

# **TUGGERANONG VALLEY AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL CLUB**

## 2024 YEARBOOK

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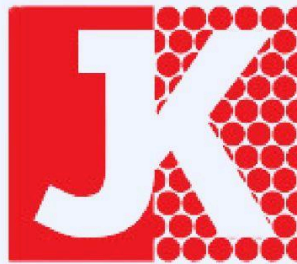
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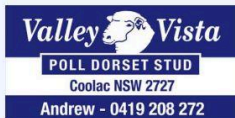
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# PATRONS MESSAGE

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It is once again a great privilege to offer this Patron's Message.

Season 2024 has been a massive one for the club, both on and off the field.

It has been great to see the netball program grow from strength to strength. Since the first teams took the courts in 2022, we have witnessed a strong netball community grow, from juniors through to the senior teams.

Congratulations to the women's Rising Stars for making the grand final - more evidence of the result of an investment into the girls' and women's program and the hard work that the players, coaches and support staff have put in. And it's promising to see the strides made in the performance of the boys' Under 16s team.

And it is exciting to see Riley and Noah Budd signed for the 2025 season. I can't wait to see how they go on the field.

Off the field, it has been a packed year.

This year we celebrated 100 years of AFL in Canberra, and it was great to see the Tuggeranong Valley Australian Football and Netball Club play a role in that celebration. I'd like to acknowledge the inductees to the TVAFNC Hall of Fame: Ray Ghirardello, Keiran Johnston, Stafford Cooper, Robert Hughes, Melissa Naughton. It was also great to have Kellie Hogan, Deb Degabriele and Luke Jess come up to Parliament House for the Parliamentary celebration of AFL earlier this year as well.

In the community engagement space, the club has performed strongly over the year. The club played a big role in the important Share the Dignity campaign, as well as working with SouthFest and running mental health programs.

Importantly, the club has had a big focus this year on building up volunteer numbers. By taking a different approach to engaging with potential volunteers, the club has been successful in recruiting and retaining more volunteers. Volunteers are the lifeblood of any community organisation, and I'd like to pay tribute here to all the volunteers who keep the club going.

The need for investment in infrastructure to support the club's ongoing growth and development remains a priority. This infrastructure is critical for the growth of AFL not only in Tuggeranong, but across Canberra. I remain supportive of this goal, and committed to working with everyone to make it happen.

Finally, I want to pay tribute to Kellie Hogan. Kellie has been a wonderful president. In her role she has provided impressive leadership for the club. She recently let me know that she was not going to recontest the position of president, nor seek another term on the board of the club.

Kellie has done an amazing job over a number of years managing and growing the club. She was there, at the very beginning, when four local clubs came together to create a new Aussie Rules club for the entire Tuggeranong Valley.

Since that time in 2020, the club has gone from strength to strength. We have seen a growing and thriving space for women and juniors, and now the club is one of the largest in Canberra. All the success the club has enjoyed has come entirely from hard work and talent, and Kellie has played a major part in that.

After 13 years' involvement, and 11 on the club board, Kellie has opted to step away and take a well-earned break. She should do so with the satisfaction of the achievements she has made. Thank you Kellie, and all the best for the future.

Once again, thank you for your generosity and warm hospitality over 2024. It is a real privilege to be associated with the club as patron. Bring on 2025!

**David Smith Bean MP**

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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I am proud to be a part of this club.

The Tuggeranong Valley Australian Football Netball Club has become a club of choice in Tuggeranong for netball and is the third largest AFL club in Canberra .

What we have been able to achieve as a community club run by unpaid volunteers has been truly remarkable. The selflessness of so many people doing their part, whether it be coaching, managing, umpiring, standing in the canteen, taking photos on game day, setting up grounds or being on the board, is what makes the difference between a good experience and a bad one.

Yes, there is always more that could be done or different ways to do things, but these tremendous and remarkable people give their all to do the best they can. For this, I am truly grateful.

You only have to look at this list to see what a massive year we've had:

- 100 Years of AFL In Canberra – with Heritage Round at Manuka Oval
- 25 Years of women's footy in Tuggeranong. We have the largest participation numbers in Canberra junior girls. 63% of the board are female and, across the AFL programs, a 60/40 split of male and females, well exceeding the AFL's 20% target.
- Share the Dignity Round for netball
- Community Week – where netball held a PJ/Oodie night, junior teams 12 and up participated in the AFL Ahead of the Game Program and other grades participated in senior clinics.
- Social events – season launches, life members/past players day (the biggest attendance in a long time) and the comedy night. Focus on fun and laughter and we nailed that!
- The Brand Identity Working Group – that will hopefully complete the last step of the amalgamation in terms of replacing our existing 4 logos to one united logo.
- A 10-year partnership with St Mary Mackillop Catholic College to redevelop the oval surface, along with lighting, scoreboard and spectator areas, eventually leading to netball use as well.
- An Infrastructure Working Group that has seen us gain a new scoreboard, merchandise van and has invested in ongoing work with local and federal governments, and the AFL, in relation to a longer-term vision to develop Kambah, and
- Refurbishment of Gordon oval pavilion, which is now finally complete after the fire two years ago and ready to go for next season.

All the off-field work to build our community and our culture translates to success on field too, with:

- 11 of our 12 junior competitive teams, 2 of our 5 senior teams and 6 of our 13 netball teams playing finals this year,
- Rising Star Womens being the first Senior TVAFNC team to play in a Grand Final.
- Ash Patton being invited to the AFLW draft combine this year!
- Senior Womens coming 3rd in the Queanbeyan AFLW preseason cup.
- Representative sports - Seniors U22's, ACT Rep, AFL NSW/ACT Rep, Giants Development/Academy, Tuggeranong Netball Rep, ACT School Sports in both AFL and Netball and the list goes on.
- Milestones and individual achievements – with some special ones like Kat Ghirardello's 200 1st grade games, Billie Morton and Aiden Henderson winning league B&F, and an impressive 27 players named in the top 10 in the respective grades.

To the board - thank you yet again for a fantastic year. At the beginning of the year, we launched our strategic plan with clear lines of action for the year. I feel we have achieved them and then some. Well done and thank you!

To our incredible sponsors. You don't ask or expect much and yet are so important and supportive of us. Put simply, we don't exist without you and are so grateful you believe in us through your continued investment. For this, we thank you.

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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To all of our coaches and managers - well done on a great year. The growth and success we have seen at the individual and team level both on and off the field is testament to your incredible efforts.

Congratulations again to our appointed head men's and women's coaches for seasons 2025 and 2026, Paul Highmore and Sam Robinson and Will Prowse. You are all set to do big things!

A massive thanks to Leo Lahey who steps down as women's head coach at the end of this season.

Leo has built a tremendous women's program that is on the right path to success, along with his many other contributions as president over the years. So, a huge thanks Leo for your commitment and dedication.

It is only now as I step away from the board, that I reflect on so many incredible memories made over the last 13 years, from interstate pre-season carnivals, community nights, season launches, charity rounds, social nights, the amalgamation, COVID and training in groups of 10, managing 1st grade men's, three Junior Clubs of the Year awards and Life Membership. I have pretty much undertaken every board role possible and whilst at times it has been tough, it has been the best experience and definitely worth it.

Volunteering allows you to meet the most remarkable people and I have made friends for life at Tuggeranong. These people truly make volunteering fun and whilst I will continue to be around the club in some capacity, I certainly would not have been on the board for as long as I have without them - so thank you. You know who you are!

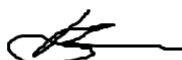
In saving the best for last, I want to acknowledge my family who have also been involved for as long, if not longer than my 13 years. Steve running countless Auskick programs and coaching other age groups, a former board member, doing odd jobs, being a sounding board, and mastering the hot chips at grand final canteens. Taylor, whilst we could never convince her to play, designed our crest when we amalgamated, the netball logo and countless times helped with graphic designs. Alex played and now brings our beautiful granddaughter Violette to games each week and he gets involved behind the scenes. Josh has been timekeeper for the 1st Grade Men for four years now, is my IT support and has produced some incredible videos for presentations, conquering a lot of life challenges and I probably don't say enough how proud I am of him. And our youngest Chelsea. She has not ever known life without Mum and Dad being involved in footy, always helping in whatever way she can, running water for seniors, helping at Auskick, working in canteens and a definite future leader of this club. I love them all very much and appreciate the sacrifices they made to allow me to follow my passions.

In season 2025 we are set to have teams in every age group from juniors through to seniors, continued growth in numbers and a lot more to come across both footy and netball. It is fantastic position to find ourselves in and I am immensely proud of how far our club in the Tuggeranong Valley has come.

All the best

Kellie Hogan

TVAFNC President





# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



# CLUB OFFICIALS

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## TVAFNC BOARD

### Patron

David Smith MP

<b>President</b>	Kellie Hogan
<b>Vice President/Corporate and Strategy</b>	Deb Degabriele
<b>Secretary</b>	Kristie Chynoweth
<b>Treasurer</b>	Matthew Brine
<b>Senior Football</b>	Paul Highmore
<b>Junior Football</b>	Katie Kearney
<b>Netball</b>	Karen Cooper
<b>Sponsorship</b>	Luke Lowes (November '23- August '24)
<b>Communications</b>	Kim O'Dea
<b>Property, Facilities &amp; Merchandise</b>	Peter Ashcroft
<b>Community</b>	Kellie Hogan
<b>Volunteers</b>	Rachael Kennedy



# CLUB OFFICIALS

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## COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS

### Communications Committee

Emma Kennedy	Beth Matters	Jackson O'Dea	Natasha Monger	Kristie Chynoweth
Megan Doherty	Lucas O'Dea	Taryn Virtue	Trunisha Patel	Lucy McKelvie-Hill
Kellie Hogan	Kim O'Dea	Katie Kearney	Tyler Donlan	Murray Chynoweth

### Community Committee

Kim Rice	Amy Kickett	Lisa Williams	Brett Monger	Tash Monger
Mel Jess	Kerry Hayes	Kellie Hogan	Kim O'Dea	Louise Henderson
Bec McLean	Anita Rigby	Tia Stevens	Eugenie Hickey	Ray Ghirardello
Dino Benedetti	Kat Prowse	Narelle Skelly	Frances McNamara	Karen Davidson
Karen Hill	Katie Kearney			

### Junior Football Committee

Tania Hanzar	Bec Pink	Tanya Blight	Gary Searle	Kristie Chynoweth
Kim O'Dea	Katie Kearney	Ben Lehmann	Nicole Knox	

### Infrastructure Working Group

Kellie Hogan	Luke Jess	John Glenn	Deb Degabriel
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### Canteen Organising Committee

Rachael Kennedy	Bec Ashcroft	Terrina Ahearn
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### Merchandise Committee

Peter Ashcroft	Taylor Jansen	Gabby Blackwell	Max Jansen	Quinn Barons
Hayden Ashcroft		Lily Ashcroft	Kim O'Dea	

### Medical Trainers

Denis Luiz	Jarrold Phillips	Matt Moxon
	Antony Pezzullo	

# CLUB OFFICIALS

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<p><b>1<sup>st</sup> Grade Mens</b>  <b>Coach:</b> Paul Highmore and Sam Robinson  <b>Assistant Coaches:</b> Micheal Robinson &amp; Paul Sanson  <b>Manager:</b> Karen Donlan</p>	<p><b>2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Mens</b>  <b>Coach:</b> Stephen Donlan  <b>Assistant Coaches:</b> Peter Ashcroft and Marc Maloney  <b>Manager:</b> Kim O'Dea</p>
<p><b>1<sup>st</sup> Grade Womens</b>  <b>Coach:</b> Leo Lahey  <b>Assistant Coaches:</b> Will Prowse, Kaitlin Dobing &amp; Tia Stevens  <b>Manager:</b> Courtney Bacon</p>	<p><b>2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Womens</b>  <b>Coach:</b> Beth Matter  <b>Assistant Coaches:</b> Micheal Haynes  <b>Manager:</b> Chloe Osborne</p>
<p><b>Rising Stars Womens</b>  <b>Coach:</b> Mick Patton  <b>Assistant Coaches:</b> Luke Jess, Tia Stevens &amp; Leo Lahey  <b>Manager:</b> Anthony Mayer</p>	<p><b>16s Girls</b>  <b>Coach:</b> Mick Patton  <b>Assistant Coaches:</b> Ricci Miller  <b>Manager:</b> Laura Scheele</p>
<p><b>16s Boys</b>  <b>Coach:</b> Peter Borghouts  <b>Assistant Coaches:</b> Shane Harman, Ben Lehmann &amp; Jason Owens  <b>Manager:</b> Amanda Lowes</p>	<p><b>15s Boys</b>  <b>Coach:</b> Jason Owen  <b>Assistant Coaches:</b> Nick Henderson, Ian Nokes  <b>Manager:</b> Louise Henderson</p>
<p><b>14s Girls</b>  <b>Coach:</b> Matt Knox  <b>Assistant Coach:</b> Gerry Patron  <b>Manager:</b> Nicole Knox</p>	<p><b>14s Mixed</b>  <b>Coach:</b> Kurt Masters and Mark Woodward  <b>Manager:</b> Lyndall Baker</p>
<p><b>13s Mixed</b>  <b>Coach:</b> Adam Robinson  <b>Assistant Coach:</b> Justin Kimball  <b>Manager:</b> Taryn Crick</p>	<p><b>12s Mixed Red</b>  <b>Coach:</b> Jimmy Rice  <b>Manager:</b> Stephanie Crosby</p>
<p><b>12s Girls</b>  <b>Coach:</b> Luke Jess  <b>Manager:</b> Johanna Davies</p>	<p><b>12s Mixed Blue</b>  <b>Coach:</b> Dante Miller  <b>Manager:</b> Sue Turtle</p>

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<b>I Is Mixed</b> <b>Coach:</b> Tritan Turner <b>Assistant Coach:</b> Carman Marotti <b>Manager:</b> Tania Hanzar & Pete Johnston	<b>I0s Mixed</b> <b>Coach:</b> Peter Ashcroft <b>Assistant coaches:</b> Quinn Barons and Hayden Ashcroft <b>Manager:</b> Lyndall Baker
<b>I0s Girls</b> <b>Coach:</b> Alex Lawder and Mia Willis <b>Manager:</b> Katrina Williams	<b>9s Mixed Blue</b> <b>Coach:</b> Matthew Gannon <b>Manager:</b> Hayley Gannon
<b>9s Mixed Red</b> <b>Coach:</b> Rick Gillespie <b>Manager:</b> Jody Higgins	<b>Auskick Pros Blue</b> <b>Coach:</b> Tanya Blight <b>Manager:</b> Dan Conroy
<b>Auskick Pros Red</b> <b>Coach:</b> Matthew Turtle <b>Manager:</b> Fiona Farrer	<b>Auskick Pros White</b> <b>Coach:</b> Chris Ayre <b>Manager:</b> Tara Wiggins
<b>Auskick Rookies</b> <b>Coach:</b> Tristan Turner <b>Manager:</b> Russell Burrell	

# MAJOR AWARDS

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## AFL CANBERRA AWARDS

### Future Stars Women Team of the Year

Christina Said     Alana Fraser     Anica Kraljevic     Ava Brassil

### Senior Women Team of the Year

Morgan Stevens     Ash Patton

### Senior Men Team of the Year

Jack Sanson     Joe Carroll



# MAJOR AWARDS

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## TVAFNC CLUB AWARDS

<b>Patrons Award</b>	Kristie Chynoweth
<b>President's Award</b>	Matt Brine & Kim O'Dea
<b>Senior Club Person of the Year</b>	Rachael Kennedy
<b>Senior Volunteer Service Award</b>	Murray Chynoweth
<b>Senior Most Valuable Player</b>	Kiarna Woolley-Blain & Joe Carroll
<b>Gerry Carroll Award - Most Courageous Player</b>	Sam Emery & Stephanie Lahey
<b>The Matheson Memorial Award - Junior Volunteer Service Award</b>	Steve Hogan
<b>Junior Club Person of the Year Award</b>	Tania Hanzar
<b>The Ray Ghirardello Junior Coach of the Year</b>	Mick Patton
<b>The Enright Male Junior Achievement</b>	Jesse Borghouts
<b>The Female Junior Player of the Year Award</b>	Morgan Stevens
<b>The Ash Taylor Junior Encouragement Award</b>	Blake Kearney
<b>Giant Heart Award</b>	Glenn Symons
	Joshua Hogan
	Mia Willis
	Taryn Crick
	Lyndall Baker
<b>Life Member Inductee</b>	Quinn Barons
	Mark Woodward

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# MAJOR AWARDS

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## **Patron's Award: Kristie Chynoweth**

Kristie has been involved in Tuggeranong footy for over 10 years and year in, year out continues to increase her involvement across the whole club. This year, Kristie has held the roles of club secretary, netball registrar, netball manager, meat raffle extraordinaire (along with her husband Muz), senior game day photographer and continues to volunteer with canteens and community events. Kristie plays a crucial role in contributing to the positive experiences people have at our Club.

## **President's Award: Matt Brine and Kim O'Dea**

**Matt Brine:** Matt has done a tremendous job as treasurer over the last two years. Battling with NAB and the ATO to update our records to reflect our new Ccub name, setting up our term deposit so we can earn some interest and painstakingly setting up corporate credit cards for board members, all whilst continuing to manage our day-to-day transactions, of which there is a lot.

**Kim O'Dea:** For the last two years, Kim has been communications director, senior manager and club registrar and her contributions have not stopped there assisting with events and other club activities as well. She has done a tremendous job of establishing a communications committee with their work recognised by being awarded the AFL Canberra Social Media award last year.

## **Club Person of the Year - Juniors : Tania Hanzar**

This is Tania's second year at the club. Since joining, Tania is always happy to help out in any way needed. Tania is the U11s manager, organised the junior GWS Manuka march, volunteers at club events and this year has taken on the role of junior senior pathways coordinator. Tania has made huge progress in this space in such a short space of time. Thank you for all your efforts this year Tania !!

## **Club Person of the Year - Seniors : Rachael Kennedy**

This is Rachael's second year on the board as volunteer director. Rachael has implemented many innovative ideas to attract and recognise more volunteers across the club, including the introduction of a volunteer draw. Rachael also took on the senior canteen role this year and led the organisation of the GWS Regional Champs canteen raising much needed funds.

## **The Matheson Memorial Award : Steve Hogan**

This year's recipient of the Volunteer Service Award is an individual who has been involved with the club for many many years ! He always just goes about things quietly with no fuss, is always happy and happy to help out! He is always there to set and pack up the fields, turn a sausage, umpire, time keep and has coordinated all our Auskick pro sessions this year, and without having any kids involved!! Steve has been an amazing asset to the club for so many years now. Thank you for everything you have done for the Tuggeranong Football Club.

## **Senior Volunteer Service Award : Murray Chynoweth**

What can you say about Muz that hasn't already been said before? Despite his bad knees, he truly gave his all this season. Muz coordinated game day operations at Greenway, senior photos, water running (when he probably shouldn't have) and producing milestone videos of which this year there were 61.

He also continues to give up every Friday night to run raffles with Kristie at CSCC which raises remarkable funds for our club each year.

## **Female Junior Achievement Award: Milla Knox**

Milla is a very deserving recipient of the Female Junior Player achievement award. She is dedicated, passionate, positive and proud to be a part of the Tuggeranong Football club. Milla has played over 150 junior games, the captain of her team, club best and fairest winner, runner up league best and fairest, participated in the ACT school sports team and is a GWS development player. She has formed some great networks throughout the club, earning her the respect of her teammates, coaches, volunteers and supporters.

Well done, a great season Milla Knox !

# MAJOR AWARDS

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## **The Enright Achievement Award: Jesse Borghouts**

Jesse is committed, driven and enthusiastic. Jesse works hard on all aspects of his game and sets a high standard every week.

He displays good sportsmanship qualities and has shown to be an excellent role model to others.

Through all of Jesse's hard work he has earned the respect of his team mates, coaches, supporters and volunteers.

Jesse was voted captain of the U16 boys, best and fairest winner and a GWS academy representative this season. Congratulations on a great season Jesse.

## **Ash Taylor Encouragement Award: Blake Kearney**

Blake is genuinely a true clubman and leader of our juniors. Throughout the season, Blake has assisted at home games at Gordon with oval setups and pack ups, he has regularly volunteered to run water for seniors, and he will often be seen at other junior and senior games throughout the weekends to cheer on his fellow clubman. He just loves being around the club which is why he is a very deserving recipient this year.

