all where we were meant to be. Elle made sure all the stats were kept meticulously to record games, goals and the best of all, awards each week to celebrate the girls' achievements. Elle endured many cold nights on the Isabella Plains playing fields and more than a few cold Sunday mornings on the sidelines, and I think I can speak for everyone when I say we could not have had such a fun and successful season without her, and we appreciate her efforts very much.

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Another big thank you must go to Alex for bringing fun, energy and high fives to training and games. Alex literally stepped in to be the on-field coach for the season as I was left unable to run or walk for that matter, after an injury. I must say that Al is a natural coach of junior teams and was such a good mentor to the girls, helping them to improve their skills while keeping it fun and interesting for them. Al was a great cheerleader on the field as well, always encouraging the girls to play their best footy and loved joining in on the goal celebrations. The girls and I are very appreciative of his time and efforts.

Without the support and volunteering of time of our footy community we would not be able to put on a season at all, so I thank all the volunteers that have helped throughout the season in the many roles that make up a footy team. The volunteering included helping out at training, warmups, goal umpiring, field umpiring, bringing the fruit and lollies for during and after the games, and taking photos each week so we all get to look back on some fantastic memories. It was definitely a rewarding experience to coach this fantastic team of superstars and to get to know the all the great people that support them.

What a great season and good luck to the girls that are going on to play in a higher age group next season and hopefully we can keep this great squad together for a crack at another THUNDERFEATED season next year.
Rolling Thunder!!!

Gerry Patron

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10 GIRLS PLAYER PROFILES

Darcey Blyton

Total Games at end of 2023 – 10

What a cracking first season of AFL with Thunder! Darcey grew in confidence with each game, improving her skills at training and taking those new skills into each game. Darcey topped off her season with a goal in the second last game! Look out for Darcey next year.

Callista Bourandanis

Total Games at end of 2023 – 25

Callista is the chief cheerleader for the team - always ready to celebrate and cheer for her teammates. Callista had another great season with the Thunder kicking a few goals, improving her skills and really enjoying her footy.

Isobel Brown

Total Games at end of 2023 – 8

Isobel's first season in footy was fantastic. A bit shy at first, it took a while to warm up, but once Isobel got going, the confidence grew, and it showed with the kicks and handballs hitting their targets. Isobel had lots of run and loves scooping up the ball on the outside of the pack and delivering the kick down field.

Olivia Hawkins

Total Games at end of 2023 – 9

Olivia is one of the jokers in the side, and always kept me on my toes at training. However, once the siren goes to start the game, Olivia is all business. Olivia's marking and kicking improved greatly during the season, with Olivia kicking some fantastic goals. Hope Olivia continues with AFL as I can see the enjoyment, she gets out of it.

Violet Henderson

Total Games at end of 2023 – 10

An outstanding first season! Violet has shown enormous improvement since her first game for the Thunder. Violet never hesitates to get into the action, is a great team player and is one of the first to laugh at my dad jokes. I can't wait to see what the future holds for Violet and AFL.

Isla Kearney

Total Games at end of 2023 – 32

Isla's team play has been out of sight this season. Along with her great kicks, Isla has greatly improved her handballs, often setting up her teammates for goals, instead of kicking herself. Fantastic to see that team play is her focus. Isla is a strong member of the team.

Alyssa Keefe

Total Games at end of 2023 – 34

One of the veterans of the Thunder team, Alyssa has led by example in each game. Alyssa's kicking came a long way this season and Lyss looked like she enjoyed each and every game she played. I look forward to watching Alyssa excel in U12's next year.

Jayde Lawder

Total Games at end of 2023 – 11

Jayde is a ready-made footballer. Tenacious, attack on the footy, often bursting out of the pack and having a run-down field. Jayde loved kicking a goal and was great at bringing her teammates into the game to share in the glory. Jayde even has choreographed celebrations in her bag of tricks.

Hannah Masters

Total Games at end of 2023 – 7

Another first year player, Hannah always arrived on game day with a smile. Hannah is a great tackler, always in the contest and putting pressure on the opposition. With skills showing so much improvement, Hannah will give her brothers a run for their money soon enough!

Jade Merriman

Total Games at end of 2023 – 34

Jade spent the season bursting out of contests, always finishing with booming long kicks. A good tackler and fearless in the contest, Jade loves being in the thick of the action. Looking forward to seeing how Jade further develops her game next season!

Billie Morton

Total Games at end of 2023 – 24

What a superstar! Billie plays footy beyond her years, and it is hard to believe a player so young has skills so well developed. Billie is a fantastic team player, looking for every opportunity to bring her teammates into the game. Billie doubled her efforts playing in U10 and U12, excelling in both. Watch out AFLW, Billie is on her way!

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Grace O'Dwyer

Total Games at end of 2023 – 8

With a soccer background, Grace picked up the finer skills of footy quickly and showed huge improvement from her first game through to the end of the season. With a mean left foot, Grace played well in all positions on the field. I can't wait to see where footy takes Grace.

Alicia Patron

Total Games at end of 2023 – 11

As one of the youngest and smallest players on the team, Alicia started the season excited, but a little shy and grew into loving the game. Alicia improved her skills throughout the season, all while having fun with the team. Alicia didn't let being the smallest get in the way of having a crack, even scoring a goal or two.

Hannah Patron

Total Games at end of 2023 – 34

A senior player in the side at 9 years of age in her third season, Hannah has thoroughly enjoyed her final year of footy with the Thunder. Hannah has maintained her reputation as a tackling machine, adding a few goals to her tally along the way. Hannah has challenged herself during the season playing a few games with the under 12 mixed side also.

Evelyn Pollard

Total Games at end of 2023 – 11

Evelyn's first season with the Thunder, was quite a contrast to her earlier footy played in Darwin. Evelyn brought experience and great skill to the team, putting her footy smarts to use whether in defense stopping goals or kicking them for the Thunder up forward. Evelyn is a great team player and led by example. Great first season with the Thunder.

Evie Squire

Total Games at end of 2023 – 18

In her second season with the Thunder, Evie continued to improve her skills and got a little braver each week, particularly with her tackling. Evie is a great example to show the hard work paying off. We can expect big things to come from Evie as she continues to improve her game.

Aria Staite

Total Games at end of 2023 – 9

Aria burst onto the scene in her first season with the Thunder. Aria has great skills, fantastic tackling and knows how to find the goals. Aria also played a few games in the mixed competition and was equally as impressive. Aria shows great promise for years to come.

Georgia Trenton

Total Games at end of 2023 – 8

A little ball of energy at training and on game day, Georgia used her speed and fancy footwork to run rings around the opposition. Georgia had quite a few games up forward kicking goals and was always quick to lay a tackle and put pressure on the opposition. Georgia had a fantastic first season.

Riley White

Total Games at end of 2023 – 10

Another of our smaller players in the team, Riley is big on character and confidence come game day. Riley worked hard on her skills during training, and it showed each week. Riley managed to kick a few goals and enjoyed being involved in the play.

Sophie Williams

Total Games at end of 2023 – 10

Never without a smile on her face, her enjoyment and love of the game is contagious for the Thunder. Sophie's skills have improved out of sight, noticeably her tackling has become more ferocious this season. Sophie is a great team player and loves to celebrate her team's success.

JUNIOR PROFILES

10S MIXED RED



2023 Under 10 Mixed Red



Back Row: Dante Marotti, Mason Wiggins, Jamie Shepherd, Adam Bickerstaff

Middle Row: Carman Marotti (Coach), Michael Johnston, David Franklin, Kyle Webb, Thomas Reilly, Lachlan Power, Tara Wiggins (Manager)

Front Row: Noah Fox, Lachlan McDougal, Angus Greig, Benjamin Barrett, Oliver Greaney, Flynn Douglas

COACH'S REPORT

This was my 3rd year coaching Tuggeranong Reds, and I was amazed just how much the boys improved from one year to the next. The season started off with a narrow loss. It was a learning curve for all of us playing on a larger size field and took a little time to find our feet with new players joining the team. By the second game we turned it on and had a big win over Gungahlin Jets. It bought together a string of 4 wins in a row. We came up against Belconnen Cats in Round 6, we had a loss, but it was a close game. It was a rematch in round 7 and it was probably one of the most aggressive games of the season which we ended up winning by 1 goal. The season from there was up and down. We were leading in most of the games, but we faded in about 3 games in the last quarter to narrowly go down by less than a goal in each of those games which is something to work on for next season. Our best game of the year would have been against Marist, the boys really showed up and won the game by 20 points. Our overall win loss ratio was 8 wins and 6 losses. I know we have a lot to offer and can learn from this season to improve next year. My assessment was that all players improved their hand, foot and marking skills. They also showed development with manning up, defensive pressure and making space. Overall, their tackling was tremendous, and the intensity was there too. It was a big step up from 9s to 10s and I think they handled it well. I'm looking forward to competitive footy next year. Well done on a great season Reds, bring on next year!