## **Seniors Most Valuable Player: Kiarna Woolley-Blain and Joe Carroll**

**Kiarna Woolley-Blain** - One of the best measures of a footballer is how much better they make their teammates around them. Every single one of her teammates plays a foot taller when Kiarna takes the field. A hard-working, highly talented and ferocious footballer Kiarna is key to the future success of the club, serving as a role model for those around her in how to overcome adversity, get the best out of yourself and dominate the opposition.

**Joe Carroll** – Joe is a strong leader in the men's group both on and off the football field. He drives the group to continued improvement within the game and his hard work was recognised this year with a spot in the ACT U22 representative side, the ACT Senior Squad and selection in the AFL Canberra team of the year. Joe is fantastic at driving a club first culture in the men's program, driving strong attendance at club events and took on running our Auskick Burst program.

## **Gerry Carroll Award for Most Courageous Player:**

### **Stephanie Lahey and Sam Emery**

**Stephanie Lahey** - Regularly leading across most statistical measures for the club in pressure acts, defensive pressure, tackles, etc. Steph did all of this whilst carrying persistent injuries, refusing to let them impede her leadership across the group. Steph simply refuses to give up and is regularly the first to stick up for her teammates despite the odds. A fierce competitiveness underlines the huge love that she has for her teammates and club.

**Sam Emery** – The 'in and under' hard-nut of the side. Sam never loses a 1 on 1 contest and shows up for a contest every week. The men's players run out taller, stronger and bigger with Sam by their side. He continues to put his body on the line for his teammates and club week in week out and if Sam ever says he needs to come off the ground, you know that he must be REALLY sore. Our courageous effort game after game.

## **Ray Ghirardello Junior Coach of the Year: Mick Patton**

Mick has been coaching juniors since 2019, often also coaching senior sides as well, such as the men's 1st grade and Rising Stars Womens. Mick has an incredible football brain and is a master coach who has fostered success year in year out as his players go from strength to strength. Winning four girls premiership flags since we amalgamated it only goes to show how he commits to developing skills and character in our youth players.



# MAJOR AWARDS

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## Giant Heart Awards:

**Glenn Symons:** After stepping down from the board a few years ago, Glenn continues to help behind the scenes in managing ground bookings and line markings. This year was even more challenging with the weekly coordination of the Greenway bookings too. Thanks Glenn!

**Mia Willis:** Mia first put her hand to help with Auskick Girls at the end of last year and took to coaching like a duck to water eagerly putting her hand up to continue with the U10 girls this year, where you can see the positive impact, she is having on these young girls

**Josh Hogan:** For the last four years, Josh has spent every game in the timekeeper's box, keeping score and ensuring game timing is up to scratch for the 1st Grade Men's. Some may not realise but he has shared in some of our biggest and best moments including our win over Eastlake. The men's group are appreciative of him and consider Josh as an extremely important part of the team.

**Taryn Crick:** Taryn has been managing for four years and does an outstanding job each season in ensuring that everything runs like clockwork. The amount of administrative work Taryn does each week to organise game day rosters, communicate special events and ensure our schedules are updated and maintained makes our roles as coaches and players that much easier. We have had large teams for the last three years, and the amount of questions that Taryn addresses throughout the week is quite significant, and this is done efficiently and effectively by Taryn. On game day Taryn is the first person from our team at the ground and ensures that the ground is set up and ready to go by the time the players arrive. Post game, our team results are the first ones ever published which again shows the huge amount of work that Taryn is undertaking. In addition to the work done to manager the team, Taryn has also used her extensive networks to encourage players from other football codes to join the Tuggeranong team. This has ensured that our team has continued to maintain strong numbers and improve as a team during the 2024.

**Lyndall Baker:** Lyndall is such a calm and caring person who does the job of manager brilliantly. She always has a smile for everyone, and no question is left unattended - if she doesn't know the answer she will find someone who does. Nothing seems to be a problem for her and her positive attitude towards everyone she has contact with is an asset to the club. Lyndall keeps all of the parents informed about everything going on, not only with our team but across the club, in a timely manner and in a way that is super informative. She is such a breath of fresh air and a genuinely fabulous person who looks after the kids and adults alike.

**Quinn Barons:** Quinn is always looking for extra ways to help around the club. This year she ran the scoreboard for RSW, assisted in senior canteens and was an assistant coach for the U10s mixed.



# MAJOR AWARDS

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## LIFE MEMBER INDUCTEE

### **Mark Woodward**

Mark has been involved with the Club since 1995, playing seniors from 1995- 2003 (82 games in total) to then various coaching roles including:

- 2014-2018 - 1st Grade Senior Assistant Coach of the Tuggeranong Hawks
- 2019-2020 - Head Rising Stars Mens Coach - Where Mark focussed on building trusting relationships with players to help them transition to senior football. In 2019 he coached the team to a Grand Final, the first since 2015 and has continued to maintain a relationship with the players that have since continued to senior 1s and 2s.
- 2022-2024 - Has Co-coached junior U13s and U14s teams, in all three years taking teams to the grand final and assisting with other age groups at training and on game days.

This takes Mark's contribution to a cumulative 10 years' service. Mark has also assisted the club by other various means, regularly called upon for advice and counsel from a football program perspective for both players, coaches and board members.

He has demonstrated his strong moral integrity, and doing right by the club, including making a decision to have his own son return to playing in his proper age group (U14s) in support of club policies and employing senior players through apprenticeships and the like, further supporting the retention of Tuggeranong players.

Mark has also been a major sponsor of the club for over 10 years, and whilst sponsorship is separate to volunteering, it should be noted that through his major sponsorship each year.

Mark has been very humble, never asking anything in return and often providing free services to the club and to club volunteers.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF OUR 2024 AWARD WINNERS!!











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Whilst our on-field results were not as strong as we would have liked, there are some really good signs for the future with our Women's 2's and Rising Stars Women both making the finals; the Women's 1's winning three games, but losing another three against Eastlake by a combined total of 11 points which could easily have been the difference between playing finals and not; the Men's 2's winning three games but being competitive for long periods of other games, and the Men's 1's also winning three games after coming off a winless season in 2023.

It was great to see the club take some steps forward this year in terms of our professionalism. We benefited from regularly training on our home ground at Greenway, while another positive development was providing the senior men and women with reversible training jumpers which the players loved. Thank you to Kellie Hogan, Peter Ashcroft and Anytime Fitness for organising this.

One of the highlights of the season was the reintroduction of representative football. At Under 22 level, we had Mikelli Garratt, Anica Kraljevic, Lily Butler-Woollard, Morgan Stevens, Kiarna Woolley-Blain, Lucy McKelvie-Hill, Abi McIntyre, Charlotte Roach, Joe Carroll, Blake Bennie and Cody Donlan. At senior level, we had Kiarna Woolley-Blain, Ash Patton and Chloe Hinde represent AFL Canberra against AFL Sydney, while Kiarna Woolley-Blain represented AFL Canberra/Sydney against Tasmania. This reflects the level of playing talent currently at our Club, while Leo Lahey and Kaitlin Dobing were involved as Assistant Coaches for the AFL Canberra teams, and Sam Robinson coached in the Giants Academy space.

Another highlight in this 100th year of footy in Canberra was the Heritage Round at Manuka Oval. Apart from our two wins, it was great to be able to play in the Adelaide Crows-style jumper which paid tribute to the dominance of our women's teams in the early 2000's while also celebrating 25 years in the competition for our women.

Special thanks to Ray Ghirardello for keeping track of players' milestones which allows us to celebrate the achievements of the great servants of our club.

While we had many milestone games during the year, none were bigger than Kat Ghirardello playing her 200th First Grade game – congratulations Kat, a fantastic effort. Special mentions also to Tash Monger for playing her 150th First Grade game and to Matt Channon for playing his 100th First Grade game, while Beth Matters and Tom Hodge notched their 100th senior club games.

Off the field, this club is in great shape with a great board led by outgoing president Kellie Hogan. I wish to thank Kellie for everything she has done for the club over the past 14 years, but particularly her last two as president. I have seen up-close just how much Kellie has given to this club in terms of her dedication, commitment and professionalism. It constantly amazes me how Kellie can be across every single aspect of the club's operations while also juggling a young family and a career. She has been selfless and never lost sight of what's important, and has always strived to do what is best for the club.

Kellie took over when the club had lost its Rising Stars Men's team (a massive set-back), but she has managed to steer the club back to where a Rising Stars Men's will be reinstated for 2025 providing a pathway for our junior boys to senior football. The club is definitely heading in the right direction, and a very large part of the credit has to go to Kellie. Although she will take a well-earned rest from running the club, we hope we will see her back in some capacity at some point down the track.



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The club also has a devoted team of coaches and volunteers.

To our head coaches -Leo Lahey, Sam Robinson, Beth Matters, Steve Donlan and Mick Patton – thankyou for everything you have done for this club. I have seen first-hand how much of your time, effort and energy you have put in, and we are grateful for everything you have done to improve this club and get it heading in the right direction.

I also want to pay special tribute to outgoing head coach, Leo Lahey. He is another person who has devoted so much to the club over a long period both at an administrative level as president and at the operational level as coach of the women's program. He has tirelessly promoted the club and been instrumental in both attracting talent to the club and developing our junior players coming through. It is a credit to him that two senior women's teams were able to make finals, and the W1's were potentially 11 points away from also playing finals. Leo has 'a finger in so many football pies' that we often wonder how he fits everything into his day. So we are grateful for everything he has done for the club over the years, and we wish him well with his next venture, but remain hopeful that his expertise and experience will not be lost to the club.

I also wish to thank our assistant coaches who did a fantastic job this year – Will Prowse, Kaitlin Dobing, Tia Stevens, Paul Sanson, Michael Robinson, Marc Maloney and Peter Ashcroft. Your advice and input, both on game day and at training, are invaluable.

A big shout-out to our strength and conditioning people, and our team of physios and trainers. Sam Robinson and Jarrod Phillips did a mountain of S&C work, while physios Matt Moxon and Antony Pezzullo did a great job of getting our players back on the park each week, and worked well with our trainers led by Denis Liuzzi, Jarrod Phillips, Finlay Backo and Abbie Ellis.

A big thank you to our team managers – Karen Donlan, Kim O'Dea, Courtney Bacon, Chloe Osborne and Anthony Mayer - who did a great job. In M1's, we used 39 players, in M2's, we used 53 players, in W1's we used 42 players, in W2's, we used 47 players, while in RSW, we used 35 players – that's a lot of managing to make sure games run smoothly, and our players are clothed, fed and hydrated.

Special thanks to Murray Chynoweth who is the first one there on game day, and fixes anything and everything, and carries a massive load for the club. Along with Kristie Chynoweth, he also takes photos on game-day, and organises senior players to do junior milestone videos.

A massive thank you to Rachel Kennedy for organising our canteen and BBQ at home games, and to the senior players who pitched in to help at various stages. Thanks also to Glenn, Ray and Murray for organising the line-marking at Greenway, and to Glenn for arranging ground bookings.

A big thank you to Andrew Paton and Paul Ryan who shared the role of ground manager for home games, and our runners, water-runners, scoreboard operators, scorers and time-keepers – you don't always get the recognition you deserve, but we are very grateful for everything you do.

Thanks to all of our club and individual player sponsors – your generosity and support is much-appreciated.

Special thanks also to our players for everything you have done both on and off the field. It was great to see the much-improved numbers of players attending post-match awards presentations and various club functions, but also their involvement in junior clinics, and attending junior finals matches. Your efforts have a much bigger impact than what you might think.

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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 during this season, I apologise, but hopefully we can do it all again next year.

**Paul Highmore**

# SENIOR ACHIEVEMENTS

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## SENIOR I<sup>ST</sup> GRADE DEBUTS

### Women's I<sup>st</sup> Grade Debuts

Ava Brassil	Chloe Brassil
Katrina Brine	Adelaide Crosbie
Olivia Culek	Alana Fraser
Mikelli Garratt	Jordyn Kearney
Anica Kraljevic	Faith McNamara
Lea Piccinelli	Chrstina Said
Grace Silberberg	

### Men's I<sup>st</sup> Grade Debuts

Solomon Belcher	Nick Gordon
Alex Keen	Harry Miller
Ben Paton	Jarrold Phillips
Pat Robinson	Jack Sanson

## SENIOR MILESTONES

### 50 Club Games

Hayden Ashcroft	Callan Bourke
Tyler Donlan	Brad Kennedy
Lachlan Kennedy	Emily Larkin
Claire Manzoney	Trunisha Patel
Jayden Riley	Charlotte Roach

### 50 I<sup>st</sup> Grade Games

Ryan Kennedy  
Emily Larkin  
Oliver Synnott

### 50 Club Games

Beth Matters  
Tom Hodge

### 100 I<sup>st</sup> Grade Games

Matt Channon

### 200 Club Games

Kat Ghirardello

### 150 I<sup>st</sup> Grade Games

Tash Monger

### 200 I<sup>st</sup> Grade Games

Kat Ghirardello



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## SENIOR DEVELOPMENT PLAYERS

### Giants Academy

Adam Bennett  
Katrina Brine  
Ava Brassil  
Chloe Brassil  
Alana Fraser  
Tayla Jess  
Willow Kildey  
Anica Kraljevic  
Ashley Patton  
Kate Patton  
Morgan Stevens

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### AFL Canberra (Senior)

Chloe Hinde  
Ashley Chloe Hinde  
Ashley Patton  
Kiarna Woolley-Blain  
Kaitlin Dobing (Assistant Coach)  
Leo Lahey (Assistant Coach)

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### AFL Canberra (Under 22's)

Lily Butler-Woollard  
Mikelli Garratt  
Anica Kraljevic  
Abi McIntyre  
Lucy McKelvie-Hill  
Charlotte Roach  
Morgan Stevens  
Kiarna Woolley-Blain

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### AFL Canberra/Sydney (Senior)

Kiarna Woolley-Blain

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### AFLW Academy

Ashley Patton

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## SENIOR TEAM AWARDS

### First Grade - Men

Best And Fairest (Bobby Hughes Medal)	Joe Carroll
Runner Up B&F	Mitch Thomas
Player's Player	Sam Emery
Most Consistent	Mitch Thomas
Coach's Award	James McIntyre
Future Star	Jack Sanson
Most Improved	Adam Bennett

### Second Grade - Men

Best And Fairest (Peter Ashcroft Medal)	Jayden Riley
Runner Up B&F	Andrew Greig
Player's Player	Jayden Riley
Most Consistent	Lucas O'Dea
Coach's Award	Alex Dalwood
Most Improved	Matt Trevillion

### First Grade - Women

Best And Fairest (Dino Benedetti Medal)	Morgan Stevens
Runner Up B&F	Kiarna Woolley-Blain
Player's Player	Morgan Stevens
Most Consistent	Mikelli Garratt
Coach's Award	Tash Monger
Future Star	Morgan Stevens
Most Improved	Abi McIntyre

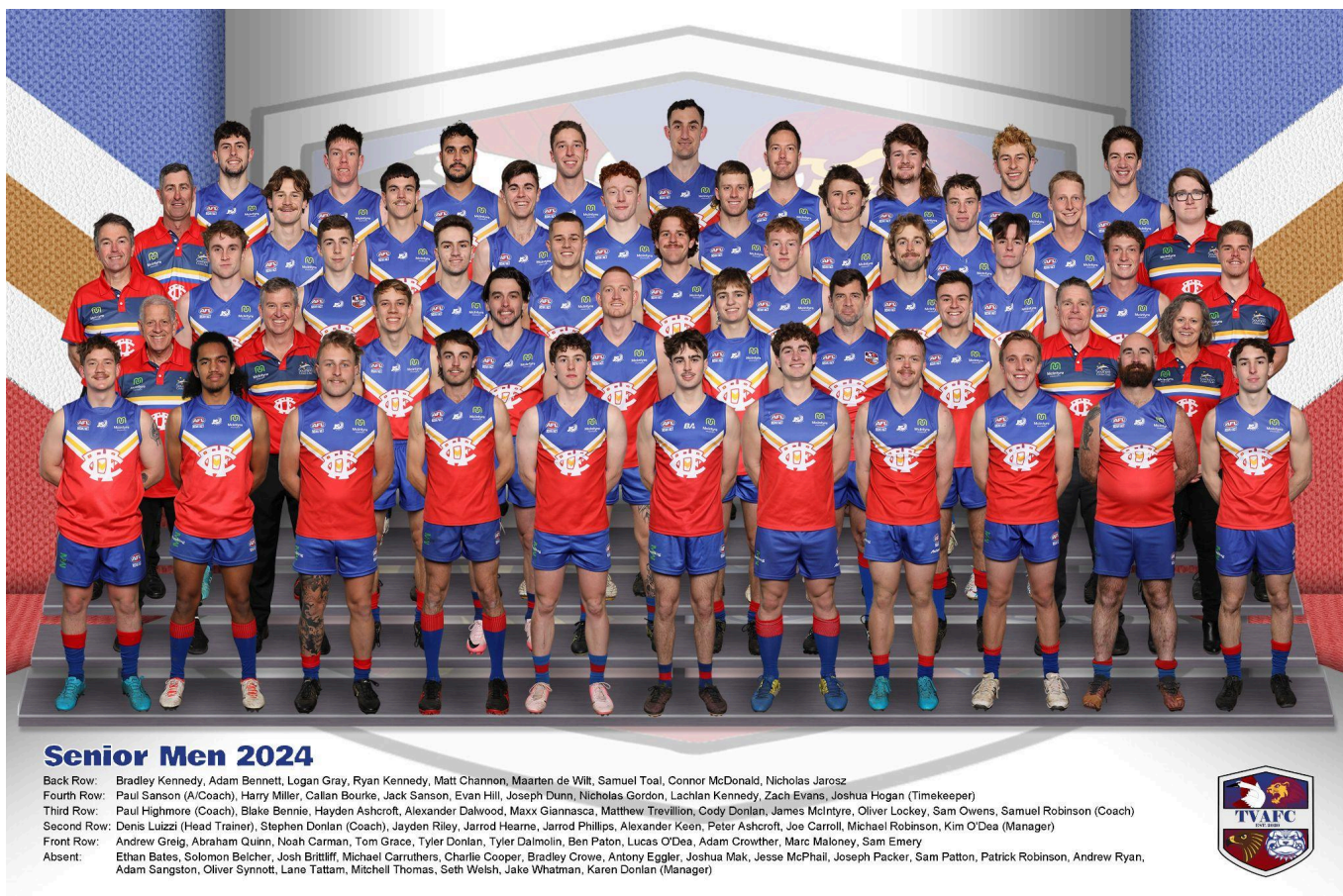
### Second Grade - Women

Best And Fairest (Eugenie Hickey Medal)	Grace Silberberg
Runner Up B&F	Kylie Guarino
Player's Player	Grace Silberberg
Most Consistent	Sarah Gurgin
Coach's Award	Olivia Culek
Most Improved	Ruby Alexander

### Rising Stars - Women

Best And Fairest	Ava Brassil
Runner Up B&F	Indi Kildey
Player's Player	Anica Kraljevic
Most Consistent	Chrstina Said
Coach's Award	Hayley Otten
Most Improved	Imogen Badham

# SENIOR PROFILES



## I<sup>ST</sup> GRADE MENS

### COACH'S REPORT

2024 has been a new beginning for the Senior Men's program. While building on the platform laid by Jimmy Rice, our key objective for the year was to ensure our players were enjoying their footy.

We wanted to implement a new game-style that is fast, exciting, and based on high-risk/high-reward because that is the best way to learn what works and what doesn't. Overall, our aim was to play footy that is good to watch and fun to be a part of.

Although it was pleasing to win three games, our focus has been on growth and development (both individually and collectively), and instilling a belief in the playing group that, by changing our game-style, the team will be more competitive in the near future.

We enjoyed coming up with themes and activities to help bond the playing group on and off the field: from using clues to find hidden rocks while climbing a mountain together on a preseason camp, to images of Dennis Rodman, to carrying around a shovel, to playing Jenga and Hangman at training and before games, and using Lego over the last four weeks to represent what we're building as a Club.

The most pleasing aspect was that the playing group embraced our changed approach, and are very invested and engaged in what we are trying to achieve together. Attendance at trainings, post match presentations and other Club functions improved significantly this season, and reflects a team that enjoys what they are doing, enjoys each other's company and is generally having fun.