My award winners this year are as follows. The Coaches Award goes to Benjamin Barrett, what an absolute superstar in the making. Ben really knows how to play. He has no fear, charges in and most of the time comes out with the ball. He kicked plenty of goals to go with his awesome work all over the ground. The Most Improved Award goes to Flynn Douglas who really showed development with his ball skills, speed and the ability to move away from the opposition to find space. Finally, is the Team Player of the Year Award who goes to Oliver Greaney. He always does the hard work for the team and never gives up. He has a great attack on the ball and will always bring other players into the game. Well done to each of the recipients.

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I would like to extend a very big thank you to Tara Wiggins for being my manager this season. Without her we would be lost. From the weekly washing of jerseys, organising orange rosters, managing game locations and keeping weekly stats she done an incredible job, I'm very grateful for all her hard work. To Luke Barrett thanks for umpiring most of the games and assisting with training and game day drills, it is very much appreciated. To Michael Webb, thanks for the game day skills, assisting with training and running the boundary line for us. To Grant Shepherd, thank you for helping out, being a runner and all the support with training and game day drills. To Garry Douglas, thank you also for your assistance with training and game day drills. A big thank you also for parents with the various contributions you provide with drills, umpiring and offering support to the players. Finally, a special mention to Tristan Turner for organising training drills on a weekly basis, this facilitated the smooth running of our training sessions.

Carman Marotti

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Benjamin Barrett

Total Games at end of 2023 – 23

Ben has terrific speed and is always eager to get his hands on the ball and take a bounce. He is a force and has incredible ball skills with his marks, kicks and handballing all being supreme. He was a consistent player throughout the season and worked well with teammate Jamie. He also has great stamina, as demonstrated in games where I asked him to play in the middle for most of the game and the ball did not stop following him around. He has courage and a real hunger for the game, I can't wait to see what becomes of him in the years ahead. What an outstanding year, keep it up Ben.

Adam Bickerstaff

Total Games at end of 2023 – 26

Adam has got height which gave him a great advantage in the ruck where he would give our players first use of the ball around the grounds. He can also take a good mark and really kick a ball down field. He has a real team effort about him, and I look forward to seeing him grow next year.

Flynn Douglas

Total Games at end of 2023 – 32

Flynn was a true asset to the team. He has a great work ethic and is a true team player, sharing possession of the ball where he could. He is also extremely agile and can confidently take a mark. He reads the play very well, so he is always in a good position to get the ball. He has great foot and hand skills and is always looking for the right option when kicking or handpassing to a player.

Noah Fox

Total Games at end of 2023 – 14

It was Noah's first year playing AFL, he was nervous at the start of the season but really warmed to footy after just a few games. He was always roaming dangerously in the forward line and off the packs where he could collect the ball and use his speed to get away and give us good field position.

David Franklin

Total Games at end of 2023 – 43

David is a really skilful footballer who has all the attributes to go very far in his AFL career. I can see David being a very good centre half forward. He can take an awesome mark as shown in a few games running back with the flight to take the mark and he really knows where the goals are. He kicked a memorable goal from the boundary line to win us the game. He brings great defensive pressure and has the ability to read the play well always putting him in the right position to mark and kick a goal. Can't wait to see what he can do next. Well done.

Oliver Greaney

Total Games at end of 2023 – 36

Oliver is a player who really attacks the ball with everything he's got. He never shies away from a contest and is always willing to put his body on the line for the team. He's very courageous, and ferocious on the field, I really enjoy watching him play. He's also a great marker and plays the team way looking for players to hand the ball to them in space. Looking forward to seeing what the next season will bring for you.

Angus Greg

Total Games at end of 2023 – 37

I think Angus can really make it far with his AFL. He knows how to spread out and make space to get the ball. He has a precise kick on him as well as being able to take a mark out of nowhere. He kicked some really good goals this year and I can see him leading for the ball in the forward line continuing to kick more goals for our team. Keep up the good work, let's see how far you can take your game next year.

Michael Johnston

Total Games at end of 2023 – 39

Michael had a good year, always doing his best to assist the teammates. He scored some goals this year which were really crucial for winning those games. He offered his support to the team with his hand passing and quick kicks at times. He always came off the ground with a smile. Keep it up for next year.

Dante Marotti

Total Games at end of 2023 – 36

Dante works really hard at his football. He goes hard in the packs and gets a good handball out for our team to get going our way. He is a really good defensive player and shows how to lay a good tackle too. He is working hard on his positioning, manning up the other team and always puts a lot of pressure on them to make them falter. Dante's a selfless player that puts the team's first always and he got better with his kicking and marking as the season went on.

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Lachlan McDougal

Total Games at end of 2023 – 29

Lachlan was always doing his best to get the ball in a good position and his pressure on the opposition was very good. His foot skills improved as the season went on as did his overall game. He also took a couple of great marks. Well done, see you next year.

Lachlan Power

Total Games at end of 2023 – 33

Lachlan was a very fierce competitor, always charging in at a pack and trying to tackle the opposition. He would work hard for his kicks and could take a good mark. Lachlan loved playing, showing his dedication especially by coming down to support and cheer on his teammates when he was unable to play. Unfortunately, he's moving on next year but good luck on what your future brings.

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Thomas Riley

Total Games at end of 2023 – 39

Tom is a player who can find the ball and use it with his kicking very well. He takes a really good mark and possesses great skill with his whole game. He had some really big games for us and for the opposition, kicking 2 goals before I reminded him who he was playing for. He made sure he played well for us for the rest of the game, more than making for those lost goals. Tom is a great player and is only going to get better as the years go on.

Jamie Shepherd

Total Games at end of 2023 – 28

Jamie, WOW what a kick this boy has and he's not even 10 years old. He amazed me with how long he could kick the ball every time. He got us out of a lot of problems on numerous occasions just with that kick. He is also accurate on these kicks, finding the goals or a player on the chest on most occasions. He works well in partnership with his mate Ben, especially in the middle getting us a run on to win the game multiple times. He marks nearly everything too. He had an exceptional year.

Kyler Webb

Total Games at end of 2023 – 38

Kyler is probably our most aggressive player, always going into the pack to get the ball out, crashing through with his speed and force. He was also constantly tackling until he received a free kick for holding the ball. Kyler has a great technique and kicking style and it showed with most of the goals he scored. He also takes a great mark, and I can see him charging his way out of defensive for us in the years to come. Awesome year Kyler, looking forward to what you bring next season.

Mason Wiggins

Total Games at end of 2023 – 37

Mason is a player who hits the pack hard and is not afraid of who's coming for him. He has a great partnership with Dave, giving each other goals and spreading the ball down the field with ease. He takes a great mark and has a long kick on him. He can play anywhere on the field and does the job for team showing great teamwork and working selflessly throughout the season. I can see him kicking many goals in the years to come. Great year Mason, let's go again next year.

JUNIOR PROFILES

10S MIXED BLUE



2023 Under 10 Mixed Blue



Back Row: Caitlin Sommers, Leon Svarnas, Jack Calnan, Kaden Fleming
Middle Row: Tristan Turner (Coach), Trigg Healey, Reggie Croke, Dakota Fleming, Taylor Powell, Alexander Turner, Tania Hanzar (Manager)
Front Row: Jarrett Dobry, Heidi Rohan, Lachlan Blyton, Jude Conlon, Toby Ellis, Rory White

COACH'S REPORT

The past six months of coaching our Under 10s TVAFNC Blues team has been amazing. It has been filled with fast, furious, and exciting play with several new players embracing the game with enthusiasm. Everyone this year has shown remarkable energy and enthusiasm during practices and matches. Their excitement to learn and play the game is infectious and has created a positive atmosphere within the team. As your coach, I take immense pride in each one of you for the remarkable dedication, teamwork, and spirit you've displayed over the course of the year. The games we've played have been truly inspiring to watch, showcasing not only individual achievements but also the incredible teamwork and passion within our team.

This year everything got bigger: the kids, the field, the kids (I think I said kids twice), the plays, everything just got bigger. My comprehension of coaching deepens with each passing year and I enjoy watching you all grow just not within the game but as young people. You are developing your individual styles, skills, and values, and bringing them together to form a cohesive team and club, which has also been a tremendous source of inspiration for me.

The pace at which our young players are adapting to the game is impressive. Their quick movements on the field, both with and without the ball, indicate a growing sense of confidence in their abilities is growing year by year. As I will always say 'AFL is first and foremost a team sport' with each player demonstrating good teamwork and supporting their teammates. This cooperative spirit bodes well for their future growth as young TVAFNC players.

The emphasis on fun and excitement is clear in the way our players approach the game. Their laughter, smiles, and high-fives show that they are thoroughly enjoying their time on the field. Throughout training and week by week by I saw improvement in fundamental skills such as kicking, handballing, and marking. With continued practice and guidance, these skills will only get better. Our players also showed admirable sportsmanship which is a reflection of the values we want to instill in our team.

To U10's Blues – 'again you all amazing keep it up, your enthusiasm, energy, and dedication to the game are truly commendable. Come back next year, with continued encouragement, practice, and teamwork, you are the future young players of TVAFNC. Keep up the great work!'

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I would like to thank all the parents who helped during the year, particularly Sean, Daniel, and Aaron. Your support at training, picking balls up, hand balling, etc. has really helped in developing the U10's this year. To all parents barracking on the sideline was also an inspiration. You can all be proud of your kids and what they have achieved this year. A big thank you to Tania the Team Manager for managing the team this year, the emails, oranges, support, keeping us all update and everything else that goes on behind the scenes was great. I could not have done it without you so again a big thank you. I feel there is huge potential and growth in all our young players and as a club we are creating something amazing in the years to come. I cannot wait to see your next year, your endeavours on the football field and the camaraderie that it will bring. I hope everyone all enjoyed the footy this year. See all of you in 2024, go TVAFNC!!!!

Tristan Turner

JUNIOR PROFILES

10S MIXED BLUE PLAYER PROFILES

Lachlan Blyton

Total Games at end of 2023 – 9

As a new player Lachlan may have entered the game with a certain degree of shyness, but it's evident that beneath that lies untapped potential and strength. What stands out most with me early on was Lachlan ability to deliver a strong tackle. It's a skill that showcases his determination and fearlessness when it comes to contesting for the ball. It's important to recognize that Lachlan is still in the early stages of his development as a player. With dedication, practice, and guidance, there's no doubt that Lachlan will be a great player. Keep it up Lachlan, see you next year.

Jack Calnan

Total Games at end of 2023 – 25

Your passion and strength on the field are truly remarkable. The way you fearlessly dove for the ball, even as it was sailing towards the goal, exemplifies your unwavering commitment to the game (I think you did this in several games). Your ability to direct play from the back line showcases your growth in the game. Also, your presence in the forward line promises to result in a prolific goal-scoring performance. You're a great team player who brings both versatility, friendship, joy, and fierce determination. You are a great kid and footy player. I look forward to seeing you playing for Saint Kilda in the future 😊.

Jude Conlon

Total Games at end of 2023 – 21

Just loves footy, happy, and keen to get out there. I like how you go about your training with a great sense of sportsmanship whilst developing friendships. Your smile and footy sense helped bring the team together. With more experience, training, and development you will continue to grow in the game that you love.

Jarrett Dobry

Total Games at end of 2023 – 13

First year player, I think you scored a few American touches downs this year (American background). But seriously you are a little demon out there and for the first year your skills and development came along way with improvements across every facet of your game. You bring a positive attitude, with have hidden strength that will grow with more development. Keep it up Jarrett and see you next year.

Toby Ellis

Total Games at end of 2023 – 14

Another first year player, simply put - awesome! You took to the game quickly demonstrating every week exceptional skill, speed, and athleticism. You are a true natural in the game, joy to coach and watch on the footy field. Fear is a concept unknown to you; your tackling was strong every week taking the game on, consistently diving into contests for the ball with an unwavering determination. You are also a great team player, contributing to both offence and defence plays all year. Keep it up Toby, cannot wait to see you more on the footy field.

Dakota Fleming

Total Games at end of 2023 – 14

Another first year player, when focused on training and the game, your strength shines through. This year you demonstrated in several games the ability to break the lines and deliver the ball. I know you enjoyed football this year and with continued dedication to improvement, there's no doubt that you will continue to develop into a great team player. Embracing the essence of football as a team sport and appreciating your teammates' will enhance your presence on the football field.

Trigg Healey

Total Games at end of 2023 – 32

Trigg you are a slick, fast-paced, and dynamic player that keeps everyone on the edge when you are around the ball. You are constantly on the move, displaying lightning-quick agility and a spring in your steps. In the years to come I think you will be dangerous around the ball with your speed and agility. With each game, each season, you continually improved, particularly you're kicking. You bring a thrilling aspect to the team with development will bring excitement and a team dynamic that I cannot wait to see.

Taylor Powell

Total Games at end of 2023 – 16

First year player that demonstrated shades of brilliance. Your signature move, the spin out of tackle with a push to a quick run and quick was good to watch. With focus and effort, I think you could be a star of the game. Head up, believe in yourself, keep going and bring a positive attitude to each game are key messages for you this year.

JUNIOR PROFILES

Heidi Rohan

Total Games at end of 2023 – 37

Heidi, you have formed great friendships with your teammates over the years. Your personality brings brightness to all around you. This year you trained well and continued to develop. However, you need to continue to work on taking that skill onto the football field. It's crucial for young players to understand their strengths and weaknesses, to work out where they stand on the footy field. I would like to see you continue playing AFL. With determination and dedication, you can continue to develop.

Caitlin Sommers

Total Games at end of 2023 – 20

I think you are amazing and another awesome year. Each year watching your game grow has been an inspiration. I know we had to work on you releasing the ball this year (kicking and handballing), but I think we got there. Your strength and tackling were amazing (I think I heard a few thumps) leaving the other team in your wake. Believe in yourself, you are fast and aggressive and as always, your tackling is out of this world. Keep it up, keep training and I continue to look forward to seeing you out on that footy field.

Leon Svarnas

Total Games at end of 2023 – 19

You are a strong presence on the footy field with respect from both teammates and opponents alike. Coupled with your dashing side steps that leave defenders in your wake and booming kicks that travel 40 meters with 20 goals this year), you have become a match winner, capable of turning the tide of any game. However, to become truly awesome and moving forward, thinking about others and team play, will transform into a force to be reckoned with on the footy field, elevating yourself to new heights and ensuring success not just for yourself, but for the entire team.

Alexander Turner

Total Games at end of 2023 – 51

Your presence and leadership are a driving force in our team, being a great team player. Finding your place in the midfield this year, you're running and endurance on the field is encouraging being in or close to the action. Putting yourself before others, headfirst, your skills are growing and impressive. This year you demonstrated leadership on the field, always supporting your teammates. Your understanding of your placement in the field was crucial, driving play. Your enthusiasm is infectious and creates a great team atmosphere. Your positive attitude and relentless drive around the ball are an inspiration to us all. Keep it up.

Rory White

Total Games at end of 2023 – 32

Rory possesses an unwavering passion for the midfield, the heartbeat of any Australian rules football team. It's here, amidst the chaos and intensity of the center of the field, that Rory thrives. From the first bounce to the final siren, Rory is unwaveringly engaged with the game, a testament to his commitment. Rory's deep understanding of the game often shines through with sparks of absolute brilliance. One unforgettable game this season saw Rory owning the ball in the midfield, dominating the clearances, I think he had the ball on a string. It was a performance that showcased his potential and hinted at what was to come. With further development, particularly in refining his kicking skills, there's no doubt that Rory has the potential to become a standout. Keep it up Rory.

Ashton Wilkins

Total Games at end of 2023 – 11

As a first-year player, your presence on the field week in week out was remarkable. Finding your place in the team, you are always in the game, tirelessly running and showing unrelenting determination, especially when it comes to going hard at the ball. Continually developing your skills, enjoying your training, I also noticed you're also a great communicator and team player. Your team spirit is invaluable, and skill is growing with every game. It's evident with continued dedication you will be a force to reckon with on the footy field. Keep up the fantastic work!

Reggie Croke

Total Games at end of 2023 – 14

With each passing year, your growth in the game of football is remarkable. Your courage on the field is evident, and you've even managed to kick a few impressive goals this year. What's intriguing is that you possess hidden reservoirs of strength that, once realized and harnessed, could have a profound impact on your performance. There have been glimpses of your true potential in some games, showcasing what you're truly made of. Keep up the hard work, and most importantly, please continue your football journey. The best is yet to come, and your dedication will undoubtedly lead to even greater achievements. See you next year Reggie.