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While some of our highlights for the year included playing at Manuka; and managing to come from behind to win a game in front of a large group of past players, perhaps our personal highlight was seeing the spirit amongst our players every time someone kicked a goal.

So although there are definitely some positive signs of growth and development – credit has to go to the players themselves because it has been largely player-driven, particularly by our Captains (Joe Carroll and Matt Channon) and the rest of the Leadership Group.

Congratulations to those players who made their First Grade debuts this year: Solomon Belcher, Zach Evans, Nick Gordon, Alex Keen, Brad Kennedy, Harry Miller, Ben Paton, Jarrod Phillips, Pat Robinson, Jack Sanson, and Seth Welsh.

We love to celebrate milestones, so it was great to see Matt Channon play his 100th First Grade game, and Tom Hodge play his 100th Senior Club game, while Ryan Kennedy and Ollie Synnott played their 50th First Grade games, and Tyler Donlan, Hayden Ashcroft, Lachlan Kennedy, Jayden Riley, Callan Bourke and Brad Kennedy all played their 50th Senior Club games.

We want to thank our team of Assistant Coaches for their massive contributions both at trainings and on game-day: Paul ('Cecil') Sanson and Michael ('Senior') Robinson, along with Steve Donlan who took on the tough role of Men's 2's coach, and his Assistants, Marc Maloney and Peter Ashcroft.

Special thanks to Karen Donlan who did another fantastic job managing our team again this year, ensuring that everything ran smoothly on game-day, and formed a great team with M2's manager, Kim O'Dea. Thank you to all of our many runners and water-carriers. Thanks to Josh Hogan for keeping time at our games, and even 'running the show' at some opposition home games. We also wish to thank our physios – Matt Moxon and Antony Pezzullo who did a great job in helping our players get on the park each week, along with our trainers: Denis Liuzzi (who was at every training session), and Abbie Ellis and Finlay Backo who helped on game-day.

Everything seems to be heading in the right direction, and with some key recruits joining the Club in 2025, we are excited about what lies ahead. However, the playing group knows the job is far from finished, and won't be satisfied until we are able to compete with every team.

**Paul Highmore and Sam Robinson**

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## COACH'S REPORT

When I was asked what I was going to do in 2024, coaching a team was low on my priorities. However, after watching the men's squad during preseason, their commitment, confidence, connection and effort as a group, it made me change my mind and agree to coach the second grade team for Tuggeranong Valley this year.

One challenge we had this year was the fluctuation in numbers during the season. Although we had strong numbers across the men's squad some weeks, towards the end of the season, it was really hard for us to get numbers for games due to injury, illness and unavailability. These fluctuations affected the experience and the talent of the team, which ultimately affected our team's results.

In saying that, our effort was on display every game, and I can't ask any more of the boys than what they brought to each game. Each game they showed a lot of courage, a lot of commitment and a lot of growth in their team work and how they played together.

Much of the time the results didn't go our way, Queanbeyan and Ainslie probably showed us how dominant they are this year. Thankfully our games against Gunghalin (3-0) allowed us to display how we wanted to play football ('TuggBall') for the season. There were also glimpses of our skills on display when we played Belconnen and Eastlake with periods where we controlled the game, which shows the positives we can take forward into 2025. One of the men's goals was to kick the first goal of each game, the second grade boys were able to achieve this on a number of occasions.

The senior men's program was a very organised piece of work with Robbo and Paul leading the group supported by the other assistant coaches. A huge call out to Moz and Yoey, thank you for supporting me with the team, we may have different coaching approaches, but I think the three of us worked together as a group to provide a good experience and growth across the second grade team for the season. I appreciate your support and guidance for the year. If the men's program continues to grow as a team under the leadership group and coaches, we can look forward to 2025 showing different results.

Congratulations to the following players who all made their senior debuts for the club this year: Solomon Belcher, Noah Carman, Charlie Cooper, Matt Grace, Alex Keen, Oliver Lockey, Harry Miller, Sam Owens, Jarrod Phillips, Ryan Preston, Abraham Quinn, Pat Robinson, Sam Toal and Matt Trevillion.

It is important to celebrate milestones, so it was great to see the following guys who all played M2's at different stages this year reach important milestones: Tom Hodge played his 100th Senior Club game, while Tyler Donlan, Hayden Ashcroft, Lachlan Kennedy, Jayden Riley, Callan Bourke and Brad Kennedy all played their 50th Senior Club games.

I'd also like to thank some helpers we had this year: Kim O'Dea, the extraordinary manager who does more than I know she does, so thanks Kim for all the work you've done this year, both for my team and your role on the Board. I would also like to thank Matt Moxon, Denis Liuzzi and his team of trainers, all the players really appreciate you guys being on board to support them throughout the season.

To all the runners and water boys and everyone we've had helping during the day. It's always a big task organising help for a second grade team. It was great to see plenty of people putting their hands up to help.

And finally the boys, I hope you realise how well you've come together as a team this year and can take away all the lessons and positives from this season. We've got a lot of work ahead of us, so let's get stuck into the preseason for 2025 and see what the next year brings.

Well done boys! Thanks.

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**Steve Donlan**



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## 1<sup>ST</sup> GRADE WOMENS

### COACH'S REPORT

I think as we reflect on the 2024 season we will see that it was the start of something many years in the making and that we had a front row seat to some of the very best players that have ever played for Tuggeranong. In the end we weren't able to bring about our first finals appearance for first grade, however with a Senior Women's program that featured in finals across second grade and Rising Stars Womens' I am confident we have sent a very strong message to the league that Tuggeranong will be a force to be reckoned with in the years to come.

This year we were able to celebrate a number of awesome achievements with 14 players all making their debut with the First Grade, numerous players being selected into representative football, including our 2024 Most Improved Player Abi McIntyre. Plus we celebrated two legends of Tuggeranong Women's Football who achieved massive game milestones, with Tash Monger, our 2024 Coaches Award recipient, bringing up 150 First Grade games and our Club Captain Kathryn Ghirardello playing in her 200th First Grade games. Tash and Kat are two of the very most amazing people you could ever be lucky enough to meet and I am so fortunate to have watched them play their hearts out for the Club. The Club will forever be indebted to both of these players.

It was a season where we truly debuted the value of the club's amalgamation and the depth that we now have, with a very strong female football pathway from our little Auskickers to our First Grade Womens.

Amongst this youth coming through was Alana Fraser who was our only player to play every single first grade game this year, and what a star she is. Alana, at 15 years of age, was dominant off half-back, alongside fellow 15-year-old, and 2024 First Grade Womens' Player's Player and Best and Fairest winner, Morgan Stevens. In the years to come everyone who this year played alongside these two

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players will talk in awe of just what these two players could do at such a young age. The third half-back line player was our 2024 Most Consistent and club debutant, Mikelli Garratt. Mikelli was an absolute superstar all year, and at just 19-years-old Captained the AFL Canberra Under 22 Representative Team, and led the way for us in a great season.

Kiarna Woolley-Blain has always been an extraordinary talent, and had a magnificent season before being cruelly injured in Tasmania representing AFL Canberra/AFL Sydney against AFL Tasmania.

Kiarna's injury robbed her of several late season games in a tight Best and Fairest count but has rightly been recognised as our Most Valuable Player for the 2024 season. Our Most Courageous Player Award went to Club Vice Captain Stephanie Lahey, who every single game worked tirelessly, leading pressure indicators across the season and who was always so reliable when the games pressure went up. Stephanie often played sore, such was her desire to be there for her teammates and her courage could never be questioned.

We also celebrated the Tuggeranong Valley Women's Silver Jubilee Year where the Team of the Jubilee was announced, and included four current players with Kathryn, Tash and Stephanie joined by our defensive rock Nikki Harvey in being recognised as four of the best women's players to have played for Tuggeranong in their first 25 years. An amazing achievement!!!

I have made the very difficult decision to step aside from the Head Coaching role for the Senior Womens Program at the end of the year after having been involved for the past 6 years. It was a very difficult and emotional decision, however I absolutely know that the hard work in connecting the entire female program has been done and with the new Head Coach Will Prowse, who has been my Senior Assistant for the past three years in charge, that the Club is in the safest of hands. Over my time I have been blessed with some tremendous coaches to work with and this year has been no different with Will, Kaitlyn Dobing and Tia Stevens as my Senior Assistant Coaches, and Beth Matters, Mick Patton, and Luke Jess across the rest of the senior program, additionally Ricci Miller who worked with the Under 16 girls as well. Thank you all so very much for all of your amazing work with our wonderful program.

This year also saw a new Team Manager for First Grade with Courtney Bacon stepping in after Kim O'Dea stepped aside, after many years. Courtney was amazing all year and a pleasure to work with, thanks Courts!!! Also thanks to Jarrod 'Sauce' Phillips, our High Performance Trainer who worked exceptionally hard all year with the program and was simply brilliant.

Thank you to everyone at the Club that supported us throughout the year, especially Denis Liuzzi, Murray Chynoweth, Belinda Bacon, the team from Southside Physio, and all our volunteers through the year.

Finally thank you to everyone at the Club who supported the program, especially Club President Kellie Hogan and Senior Football Director Paul Highmore – two of the hardest working Tuggeranong Valley people you will ever meet!!

My final thank you is to all of the players that I have been privileged to coach over my time with the Club. You have been simply inspiring and my life is better for having met each and every one of you. Know that you are amazing, know that you are inspiring, and never underestimate the positive influence you have on others – as you have had on me. Thank you

**Leo Lahey**



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## 2<sup>ND</sup> GRADE WOMENS

### COACH'S REPORT

As we approach the end of the season, I would like to acknowledge the extraordinary efforts and achievements of every player in the women's second grade team. Making it to the finals is a testament to your hard work, resilience, and commitment.

As I write this now, destiny is truly in our hands, and we've earned this position despite facing significant obstacles along the way. This year, four of our players faced substantial medical challenges unrelated to football. Yet, in the face of this challenge, we demonstrated an indomitable spirit. To overcome such adversity and still be standing here, preparing for finals, is a remarkable achievement but our journey isn't over yet.

This season also saw the AFL debut of nine players, each bringing fresh energy and talent to the team. Despite being new to the field, you have integrated seamlessly. We have gelled as a unit, continuously pushing each other to new heights, and the results speak for themselves. Our style of footy is built on selfless, relentless pressure acts, and an unwavering commitment to playing for each other. As we head into the finals, let's continue to support one another, play our brand of footy, and finish this season strong.

I also want to extend my deepest thanks to Leo Lahey, our coaching staff and support crew for their tireless efforts. Special recognition goes to our team manager, Chloe Osborne, for her exceptional work behind the scenes. A big thank you to our Club President, Kellie Hogan, the board, and our club sponsors, whose support makes everything we do possible. And last but certainly not least, our heartfelt appreciation goes out to our friends, family and fans. Your unwavering support fuels our drive and determination on the field. We can most definitely hear the roar of the valley for the girls of Tuggeranong!!

### Beth Matters

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## Rising Stars Women 2024

Back Row: Anthony Mayer (Manager), Michael Patton (Coach), Chloe Brassil, Hayley Otten, Scarlett Kearney, Luke Jess (A/Coach), Tia Stevens (A/Coach), Leo Lahey (A/Coach)  
Third Row: Ava Brassil, Kate Patton, Faith McNamara, Morgan Stevens, Caitlin Jorritsma, Hope McNamara, Kelsey Ormazabal  
Second Row: Ashley Brine, Katrina Brine, Willow Kildey, Adelaide Crosbie, Alana Fraser, Lucy Tokley, Chrstina Said, Hannah Lewthwaite  
Front Row: Georgia Mayer, Indiana Kildey, Millie Chisholm, Hannah DeVoy, Tayla Jess, Georgia Ryan, Lauren Bowman, Anica Kraljevic, Madison Mayer  
Absent: Imogen Badham, Xanthe Barons, Jasmin Le, Mia Willis



## RISING STARS WOMENS

### COACH'S REPORT

After finishing the home and away rounds in third position with 5 wins and 7 losses we headed into the finals for the second year in a row. We changed things up in the week leading into the first final, the girls were challenged mentally and were given the task of setting two individual goals for the game.

The entire team got on board and the results spoke for themselves showing everyone we weren't there to just make up the numbers. The team gelled well and we had a convincing win in the first semi over Belconnen.

Our next target was Queanbeyan who we hadn't beaten all year. With the same approach, the girls really started to believe in themselves and as a team. In what was always going to be a tough game we took control from the first bounce and never looked back.

Our #Wenotmeapproach gave us the edge and we won the game punching a ticket to the 'big dance'.

This achievement put us in the club history books as the first senior team to make a grand final since the clubs merged. However, this isn't what we were here for, with a real belief in our ability we were keen to take on the unbeaten Ainslie. The tri colours got the jump on us and we went into the quarter time break down by 23 points. We took a deep breath, reset ourselves and got back to our game style of "footy first".

This had an immediate impact on the scoreboard as we kicked two goals and kept them scoreless for the quarter. Unfortunately, they found another gear and we just couldn't match them. We ended up going down by 38 points but battled all the way to the final siren.

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Considering we lost to them in the last home and away round 108-1, this shows how well the group had connected as a team and committed to the team focus points.

We had four players named in the U18s AFL team of the year, Alana Fraser, Christina Said, Anica Kraljevic and Ava Brassil and two players named in the 1 st grade AFL Canberra team of the year in Morgan Stevens and Ash Patton. This is a great reward for all the hard work they have put in over the year.

To say I'm proud is an understatement, the connection and investment they all put in is why we coach. The bonds and friendships that were formed between teammates will last forever, some of these new friendships were even celebrated by getting matching "rising stars" tattoos (both over 18).

I've always believed it takes a village to raise a child and I'd like to thank all those involved in the rising stars program this season. The three assistant coaches - Leo Lahey, Luke Jess and Tia Stevens. All three have achieved a huge amount on the field in their playing days and are now sharing it with the next generation.

Anthony "Maysie" Mayer for taking on the team manager role, he managed to get us all sorted without a hiccup. Dealing with lots of small hiccups along the way with his usual calm self.

The medical team, Dennis, Claire, Mel, Tash and Scotty for keeping the girls patched up and ready to play again each week. A big shout out to Tash Monger for everything she did for the girls, she took on the runner's role, water runner, banner maker and most importantly a senior mentor to the group.

Finally, to all the eggs this year. You should all be extremely proud of yourselves and what you all have achieved this season, I hope you all return to footy next season and as I mentioned after the grand final, this is the start of amazing things to come.

**Mick (Patto) Patton**

# JUNIOR FOOTBALL DIRECTOR

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What a season 2024 was!

Firstly, I would like to start by congratulating all players who this year have shown integrity, respect and inclusion while representing the Tuggeranong Football Club.

We started way back in March with preseason and held summer clinics followed by season launch in May. This year we entered 17 junior teams into the competition. We had teams in age groups from Auskick Pros to U16 boys and U16 girls.

There have been some great results on and off the field this season and every player, volunteer and supporter should be extremely proud of their efforts.

Nine out of 10 competitive teams made finals with U14 mixed, U14 girls and U15 boys making it to the big dance. Well done to all these teams, it is an achievement to make finals and you should be very proud of yourselves.

I would like to extend a special congratulations to Kurt Masters, Mark Woodward, Lyndall Baker and all 26 U14 mixed players who took the field on grand final day. Up against a very strong Gungahlin side, all players remained calm, played their game with determination and played with great team spirit. Congratulations on bringing home the 2024 premiership.

Congratulations to League Best and Fairest winners, U15 boys Aiden Henderson, back-to-back years. And U12 girls Bille Morton. This is a massive achievement and everyone at TVAFNC is extremely proud of all your efforts this season.

Thank you to all the coaches, assisted coaches and managers who have volunteered their time this season. With so many teams taking the fields each week this is not an easy task. It takes time and effort and every player, parent and supporter appreciates your hard work this season.

To all the first aiders, water runners, runners, timekeepers, scores, fruit and lolly suppliers, field umpires, boundary umpires, goal umpires, and everyone who helped on game day and with your respective teams. Without your help and support wouldn't be achievable. So, thank you.

To the board who all give up some of their time. There is so much work behind the scenes to make sure everything runs smoothly. So, thank you to Kellie, Deb, Kristie, Matt, Kim, Yoey, Karen, Rachael and Paul.

To Nicole Knox, Tania Hanzar, Bec Pink and Tania Blight thank you for all your help and hard work in the junior football space this season.

Gary Searle and Ben Lehmann thank you so much for taking on the canteen and BBQ this season. From game days, preseason events, Auskick gala days and the list goes on. It is a massive job, and everyone appreciates the egg, and bacon rolls on a cold Saturday morning. Thank you for all your hard work this season.

I hope 2024 saw you enjoy the game, make long lasting friendships and that you are ready to come back in 2025. Next season is set to be another terrific season. So, to everyone who proudly plays, volunteers and supports TVAFNC enjoy the off season and stay safe.

See you all next year

**Katie Kearney**



# JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENTS

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## JUNIOR MILESTONES

### 50 Games

Alex Turner U11  
Louis Edwards U12  
Will Crick U13  
Jordyn Lea U12  
Lukas Severa U15  
Will SHapiro U12  
Harry Durham U16  
Isaac Johnson U13  
Joseph Rutten U13  
Blake Wickson U12  
Lucy Tokley U16  
Hamehar Cheema U14  
Toby Pryde U16  
Thomas Farrer U12  
James Rootes U13  
David Franklin U11  
Isaac Cooper U15  
Harry Grimm U12  
Darcie Kickett U14  
Cooper Wilson U16  
Georgie Cooper U16  
Hayley Merriman U12  
Emma Deakin U14

Mason Wiggins U11  
Miller Woodward U14  
Jamie Shepperd U11  
Kyler Webb U11  
Daniel Limbrick U14  
Jade Merriman U10  
Riley O'Brien U12  
Angus Greig U11  
Micheal Johnston U11  
Ben Kelly U12  
Abby Hines U14  
Tilley Cooney U14  
Grace Davidson U14  
Elsy McWhirter U12  
Tom Reilly U11  
Ewan Baker U14  
Oliver Greaney U11  
Charlie Fegan U15  
Holly Smith U14  
Hannah Patron U12  
Billie Morton U12  
Noah Walters U13  
Archie Reid U13

### 100 Games

Isaac Owusu U15  
Ben McGann U16  
Stuart Reichstein U16  
Jasper Harris U16  
Lachlan Searle U16  
Darcy Borgouts U14  
Hope McNamara U16  
Gene Schirripa U16  
Tia Herbertz U14  
Xavier Govan U16  
Abby Jess U14  
Blake Shannon U16  
Ruben Hines U14  
Riley Lehmann U16  
Ryan Geerdink U16  
Jack Aslan U12  
Sophie Cooper U14

### 150 Games

Zac Owen U15  
Milla Knox U14  
Blake Kearney U15  
James Rice U15

# JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENTS

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## JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT PLAYERS

### U16 Boys

Jesse Borghouts (GWS)  
Stuart Riechstein (GWS)

### U16 Girls

Ava Brassil (GWS)  
Alana Fraser (GWS)  
Tia Galea (GWS)  
Tayla Jess (GWS)  
Willow Kildey (GWS)  
Milla Knox (GWS, ACT School Sports)  
Kate Patton (GWS, ACT School Sports)

### U15 Boys

Zac Owens (ACT School Sports & GWS)  
Aiden Henderson (ACT School Sports & GWS)  
Lucas Severa (ACT School Sports & GWS)  
Blake Kearney (ACT School Sports & GWS)  
Riley Masters (ACT School Sports & GWS)  
Issac Owusu (ACT School Sports & GWS)  
Bayley Morton (ACT School Sports & GWS)  
James Rice (ACT School Sports & GWS)

### U14 Mixed

James Rice (ACT School Sports/GWS)  
Blake Kearney (ACT School Sports/GWS)  
Darcy Borghouts (GWS)  
Nicholas Masters (GWS)  
Miller Woodward (GWS)  
Sam Whyte (GWS)  
Ruben Hines (GWS)

### U14 Girls

Emma Deakin (ACT School Sports & GWS)  
Reina Fearn (GWS)  
Tia Herberz (ACT School Sports)  
Chelsea Hogan (GWS)  
Darcie Kickett (GWS)  
Milla Knox (ACT School Sports & GWS)  
Jade McPherson (GWS)  
Lilly Stephen (GWS)  
Margaret Basilisco (GWS)  
Bella Broderick (GWS)  
Sophie Patron (GWS)