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Kaden Fleming

Total Games at end of 2023 – 31

Despite only playing a few games due to injury, your presence has been sorely missed, and it became abundantly clear in the last game of the year. Just in a few games you showed you a true footy player. Knowing how much you missed footy this year; I cannot wait to see you return next year.

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9S MIXED RED



2023 Under 9 Red



Back Row: Kiara Miller (A/Coach), Matthew Lawton, Jasper Phillips, Wyatt Kowalick, Peter Ashcroft (Coach), John Roache (A/Coach)

Middle Row: Quinn Barons (A/Coach), Cooper Noble, Logan Ashcroft, Louis Kane, Jayden Buchi, Joseph McGrath, Kelly McGrath (Manager)

Front Row: Corbin Nestler, Henry Roache, Samuel Maiden, Ari Catchpole, Charlie Smith, Lewis Caddick-Beyer

COACH'S REPORT

What a fantastic year for the under 9s Reds this year. It was quite a change, for them to go from no contact to bear hug this year and things started slowly because of it. However, after a couple of weeks getting used to it the group adjusted and developed into one of the best tackling teams in the competition. Their pressure was fantastic, and a lot of teams didn't know how to respond.

While their defence was strong they also showcased some excellent teamwork this season. Always willing to share and look for a teammate. They displayed some fantastic passages of play and were awesome to watch. It was a very enjoyable season to coach; I hope the kids had as much fun as I did and all got something positive out of the year.

A big congratulations to the award winners, it is always hard to pick out a few when we have so many players that work hard and contribute week after week!

Thank you, Kelly for managing this year, you were always on top of everything, and it was a massive help to me and the team. We all wish you were coming back next year but wish you all the best at Marist, we hope to see you back at Tuggeranong once the kids are done with school.

Big thanks to Johnny, Jesse and Pete for your support and hard work at trainings and on game days. Many hands make light work and that is especially true when you are herding cats.

A massive thanks to our 2 assistant coaches, Quinn and Kiara. The boys loved having you both around and it was a happier place with you there. It is a huge effort to put that kind of time into helping the U9s out as well as fulfilling your own football commitments. I hope you got something out of the year and enjoyed it as much as everyone else did. Thanks to Megan for all you did this year, having someone doing all of those extra little bits is fantastic (especially the cupcakes) and we all appreciate it very much.

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Football teams and football clubs are built on the work of their volunteers and football in Tuggeranong is in good hands with the calibre of volunteer that we had this year.

Finally, thanks to the players, parents and carers for all of your support and efforts. I look forward to seeing you all again in 2024 for another great season full of fun and development. I wish you all the best in the off season and see you soon!

Peter Ashcroft

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9S MIXED RED PLAYER PROFILES

Logan Ashcroft

Total Games at end of 2023 – 24

Logan had a slow start to the year, especially considering his finish to last year. With some adjustments to his game and a better understanding of what was expected of him, he started to show what he is capable of. Great size and speed for a footballer, if he applies himself to his effort and development he will become a real asset to the club! A great year Logan, keep up the hard work.

Jayden Buchi

Total Games at end of 2023 – 12

Jayden was quite timid at the beginning of the year, as he was getting to know his teammates and the game itself. Once he had a couple of games under his belt, he really started to shine. Reads the ball well, has a good skill base and brings his teammates into the game. A fantastic year Jayden and a well deserving recipient of the Team Player of the Year!

Ari Catchpole

Total Games at end of 2023 – 34

Ari had another solid year and was ready to go from the outset. Always listens attentively when coaches are giving him direction. Has a great game sense and can bring his teammates into the game or has the ability to go himself when required and will get better at knowing which to use as he develops further. With some more work on his basics he will continue to grow and shine into the future. Another great year Ari, keep up the hard work and see you when training starts!

Louis Kane

Total Games at end of 2023 – 33

Louis was an absolute pleasure to coach this year. Rarely missed a training or game and always turns up with a smile on his face. His willingness to listen to instruction and implement was second to none. Because of this his skill improvement was excellent. Will become a key part of the group as he gets a better understanding of the game and how to read the play. A great team player whose skills continued to grow throughout the year. Great year Louis, I look forward to seeing what you bring over the next few years. See you at training, as always, with that infectious smile!

Wyatt Kowalick

Total Games at end of 2023 – 21

Wyatt hit the ground running after a strong finish to 2022. He is starting to understand his potential and what his body is capable of. His strength, size and eagerness to attack are real assets. With some refinement and skill development he has the potential to become a powerhouse for the team. Awesome year Wyatt, can't wait to see the steps you take next year. See you in 2024!

Matthew Cutting

Total Games at end of 2023 – 32.

A very strong and consistent year for Matthew. Reads the ball and times his marks, really well. That coupled with a huge left foot make him a threat anywhere on the field. With some more work on his skills and improvement in accuracy he will become a great asset to his team and the club! Great year Matthew, enjoy the break and get ready for a big season next year.

Sam Maiden

Total Games at end of 2023 – 12

Sam had a tentative start to the year, finding his feet and getting to know his teammates. That didn't last long though and it wasn't long 'til he was stamping his mark on games. A real joy to coach, always ready to help the team and play his role. Eager to do what is required and really started to show what he can do, great attack on the ball and tackling intent. Has definitely benefitted from getting a season under his belt and will only improve as we go forward. Excellent year Sam, a very deserving recipient of the Coach's Award for this year. Can't wait to see what you have in store for us next year!

Joseph McGrath

Total Games at end of 2023 – 28

Joey is one of our most eager and keen players, endless energy and enthusiasm. Love watching him out kicking the ball around, on his own, for ever after training and games. Has a real knack for finding the ball and loves to take the game on. With some dedication to his skills and football in general, he will become a very dangerous player. Awesome year Joey, We will all be sorry to see you go but our loss is Marist's gain. Good luck with your footy in the future, see you back at Tuggeranong soon!

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Corbin Nestler

Total Games at end of 2023 – 29

A solid and consistent year from Corbin, always an eager participant in training drills and on gameday. Willing to put his hand up to help the other team or his own. We look forward to seeing how he develops as he puts in more work to his football. Great speed and game sense, We can see him becoming a very dangerous in and under player. Super year Corbin, can't wait to see you in 2024!

Cooper Noble

Total Games at end of 2023 – 8

Very solid first year from Cooper. Definitely has the natural talent and instincts for football. Solid kicking skills and a real asset with his marking ability. With some more work on his skills and game sense he will become a real problem for opposition teams, especially as the game gets more physical and he can really unleash. Sensational year Cooper, we can't wait to see how you go in season 2024!

Jasper Phillips

Total Games at end of 2023 – 20

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Charlie Smith

Total Games at end of 2023 – 22

Charlie has shown that he is one of our most competitive players. He does not like under performing and has the desire and tenacity to make the changes required of him and the team. A pleasure to coach, always ready to take on whatever challenge is asked of him. Showed some great skill through the year and his ability to get to the right spot or defend hard was second to none. Excellent year Charlie, keep working on your game, never give in and I hope to see you back with us soon!

Lewis Caddick-Beyer

Total Games at end of 2023 – 11

Lewis was a bit worried about playing a new sport at the beginning of the year and I commend his application to training and games. He really started to find his feet and develop a solid understanding of the game as the year went on. A tenacious player who is always near the footy. We are keen to see how he goes in season 2024 with a solid year under the belt and a better understanding of the expectations on him. An impressive first year Lewis, keep working hard and see you at training!

Henry Roache

Total Games at end of 2023 – 22

Henry had a very consistent year with glimpses of his full potential. Showed a real desire to tackle and assert himself physically. He constantly wants to attack the game and take it on. With some small adjustments and work on his skills he will become a strong dependable in and under player with dangerous attacking potential. Great year Henry, we are all keen to see what you have in the bag for us next year. Enjoy the break and see you at training!

JUNIOR PROFILES

9S MIXED BLUE



COACH'S REPORT

AND WHAT A YEAR 2023 WAS!!!

Many of this year's Blues had played together before in previous years, but that didn't stop them welcoming a few new faces to the line-up - players for whom it was either their first year, or returning, or just coming across from another team. The Blues quickly got to know each other and figured out how each of us likes to play, and what our favourite positions are. The kids are NOT shy about making that known just before the first siren! With players looking really strong in the forward, mid, and back lines - we brought a formidable challenge to our opponents each week. In fact, one of our toughest games was one where we lent a few of our players to the opposition. I had to ask them to stop kicking goals!!!

We regularly had multiple goal scorers each week showing how good our mids are at clearing the ball out and looking for a target on the lead. Most of the time the backs get to sit back and enjoy the show, until their forwards manage to sneak one in - which our backs very often shut down efficiently. I think the thing that makes me most proud of the Blues this year, is how well they came together as a team. Individual players can have a great moment, but if you want to play really good football then the whole team has to work together with everyone doing their job (which doesn't just mean the person at the end who scores the goal, it doesn't even necessarily mean getting a touch - applying pressure, chasing, giving an option, are all important parts of it). Towards the end of the season, the Blues nailed it, and I saw some of the most selfless play ever - all for the greater good. That selfless play is so important. Moving the ball around means you're retaining possession, challenging your opponent, giving yourself a better option / angle. And the Blues really figured that out and it really changed our game. As the season went on, we looked more and more like a football team!

You wouldn't believe what goes on in the background to make these footy competitions happen. We have to thank TVAFNC and Amanda in particular. THANK YOU! And also, to our extraordinary Manager Lyndall, if it wasn't for her I'd still be wandering around in the carpark at the first game still hoping I can find it before it's too late. But it's also so pleasing how many Mums, Dads, Guardians etc got involved and helped out at training and on game day and in the canteen/BBQ. THANK YOU SO MUCH. We've got an AFL 'club' here and that's not just the games, it's the community around all this. Thank you all.

Looking forward to 2024!!!

Jesse Baker

JUNIOR PROFILES

9S MIXED BLUE PLAYER PROFILES

Aidan Baker

Total Games at end of 2023 – 35

What a dynamo! Aidan is an exciting player, he claims to be a backman, but loves to kick goals; he's dangerous anywhere on the ground. When he is moving with the ball, he spends so much time thinking about his team, and where everybody is, and what they're doing that he has no regard for himself - he'll regularly muscle through tackles to get the job done. I'm looking forward to watching Aidan grow and develop as he gets older, one to watch for sure.

Christopher Basera

Total Games at end of 2023 – 22

Chris is so energetic and fast. If he's locked on to you then look out! He rucks, and then crumbs for himself. A true all-rounder. He might not kick a goal every game, but when he does, he piles them on! Cris' real strength is in keeping the team coordinated; by calling out, giving advice/mentoring, Cris shows great leadership and it's clear that his teammates respect that. Keep going Cris! You're playing like a champion!

Alex Best

Total Games at end of 2023 – 29

Alex is another one of those players who can play any position, but I think his real strength is in defence. He has a natural ability to read the play and if he sees it coming toward him from down the ground he can predict where it's going and - you guessed it, Alex will be there to gobble it up. He's tenacious in chasing down an attacker, he's always on his tippy toes itching to get there. Well done Alex, another awesome year!

Mila Bryceson

Total Games at end of 2023 – 19

Holey moley, Mila is scared of NOTHING! I don't know how Mila trains outside of the TAFC training but on game day she is right there in the action ALL THE TIME. She's so smart, she'll be in the perfect position to scoop the ball up before anyone knows what's happening feed it forward. Meanwhile there are arms and legs flying all over the place, but Mila is long gone. Some players are strong in their arms, others strong in their legs, Mila is strong in her thinking.

Isaac Greaves

Total Games at end of 2023 – 9

Isaac is probably the Blues most consistent player. He never has a bad week, or even just an overage week, he turns it on and plays well e-v-e-r-y, s-i-n-g-l-e, w-e-e-k. Another true all-rounder. I think Isaac must have been the first of the Blues to figure out the value of a quick sneaky handball so that the opposition never knew what hit them. But Isaac is also smart and if he sees the opportunity, he can take the ball a long way by himself on foot. Great fun to watch.

Hanno Hugo

Total Games at end of 2023 – 16

Hanno is SUPERHUMAN! He can run, he can kick, he can handball, he can read the play, he can ruck, he can rove - the only thing he can't do, is give up! He loves to cut free on a fast break. And even as I might be yelling instructions at him, you can see on his face that he's looking for a target further up - and he'll go for it! Another player who's does not shy of kicking a goal, he's equally happy down the back stopping his opponents from doing so.

Noah Owusu

Total Games at end of 2023 – 24

My goodness, I saw Noah kick goals this season, that were more exciting than goals I'd seen on TV. Never, ever (ever, ever!) flustered, Noah will kick the ball when he's good and ready, and only when he's got a good target. It doesn't matter how much pressure they try to put on Noah. He calmly deals with it. A really selfless player, Noah also set up several unbelievable goals that could have been turnovers. A natural centre-half-forward, or full-forward.

Elliot Pollard

Total Games at end of 2023 – 32

Elliot just might be the strongest man in the universe. It wouldn't be uncommon for Elliot to gain ground with 4 or 5 other kids hanging on to his arms and legs as he strode forward. If you've got Elliot in a scrap then you can feel safe that the ball isn't going to be moving backward. I think you're a backman, but you do so well winning contested balls in the mid field that you might just be an all-rounder. Keep pushing Elliot! Never give up!!!

Eli Scheeren

Total Games at end of 2023 – 26

Eli is the hard man of the Blues. So tough and relentless, but with skills to back it up. Eli can do anything, he's a beautiful kick, a handball master, he tackles, and runs. If he doesn't like how it's going, he doubles down, rolls up his sleeves and changes it. Eli takes no rubbish at all. I'm sure there have been games where Eli began tackling after the centre bounce, and by the time the tackle was over, the fields had been packed up and all the families were in their cars.

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Ekam Singh

Total Games at end of 2023 – 22

Ekam began the year a little bit tentative I think; he knew he was allowed to tackle but almost seemed pensive about it (like he thought he might get in trouble). Fast forward to today - Ekam is one of the toughest tacklers the Blues have, with a great talent for stopping the opponents in their tracks. He's figured out how to use his height to his advantage in a way that keeps the tackles legal and extremely effective. Keep up the good work Ekam!

Benjamin Thomas

Total Games at end of 2023 – 33

Ben is another player who is always on his toes; he's always chomping at the bit to get involved, and when the opportunity presents itself - POW - Ben pounces. A real team player, Ben's first instinct is always to look for a forward pass, it's inspiring to see such selfless play, again, setting the team up for success. But he's not shy of a ruck contest either and he uses his height well to win the ball. Well done Ben! You're an important player for the Blues!

Zachary Robertson

Total Games at end of 2023 – 27

Zac had a terrific season in 2023; he's so full of enthusiasm, watching him play is infectious. Another great team player, Zac always manages to manoeuvre himself into position so he can be part of the play, receiving the ball and moving it forward. Many plays will benefit from a contribution from Zac at some stage depending on where his is on the ground. Well done Zac! You smashed it this year!

JUNIOR PROFILES

AUSKICK PROS RED



2023 Auskick Pros Red



Back Row: Matthew Turtle (Coach), Liam Rogers, Thomas Adamaitys, Leon Cumberland, James Farrer, Fiona Farrer (Manager)

Front Row: Alithia Turtle, Lilah Crome, Harry Herbert, Elijah Lowes, Emily Mortimer

Absent: Angus Sibly

COACH'S REPORT

The Pros Red team had a fantastic and fun season. It was such a rewarding experience coaching a bunch of potential future superstars. The Pros Red team came together at the start of the season with a mix of first- and second-year players and a mix of personalities. Our team focus for the season was not only to work on our fundamental skills, but also to build individual confidence, work as a team, and most of all, have as much fun as possible. Seeing the skills and confidence in each of the players grow week to week was amazing. Also, getting to know the kids, seeing their personalities shine through as they gained confidence and came together as team, and watching how much they enjoyed playing was fantastic. I can proudly report we achieved all our goals, and we certainly had a lot of fun throughout the season, and it was heartwarming to see the way the kids loved their footy so much that they were all disappointed when the season came to an end.

During the year we faced off against a mix of teams with some providing the kids with new challenges. We played some bigger and stronger teams, and it was great to see the kids keep trying all game to do their best and having a never give up attitude. As a coach, it was great to see the kids respond to encouragement and advice and see them put it into practise. As the season progressed, I was thrilled to see some of our more experienced players take on a mentoring role within the team. The kids really came together as a team, and we achieved a balance of letting players have their individual super-star moments, then sharing the ball and helping their team mates to do the same. I was thrilled with how much the team spirit meant to the Red team, so much so, towards the end of the season our players all took on the challenge of making sure everyone of our teammates scored a goal this season. It was amazing to see the Reds team band together, coming up with plans, and then how thrilled they all were when that last goal was scored.