### U13 Mixed

Isaac Johnson (ACT School Sports & GWS)  
Fraser Henderson (GWS)  
Joseph Rutten (GWS)  
James Rootes (GWS)

### U12 Girls

Eloise McWhirter (ACT School Sports)  
Karli Jess (ACT School Sports & GWS)  
Billie Morton (ACT School Sports)  
Hayley Merriman (ACT School Sports & GWS)  
Jade Merriman (ACT School Sports)  
Hannah Patron (ACT School Sports)  
Evelyn Pollard (ACT School Sports)

### U12 Mixed

Lewis Rice (ACT School Sports & GWS)  
Nixon Dean (ACT School Sports & GWS)  
Lachlan Farmer (ACT School Sports & GWS)  
Isaac Johnson (ACT School Sports & GWS)  
Joryn Lea (ACT School Sports & GWS)  
Luis Scheeren (ACT School Sports & GWS)  
William Shapiro (ACT School Sports & GWS)  
Harry Grimm (GWS)  
Blake Wickson (GWS)  
Levi Nation (GWS)

## JUNIOR TEAM AWARDS

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## 16 Girls

Best And Fairest(Jo and Greg Lewis Trophy)	Katrina Brine
Runner Up B&F	Indi Kildey
Player's Player	Katrina Brine
Team Player of the Year	Angelina Agoth
Coach's Award	Mariella Vigar
Most Improved	Amalie Graham

## 14s Mixed

Best And Fairest	Samuel Whyte
Runner Up B&F	Blake Kearney
Team Player of the Year	Lucas Herberz
Coach's Award	Caleb Crosby
Most Improved	Callan Govan

## 16 Boys

Best And Fairest	Jess Borghouts
Runner Up B&F	Jack Reilly
Player's Player	Jack Reilly
Team Player of the Year	Xavier Govan
Coach's Award	Declan Passlow
Most Improved	Ben McGann

## 13s Mixed

Best And Fairest	William Crick
Runner Up B&F	Fraser Henderson
Team Player of the Year	Ali Aslan
Coach's Award	Rory Maguire
Most Improved	Jalen Fisher

## 15 Boys

Best And Fairest	Aiden Henderson
Runner Up B&F	Riley Masters
Player's Player	Aiden Henerson Zac Owen
Team Player of the Year	Ryan Grant
Coach's Award	Nat Coleman James rice
Most Improved	Francesco Sgroi

## 12 Girls

Best And Fairest	Billie Morton
Runner Up B&F	Karli Jess
Team Player of the Year	Amelie Brown
Coach's Award	Hannah Lang
Most Improved	Eloise McWhirter

## 14s Girls

Best And Fairest	Milla Knox
Runner Up B&F	Margaret Basilisco
Team Player of the Year	Sophie Patron
Coach's Award	Addison Sturzaker
Most Improved	Holly Smith

## 12s Mixed Red

Best And Fairest (Michael Jones Trophy)	Lewis Rice
Runner Up B&F	Nixon Dean
Team Player of the Year	Lachlan Farmer
Coach's Award	Mitchell Crosby
Most Improved	Eamon Govan

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## **12s Mixed Blue**

Best And Fairest (Michael Jones Trophy)	Luis Sheeren
Runner Up B&F	Jordyn Lea
Team Player of the Year	Logan Rasmussen
Coach's Award	Owen McAllister
Most Improved	Marcus Turtle

## **11s Mixed**

Best And Fairest	Leon Svarnas
Runner Up B&F	Toby Ellis
Team Player of the Year	Flynn Johnson
Coach's Award	Ashton Wilkins
Most Improved	David Franklin

## **10 Girls**

Team Player of the Year	Jade Merriman
Coach's Award	Stella Gooding
Most Improved	Lara Stines Sadie Ellis

## **10s Mixed**

Team Player of the Year	Noah Owusu
Coach's Award	Ari Catchpole
Most Improved	Mila Bryceson

## **9s Mixed Red**

Team Player of the Year	Adam Franklin
Coach's Award	Angus Barrett
Most Improved	Harrison Pollard

## **9s Mixed Blue**

Team Player of the Year	Leon Cumberland
Coach's Award	Charlie Dickson
Most Improved	Roarke Gooding

## **Auskick Pros Red**

Coach's Award	James Farrer
Most Improved	Sophie Rizzuto

## **Auskick Pros White**

Coach's Award	Angus Jenkins
Most Improved	Logan Eather

## **Auskick Pros Blue**

Coach's Award	Alexander Tomas
Most Improved	Bertie Conroy



# JUNIOR TEAMS OF THE YEAR

## JUNIOR MALE TEAM OF THE YEAR

TUGGERANONG VALLEY AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB



## 2024 JUNIOR BOYS TEAM OF THE YEAR

### Followers

Rory Macguire  
Jesse Bourgouts  
Jack Reilly



**Coach**  
Kurt Masters

**Interchange**  
Lewis Rice  
Ben McGann  
Leo Svarnas  
Nick Masters

# JUNIOR TEAMS OF THE YEAR

## JUNIOR FEMALE TEAM OF THE YEAR

TUGGERANONG VALLEY AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB



# 2024 JUNIOR GIRLS TEAM OF THE YEAR

### Followers

Billie Morton  
Lilly Stephan  
Emma Deakin



**Coach**  
Luke Jess

**Interchange**  
Darcy Kickett  
Matilda Mcloughin



# JUNIOR PROFILES



## Under 16 Girls 2024

Back Row: Mick Patton (Coach), Ruby Yazici, Isla Pfeiffer, Xanthe Barons, Kiara Miller, Ricci Miller (A/Coach)  
Third Row: Heatherlee Moran, Lilly Stephan, Hope McNamara, Amelie Graham, Quinn Barons, Alana Fraser, Kate Patton, Tayla Jess  
Second Row: Angelina Agoth, Lucy Tokley, Hannah Bowman, Sophie Luchterhand, Georgie Cooper, Willow Kildey, Savanna Trimper, Katrina Brine, Laura Scheele (Manager)  
Front Row: Mia Hall, Tia Galea, Lily Shute, Emily Jorritsma, Indiana Kildey, Ava Brassil, Ava Glover, Tia Herberz, Milla Knox, Mariella Vigar



## U16S GIRLS

### COACH'S REPORT

This season we saw a different group of players from previous years. We had new players, some coming up from the u14s and some returning players. The girls did extremely well in forming new friendships on and off the field. Congratulations to the U16s Girls team who had a fantastic season, we finished in 4th spot for the year with 5 wins and 9 losses. The club was equally committed to putting the same effort as last season to transition the players from 16s into the senior ranks. We had many players get the opportunity to play up in the rising stars team and some in the senior grades.

Once again, we had players representing the ACT in the u15s school sports carnival in QLD and the GWS academy, they did the club, the state and themselves proud.

As with any season, there are a lot of thank yous. A big thank you to all our parents for helping create a great team atmosphere and stepping in to help wherever needed. A special mention to our volunteers that helped every week, Ian Barons, Scott Kildey, Scott Glover, Ken Tokley, Mel Jess, Jacob McNamara.

A massive thanks to Ricci for helping with coaching the team this season, I had a few weeks where I couldn't make it and he was fantastic. Ricci's commitment to the playing group shows how much passion he has for the club and all the players within it.

We struggled for numbers at times during the season, I'd like to thank all the under 14s that doubled up and helped us out this year. You all contributed well and did a great job. Thank you to Laura Scheele for being the best team manager again (lost count of how many in a row now) even if her own child was injured for most of the year. She gets all the admin things done behind the scenes so that all we had to do is concentrate on coaching the girls each week.

Also, a big thank you to the TVAFC board and junior director Katie Kearney for another great season of Valley Football.

**Mick Patton**

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## I 6 GIRLS PLAYER PROFILES

### **Angela Agoth**

**Total Games at end of 2024 - 23**

Ange had many highlight games and moments throughout the year, amazing all of us with her dashing runs out of the backline. Very athletic, with a strong competitive spirit Ange was a nightmare for opposition forwards all season. She was rewarded with receiving the "Team Player of the year".

### **Quinn Barons**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 86**

It was great to see Quinn play regular football this season after an interrupted 2023. Playing dual roles as a key forward and in the ruck, Quinn was a very consistent contributor for the team. Quinn is also a huge contributor to the club, she is often seen at senior games helping and has started her coaching journey.

### **Xanthe Barons**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 84**

Having previously held the position of main Ruck for the team, Xanthe showcased her versatility this season, locking down Centre Half Back for us where she was an absolute wall in defence.

### **Hannah Bowman**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 66**

Hannah made some great progress this year, moving away from her usual role of being a run with/lock down player and developing a real attacking component to her game. It was very pleasing to see Hannah back herself in, leave her opponent and attack the footy, which often resulted in a clearance or forward entry for the team.

### **Ava Brassil**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 6**

Ava joined the club this season and was keen to make an impression. She is a member of the GWS academy and made her 1 st grade debut this year. She has speed to burn and massive running capacity; she has done extra training with her kicking and is keen to take the next step in her football journey.

### **Kat Brine**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 169**

Kat had a great season in 2024. She made her 1st grade debut, played in the RSW with her sister Ash. She was awarded the "2024 Best and fairest" and "Players player" for the u16s. She has worked extremely hard on her fitness and her football skills; this was demonstrated numerous times in all levels that she played at. Congrats on a great season Kat.

### **Georgie Cooper**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 55**

"Red" put in a big preseason and was keen to take on the year ahead. Until this point she had played most of her career on the wing, after showing interest in the forwards she took her opportunity and got on the scoreboard. She was also given some time with the RSW team and played well. We look forward to seeing you develop in 2025.



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## **Alana Fraser**

**Total Games at end of 2024 - 53**

Lans played 15 first grade games this season and didn't look out of place at all. She has worked hard at the GWS academy and it's all starting to show for her. She has a big future and will only improve with all the hard work she puts in.

## **Tia Galea**

**Total Games at end of 2024 - 71**

The Terror! Tia terrorised opposition forwards all year with her ferocious tackling. With a never-say-die attitude 'The Terror' was rarely beaten in a one-on-one contest and it was great watching her grow in confidence as the season progressed.

## **Ava Glover**

**Total Games at end of 2024 - 28**

'Sneezy' took on the role of in-and-under midfielder and relished the role. Very tough and reliable, she worked hard on her skills this year and was regularly one of our better players. If you haven't heard her sneeze, put it on your bucket list.

## **Amelie Graham**

**Total Games at end of 2024 - 10**

A first year player, 'Angry' made massive improvement throughout the season and became an integral part of our forward line. Her confidence grew as her understanding of the game increased and we were all very proud to see the progress that she made. Angry was awarded the "Most Improved" for the year.

## **Mia Hall**

**Total Games at end of 2024 - 26**

Another member of our mosquito fleet, Mia was a great asset to the team with her aggressive attack at the contest and relentless pressure and tackling. Mia's versatility was relied upon as she played as a forward, midfielder, wing and in the backline at various stages throughout the season.

## **Tayla Jess**

**Total Games at end of 2024 - 89**

Injuries interrupted Tayla's season in 2024, however she worked hard to get on the field. When she got some game time under her belt she started to play her usual game. She got the opportunity to play in the RSW where she played up forward and got on the scoreboard. Hoping for an injury-free 2025 season and evolving her footy more.

## **Emily Jorritsma**

**Total Games at end of 2024 - 20**

We had to share Emily this season due to her commitments with another sport, but while she was out on the field for us, she was a significant contributor to the side. One of the best tacklers in the competition, Emily rarely lost a contest this season and was an asset to the team either on the wing or in the forward line.

## **Indi Kildey**

**Total Games at end of 2024 - 29**

Indi is another multi-sport athlete (about 10 last count), she had a great start to the season and then ran into some injuries that kept her sidelined. Upon return she was even better than before and showed as she came 2nd in this year's "Best and Fairest". What made it an even bigger achievement was that it was snared with only 6 games played. She also had 9 games in the RSW and polled well also.

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## **Willow Kildey**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 33**

Like her good mate Isla, Willie splits her time between football and netball. She was only able to play five u16s games but did well in them all. Her running and fitness levels are second to none and she continually works on her skills. At only 14 she also played in the RSW team and showed she is more than up to the task.

## **Milla Knox**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 142**

Despite being an U14's player, Milla has been a mainstay of this side for the past few seasons. Milla would consistently be a key player for us either in the forward line or in the midfield despite having to back up each week after her U14s game.

## **Hope McNamara**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 110**

Our brick wall in defence, hope had a big year starting in November last year at preseason. She has been the most consistent at training all year and I could count the trainings missed on one hand. She made her senior debut in the reserve grade this year and played a total of 26 games across 16s, RSW and reverse grade. Great work Hope.

## **Kiara Miller**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 149**

Kiara had a very late start to the season due to injury. She worked hard on her rehab and managed to play the last 5 games of the season. Looking forward to an injury-free season in 2025.

## **Heatherlee Moran**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 12**

A first year player, Heatherlee impressed us all with her ability to adapt to a new game and be a great contributor to the side. It was great watching her grow in confidence as the season progressed where she played mainly in the forward line but also held a key defensive position for us when required.

## **Kate Patton**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 128**

Kate had a big preseason with the GWS academy and the extra work was paying off. Unfortunately, she started having some lower leg issues which slowed her year down, after some rehab work she has gotten back to her fit self. To her credit the back half of the season has seen her get back to her old playing self-whilest juggled RSW and netball this season.

## **Isla Pfeiffer**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 67**

It was great to see Isla return to the football field this season; she has focused on her netball career (which is going extremely well) and couldn't quite fit in footy till now. She got straight back into the swing of things and showed she hadn't lost it. We look forward to seeing her (fingers crossed) next season if she can squeeze it in.

## **Lucy Tokley**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 56**

Lucy has been a part of the team for a few years now and it's really starting to show in her skills. With all the hard work paying off by getting some games in the RSW this season. She is quite versatile and can play in a few different roles, she seems to like the big sticks and kicking goals. She is also very fierce in 1 on 1 contests and loves tackling.

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## **Savanna Trimper**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 45**

What a great season from Savvy! A player that is loved by all her teammates, Savvy showed great improvement this year due to some hard work on her marking and kicking skills. She progressed up the field this year, out of her comfort zone in the backline and playing some great football for us on the wing.

## **Mariella Vigar**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 23**

One of our smallest players, 'Muzz' continually outplayed much larger opponents and was a rock-solid member of our backline all year. As the season progressed and her confidence grew, she added rebounding defender to her game. Muzz was a clear vote for receiving the "Coach's Award" for the 2024 season.

## **Ruby Yazicki**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 22**

Ruby took on the role of main ruck this season and was a very strong contributor for the side, which is a great effort considering she is part of the younger age bracket. Very strong and with a fierce competitive desire, it was great to see Ruby asserting her dominance as the year progressed.

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## 16S BOYS

### COACH'S REPORT

2024 has seen a mixed bag of results for the TVAFNC U16 Boys Team. Part way through the season, the coaching staff were asked by members of the board what their measure of success in 2024 was. Whilst the players will always say, "a premiership", which in 2024 has not been the case, our coaches and parents agree that participation in the game of Australian Rules Football is the ultimate measure of success for Juniors in the TVAFNC. To that end, whilst we lost 6 players to other sports at the start of the season, we gained 6 more for a squad of 30, all of whom, bar injuries or other commitments, regularly attended training and games, 2024 has been very successful.

The development of the boys has continued from 2023 and their skills have been taken to the next level, easily comparable with the rest of the competition. Their understanding of the intricacies of the game and belief in themselves saw the boys achieve a number of outstanding results against the eventual top 4 teams of the competition. Whilst we lost to Ainslie Red, by 50 points, early on in the season, the boys attacked the return game with a vigour and intensity that shocked Ainslie and with a 61 point turn-around we won by 11 points. The 2 games against eventual minor premiers, Queanbeyan, saw inaccuracy in front of goal resulting in us falling agonisingly short in both games by 1 and 6 points respectively, a clear demonstration of how competitive we are able to be against the top teams.

The most memorable game of the season was our or last game of the season against Marist. Even when we could not make finals, all members of the squad proudly pulled on the 'Valley' guernsey for an amazing victory, coming from 16 points down with 4 minutes to go, to kicking 3 quick goals and winning the game by 2 points on the siren. Their efforts against a team who are definite premiership contenders, optimises the very nature of what team sport is about. The TVAFNC U16 boys played hard for each other, ran in support, protecting each other and, maintained a belief in themselves that not only won that game but will stay with them for the 2025 season.



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Throughout the season we had support from a multitude of our parents but special thanks must go to Amanda, our ever present manager, and coaches, Shane, Ben and Kent, without whom training and game day would have been very difficult. It is also important to mention Paul, Gary and Andrew who were instrumental in successfully running a bench of, at times, 10 players.

This team is the future of football in Tuggeranong, over the next four to five years, and as these boys continue their journey towards senior football, their achievements, individually as young men, and collectively as a team bodes well for the future. I am confident, with the game style they have demonstrated throughout 2024, they will taste success in the very near future.

**Peter Borghouts**

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## I 6S BOYS PLAYER PROFILES

### **Ryder Anesbury**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 117**

Ryder has continued to be a stalwart in defence in 2024. The way he harasses the opposition forwards is amazing and often results in many a ground ball being turned over to our advantage. Ryder is a reliable kick able to deliver the ball effectively through the middle of the ground, switching the play when required

### **Jesse Borghouts**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 149**

Our team captain, continues to be an amazing footballer and outstanding leader. Jesse, a member of the GWS Academy U16 Nationals team, continued to lead by example both on and off the field and has balanced his Giants and club commitments exceptionally well taking new players under his wing to help their development and induction into the team.

### **Ethan Boyer**

**Total Games at end of 2024 - 130**

Has been a valuable new addition to the team in 2024, providing a strong marking option in the forward line while stepping into the ruck when required. His leading patterns have allowed our smaller forwards to score multiple goals during games whenever he has brought the ball to ground.

### **Zac Callaway**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 35**

Zac joined TVAFNC this year and quickly became an instrumental member of our defence. Zac's attack on the ball is fantastic and he has provided great speed off the half back line and is not afraid to take players on, sending the ball forward to good effect.

### **Harry Durham**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 59**

Harry's abilities as a defender cannot be understated. Most opposition forwards have lined up on him expecting to jag a few easy goals only to realise very quickly that if Harry has marked up on them there is no such thing as an easy ball. Harry's harassment of opposition forwards will often result in a turnover with Harry effectively getting the ball out of the 'danger-zone' either by hand or foot.

### **Ryan Geerdink**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 101**

One of the best kicks in the team, Ryan's development as a forward has come along in leaps and bounds in 2024. Ryan worked extremely hard during the preseason, both with the U16 and Senior groups. He provides a great option across the half forward and, if unable to take the mark, will bring it down to the advantage of his teammates.

### **Xavier Govan**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 104**

Xavier has been fantastic in defence in 2024. His constant pressure has kept the competition's best forwards goalless in a number of games. An impressive preseason fitness regime has allowed Xavier to run games out without the need to take a spell on the bench, a testament to his dedication to the team.

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## **Bruno Grzegorzewski**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 121**

Bruno continues to amaze all spectators with his ability to read the ball in the air and out mark, often much taller, opposition players. He has developed into a very good midfielder and his speed and agility has resulted in him being our top goal scorer in 2024.

## **Lachlan Hamer**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 136**

Has played much of this year in defence providing a good running option as we exited the defensive part of the ground. In his final game of the year before departing overseas Lachlan was a revelation as a fill-in CHF, a role which I am sure he will fulfil more regularly in 2025.

## **Ryder Harman**

**Total Games at end of 2024\_ - 130**

Unfortunately Ryder's season was impacted by injury. Ryder returned with a vengeance for the last 4 games of the season becoming a focal point in the forward line, kicking bags of 4 goals against Ainslie Red and Marist, both of whom are playing finals. I look forward to seeing the impact he will have playing a full season in 2025.

## **Jasper Harris**

**Total Games at end of 2024 - 111**

A new member of the team, Jasper, playing through the mids or on the wing, has brought with him a focus and desire to excel at footy that is second to none. With great skills and speed to burn, Jasper is not afraid to take on opposition players and either deliver the ball effectively to his teammates or take a shot on goal.