I would like to thank our team manager Fiona Farrer for getting us organised week to week, Megan Rogers for being our First Aid officer, and the parents that helped with making the games possible by assisting where they could. I would also like to thank all the parents of the players. As well as getting the kids to the game, it was fantastic to see you week in, week out on the sidelines cheering the team on in a positive and encouraging fashion. Congratulations to Red's players on a great season. I hope you all had fun and hope to see you next year!

Matt Turtle

JUNIOR PROFILES

AUSKICK PROS RED PLAYER PROFILES

Thomas Adamaitys

Total Games at end of 2023 – 12

Thomas is a naturally skilled player with a great kick and good marking ability. This season Tom's leadership and teamwork shone through, he always encouraged others in the team and played a big part in helping some of his teammates score their first goals. He is a good all round player who is ready for the added challenges that Under 9s brings

Lilah Crome

Total Games at end of 2023 – 7

Lilah started out as a shy player, however her confidence blossomed as the season went on. From cartwheeling during the game to fighting for the ball, Lilah showed a determination that grew with each game. As her confidence grew so did her skills, her kicking improved a lot and she started chasing and competing for the ball. I can't wait to see her back on the field next year.

Leon Cumberland

Total Games at end of 2023 – 10

Leon is a very understated player who just gets on with it. He is always reliable with a big boot, really strong overhead marking and accurate handballing. He reads the game well, often looking for his teammates to put them in a position to get away a kick. He is quiet on the field but determined to be first to the ball. I hope I get to see Leon playing with the Under 9's next year.

James Farrer

Total Games at end of 2023 – 13

James is a good all-around player who always supported and encouraged his teammates. His kicking and marking improved over the season and he demonstrated a strong desire to be first to the ball. He loved kicking goals and made it hard for the opposition when he was in defence. As the season progressed, he was working on adapting his skills for wet weather footy.

Harry Herbert

Total Games at end of 2023 – 16

Harry is a really quick player who went hard at the ball. He was very good at moving the ball and as the season went on, he learnt how to work with his teammates to get the ball moving forward and bringing his teammates into the game. He showed a sense of fair play and a passion for the game, always giving 100% effort.

Elijah Lowes

Total Games at end of 2023 – 16

Elijah is a natural on the football field. He has a massive boot, often having to reign in his kicks so they didn't go over a third and he loved kicking goals. Elijah worked well with his teammates, his accurate passing and skilled marking led to some great interplay opportunities. It was amazing to watch his passion for the game, he was rarely without a footy in his hands.

Emily Mortimer

Total Games at end of 2023 – 10

Emily started out the season as a shy player, however as the season went on her confidence grew. Her fundamental skills all developed well during the season and she worked well with her teammates to get the ball forward. As she gained confidence Emily also gained enthusiasm for the game, and her competitive streak showed when she was chasing the ball.

Liam Rogers

Total Games at end of 2023 – 11

Liam is a player who exemplified determination. He worked really hard this season to develop his fundamental skills, always listening to instructions and taking advice from his coach and teammates. Liam always tried his best, which paid off when he went from scoring his first goal in the second last game to being a goal scoring machine in the final game of the season.

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Angus Sibly

Total Games at end of 2023 – 13

Angus is a pocket rocket who always chased hard for the ball, never giving up. His kicking and marking improved so much over the season and he was always in the thick of the action. Angus always used his voice for his teammates, as he positioned himself to receive the football. Once the ball was in his hands, he was unstoppable, stepping, kicking or passing to his teammates.

Alithia Turtle

Total Games at end of 2023 – 12

Alithia started off the season quietly, but by the end of the season she was confidently telling her teammates where she wanted them to stand. Small in stature, but with a big left boot, Alithia loved jumping in the ruck and always wanted to take a mark, not matter how high the kick. She never stopped chasing the ball and always made sure she looked for a teammate to pass to.

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AUSKICK PROS BLUE



2023 Auskick Pros Blue

Back Row: Tanya Blight (Coach), Cooper Williams, Jaycob Bonaccorso, Louis Mann, Adam Franklin, Stephanie Williams (Manager), Clare Roache (Manager)

Front Row: Lachlan Staite, Lennox Gillespie, Archie Bateman, Mitchell Ashcroft, Bertie Conroy, Isaac Mann

Absent: Peyton McCreath



COACH'S REPORT

I feel very privileged to have been part of the 2023 season for Auskick Pros Blue. I had a fantastic bunch of energetic and enthusiastic kids and was amazed at how smoothly they connected as a team. This was my first attempt at coaching AFL and was a little unsure of my abilities at the start but within weeks, I was warmly welcomed by my coaching peers, my managers, our parents and of course, the players.

Our team had a decent mix of returning players and new kids and I was impressed to see the Team grow together over the season. One memory was a very wet game at Stirling oval where Team Blue barely made up 6 players. Though outnumbered, the kids really kicked up a gear and relied on teamwork to stay in the game. I was so proud of them and still recall their beaming (shivering) faces after the game!

As the season progressed, connected passages of play improved and by the last game, we had most players confidently marking and kicking/handballing to their teammates. Notably for me was a gradual improvement of kids positioning themselves and calling for the ball.

It was such a pleasure to see all the kids have fun and try to improve their own skills and help their teammates. Several experienced players made sure that their less experienced teammates got a touch of the ball. This sharing mentality was a cornerstone of how we wanted to play as a team in 2023.

I would like to thank my Managers Clare and Steph who made sure we all knew where we were playing, who was playing, recorded the team stats and helped me sort out awards every week. They also diligently organised a roster of parent volunteers for fruit, washing the jumpers, goal umpiring and random field set ups. I'd also like to thank Peter Ashcroft for stepping in to coach for me on a couple of occasions and being a bit of a mentor in my first year of coaching.

My sincerest thanks to the parents of the players. I appreciated your willingness to help at training on very cold Tuesday and Thursday nights and at the games, you all supported the kids in a respectful and encouraging way.

Finally, a huge congratulations to all the Blues players on a great 2023 season. I hope you had lots of fun and I look forward to watching your footy journey over the coming years as a supporter of TVAFNC.

Tanya Blight

JUNIOR PROFILES

AUSKICK PROS BLUE PLAYER PROFILES

Mitchell Ashcroft

Total Games at end of 2023 – 24

Over the season, Mitchell transformed from (at times) a reluctant participant to one of the most critical players of the Team. His ability to read and receive the ball was impressive and it was rare for Mitchell to give up a possession. He played easily with all teammates and leant into all his roles on field – even enthusiastically volunteering for ball-up towards the end of the season. For me, deserving of Most Improved player this year. A great season Mitchell and keep pushing hard next year!

Archie Bateman

Total Games at end of 2023 – 12

Archie had a great first year for the Team Blue with his strong marking skills being heavily relied upon by his teammates. He was always switched on at training and took time to practice at any opportunity. Towards the end of the season, Archie thought hard about positioning himself to receive the ball and he was one of the best at calling for the ball. Archie will be a solid player for any team next year!

Jaycob Bonaccorso

Total Games at end of 2023 – 7

Injury took Jake out of the team a little bit this year but when he was on the field he played with a big heart. He never stopped going for the ball and once in his possession, he tried hard to find a teammate to pass to. Jake, what a pleasure you have been to coach you and I hope to see you back next year!

Bertie Conroy

Total Games at end of 2023 – 12

Bertie was our calm, quiet achiever this year. Well – until he was in front of goal and then we saw his pivoting skill come to life. Bertie never failed to try and spin his way out of a contest and in most instances, it worked a treat. The best of all was the sneaky goals that came from this move. Bertie ended the year strongly and was always willing to get fully involved with the game. A great season Bertie!

Adam Franklin

Total Games at end of 2023 – 22

Adam was a very strong player for the team this season. His rarely missed a mark overhead and his kick was always on point. He was the safe pair of hands in any third and it felt like he had all the time in the world to plan his next move. I thoroughly enjoyed watching you play Adam and I know you will continue to impress next year moving up to Under 9s!

Lennox Gillespie

Total Games at end of 2023 – 11

Lenny joined us slightly after the team was set up and I cannot imagine Team Blue without him. He was so fast, and this added pace to the team – especially when the ball was in contest. Lenny's commitment to fairness and teamwork impressed me a lot and he never failed to tell me when someone was missing out. A dynamic player with a generous nature, I can't wait to see how your footy develops Lenny!