## **Jarrah Lancarter**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 57**

Unfortunately due to various commitments, Jarrah was unable to be a regular at training and games in 2024, though when he did play, it was fantastic to see his second and third efforts around the ground help his teammates clear the ball from stoppages.

## **Riley Lehman**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 101**

Riley has played much of the year as one of our hard running wings or running through the midfield when required. His defensive work has developed well this year and maintaining his width as a wing often allowed the team to affect a good quick switch especially as we come out of defence.

## **Cooper Lowes**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 121**

Cooper has had a very good year this year. As his own greatest critic, Cooper has worked hard to continue developing as an instrumental part of the team. He quite often will take down a larger player and when he does have the ball has a fantastic ability to sidestep even the most agile of opposition.

## **Nathan Matthews**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 36**

Nathan has spent much of his time forward in 2024, ready to run off the wing when we have needed it. Nath's confidence in his abilities was typified by his snap around the body for a goal early on in the season. His ability to read the play when the ball hits the ground has resulted in many goals being scored by either himself or his teammates.

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## **Ben McGann**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 110**

Ben has developed into one of the best ruckmen in the competition. This has been enhanced by his efforts at ground level where he shows an innate ability to get the ball and sidestep opposition players at will.

## **Ash McLean**

**Total Games at end of 2023 – 138**

Ash has spent the majority of the year as one of the core midfield group. He has a great footy IQ and always seems to be in the right place at the right time. Ash has been instrumental in the team developing a 'two-way' style of footy which, when implemented, has been able to cut through an opposition's defence with the greatest of ease.

## **William Mundy**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 76**

After many years away from the sport, Will has returned to footy and brought with him an intent to own the ball that was great to watch. As each game progressed, Will's execution of every facet of the game continued to improve and he has become an instrumental member of our defensive group.

## **Lochlan Otten**

**Total Games at end of 2024 - 85**

One of the quieter members of the team, Lochlan has continued to develop his marking and kicking skills in 2024, taking some fantastic marks throughout the year, the fight he has shown has been a great example to his teammates

## **Cody Owen**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 135**

Cody has developed into a very dependable forward in 2024. Able to run through the midfield and across our forward line, Cody adds another dimension to the team and has, on a number of occasions, been instrumental in reinvigorating the team midway through a game with his actions spurring his teammates on to 'step it up a notch'.

## **Declan Passlow**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 80**

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. The intensity he brought with him was infectious and readily embraced by the rest of the team.

## **Toby Pryde**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 56**

Toby has continued to improve in all facets of his game in 2024. His confidence in taking a strong mark, laying a hard tackle and supporting his teammates for a tightly contested ball has been the result of the dedication he showed at preseason and all training sessions. He doesn't realise it, but he has developed the fine art of being in the right stop at the right time - a great attribute for any footballer.

## **Stuart Reichstein**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 112**

A member of the GWS academy in 2024, Stu has been one of our Vice-Captains in 2024 leading by example either during the game or at training. He has filled a number of roles throughout the year, a testament to his skills and abilities as a footballer. Stu continues to be exceptionally hard at the ball and opposition players are always aware when Stu is on their tail.



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## **Jack Reilly**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 91**

One of our Vice-Captains, Jack is the heart and soul of the team. His ability to bring teammates into the game is a sight to behold and he can be relied upon to take a strong defensive mark, or kick a couple of sneaky goals during a game when required. Jack has developed his left foot quite well this year and is able to use it to as good effect as his preferred right.

## **Lachlan Searle**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 108**

An amazing preseason saw Lachlan, one of our Vice-Captains, take his game to the next level in 2024. His ability to control the back six and make them into a cohesive unit is fantastic. He can be relied upon to take a strong defensive mark, throughout the season a run through the midfield saw him develop into a great kick on goal.

## **Blake Shannon**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 102**

In his final season of AFL, Blake has developed into a great goal sneak and was instrumental in kicking one of the last-ditch goals in our last game, against Marist, seeing us win by 2 points. The highlight of the season was Blake's bag of three in our first game against Marist.

## **Brandon Wake**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 11**

Brandon took up AFL this year and his development in each game has been amazing. With a great set of hands, Brandon can be relied upon to take a mark at pivotal points in the game. In fact, with 30 seconds to go against Marist, he took a contested mark, calmly went back and slotted the match winning goal.

## **Cooper Willson**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 54**

Cooper's speed has been phenomenal this year, providing great runs from the defensive half of the ground through the midfield/wing with many effective entries into the forward 50. Cooper's defensive pressure has been fantastic and on many occasions he has been instrumental in the opposition turning the ball over to our advantage.

## **Malakai Young**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 2**

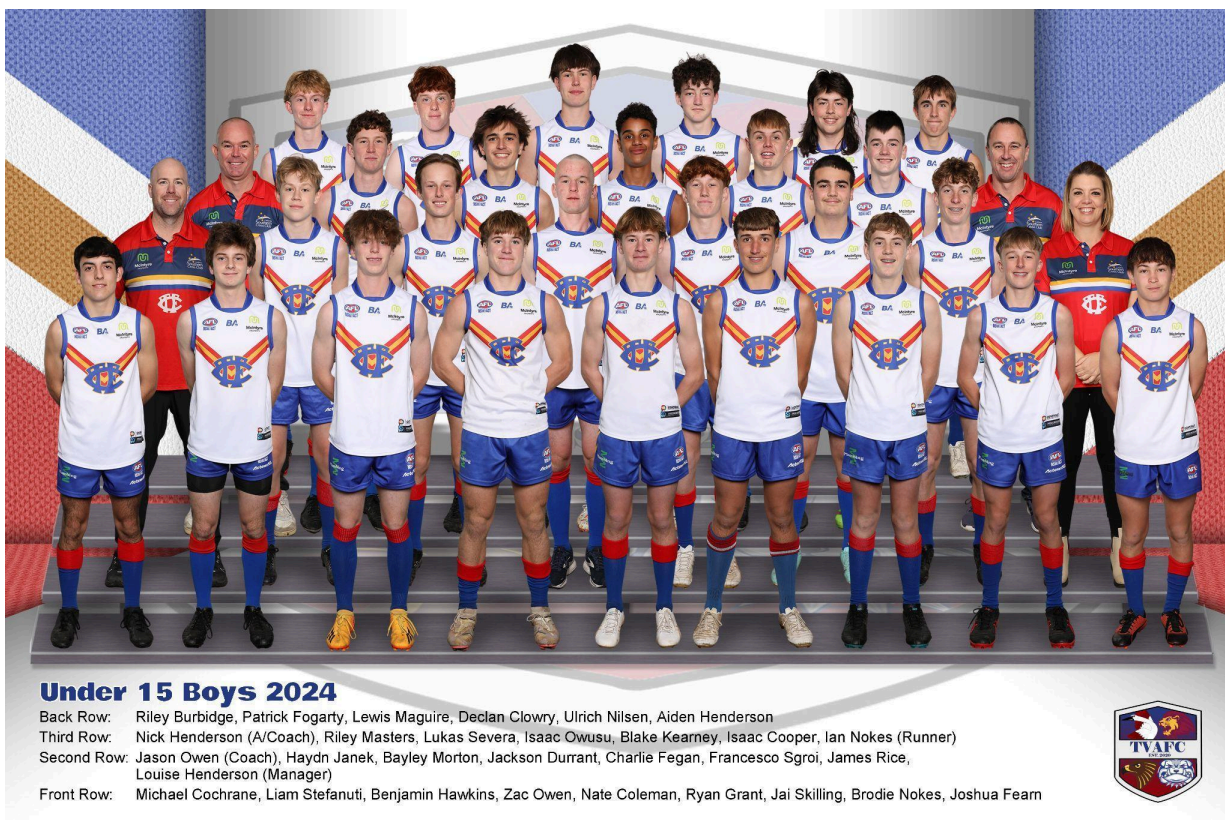
A newcomer to AFL, Kai was a valuable addition to the team before he copped a season ending injury. Coming from a soccer background, Kai was able to transfer his soccer game sense and skills to fit right into the team providing good forward pressure whenever we entered our forward 50.

## **Oscar Zacny**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 61**

Oscar has been a valuable member of our defensive group in 2024. The development of his defensive game has been great, which coupled with his great kicking skills has supported the way we play our game especially in the second half of the season. Oscar goes about his work with a quiet confidence that often acts as a 'settler' for his teammates.

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## 15S BOYS

### COACH'S REPORT

What a season - what a team!

We started the season with two teams merging together, and as BT would say “wowee” what a great success. Our team has been a force to be reckoned with in 2024.

The most valuable measure of this success has been the mateship, teamwork, growth and trust that has been built between all these players. On and off the field. These boys have created an amazing team culture, and they should be proud of developing those broader life skills, friendships and football IQ. These are an outcome from a great team environment.

The impressive nature of the team was set from the start at trainings, showing up and being willing to listen and learn to become better individual players and teammates. The team morale was selfless where the boys would always get around each other as a group, encouraging and pushing each other to improve each week.

All the above, shows our success and results showed week on week as finished the home away season as the minor premiers. Whilst on grand final day our hard work didn't come to fruition, we encourage all the boys to take positive action and show resilience, and to bring a fire in their bellies next year.

So as our boys develop to seniors and take their footy careers to higher levels, this will be a learning experience and building block for future success.

The future of this squad, their mateship and commitment to footy is second to none and we can't wait to follow your future footy endeavours.

Thank you to our team sponsor Woden Automotive for the support for the boys throughout the season, we are appreciative for all the ways you have backed the team.

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Lastly, A huge Thankyou to the many mentors that took the time throughout the year to provide support to the boys at trainings and game days, our game day helpers and cheer squads who turned up week in and week out, supported the team and created a positive vibe around these boys. We had photos, fun, After training feeds, banners and end of season action photos creating great memories for all involved with the team. Thank you so much to you all!

To close out this year's write up you should all be proud, keep your heads high, keep your mateship strong, get a good off season fitness routine and we will see you back next year in the Valley!!!!

**Jason Owen, Nick Henderson, Ian Nokes**

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## 15 BOYS PLAYER PROFILES

### **Riley Burbidge**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 72**

Riley showed his versatility this year playing in multiple positions to a very high standard. His ability to beat his opponent in a contest was a feature. The ultimate team player, Riley would take on any role given to him with 100% commitment.

### **Declan Clowry**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 40**

Showed his class by making the ruck position one that he dominated in. He has the ability to play in other positions around the ground. Declan's strength is his overhead marking, and ability to clunk a cracking mark in heavily contested situations.

### **Michael Cochrane**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 92**

There is often excitement when Michael is out in space and gets his hands on a loose ball cleanly. He is a fast and skilful player, prepared to run with the ball – with some streaky and spectacular runs along the wing into space.

### **Nate Coleman**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 120**

Nate is a key midfielder in the team with the ability to play forward or back when required. He is an in-and-under player who becomes energised when near or on the ball. Nate is a strong mark and has a handy and very accurate left boot, the determination to win the ball and one-percenters that have brought great inspiration to the team. Nate has shown this year he has developed into a mature player and often seeking feedback and advice from the coaching group.

### **Isaac Cooper**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 56**

Isaac had a consistent year playing majority in the forward line, Isaac is a versatile dependable player where he would often cover positions in the backline or wing when required. He has the ability to pick the ball up cleanly, take a strong mark and use his speed and evasive skills with ball in hand to advantage.

### **Jackson Durrant**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 14**

Jackson, new to the game in 2024, was determined from the beginning having a solid pre-season showing grit and determination to learning new skills, and it showed as he quickly responded, often asking for additional feedback or questioning the rules of the game. Jackson throughout the year was a quiet achiever, but given a task he gives his all to be in the game and deliver.

### **Joshua Fearn**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 46**

Josh has had a great season and shown great confidence filling multiple roles, making him a versatile player. He has a natural instinct to hunt the ball, pick it up off the ground and he backs that up with great evasive skills and an ability to break tackles by using his strength and speed.

### **Charlie Fegan**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 53**

Charlie brought the tsunami approach to his football with piercing kicks and supporting the teams fast flowing footy style. This was a direct result of his improved skills and confidence to take the game on. He brought a lot of personality to the team making trainings very enjoyable.



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## **Patrick Fogarty**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 78**

Pat cemented himself as leader in the backline. He didn't lose a 1:1 contest. Pat with such a steady head often under pressure used his reliable and accurate kick out of the backline, and his ability to read the play as it unfolds. Pat showed commitment to the team, he works hard and listens to the coach

## **Ryan Grant**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 103**

Ryan is what you would describe as the ultimate clubman. He is a character who brought fun and laughs to the team. On game days, he earned the job of the team energizer by regularly bringing some classic speeches to the team huddle. He has an ability to give his man zero space and take out of the contest. Ryan would regularly win the ball through strong marking, solid attack and his improved kicking has been a highlight of Ryan's year.

## **Benjamin Hawkins**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 44**

Ability to lock down opposition players with his tight defence, able to run all day. Often sacrificed his own game to benefit the team. The quiet achiever of the team, he had the ability to change a game by taking on a key role. Ben has a very bright future with his team first attitude.

## **Aiden Henderson**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 146**

Aiden's consistency all year was brilliant. Playing the role of Halfback and rotating in the midfield he is always contributing cleanly and to the team's advantage. Aiden is a natural footballer with an advanced ability to read the game and he possesses elite skills to match. He makes the most of this talent by being super consistent with his effort and his courage and competitiveness.

## **Hadyn Janek**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 103**

Hayden showed his true footy ability as his confidence grew throughout the season. He has an ability to take the game on and beat his opponent out of the back line. Hayden's run and vision to find loose teammates, helped the team set up plays from the back line into the forward line.

## **Blake Kearney**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 157**

Blake had a super year, dominating the half back flank, with great intercept, excellent ability to read the ball and running into space and contests. His composure was up another level this year, he was able to change the course of the play and often break out with a change of direction, second efforts and ball handling.

## **Lewis Maguire**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 45**

Lewis was one of the team's big men. Lewis this year showed great determination from the outset, starting in preseason it was evident Lewis was looking to develop his footy to the next level. His determination to play more time in the ruck was backed up by big game efforts where he had greater ability to cover the ground as a big man.

## **Riley Masters**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 145**

Strong ball winner who showed courage and resilience who came back from a serious injury during the year. Riley has a massive engine who gives his all each and every time he takes the field. He has a great passion for the game and encourages his teammates to follow. He has a very bright future ahead of him with his footy.

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## **Bayley Morton**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 123**

Bayley is a resilient and positive team player and was consistent and dependable to the team where he was key to the smooth ability of the team to transition the ball through the wing. Bayley is a smart footballer with his ability to adjust to conditions with strategic control to open up the games was evident and is a rare ability for a footballer of Bayley's age.

## **Ulrich Nilsen**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 39**

Uli developed his football this season, always seeking feedback and bringing to the game a positive attitude and team focused attitude. Throughout the year his contested marking proved that he has the ability to read the play and be a valuable team contributor to the team.

## **Bodie Nokes**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 88**

Brodie this year made the transition into a small forward role and often found the goals from a natural ability to sneakily lose his man to slide into open space from any direction. Brodie had a willingness to contest the ball against much larger opponents. His footy smarts and being in the right place is a strength.

## **Zac Owen**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 166**

Zac is highly regarded by his teammates, his presence on the field was noticed and his desire to be in the game was evident by always giving everything and taking the game on. Always pushing himself with the extra effort to take contested marks or using his strength to win the ball out of congestion. Zac will go a long way with his footy career and look forward to watching his footy and leadership traits grow.

## **Isaac Owusu**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 112**

Isaac has an athletic ability making him a versatile player able to contribute to the team in many roles. Isaac has an ability to play as a ruckman but then provide the run of a midfielder. This style of work rate was often key in the way he excelled in many of the games through the year. He was also an important player in the forward line where he took strong contested marks.

## **James Rice**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 153**

James is a consistent and smart footballer, playing the majority of half-back and rotating into the midfield. James is a natural footballer with a hunger for the ball to match, a leading player. His silky skills, ability to read the play and consistently take intercept marks often with great courage running back to the contest. James' attack on the ball when in dispute and general poise are trademarks of his ability.

## **Lukas Severa**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 61**

Lukas embraced the challenge of holding down a key back position, but also transitioned at times into the ruck, when required. He was also given the challenge on occasions of a lockdown role in which he showed displays of impressive body strength in 1:1 contests, courage and determination to come out on top. This was recognised with great respect by the coaching and playing group.

## **Francesco Sgroi**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 14**

Chesco was new to the team but was adopted very quickly and absolutely loved by the boys. Played as a key forward, worked super hard at training with determination to improve which was evident in his progression throughout the season. Chesco was known to sell a little candy to his advantage. Coaching Chesco and seeing his development and growth has been an absolute privilege.

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## **Jai Skilling**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 15**

Jai played his first year of footy in 2024, but you wouldn't know it. He is a natural at reading the play and is in the right spots to take some sneaky marks. This suited him well playing the majority as small forward role. He did all the little things well, got a lot of touches, didn't give up and got in more than a few classy goals.

## **Liam Stefanuti**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 67**

Liam's determination was always instrumental, Liam showed a selfless mentality which made him a key team player with no fear and attack on the ball which all were vital to the strength of the backline and midfield. Liams desire to always listen and respond to instruction or feedback from the coaches was evident. As a coach you would just know that Liam will give you 100% in every game, often dominating his opponent.

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## 14S GIRLS

### COACH'S REPORT

Congratulations to the U14 girls' team for a fantastic season, we are all proud of what you have achieved.

At the start of the season, we presented the team with a challenge, and they rose to accept it. The girls started pre-season with great numbers and enthusiasm in early February, adapting well to a senior structured model for training and games.

The girls enjoyed the transition to this senior-like approach and saw the benefits on game day. Their teamwork and skills improved throughout the season asserting themselves early within the competition as tough competitors. The girls were gracious in their many wins and showed resilience and determination in their few close losses. The bond between the girls in the team strengthened each game, it was wonderful to witness them playing as a tight unit each of them striving to lift their standards every week to support each other.

Two standout games to demonstrate were a freezing Friday night game against Eastlake and the preliminary final against the Magpies.

The team's hard work throughout the year paid off earning themselves a place in the grand final.

Unfortunately, the fairytale wasn't meant to be with the girls fighting hard until the final siren however being defeated narrowly by Eastlake.



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The team not only had a strong season on the field they were also presented with opportunities off the field. The girls were invited to train alongside the AFP and Defence Force AFLW teams, were involved in TVAFNC Senior women's training sessions and enjoyed the attendance of some of the senior women at their training and games.

The team are also grateful for the club organising the well-attended Headspace session for the junior club.

We would like to say a special thanks to Damian and Fiona Hines from Jupiter Kitchens who sponsored both the U14s Mixed and Girls teams this year.

We were very lucky to have an engaged group of parents and carers that were always there to support our girls in every way possible. We appreciate all of your efforts from helping out on game day, cooking the BBQ at our preseason team building activities and pre grand final training run as well as making our Grand Final Banner.

A special mention to Steve Davidson who assisted at trainings and was our runner for most games throughout the season. Mike Stevens who looked after the interchange bench and board throughout the year. Ruben Hines was our go to Goal umpire for the year. Mel Jess and Kate Greenacre who between them juggled our first aid needs. Corrine Smith our timekeeper during the year and the finals series.

A massive thankyou to Nicole Knox for managing the coaches, players and families. Nicole organised our successful preseason team building afternoon and kept us all informed during the year. She does plenty of behind the scenes work to ensure everything runs smoothly for our footy family. Lastly, a massive congratulations to the playing group. We have enjoyed every moment and couldn't be prouder, it has been an honour to be your coaches this season. We hope you have all enjoyed the season and come back to a great season in 2025.

**Gerry Patron and Matt Knox**

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## I 4S GIRLS PLAYER PROFILES

### **Amelia Adamaitys**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 40**

Amelia has become a versatile player this season playing both forwards and backs and having an impact on games whilst always bringing her competitive best.

### **Margaret Basilisco**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 69**

MJ has flourished since mid-season following a solid start to the year. She has stepped up and become a strong leader, which has led to some of her best footy shining through. MJ often gets an important role on game day that often tips the balance in our favour

### **Bella Broderick**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 114**

Bella has been a solid part of our backline this season that has been impenetrable. A senior player in the team, she plays hard and attacks the ball early, usually rebounding it back into our forward half. Bella sets a great example for her teammates through her on field play

### **Tilly Cooney**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 59**

Tilly has improved greatly playing forward/ruck this season and has become a very reliable player in our game structure. Tilly played her 50th game this year and has caused opposition backlines a lot of trouble with her marking presence and kicked a few goals to go with it

### **Layla Cooper**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 30**

Layla was a great asset for the team often coming off the bench into the backline and played a very attacking style, rebounding opposition attacks with dash, setting up many attacking plays

### **Grace Davidson**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 56**

Grace has been an influential player this season, taking charge in the forward line and competing at every contest. Her tackling pressure has been a hallmark of her game and she has benefited from the team forward structure greatly, achieving the league goal kicking award for the 14 girls. A great reward for her hard work.

### **Emma Deakin**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 64**

Often anchored at fullback, Emma has been formidable this season saving goals on the last line of defence and turning them into attacking plays. Emma loves to get upfield when she can and has proved to be more than capable in any position she is asked to play. Emma has continued to improve and is quickly becoming one of our most reliable players. Emma was selected and captained the U12 ACT school Sport team.

### **Reina Fearn**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 87**

Reina has shown her competitive best at every contest and has made a name for herself with her pressure up forward and creating opportunities to score for herself and her teammates. Reina is one of the toughest players in the comp, never shying away from a contest whether she is playing in the mixed games or in the 14s girls.

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## **Tia Herberz**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 100**

Tia has been nothing short of inspirational in her play at centre half back and led by her example as vice-captain. Tia never gave up an easy ball and would compete with relentless energy at the contest. While Tia dominated in our backline, she was more than capable in the midfield as well and was often tempted to push up to try and snag a goal. Tia was rewarded with selection in the U15 ACT School Sport team.

## **Abbey Hines**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 52**

It has been great to see Abbey grow in confidence this season playing on the wing. Abbey has amazing speed and when she gets a chance to show it she is very hard to catch. As her confidence grows, her footy prowess will grow with it.

## **Chelsea Hogan**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 184**

Chelsea has relished a leadership position this season as a co-captain. She has been vocal at training and on the field and it has only added to her game. Chelsea has become an ever-reliable utility player, getting roles to shut down opposition players, bolster our midfield and backline or running the wing with great effect. She has proved her toughness and versatility also playing in the U14 mixed team earning herself a premiership medal.

## **Abby Jess**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 104**

Abby has reinvented herself as a footballer this season. She has thrived as a centre half forward in a forward structure that has given her a newfound confidence to compete in the marking contest and once the ball comes to ground. Abby has become more versatile this season adding the forward ruck work to her footy resume.

## **Darcie Kickett**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 50**

Darcie has star potential written all over her game, showing this season that she can create goal scoring opportunities out of nowhere. Darcie has added the wing role to her game this season using her speed and skill to evade players and transition the ball from our backline to forward line with ease. Darcie has kicked some vital scores that have been the difference in some close games this season.

## **Milla Knox**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 167**

Milla has shown that she is a natural leader this season being selected to co-captain the team. She leads best by her example on field, coming up with a tough tackle, a running goal or a defensive contest and clearance when it is needed most. Milla has benefited from a strong midfield structure that has allowed her to expand her game to play forward, mids and backs. Milla's hard work was rewarded with selection in the ACT U15s School Sport team

## **Maddie Lowes**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 15**

Maddie was new to AFL this year and settled into the team well. She worked hard on her skills and showed big improvements throughout the season. Maddie was a versatile player, playing a role on the wing and up forward. We look forward to seeing what next year brings for Maddie.

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## **Jade McPherson**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 35**

Jade was part of our strong backline this year, playing a key role in the backs and rotating through the midfield. She reads the play well and has plenty of natural ability. Jade doesn't shy away from the physicality of the game and has a good turn of speed with the ball in hand.

## **Sophie Patron**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 87**

Sophie is a real competitor and is often the smallest player running into a contest. Sophie was part of our strong midfield and rotated forward to snap up any loose footy and convert into points. Sophie was elected vice captain and grew in confidence over the year in the role. Sophie is an exciting player with an abundance of determination and is key in any role she plays.

## **Ella Roberts**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 15**

Ella was a new addition to the team this year and jumped straight into pre-season training working on her skills and understanding of the game. Ella's confidence grew throughout the year. We look forward to Ella building on her achievements in 2025.

## **Lily Shute**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 16**

Lily made a return to footy after a few years away from the game. Although shy at the start she settled into the team well and found a place in the backline. Her confidence grew over the year and contributed to our backline. Lily has a solid kick off a few steps and is something she could turn into a weapon next year. Lily also stepped up to help the 16s girls when needed.

## **Lucija Slat**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 40**

Lucija is a reliable team player that has developed each year she has played. She grew in confidence as the year went on and backed herself to take on the opposition. Lucija would often be seen holding her own in a contest and fighting hard to maintain possession for her team. Lucija is a great team player, always smiling and cheering on her teammates.

## **Holly Smith**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 56**

Holly (Hollywood) has been a great team player, at training and on game day. Despite being small in stature, she is big in voice and passion. From kicking her first goal this year to laying big tackles, Holly is always looking to play the team role in each contest. Holly was challenged this year to take the game on and she relished those opportunities. We are looking forward to seeing what Holly does in season 2025.

## **Linley Stevens**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 44**

Linley was right at home at half back and provided the team with solid defence to rebound the ball. She also played in the mids and was effective in shutting down an opposition player when needed. Linley loves to scoop up the ball and take on the opposition, often laying a big fend and playing on strongly. Linley was selected as a shadow player for the ACT U15s School Sport team.



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## Addison Sturzaker

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 31**

Addi was a valuable utility player, playing roles both forward and back. She is constantly seeking and taking on feedback to improve her footy and loves a challenge. Addi showed great improvement throughout the season, and we look forward to seeing what she can do in 2025.

## Lilly Taylor

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 75**

Lilly showed glimpses early in the season of what she is capable of in the ruck. As the season progressed, she became more confident and combined with a strong mid field which gave us the upper hand in the ruck / boundary throw in plays. Lilly is solid in defence and lays big tackles when it matters. When she believes in herself as much as the coaches and her teammates do, she will be a force to be reckoned with.

## Mia Terry

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 82**

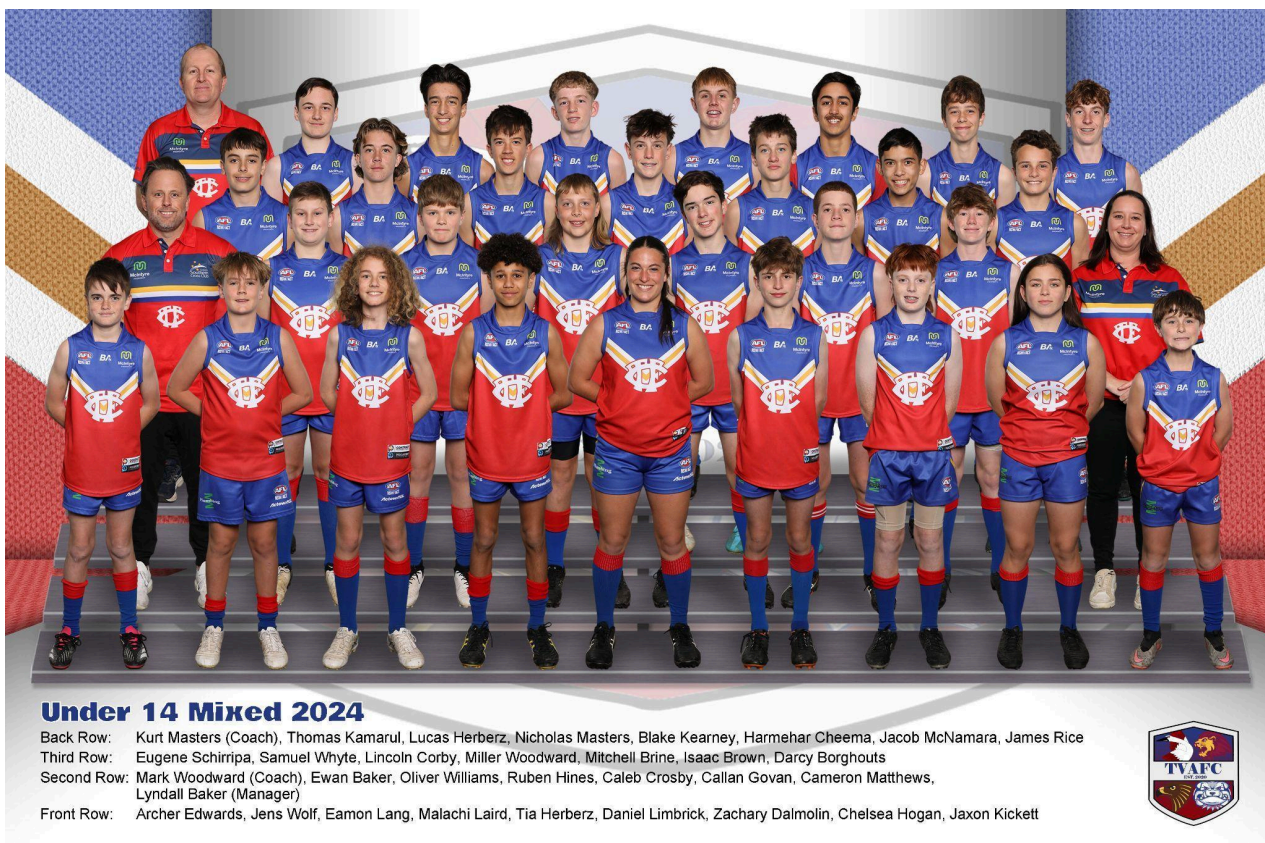
Mia is our quiet achiever in the backline. She does her talking on the field. Mia is a strong competitor and often comes off best in a 2 on 1 contest. Her big left foot kick developed over the season and got us out of trouble on numerous occasions.

## Charly Watson

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 60**

Charly provided the team option both on the wing and forward this year. She was comfortable providing a contest often with bigger opponents. Unfortunately, Charly had a couple of big hits this year and missed games due to injuries sustained. She still supported the team at training and on game days. It was great to have Charly back for the grand final and shows her resilience after a challenging season.

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### COACH'S REPORT

2024 started with a lot of unknowns, we welcomed nine new players to our team, an additional coach but with a lot of existing players also returning to build a great squad to work through the year with.

We were lucky to have eight Giants Academy members from the boys and girl's teams and have two players play for the ACT at the national carnival on the Gold Coast.

This year also sees the last year of mixed football for Tia and Chelsea and we look forward to watching them play with the girls over years to come.

After a prolonged pre-season we were finally able to start the year playing last year's premiers in round one and were brought back to reality with a heavy loss and a bit of soul searching. From here we were able to work our way into the season and an unlikely rise to top of the ladder in round eight, albeit, short-lived. We were able to get enough wins over the last six games to finish year equal 2nd, but 3rd on percentage. A great result for all!!!

We headed to the finals with optimism but also knowing we would have to play our best footy each week to prolong the season. It was here after a slow first half in the elimination final seen us play our best football to run out winners against Ainslie, play Belconnen who we had not beaten during the regular season in the qualifying final with a resounding win to play a super team in Gungahlin in the grand final.

On grand final day we were met with sunshine and clear skies but 30km winds. We headed into the game knowing nothing but our best would be required to match it with Gungahlin to give ourselves a chance.

Not only did we do this, but we played our best team football of the year and never gave Gungahlin a chance. Eventually running out 25-point winners after some heroic efforts from the whole team. This day

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was a reward for effort from a team with a willingness to improve week in, week out, and to say we are proud of the group would be an understatement.

Congratulations to our captain and best and fairest winner, Sam, and runner-up, Blake. We also congratulate team player Lucas, player of the finals Darcy and most improved Caleb.

We would not be able to get through each week without the help of all our parents and supporters and would like to make special mention to Jay for running each week, Rocco for his wonderful goal umpiring skills, Lee Anne for being our First Aid and also to Tracey for the fabulous photos that were taken, uploaded and eagerly searched for every Saturday night by players and parents alike.

Our last thanks goes to the players and parents for allowing us to coach and manage you each week. We are proud to be part of this group and look forward to seeing this group grow and evolve into outstanding young men and women.

**Kurt Masters and Mark Woodward**

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## 14S MIXED PLAYER PROFILES

### **Ewan Baker**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 55**

Unlucky start to the season, breaking his arm in Round 1, this personal setback did not stop him attending every training session and games, showing his full commitment to the team. A massive part of our backline through his ability to lock down his opponent and provide voice and direction to his teammates.

### **Darcy Borghouts**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 125**

An interrupted start to the year through injury for Darcy, but once he got his body right, we saw him come into his own. A strong, quick and explosive player, you would often see Darcy pick the ball up in a pack of players and explode out of it, leaving his opposition players in his wake. A natural on-field leader recognised by his teammates by being voted in as vice-captain. A great season. GWS Academy member.

### **Mitchell Brine**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 128**

Mitch's development this season has again come along very nicely. Playing more off a wing and half forward this year, with pace to burn, his ability to chase down opposition and provide forward options for us was amazing. Well done Mitch!

### **Harmehar Cheema**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 60**

Our centre half forward and leading target for the majority of the season. Mehar's development in his forward craft has been huge. A tough position to play, but he took that responsibility on his back and always provided a contest when the ball was in his area. His ability to listen and take feedback has made him a pleasure to coach. Who doesn't love a left footer!!!

### **Caleb Crosby**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 98**

Caleb has been huge for us this year. Super strong player who we have used as a defensive back to lock down his opponent, but also has the ability to run off and provide us options out of defence. Caleb is one of those players that you can trust he will always do the right thing for his teammates. A great season!!!

### **Zachary Dalmolin**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 133**

Zacy (Cliffy) has been massive this year, don't be fooled by the size of this kid, he throws his weight around against the bigger boys as good as anyone. Fast and explosive, his running power and ability to keep pushing, even when exhausted, is a huge reason as to why he was so good for us through the midfield this year.

### **Archer Edwards**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 94**

Arch has had an outstanding season, a role player for us who we put back, wing or forward. His ability to read the play and get to the right spot before the footy gets there is outstanding. Although small, he always puts his head over the footy, a pleasure to coach!

### **Callen Goven**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 49**

Cal has had an outstanding season, playing the majority of the year on a wing, learning the positioning and role of the wing well. His ability and willingness to push down back to help his backline defend has made him a very dependable teammate. A great season of development Cal!!!



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## Fraser Henderson

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 79**

Fraze played his role for us when coming up from the U13s. A talented footballer who has the ability to find space and then create time with the footy. Playing as mainly a wing or forward rotation, he fit nicely into our team structure. Congrats on a great season in 13s and 14s.

## Lucas Herberz

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 90**

Lucas has been huge for us this year, our lock down dependable centre half back. Rarely beaten in the air and never beaten once the footy hits the ground. A very skilful player, with the ability to run and create off half back is second to none in the competition. A ripper kid with a huge future in footy for The Valley.

## Tia Herberz

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 90**

T was great for us this season, tough and strong, always put her head over the footy. Gave her all and showed most of the opposition boys that “this girl” would not be pushed around!!!! A super season, capped off by earning a spot in the U16s school girls team in QLD. Well done T!!

## Chelsea Hogan

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 184**

Chels’ ability to always provide a contest, even against bigger and mostly taller opposition, shows the grit and determination she plays with. A player we could use in defence or attack she always played her role and never gave up. Congrats on a double GF Chels, well earned!

## Thomas Kamarul

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 86**

Tommy’s season has gone from strength to strength, his ability to play as a lock down defender was crucial for us throughout games this season. His skills and knowledge of the game have improved significantly throughout the course of the year, which shows in your enjoyment at training and game days.

## Jaxon Kickett

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 84**

Jax – the character of our team. Always up for a laugh and keeps the team smiling. Although small in stature, don’t be fooled by how he goes about his footy. A creative winger, with quick feet, he has the ability to find space and use his skills to bring his teammates into the game.

## Malachi Laird

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 75**

A super- talented player with massive potential to be anything he wants. His ability to read the play and create space makes him so dangerous for the opposition. Skilful by foot, with a strong mark overhead for his size, makes him a nightmare match-up. Would love to see an injury free Malachi tear up season of footy!!

## Eamon Lang

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 80**

Eamon has had a super year. Being slight and slender in size doesn’t stop this kid from attacking to footy against bigger and stronger opposition. Playing mainly through the wing this year, Eamon is learning the craft of a winger and has continued to improve his skill set. A pleasure to coach and have around the team.

## Daniel Limbrick

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 52**

Dan’s ability to get the right spot as a small forward continued to improve throughout the year. His continued improvement with his skills and his forward craft was massive this year. We could clearly see his love for the game get stronger and stronger as the season went on. Well done Dan!

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## **Nicholas Masters**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 137**

Nick has been super for us this year, playing the majority of games as our ruckman. Plays with aggression and determination. Nick's work rate has been huge. His ability to cover the ground and get from contest to contest and make an impact is one of the reasons we have had such a successful year. Congrats on your best year of footy yet Nick! A GWS Academy Player.

## **Cameron Matthews**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 144**

Cam's development this season has been massive. Lightning fast, coupled with a solid workrate, has made Cam a huge part of our forward structure this season. Has the creative knack to kick goals just when we need them. Cam's ability to take on feedback has made him a pleasure to coach. Bright future ahead!

## **Jacob McNamara**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 83**

Jacob, our "bull" through the midfield. Jacob has done a mountain of work this season, playing mainly through the midfield. A player who leads by example. His toughness and willingness to attack the footy has made Jacob a valued member of this team. A great season!!!

## **Oliver Williams**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 82**

Ollie had a slow start to the year missing the first month of football after a big preseason. Ollie proved time and again, when committed to the contest, his ability to impact a game is greatly enhanced. A steady set of hands at any level and a straight kick.

## **Lincoln Corby**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 13**

Lincoln came to the team after some pestering from team mates early in the season and made an instant impact. His ability to read the ball and position himself for intercept marks was far advanced of a player new to AFL. A trusty left foot and good mover. An excellent first year.

## **Isaac Brown**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 14**

Stumpy's first year in football saw him develop his skills throughout the season. Some great evasive skills and great development saw Stumpy get better as the year went on. His dedication to his team saw him clock up countless kms on his bike getting to and from training which was always welcomed with a smile. Congrats on your first year.

## **Jens Wolf**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 15**

Jens played his first year of competitive football since junior days. He was welcomed into the team with open arms and his enjoyment resonated through the team. Jens played multiple roles over ground and developed and was always willing to play anywhere. We commend Jens on his season.

## **James Rice**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 166**

James has had a fantastic year with the 14s playing two games, including the 15s each week. James gave us a target up forward and was a great rebounder across half back. James was also a part of GWS Academy and a state ACT under 15s school boys team.

## **Blake Kearney**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 171**

Blake was a great asset to the team and also played two games most weeks. His ability to read the ball and impact the contest through the air with a strong set of hands gave the team great use of the ball, Blake also spent time across half forward providing a great target and avenue to goals. A GWS Academy member and ACT under 15s school boys player.

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## **Joey Rutten**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 59**

Joey was able to play a handful of games in the 14s this year across the wing and half forward, a great user of the ball and good mover over the ground. We thank Joey for his efforts.

## **Miller Woodward**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 56**

Miller was a prominent member of the team, driving expectations and leading from the front. His leadership skills really shone through with the ability to challenge his team mates on effort and accountability. Miller played many key roles for the team whether it be in the ruck, across half back or up forward pending need for the football team. An excellent year and one to be proud of. A GWS Academy member.

## **Sam Whyte**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 132**

Sam has had a great year, recognised by his teammates early on by being voted in as the team's captain. A classy mover around the ground, with silky skills, Sam's ability to be strong and damaging through the midfield was clear for all to see this year. We had high expectations of Sam most weeks and he rarely failed to deliver, A fantastic season! A GWS Academy member.

## **Gene Schirripa**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 111**

Gene (Levi) brought his experience to this team after playing up for the last few seasons. Gene's improvement in his forward craft was clear for us to see, as he continually worked hard throughout the course of the year on this. His ability to find space in the forward line was a credit to him understanding his role in the team. A good season capped off with a personal best season game in the grand final.

## **Ruben Hines**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 104**

Ruben (Cube) was another who came into this side with the experience of having played an age group higher if whole career. A tough nose, big body defender, who found his spot in our backline and made that spot his own. Rubens ability to read the play and be in the right spot as a defender made it very easy for us to trust him in this role. Great Season Cube!!! A GWS Academy member

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## 13S MIXED

### COACH'S REPORT

As I reflect on the 2024 season, it is done so with immense pride in our playing group in what they achieved during a tough season, often in the most adverse of weather conditions.