Isaac Mann

Total Games at end of 2023 – 9

Isaac played his first year of Under 8s and tried his best all season to get possessions and be part of the team. Being a younger player, his focus sometimes wavered towards the end of the game, but he never stopped trying. I loved his constant laughter which demonstrated the fun he was having playing footy. Looking forward to seeing you back next year Isaac!

Louis Mann

Total Games at end of 2023 – 15

In his second season of Under 8s, Louis was one of the leaders of the team. His marking, kicking and handballing skills are well developed, and his teammates often sought him out to receive a kick or handball. As a coach, I found Louis extremely respectful, and he always made time to have a chat to me at training and after the game. All the very best Louis as you move up to Under 9s!

Peyton McCreath

Total Games at end of 2023 – 3

We only saw Peyton for a few games this year and ever so slightly, I saw her confidence build during the games. Peyton, hope to see you back next year and continue to build on the skills you learnt at training and during the game!

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Lachlan Staite

Total Games at end of 2023 – 13

I cannot believe that this was Lachy's first season of Under 8s footy. A truly amazing player to watch, Lachy gave his 100% at every game and at times even played over two thirds when our numbers were down. He has a hunger for the ball that led to a high possession count at every game but importantly, he knew when to share the ball with his teammates, especially in front of goal. Lachy, you truly deserve this year's Coach's Award, a great first season and thanks for your restraint on the tackle front!

Cooper Williams

Total Games at end of 2023 – 22

Cooper has been a solid all-rounder for the team this year. As coach, I could place Cooper with any combination of teammates, and he would adapt seamlessly. Cooper was persistent in calling out for the ball and always tried to position himself in space to receive the ball. I have enjoyed watching you play Cooper and best of luck in the Under 9s!

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AUSKICK PROS WHITE



2023 Auskick Pros White

Back Row: Robert Griffin (Coach), Laura Blight, Harrison Pollard, Elliot Griffin, Toby Bickerstaff, Patrick Spencer, Mandy Bickerstaff (Manager)

Front Row: Joshua Schofield, Solomon Brown, Angus Barrett, Marc Darnton-Turner, Billy Merriman, Patrick Dillon



COACH'S REPORT

The majority of the Tuggeranong Whites team were playing their first Auskick season with the club this year, and the team had an emphasis on enjoying the game and sharing the ball. As the season progressed and confidence grew, the players ability to know when to share the ball improved, leading to better ball movement. This 'team first' mentality carried through the entire season, with players often huddled together during breaks, connecting with each other through not only the football field, but also video games, movies and lollies. Players formed strong bonds, which held them in good stead when the games didn't go their way. Whilst there were tears at times, from errand balls to the head, accidental kicks to the body, or sleeting rain, the players supported each other and lifted each other up, which was fantastic to see.

The team was supported by a fantastic manager in Mandy Bickerstaff, who predicted the needs of the kids and kept myself and all parents across the events of the season. I would like to thank Mandy for her organisation and leadership in supporting the team. The entire team was supported by the players parents, with almost everyone contributing in one way or another to create a supportive environment for the players. I'd especially like to thank the following parents for going the extra mile with first-aid duties, goal keeping, time keeping, or stepping in to support Mandy and I in our roles:

Jody Higgins
Rodielyn Brown
Sam and James Darnton-Turner
Anthony Schofield
Julie Schofield
Chris Blight

Coming into the season, I wanted to grade myself as coach by the players engagement and enjoyment of the game, and improvements in their skills. It's safe to say every player's skills improved over the season, but more pleasing, their courage and confidence on the field, and their ability to support each other across the season was amazing.

Thank you for the great year Whites.

Robert Griffin

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AUSKICK PROS WHITE PLAYER PROFILES

Angus Barrett

Total Games at end of 2023 – 12

Angus was a solid contributor to the team throughout the season. He was a trusted kick with ball in hand, with his ability to spot a free team mate one of his strengths. Whilst kicking four goals himself, Angus easily led the team with goal assists, often handing the ball off to his teammates to bring them into the game.

Toby Bickerstaff

Total Games at end of 2023 – 21

In Toby's second season he had the confidence to provide a strong marking target wherever he played on the field. He was keen to impact the contest, and worked hard to improve his game as the season went on. As his confidence grew, so did his ball carrying ability and running game.

Laura Blight

Total Games at end of 2023 – 12

Laura applied a consistent effort across every game she played. She enjoyed the social aspects of team and was quick to support her teammates in all facets of the game. It was good to see Laura grow in confidence as the season went on.

Solomon Brown

Total Games at end of 2023 – 13

Solomon's ability to read the ball in flight, and position himself for intercepts was beyond his experience. He applied himself throughout the year to push his skill levels as far as he could, and brought others along with him. The team's leading goal scorer, Solomon made an impact in any position he played.

Marc Darnton-Turner

Total Games at end of 2023 – 10

Marc is the type of player you just love to coach. He gives 100% effort every game, follows direction and always competes. His positivity, even when things were going the teams way, helped to lift his teammates up.

Patrick Dillon

Total Games at end of 2023 – 12

Patrick plays football with a never say die attitude. He is quick, applies pressure to the ball carrier and hunts the ball. This often paid off with him being one of the top goal scorers for the team. Patrick is not one to take a backward step, and despite often being undersized to his immediate opponent, he made his presence felt in the contest.

Elliot Griffin

Total Games at end of 2023 – 21

Elliot takes a team first mentality in how he plays, and was always eager to bring his teammates into the game by handball or kick at any opportunity. Elliot worked hard to grow his skills across the year, and always tries his hardest to impact the contest – especially in the ruck.

Billy Merriman

Total Games at end of 2023 – 11

Billy is confident around the ball and is one of the more trusted kicks in the team. Billy is always keen to have the ball in hand, lifting the confidence of his teammates and often winning his own possessions. Billy brings others into the game through strong decision making

Harrison Pollard

Total Games at end of 2023 – 11

Harrison possesses a booming kick, is a strong mark and supports the team across all lines. His first season at the club, Harry contributed throughout the year, kicking four goals and playing 12 games.

Joshua Schofield

Total Games at end of 2023 – 12

Played his first season for the club, Joshua worked hard on his core skills across the year. Often standing back at the contest in early games, his confidence grew week on week to win his own ball by the end of the season. A team player, Joshua was always keen to get around and celebrate the little wins of his teammates.

Patrick Spencer

Total Games at end of 2023 – 11

Patrick was eager all season to be a part of the action, and with encouragement and patience, he transitioned from being a player waiting to be fed the ball, to a player who went and won it himself. Patrick is a strong overhead mark, and often intercepted opposition forward movement by getting himself in the right position.

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AUSKICK PROS GOLD



COACH'S REPORT

What a fantastic year, and a fantastic team to coach. It was a first for both of us to co-coach this year, and we thoroughly enjoyed coaching a wonderful bunch of kids.

From the very first training session, everyone was ready to get a football in their hands and have a kick or run around. That's when it all began...from learning how to kick, how to hand pass and how to bounce. Everyone was happy, smiling, having fun and enjoying the training from all the coaches.

It was so exciting to see the development of the kids throughout the year. From the first game, through to the very last, the team improved each and every week. We were especially pleased to see how quickly the kids learned how to work as a team and look for each other when moving the ball from defence, through the middle and into attack. It was this sort of teamwork that you could really see, how the kids would look for each other, and get around their opponents to score.

A season doesn't work without its volunteers. The Manager's job is a busy one, and this year, we had a family of managers. Thank you to Damon, Nikki and little Emily for the work you did this year to make sure that everyone had jumpers, awards and the all-important coaches' bib ready on time each and every week.

Thank you to the parents for bringing the oranges, rejuvenating lollies, and for being their supporting the kids each week. A big thank you also to those that helped behind the goals, with set up on game-day, or at training. Many hands make light work, and it certainly helps the job of the coaches when parents are involved. The kids really enjoy it too.

Thank you also to the coaches and parents of U8's Blue, Red and White for the running of training as well as the coordination and teamwork at both home and away games. To create such a strong bond within the club, we feel, separates TVAFNC from many of the other clubs.

Finally, a big thank you to every player. The season would not have been successful without the smiles and enthusiasm you brought each week.

Brian Chamberlain & Paul Smith

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AUSKICK PROS GOLD PLAYER PROFILES

Max Aslan

Total Games at end of 2023 – 11

Max was an absolute pleasure to coach. He would dart around players and pass to one of his teammates with that booming kick of his. Max loved being in the ruck and tapping to a teammate. That was one of his strengths and continued right through the season. By season's end, he was taking some excellent marks too!