Our season started well with six straight wins, including wins over other top of the table teams Marist and Gungahlin. After two losses in a row, we then went on another five-game winning streak, before a round 14 loss to Eastlake. That left us in second position (with an 11-3-win loss record) and hosting a semi-final against our rivals Gungahlin, with whom we always have close games.

The semi-final was again another tight, torrid affair, and the team as usual played their hearts out from start to finish as they fought to close down the small lead Gungahlin had. At the siren, to Gungahlin's credit, they held on to win and book their spot in the grand final.

As a group, while we are devastated that we came so close to fall short of a grand final appearance in 2024, our massive improvement this year to come from eighth in 2023 to second should not be overlooked.

At our best we can mix it with any team in the competition, and we still have tremendous growth and potential in our skills and game awareness.

This year we welcomed four players that have never previously played AFL and I would like to commend Liam, Jasper, Thomas, and Riley on their efforts in becoming integral members of our team. It was also a big welcome back to Isaac, Jalen, and Xavier to the club after time away or at other clubs.

Such a successful season can't be done without incredible volunteers, which we had in abundance.



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From all the parents that helped with game day snacks, Resty our boundary umpire, Liset and El, our first aid officers, Craig and Kirt our runners and Moose and Shane our goal umpires and many others who contributed regularly throughout the season.

A special thanks to Justin, for his assistance and support in coaching throughout the year, it has been greatly appreciated and has certainly made the year fun. Your weekly write ups on the games have captured the spirit of this team and I look forward to working with you again in 2025.

And finally, a big thanks to the best in the business super-manager Taryn, your ultra-organisation was exceptional again, and your support throughout the season has been greatly appreciated. The work done behind the scenes is immense to ensure each week runs like clockwork and the team gets the best football experience possible.

A final message to the players, while there is disappointment in how the season finished, be proud of what you have achieved throughout the rest of the season. You have worked hard, played hard and had incredible wins, let them be the memories you reflect on.

Let's come back in 2025 and put all our efforts into taking the next step on where we want to get to as a team. It won't be easy, will take a lot of effort but again let's have fun trying.

**Adam Robinson**

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### Connor Annan

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 22**

Connor found his feet playing off the halfback line this year and became an integral part of the defensive unit. Has great hands and the ability to stay composed under pressure when bringing the ball out of defence. A player with tremendous potential who has good football awareness, Connor is a player to watch in 2025.

### Ali Aslan

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 88**

Ali played across a number of positions this year, and again demonstrated his versatility to play them to his usual high standard. An integral member of the midfield group Ali has elite endurance, attacks the ball, and takes strong contested marks. Thank you, Ali, for another excellent season.

### Jack Aslan

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 95**

Jack had another consistent season playing either in the forwards or at halfback. As an underage player, Jack has become more comfortable at this level and is able to take these learnings back to the under 12s. Played his 100th game in round 14, and we look forward to his development for the next 100 games.

### Thomas Conlon

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 12**

Thomas made his AFL debut this year, after missing the past two seasons with injury kicking a goal with his very first kick. Made steady progress for the rest of the season, playing in the forwards or defence. Has tremendous potential, which we look forward to seeing him develop in season 2025.

### Liam Corby

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 28**

Liam started playing AFL this season coming from a rugby league background. Quickly showed that he is a classy player, who loves to hunt the ball, lay a strong tackle, and take crucial marks. Liam became an important member of the midfield group and has a strong future in the sport.

### William Crick (vice-captain)

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 64**

Will had another sensational year playing through the midfield, with the ability to push forward and kick crucial goals, finishing with a career high 13 for the season. Displayed outstanding leadership in our round 10 and 12 wins over Queanbeyan and Gungahlin where he kicked two goals in both matches to secure the win.

### Reina Fearn

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 84**

This was Reina's first year in the mixed team, and it was quickly evident of her ability to play across a number of positions including the wing and half forward. Knows how to find the football and can lay a strong tackle that set the platform for her fellow midfielders.

### Jalen Fisher

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 66**

Jalen returned to the team after a year away, and we were highly impressed by the level of improvement in both skill and game awareness. Quickly became a critical member of defence, through his ability to take contested marks and lay strong tackles. Well done Jalen, and look forward to seeing further improvement in 2025.

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## **Fraser Henderson (captain)**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 79**

Fraser again was our leading goal kicker with 20 goals with the majority of his time spent playing through the midfield and across the half forward line. As our first full time captain Fraser led the team superbly this year. Highlights include four goals (demonstrating his impressive marking) against Gungahlin in round six.

## **Isaac Johnson**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 64**

Isaac returned back to the club this year after two years at Weston Creek, and quickly became a key member of the midfield with his ability to hunt and win the ball, as well as lay a strong tackle. Isaac worked hard on improving his skills this year, and this was evident when selected for the ACT under 12's team to play in Geelong.

## **Darcy Kickett**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 48**

This was also Darcie's first year in the mixed team, playing across the half forward line and quickly showing the outstanding talent with the ability to take a mark, sidestep the opposition and create opportunities. Unlucky not to finish with more goals for the season but kicked a classy on the run goal in our semi-final game.

## **Zachary Kimball**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 70**

Zach had an outstanding season playing at fullback, with the occasional stint at full forward. Constantly displayed his talent in being able to take a big mark and counterattack all at the same time. Is rarely beaten and would be ranked as the premier fullback in the competition.

## **Rory Maguire**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 49**

Started our first game of the season at halfback and moved into the ruck position at halftime of that game. Had an outstanding season as our lead ruck and led the midfield in his ability to hit the ball to advantage as well as win the ground ball to constantly supply his midfielders. Would often pinch hit up forward and thrill the crowd drawing in big marks.

## **Jade McPherson**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 32**

This was Jade's first year playing with the team, playing mainly across the halfback line. Jade has outstanding football skills and game awareness, which showed in either laying a strong tackle, taking pressure marks or her run and counterattack.

## **Sophie Patron**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 75**

Sophie's second season with the mixed team again demonstrated her enormous talent for the game. Played on the wing this season, and was instrumental in providing midfield drive, winning the hardball, laying tackle after tackle, and setting up teammates for goals. Celebrated game 100 in our semi-final and is a future star at AFLW level.

## **Jasper Powell**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 9**

This was Jasper's first year playing AFL, but he quickly showed that he has the skills to play the game, with impressive pace, strong marking, and the ability to find the ball. Returning in round 12 after five games out with injury, Jasper played across multiple positions. A player with tremendous growth and with more experience is set to be a big improver in 2025.

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## **Archie Reid**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 54**

Archie started the year in the forwards and moved back into the defensive unit after round six. Is a great one on one defender and restricts his opponents in being able to win the ball. His marking and long kicking ability support the defensive unit which Archie has worked hard on all season.

## **Mana Robinson**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 36**

Mana again demonstrated his skills as an elusive attacking half forward using his blistering pace to his advantage. Finished with 16 goals for the season, highlighted with five goals against Ainslie, and kicking crucial goals in our wins against Marist and Gungahlin.

## **Myles Robinson**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 68**

Another strong season from Myles playing mainly in defence, but with the ability to pinch hit as a pressure forward. His confidence has improved which was evident in his kicking on the run and ability to take strong marks in defence.

## **James Rootes**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 36**

James is now one of the competition's best attacking halfbacks who can play through the midfield to add extra run and drive as shown in our Semi Final against Gungahlin. His ability to take a mark and counterattack through his long raking kicks was again a highlight this year. James joined the GWS academy in 2024 and this has seen him continuing to grow and develop his game.

## **Joseph Rutten**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 59**

Joey had an outstanding year, providing the midfield with explosive speed and kicking, as well as the ability to hunt and win the football. Plays strong consistent football in every game which sets the platform for all the other midfielders. Unfortunately, was struck down with injury and missed the semi final against Gungahlin, where the team missed his run and carry.

## **Flynn Shea**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 23**

Flynn again showed improvement on his skills throughout the year, playing mainly as a forward. Has the ability to lay a strong tackle and with continued focus on kicking and marking will continue to improve next year.

## **Riley Sorenson**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 15**

This was Riley's first year playing AFL and his development over the second half of the season was outstanding. Has electric pace, supported with a nice left foot kick. Showed impressive skills to setup goals via hand in our win over Queanbeyan. With the experience gained this year, Riley is poised to develop into a classy player over the coming seasons.

## **Chops Thomas**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 38**

Chops had another strong season playing off the halfback line, where he was able to lock down his defender, take a strong mark and use his long kicking and speed to move the team into attack. Kicked a crucial goal, in our round one win against Marist, to ensure victory for the team.

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## **Xavier Thomas**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 18**

Xavier returned to the team after a season away, and we were impressed with his improvement that he demonstrated this season. Xavier provided plenty of pressure in the forward line, not being afraid to tackle people twice his size. Kicked his first goal in round 13 against Ainslie, and with a continued focus on kicking skills, will kick plenty more next year.

## **Noah Walters**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 54**

Noah had a later start to the season, and while he did not kick as many goals as he would have liked, he provided an enormous contribution to the team. A tireless worker who always seeks out where he can improve and develop both his skills and play as a forward. Keep up the hard work in the off-season Noah, as next year will be where you become the player that we know you are capable of being.

## **Henson Werner-Gibbings** **2024 – 37**

**Total Games at end of**

Henson started the year in defence and transitioned to the forward line as the season progressed, providing a focal point in attack. Is determined to improve his kicking to match his strong marking and defensive ability and we look forward to seeing this on show in 2025.



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## 12S GIRLS

### COACHES REPORT

Our team of 29 players this year comprised 13 x u12 girls, 13 x u11 girls and 3 x u10 girls. Amongst our 29 players we also had 9 first year players. Unfortunately, with an opposition team pulling out on the eve of the season, we had 3 byes during the year and only 11 home and away games. This, combined with general byes and breaks for school holidays, made development difficult when players in the first or second seasons of football don't get a consistent run of matches in a row.

Even with the lower number of games played, and the mix of younger and first year players, I believe the improvement, both individually and as a team, over the course of the season was excellent.

We finished third for the season, winning a fantastic elimination final in overtime against Belconnen before putting up a good fight but unfortunately going down in our preliminary final.

The girls should be very proud of their season and the way they played. They worked well as a team over the year and there is still huge improvement possible in this team, with so many girls new to Australian football and 16 of our 29 players eligible to play in the under 12s again in 2025.

As with any season, it is important that we acknowledge and thank the families and volunteers that make it possible for the girls to go out and play football each week.

Thanks to all of our team volunteers, Amanda Hawkins for providing First Aid, Nick Hourigan, Cal Graham, Andrew Pollard and Peter Young our runners, Brian Morton and Mark Lang for managing the team board and interchange, and the large group of parents that helped out at training and

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during pre- game warmups during the year. A big thanks to all our other parents, relatives, guardians and family members who helped out on game day at various stages during the season.

A big thanks to our team manager Joh Davies and to Sarah Walker assisting as team manager on game day. It is a huge help to have managers covering 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 Lanyon Pharmacy for being the u12 girls team sponsor in 2024. The girls were very thankful for their TVAFNC training/warm up tops which they proudly wore to trainings and on game day.

Finally, a big thank you to all of our u12 girls who turned up in strong numbers at training and on game day 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**

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## I2S GIRLS PLAYER PROFILES

### **Amelie Brown**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 24**

Amelie is in her second year of footy and continued to develop, getting her hands on the football a lot more during games this season. Amelie has improved both her skills and general awareness during our games, which resulted in her kicking 2 goals during the season. Amelie was also instrumental in our recruitment this year, bringing a handful of school friends to join the team. Amelie played 11 games for the u12s in 2024.

### **Amelie Davies**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 45**

Amelie is a gifted athlete and uses her speed to get into good position around the field. Amelie's best game for the year was in our elimination final win over Belconnen, where she continually worked with teammates to move the ball down the wing and into our forward line. Amelie played 11 games for the u12s in 2024.

### **Amelia Downton**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 10**

Amelia is a first-year player who grew more confident as the season progressed taking some nice marks towards the end of the year. If Amelia can keep working on her handballing and kicking over summer, she will continue to improve in season 2025. Amelia played 10 games for the u12s in 2024.

### **Anna Graham**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 6**

Anna was great in her first year of football. Anna provided the team with much needed height and was asked to hold down a key position either in the ruck or at centre half back or centre half forward. Unfortunately, Anna broke a finger in one of our games, limiting her to only 6 games for the year. Anna made a strong comeback in our preliminary final and I hope to see her playing again in 2025.

### **Caitlin (Caity) Hamilton**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 26**

Caity missed a bit of football due to baseball commitments, but it was great to have her in the second half of the season. Once she rejoined the team, she fit in and strengthened the team as if she'd been there the whole time. She provided some much needed strength in her tackling and often worked herself into very handy positions to mark or sneak an intercept. Caity played 8 games for the u12s in 2024.

### **Abigail (Abby) Hanbidge**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 11**

Abby is a first-year player and has the potential to be a very good player if she continues to work on her skills and general awareness of positioning on the field. As she grew in confidence, she found herself in good positions on the field and took some great marks at pivotal moments in our final games. Abby played 11 games for the u12s in 2024.

### **Olivia Hawkins**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 22**

Olivia reads the ball well, getting into good positions which enabled her to take plenty of marks during the year. Olivia also kicked an important goal in our elimination final, helping us to the win in overtime. I look forward to seeing Olivia continue to improve in 2025. Olivia played 13 games for the u12s in 2024.

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## **Lily Hourigan**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 34**

Lily has a long kick and is a good mark and was an important addition to our team in 2024. She worked well at training and improved her ability to read the game and work herself into effective attacking positions. It's great to see Lily get stuck in for a tackle and starting to play on and run the ball up the field. I hope to see Lily playing again in 2025. Lily played 10 games for the u12s in 2024.

## **Ava-Bliss Janicki**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 12**

Ava is a first-year player and grew more confident as the season progressed. She managed some important marks and kicks out of our defence in our finals series. If Ava can keep working on her handballing and kicking over summer, she will continue to improve in season 2025. Ava played 12 games for the u12s in 2024.

## **Karli Jess**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 81**

Karli had a good season and was at her best when going for her marks and taking the opposition on by playing on. Karli played the second half of the season across half back to provide the team with some experience in the backline. Karli was selected in the u12 girls ACT team which travelled to Geelong to play in the national carnival in 2024. Karli played 12 games for the u12s in 2024.

## **Isla Kearney**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 44**

Isla played well this season, often being tasked with taking on much bigger opponents. Isla is a long kick and attacks the ball well, particularly for someone that still has two years left in the u12s. She often makes great tackles and provides shepherds to support and protect her teammates. Isla played 13 games for the u12s in 2024.

## **Alyssa Keeffe**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 40**

Unfortunately, Alyssa's season was cut short with a fractured ankle. Alyssa showed some good evasive skills and reading of the play, and I look forward to seeing Alyssa back in 2025. Alyssa played 6 games and kicked one goal for the u12s in 2024.

## **Hannah Lang**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 31**

Hannah continued to improve over the season, and she was an important player for the team, particularly over the last few games and during the finals. She consistently gets plenty of handballs, making tackles at key moments of the game and provides shepherds for her teammates. Hannah played 8 games for the u12s in 2024.

## **Matilda (Tilly) McLaughlin**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 10**

Tilly is a first-year player who shows huge potential. She has a strong mark and gets plenty of the football. She loves to pick the ball up and run away from the ruck, finishing with a strong kick. Unfortunately, Tilly broke her arm on the eve of the finals and the team missed her for our last couple of games. I hope to see Tilly playing again in 2025. Tilly played 10 games for the u12s in 2024.

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## **Eloise (Elsy) McWhirter**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 52**

Elsy has a great attitude; she listens to advice and works hard at training and its these qualities that assisted in her having a great year for the u12s. Elsy's hard work was rewarded with her selection in the u12 girls ACT team which travelled to Geelong to play in the national carnival in 2024. Elsy played 12 games for the u12s in 2024.

## **Hayley Merriman**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 51**

Hayley is a skilled player who reads the ball well. She gets into good positions to win the ball and kicked a brilliant goal in our Elimination Final. Hayley was selected in the u12 girls ACT team which travelled to Geelong to play in the national carnival in 2024. Hayley played 10 games for the u12s in 2024.

## **Jade Merriman**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 52**

Jade runs straight at the football and doesn't show any fear. Jade was selected in the u12 girls ACT team which travelled to Geelong to play in the national carnival in 2024. Jade still has two years left in the u12s and will be a force to be reckoned with as she matures as a player. I hope she continues to play Australian football. Jade played 9 games for the u12s in 2024.

## **Billie Morton**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 50**

Billie is a highly skilled player and had a great season in 2024. Billie wins a lot of the football and plays her best footy in the middle or in the forward line and often manages to kick a goal when going forward. Billie was selected in the u12 girls ACT team which travelled to Geelong to play in the national carnival in 2024. Billie played 12 games and kicked 7 goals for the u12s in 2024.

## **Hannah Patron**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 46**

Hannah had a good season and does the team things well such as providing a shepherd or looking to handball to a teammate in space. If Hannah can keep working on her skills over summer, I expect she will have a very strong season in 2025. Hannah was selected in the u12 girls ACT team which travelled to Geelong to play in the national carnival in 2024. Hannah played 12 games for the u12s in 2024.

## **Evelyn (Evie) Pollard**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 21**

Evie grew more confident as the season progressed and this resulted in her being selected in the u12 girls ACT team which travelled to Geelong to play in the national carnival in 2024. She developed her strength in kicking and marking and worked to find good positions when we moved the ball into our forward line. Evie played 10 games for the u12s in 2024.

## **Sadie Rogers**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 8**

As another first year player, Sadie showed great growth to develop her kicking, marking and handballing skills throughout the season. Unfortunately, her season was interrupted with appendicitis, but she slotted back in like she'd never been away when she returned. Sadie played 8 games for the u12s in 2024.



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## **Caitlin Sommers**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 32**

Towards the end of the year Caitlin was asked to play a lot of time in the ruck for our team when some of our taller players were unavailable or injured. Caitlin never took a backward step against much taller opposition, marked strongly and attacked the ball around the ground. Caitlin played 12 games and kicked 4 goals for the u12s in 2024.

## **Everleigh Squire**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 33**

Evie worked hard at training to develop her skills and grew in confidence as the season progressed. Evie got herself into good positions to defend strongly against her opponent and worked with her teammates to move the ball into our attack. Evie played 11 games for the u12s in 2024.

## **Georgia Trenton**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 15**

Georgia still has two years left in the u12s and played some really good football this season against some much bigger opponents. Although her season was a little disrupted, she managed a couple of great goals along the way. I look forward to seeing Georgia continue to develop in 2025. Georgia played 5 games for the u12s in 2024.

## **Brooklyn (Brooke) Turnbull**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 11**

Brooke is a first-year player that developed really well over the season. Brooke listens well at training and applied what she learnt to get more involved in games as the season went on. Unfortunately, Brooke broke her arm on the eve of the finals. I hope to see Brooke playing again in 2025. Brooke played 11 games for the u12s in 2024.

## **Lucy Walker**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 26**

Lucy became one of our utility players this season, playing in many different positions and having the occasional run in the ruck. Lucy continued to work hard to develop her kicking and marking skills this season and when she becomes more confident in her own ability, she is going to win a lot more of the football. Lucy played 12 games for the u12s in 2024.

## **Maiya Warwick**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 37**

Maiya can be relied on as one of our most consistent players. Her ball handling skills and kicking are strong, and she continues to work on her ground positioning to be in the best position to receive the ball. Maiya has proven to be a solid defender who can be relied on pick up the ball and clear it quickly. Maiya played 12 games for the u12s in 2024.

## **Elliana (Elli) Wood**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 11**

Elli is a first-year player who grew more confident as the season progressed. As she developed her confidence, Elli started getting her hands on the ball more often, as well as making some valuable tackles in the second half of the season. If Elli can keep working on her handballing and kicking over summer, she will continue to improve in season 2025. Elli played 11 games for the u12s in 2024.

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## Heidi Young

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 11**

Heidi competes well for the ball to put pressure on the opposition's attack and is often matched up against bigger opponents. Heidi has worked hard to improve her skills this year and I look forward to watching Heidi continue to develop her skills and attacking play in the coming seasons. Heidi played 11 games for the u12s in 2024.