Harvey Chamberlain

Total Games at end of 2023 – 22

Harvey has great ball skills. His ability to pick up the football cleanly and take his time to look for a teammate was fantastic. Harvey is great at creating space and has the natural ability to read the play. His focus on the ball when it was out of his third really improved from game to game.

Lewis Hogan

Total Games at end of 2023 – 13

Lewis is a coach's dream. He always listened and did what the coaches asked, and that showed, particularly in defence when he would be chasing down opposition players. Lewis saved his best game for last, and showed just how dynamic a player he is when he gets his hands on the ball.

Aurora Mahony

Total Games at end of 2023 – 10

Aurora has great determination. She runs at the ball hard and often creates a turnover for her team. Her confidence to run with the ball improved throughout the season. Aurora would run around players, look for a teammate in a better position, or line it up and kick a goal. Her attention to detail with her kicking routine was exceptional.

Violette Munchow-Hogan

Total Games at end of 2023 – 17

Violette had an outstanding season. Starting the season great marking skills, Violette would search for players to kick to. As the season progressed, Violette's ability to take a mark and run around her opponent, and her defence improved out of sight. Violette was always first with a high five or well done when one of her team did anything well.

Logan Smith

Total Games at end of 2023 – 19

Logan has an uncanny sense to read the play and has great hands, taking some mark-of-the-year contenders. What was so pleasing to see, was Logan's ability to bring his teammates into the game. Logan would always look for the best option when transitioning the ball through each third and was incredibly accurate in front goal.

Jacob Trew

Total Games at end of 2023 – 24

Jacob played every game this season and was a true sportsman. He would often trick the opposition thinking he would kick one way, and he would kick in the other direction to a teammate waiting for the ball. This uncanny ability to confuse the opposition allowed the team to get a clear break to run into space.

Owen Welsford

Total Games at end of 2023 – 12

Owen has had a great season. To watch him on the field, you wouldn't believe he hasn't played AFL before. His ability to run and support his teammates was outstanding, and his kicking improved out of sight throughout the year. Owen's enthusiasm for training and improving his skills made him a pleasure to have in the team.

Paige White

Total Games at end of 2023 – 21

Paige was the perfect team player. Exciting, good vision and always looking for a player in a better position to pass to. Paige was always making it difficult for the opposition to clear the ball, often causing a turnover, and ensuring her teammates got the rebound. Paige made her mark in the ruck with some great hit outs to advantage.

Owen Williams

Total Games at end of 2023 – 11

Owen was the biggest kick in the team. So big in fact that he would kick a goal from the defensive third! Owen used his size to his team's advantage and would often look for players over the back of the opposition, as he knew he could get there.

AUSKICK ROOKIES

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This year Auskick program marked a new beginning with two new coaches coming onboard: Justin Donley and David Canning. Both helped kick things off this year working with an exceptional group of Auskick Rookies. Thank you for all your help and hope to see you continue to be great coaches and heralds for TVAFNC going forward.

I must say, "What an amazing bunch of young talents we had this year!" The enthusiasm displayed by our Rookies in embracing AFL and their eagerness to learn has truly impressed me. Our Rookies got stuck into this year, learning to identify with the game and demonstrating their newfound skills. At the start of each training session, our motto was clear: 'Have fun,' 'Stay on your feet,' and 'Hands off.' These principles guided us through various enjoyable team-based activities, culminating in improved kicking, running, and handballing abilities.

But the Rookies program goes beyond just teaching AFL; it encompasses numerous dimensions of junior development. It's about forming new friendships, nurturing self-confidence, honing teamwork, and enhancing communication skills. At TVAFNC, we remain committed to providing a secure and enjoyable environment for Rookies to have fun and learn the art of AFL. Their spirit, skill, and boundless energy never cease to amaze me.

The year concluded with a memorable event: the Auskick Rookies Graduation Day, a joyous occasion for both the Rookies and their parents. The highlight was the classic Parents versus Rookies match, where kids tackled parents left and right, showcasing incredible skills and even securing victory! The day culminated in all Rookies receiving their well-deserved graduation awards, followed by a delicious sausage sizzle. What a fantastic year it has been.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to our dedicated Auskick Rookies coaches (Justin and David), with special recognition to Amanda the Junior Director and Kellie our President for all their invaluable assistance. A big thank you to all the parents who actively participated and contributed to the weekly activities. We strongly encourage and enable parents to engage in the Auskick Program, as it plays a crucial role in your children's development. Witnessing children grow alongside the game is a remarkable experience, and we hope both kids and parents have thoroughly enjoyed this year.

I eagerly anticipate seeing everyone return in 2023. Get ready to rock the field with TVAFNC once again! GO TVAFNC!

Tristan, Justin & David
Auskick Rookies

TVAFNC MEMBERS

TVAFNC INAUGURAL MEMBERS

Geoff Bartley	Ray & Mary Ghirardello	Leo Lahey (Jnr)	Miller Family
Craig Bennett	John Glenn	Leo Lahey (Snr)	Brett & Janinne Monger
Bowles Family	Haidon/Wallace Family	Le Lievre Family	Bec Pink
John Byrne (Byrnsey)	Hogan Family	Warren 'Waz' Leyden	Terry Pink (Pinky)
Janice Carruthers	Luke And Melinda Jess	Amanda & Luke Lowes	Steve & Charlotte Roach
Rob Carruthers	Canvas Kearney	Mccabe Family	Aaron Ryan
Kristie Chynoweth	Ian Knox	McElhinney Family	Gary Searle
Murray Chynoweth	Anne Lahey	McLeish Family	Stevens Family
Marty Collins	Elliot Lahey	Mclindin Family	Glenn & Carolyn Symons
Annette Ellis	Stephanie Lahey	Bill Miller	Gerrit (Chief) Wanganeen
Bradley Fox			

LIFE MEMBERS

Rod Anderson	Glenn Currie	Jane Jones	Adrian Plunkett
Peter Ashcroft	Rebekah Currie	John Kearney	Ashley Pocock
Richard Asher	Bob Dickie	John Keen (1983)	Wayne Pocock
Peter Askew	Brad Dickie	John Keen (2014)	Tino Pollini
Don Axon	Graham Enright	Jay Kickett	Lisa Preston
Angela Ballerini	Jane Enright	Ollie Kickett	Will Prowse
Peter Balshaw	Brad Fox	Leo Lahey (Snr)	Darren Randall
David Bateman	Ben Funnell	Alex Lawder	James Rice
Roger Bean	Anne-Marie Ghirardello	Jo Lewis	Rona Rich
Dean Benedetti	Kathryn Ghirardello	Kym Lovett	John Roberts
Wendy Bennett	Matt Ghirardello	Barry McElhinney	Mick Roberts
Sue Birks	Mary Ghirardello	Craig McLeish	Paul Ryan
Mic Bowbrick	Ray Ghirardello	Marc Maloney	Tony Ryan
Neil Brown	Tim Ghirardello	Colin Masters	Steve Ryder
John Byrne	John Glenn	Kurt Masters	Laura Scheele
Ken Campbell	Tony Greenwell	Garry Matheson	Mark Seaman
Pat Chamberlain	Karen Hill	Kerry Matthews	Jenny Senior
Paul Chamberlain	Jeff Hare	Kevin Matthews	Wayne Senior (Dec)
Col Chambers	Kathy Harman	Pat McLindin	Mike Sexton (Dec)
Kristie Chynoweth	Shane Harman	Bill Miller	Julie Shaw
Murray Chynoweth	Stewart Harmer	Ricci Miller	Barbara Spencer
Arthur Clark	Joe Heales	Richie Miller	Neville Spencer
Brad Clark	Sean Heelan	Brett Monger	Tia Stevens
Rita Clark	Ayla Hennessy	Natasha Monger	Helga Sullivan
Ben Cleaver	Eugenie Hickey	Glenn Murch	Glenn Symons
Rachel Colbert	Paul Highmore	Morris Muscat	Sherrie Syrek
Bob Collis	Kellie Hogan	Scott Newhouse	Ash Taylor
Kim Conway	Steve Hogan	Karen Nulty	Glen Thurbon
Stafford Cooper	Charlie Hughes	Mick Patton	Terry Thurbon (Dec)
Nathan Costigan	Robert Hughes	Michael Phelps	Peter Trounce
Noel Couch	Alan Hunt	Rod Philpot	Gerrit Wanganeen
Jim Cullen	Luke Jess	Bec Pink	Geoff Willingham
Dale Curran	Kieran Johnson	Terry Pink	Stuart Woodbridge
Amy Currie	Bob Jones		Peter Wren
	Brian Jones		