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## Under 12 Mixed Red 2024

Back Row: Jimmy Rice (Coach), Max Davis, Jamie Shepherd, Hudson Wundersitz, Isaac Johnson, Nixon Dean, Stephanie Crosby (Manager)

Middle Row: Maxwell O'Callaghan, Antoni Tukalski, Mitchell Crosby, Min van Campenhout, Lachlan Farmer, Carter Ramsden, Lewis Rice, Aedan O'Hehir

Front Row: Lucas Skilling, Riley O'Brien, Farren Limbrick, Eamon Govan, Harvey Bryceson, Louis Edwards, Aaron Danarasah



## 12S MIXED RED

### COACH'S REPORT

The 2024 season for U12s Red Mixed has been nothing short of remarkable. This year, we witnessed incredible growth, skill development, and a true team spirit that made every game an exciting and rewarding experience. As this season ends, it's nice to reflect on our achievements, progress, and areas for future development.

We kicked off the season with an impressive performance, showcasing our team's ability to execute new skills and adapt to new players, coaches and opposition on the fly. One standout game was our thrilling win against Queanbeyan at Queanbeyan, where our teamwork and resilience shone brightly. To hang on in the final quarter with no interchange was a testament to the hard work and determination of every player.

Over the course of the season, our defensive strategies became more cohesive. We effectively shut down some of the top scorers in the league, demonstrating our growth in this crucial aspect of the game.

Our best is good enough to compete with the top teams in the competition, with close games amongst all finals contenders.

Injury and illness always plays a part in football. The depth of our squad was again tested this season. We were able to call on players with confidence from the U11s mixed and U12 Girls. Huge thanks go to Mason, Toby, Billie, Amelie, Flynn and Hayley who played multiple games for the u12s Red this season.

The players made significant strides in mastering the basics of kicking, handballing, and tackling. The team's understanding of positioning and game strategy improved remarkably. Players showed better

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decision-making and spatial awareness. This improvement was evident in our more fluid gameplay and fewer errors on the field, which greatly improved our overall performance.

The camaraderie among players has been outstanding. Our team's spirit and mutual support were evident both on and off the field, fostering a positive and inclusive atmosphere. All players at times during the season took on leadership roles, guiding and motivating their teammates. This leadership has been instrumental in building confidence and encouraging less experienced players.

A special thank you to our volunteers, whose dedication and hard work have been the backbone of our season. Their expertise, patience, and encouragement have played a vital role in the development of each player and the team as a whole. Particular thanks needs to go to Steph 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 parents who helped out at training, fetching footies, helping with kicking school and supporting the kids. Kids' footy is about raising humans, with good humans – so thank you!

As we close this season, we're already looking forward to the next. Our goals for the upcoming year include, focusing on furthering our skill development, tactics and gameplay. Building on our strong team spirit and ensuring that new and returning players integrate seamlessly and enhancing our fitness levels to improve endurance and performance throughout the season.

The 2024 season has been a period of significant growth and achievement for our team. Every player has contributed to our successes, and their passion and dedication have made this season memorable. We look forward to building on this year's accomplishments and continuing to develop our skills and teamwork in the seasons to come.

**Jimmy Rice**

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## I 2S MIXED RED PLAYER PROFILES

### Harvey Bryceson

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 40**

Harvey worked tirelessly on his footy craft this season. He is eager to learn not just the game, but what it takes to be successful. Continuing on this trajectory he will have a very exciting 2025 – I'm looking forward to that !!

### Mitchell Crosby

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 76**

Mad Mitch had a very consistent year in 2024, playing forward and midfield. He is the ultimate team player and is always happy to do what is best for the team. He is the important link player for the team and his raking left boot very rarely misses the target.

### Aarun Danarasah

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 14**

For a young chap who's never played the game of Aussie Rules, Aarun soaked up every bit of footy nous he could from his teammates, coach and the parents on the sideline. His ability to pick up a Sherrin / Faulkner and go through the process of kicking was a real delight. He's a livewire and a great player to have on the team. Looking forward to what he achieves in 2025.

### Max Davis

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 14**

It was great to have 'Big' Max back in 2025. This guy can play just about anywhere on the field and really started to get his footy rhythm in the back half of the season. 'Big' Max worked really hard on his skills and made it to all of our extra kicking school sessions. He's going to be a real asset for the team in 2025.

### Nixon Dean

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 41**

Arm flapping or mouthguard flipping, this kid has got every attribute a footy player needs; speed, balance, good mark and a booming kick. Nixon has had a great year for the club, which includes being amongst the best players for the ACT at the u12s nationals in Geelong and GWS Development squad selection.

### Louis Edwards

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 63**

The Pocket Knife, this kid has got the tools for every situation, Mr Fix It. Louis played every position on the ground this year (except the ruck – and he would've had a go too if we'd let him) and did so without fuss and always competed. Never missed training and wears his heart on his sleeve and would protect his teammates at the drop of a hat. Great year Louis!

### Toby Ellis

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 20**

I watched Toby to fill in with the team last year and he did not look out of place, and when called upon again this season for multiple games, the same attitude and ability stood out again. Fearless, clean below his knees and a delight to have on this team. A real favourite of his teammates too. Hope to see more of him in 2025.

### Lachlan Farmer

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 12**

Lachy came over the hill to the Valley after playing elsewhere last season and fit straight in. He's a hard running backman, whose season got better and better as the year went on. His contested marking and run off the back line was a real highlight for the team. Great year Lachy, ACT u12 representative and GWS development squad member.

### Eamon Govan

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 40**

Eamon is a player who improved out of sight this season. His desire to be around footy was evident, he was first at training and generally last to leave. He worked really hard on his skill development and this showed on game days when matched to his ball winning ability. Eamon very rarely got beaten in a one on one and was a real trusted player in this team. Great season Mate !



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## Isaac Johnson

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 10**

Once Isaac understood what the studs on his footy boots were meant for he was able to influence games with ease. Isaac reads the ball really well in the air and used his great leap and strong hands to intercept marks whenever the ball came in his area. He very rarely got beaten in the air. Has had a great year with a call up into the u12s ACT school boys team and member of GWS Development squad.

## Farren Limbrick

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 55**

Faz made significant progress in his overall game, particularly in kicking accuracy and positional play. His dedication to training has clearly paid off. Was dearly missed at the back end of the year but we're looking forward to him being bigger and better in 2025! Well done Faz !

## Billie Morton

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 30**

Bill juggled two sports on a Saturday, and we were very fortunate to secure her services at the back end of the season. As an underage player playing in the mixed comp Billie is an extremely crafty forward and a livewire through the midfield, Billie found the u12 mixed comp a breeze and the team loved it when Billie was available to add a bit of class to the end of the work ! U12 ACT School Girls representative.

## Riley O'Brien

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 52**

Riley played some cracking games this year all over the field. He was a goal kicker and a goal stopper and was effective in the midfield and wing. Love to get him away from the other rugby game because he has real talent for Aussie rules football.

## Max O'Callaghan

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 40**

We had big plans for Max this season, he worked really hard on his 'tank' so he could play more midfield time, but ended up chasing the ball rather than using it. It was not till we moved him into the back line (much to his disgust) that he found his groove and was a real rebounding HB flanker for us. Intercepting marks and getting the ball forward. He should be really proud of the resilience he showed to keep cracking in and continuing to work on his craft. Great year Max !

## Aden O'Hehir

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 11**

For a first-year player, Aedan picked up the finer points of Aussie Rules very fast. His footy IQ was very high for a player with very little experience which helped him to always have an influence on games. He is a real competitor and is always desperate to win the ball. Looking forward to what he can do next year !

## Carter Ramsden

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 30**

Carter reads the play really well and really early. He is a very smooth mover and always finds space and uses his silky left foot to find targets or the goals. Really found his groove a bit further up the field at times this year and always found the goals !! 2025 will be a good one for Carter, I can feel it !!

## Lewis Rice

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 101**

Lewy had a cracking year of football in 2024. He was a real on field leader for the team and always worked hard to win the ball. He is an extremely fierce tackler and always set the tone for his teammates with his attack on the ball on the ground and in the air and willingness to help out all over the field. ACT u12s School Boys VC and GWS development squad player.

## Jamie Shepherd

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 53**

Big Shep had a great year playing two games every week in the 11s and 12s and developed into a key position player, be it in the forward line or back line. He is super coachable, a great trainer and is always willing to learn more about the game and how he can become a better player. His leading patterns and movement to intercept mark became a real highlight of his year. Great work Shep !!

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## **Lucas Skilling**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 26**

Similarly to Riley, Lucas played some fantastic games of footy for the club this year, I'd love to have him at training and playing Aussie Rules full time, he is a real talent and could take games apart. Great year Lucas!

## **Antoni Tukalski**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 32**

Tuka made significant progress in his overall game, particularly in kicking accuracy and positional play. His dedication to training has clearly paid off. He is always happy to be at footy and showed tremendous growth in their understanding of team dynamics and strategy.

## **Min Van Campenhout**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 65**

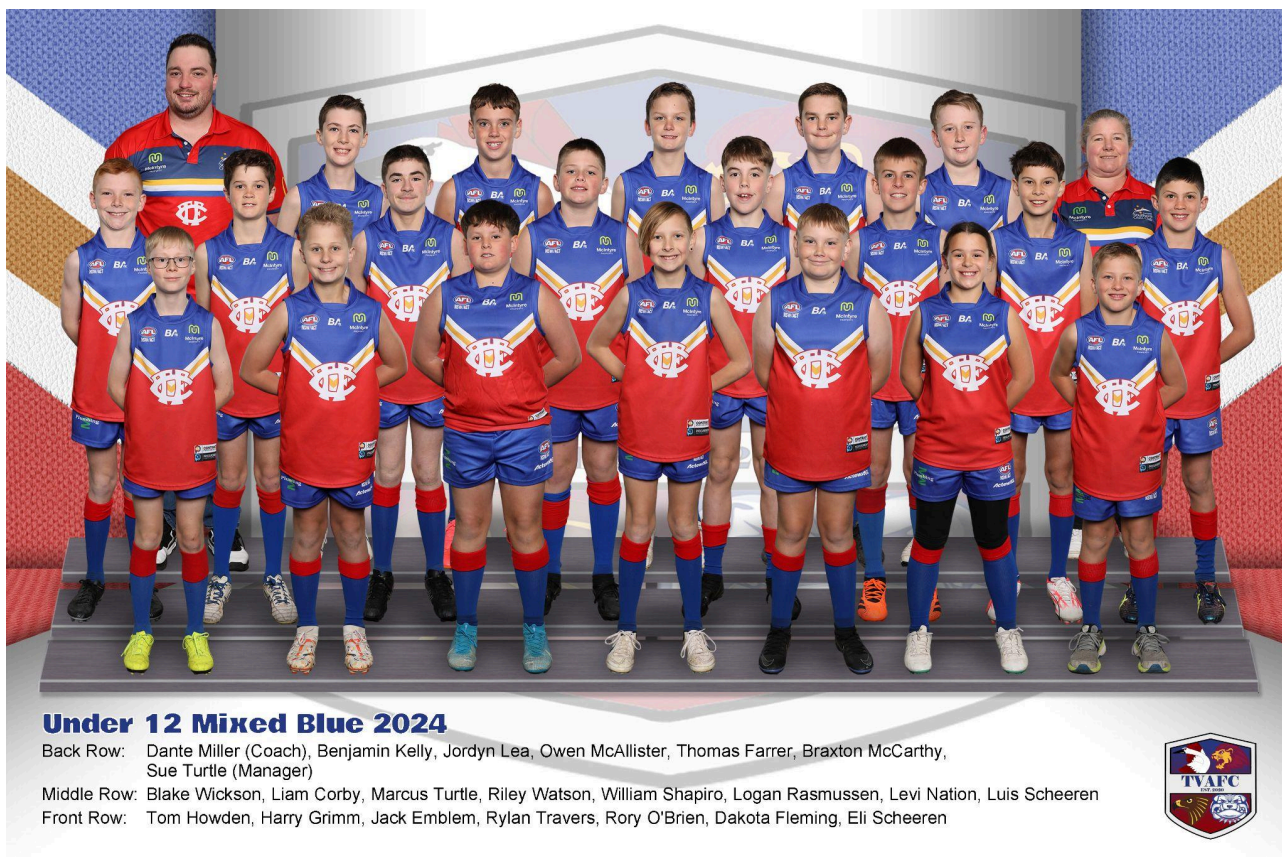
Min was cruelled with illness and injury this year, but on the occasions we had him on the field he was an excitement machine. His speed is unmatched in this competition and we hope to have a fully fit and firing Min in 2025 !

## **Hudson Wundersitz**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 69**

The Beast came along in leaps and bounds this year, his ruck craft became a real strength and gave his teammates first opportunity out of the middle. He has got very sharp hands and a super boot and we're going to miss him next season when he goes to Marist. Maybe he could play under a pseudonym, Wudson Hundersizz !!!

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## U12S MIXED BLUE

### COACH'S REPORT

Coaching the U12 Blues (Devils) this year has been such a rewarding experience! As I kick off my third year with this team, I'm really grateful to be part of the players' growth both on the field and as individuals.

The improvement we've made from 2023 to 2024 has been amazing. When I asked the players last year if they wanted to be more competitive, they all jumped at the chance. So, we committed to longer and more intense training sessions, and everyone really stepped up to the challenge, leading to some awesome progress all around.

I want to give a huge thank you to all the parents for dedicating your time during the weeks and weekends to help us out on game days and at practice. Football wouldn't be possible without your incredible support.

A special shoutout to Sue Turtle for all her hard work as manager. Her efforts behind the scenes have made my job as a coach so much easier, and I really appreciate everything she does.

I also want to recognize my assistant coaches, Peter Scheeran and James Lea. Their help with game plans, fun drills, and keeping the kids motivated has been priceless. They've been solid supporters on game days and have played a major role in our team's success this year.

Lastly, thanks to Patrick McCarthy, Steve Nation, James Watson, and Mark Rasmussen for always being ready to chat about our games and training. Their insights and support have made a huge difference in the kids' development.

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Even though we weren't able to get past QBN in the finals, I am extremely proud of the Devils for their amazing, successful season, we went further than last year and played so well as a team. This team, The Devils is a team to look out for in the future!

**Dante Miller**

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## I2S MIXED BLUE PLAYER PROFILES

### Jack Aslan

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 95**

Jack usually plays up in the U13s, but he has been with us for almost every game this year and has made it to a few training sessions as well. Even though he has to juggle two games each week, he always gives his all on the field and tackles every challenge without hesitation. He's a crafty player with a fantastic attitude to match. Jack is a dependable defender who has really helped the Devils this season.

### Liam Corby

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 28**

Liam permanently plays up in the U13s, but he's always willing to come down and help out the Devils as he is 12 years old. What a treat that has been! As a first-year player, Liam shows the confidence and intensity of a seasoned veteran. His fearless and decisive style is exactly what any coach wants on their team. If he keeps up this mindset and attitude, he's going to be a fantastic player. I can't wait to see how his junior football career unfolds!

### Jack Emblem

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 16**

Jack joined the Devils this year, bringing a friendly and fun attitude that fits perfectly with the team. He has a strong desire to play as a key forward and score goals. When given that role, Jack really shines—he presents well, takes strong overhead marks, and creates scoring chances for himself. He's proven to be a valuable asset to the team, and I hope he continues playing AFL and becomes a dangerous scorer!

### Thomas Farrer

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 26**

Tommy was asked to step up as a key forward this year, which can be a pretty intimidating role, but he took on the challenge with enthusiasm. We encouraged Tommy to focus on improving his overhead marking and leading at training, and he really delivered, making noticeable improvements across all his skills. He's become a serious threat for us up forward and always goes hard for the footy in the air, creating scoring opportunities. Great season Tommy!

### Dakota Fleming

**Total Games at end of 2024 - 39**

Dakota was a permanent U11 this year but still managed to play almost every game with the Devils and showed up to most of our training sessions, all while balancing her workload with the 11s. From the first game to now, Kota has made huge strides not just in her skills but also in her fearlessness around the ball, which has earned her the BEAST award a few times. She consistently wins the ball and creates scoring opportunities thanks to her tenacity in contests. Dakota's contributions to the Devils are truly appreciated!

### Harry Grimm

**Total Games at end of 2024 - 26**

Halfway through the year, after not making his preferred squad for GWS, Harry turned it into a chance to become a fitter, stronger, and more versatile player. He started showing up to training half an hour early to run, and he's really improved his original time. His overhead marking has come a long way, making him a real threat up forward. On top of that, Harry has embraced a new role as a wingman/midfielder, attacking contests with toughness and fearlessness. It's been an excellent year for Harry as a Devil!

### Tom Howden

**Total Games at end of 2024 - 11**

Tom is a true Devil, showing heart and courage in both training and games. He's nearly locked in his role as a backman thanks to his fierce tackling and tenacious defensive mindset. Tom plays excellent football, especially when he focuses on a forward and makes it his mission to shut them down. He's also improved his contested ball work, which is a big asset to the team. If Tom keeps up his focused mindset at training, there's no telling how great he can become!



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## **Benjamin Kelly**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 26**

Ben has made huge strides since last season. He rarely misses training and always shows up focused and eager to learn. Ben actively participates in conversations, and you can really see this reflected in his improved gameplay. He's become a much better tackler and now attacks contests fearlessly. As a reliable and strong backman, he's feared when he sets his sights on defending a specific player. I can't wait to see Ben continue his football career!

## **Jordyn Lea**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 25**

Jordyn's mindset towards sports is impressive for his age—he tackles the challenges in football like a true professional. He works incredibly hard at training to improve his skills and always tries to lift his teammates along the way. His aggression and fearlessness in contests and tackles are hard to teach, making him a feared player throughout the league. Jordyn has a real future in football if he decides to pursue it. But even if he doesn't choose AFL, I'm confident he'll thrive in whatever path he takes! On top of an excellent season, Jordyn also made the ACT Schoolboys Squad - an achievement he earned through sheer hard work and dedication.

## **Owen McAllister**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 26**

Owen is another player who was thrust into an uncomfortable position at the beginning of the year, because of his size and jumping ability we asked him to be our main ruckman and as the season has gone on he has become a competent ruckman who can also win the footy in the middle and make good decisions. As well as being our main ruckman Owen is also a crafty, reliable goal scorer who often is able to kick some amazing goals from all sorts of angles. If Owen continues to apply himself there is no telling how good a footballer he can become.

## **Braxton Ezard-McCarthy**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 26**

Brax has made huge improvements since the 2023 season. He was asked to step up as our second ruckman, which can be tough, but he's excelled and provided solid ruck work. Plus, he's become a great scoring option as a key forward—Brax is a fantastic contested mark and often wins 1-on-1s that lead to goals! It's been a great season for him, and I can't wait to see how his football career develops!

## **Levi Nation**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 21**

Levi has really made his mark as a key forward for the Devils. He's improved his kicking, especially on set shots, and his contested marking often gets him solid shots on goal. He's an effective key forward, providing great leads and making a name for himself by scoring some of the most outrageous goals I've ever seen! Levi also gives our midfielders a break by winning the ball out of contests and staying composed, which helps him make smart decisions. He definitely has a lot of potential to become a great footballer

## **Rory O'Brien**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 14**

Rory joined the Devils this year, and I gave him the role of picking an opposition player in the backline to hunt down and stop from winning the footy or kicking goals. He embraced this challenge and has become a strong, reliable defender. Rory shows up to training and games with a fun, positive attitude that puts a smile on his coaches' and teammates' faces. If he keeps putting in the effort at training, I believe he can become a great footballer!

## **Logan Rasmussen**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 79**

Logan is another player who played up an age group for a while but found his way back to the Devils side, where he quickly became a leader. His teammates look up to him, and the coaches respect him. Logan has a unique football mind and often makes quick decisions during games that benefit the team. As an excellent running halfback, he reads the ball well, attacks the footy fearlessly, and frequently makes game-saving intercept marks. He brings great leadership and a fun attitude to training while showing significant improvement in his skills over the season. I hope Logan continues with football because he'll be a valuable leader at the club in the future!

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## **Eli Scheeran**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 25\***

Eli plays up two years, and wow, if you see him on the field, you'd be amazed! He's often the smallest and youngest kid out there, but he has the biggest heart. Eli attacks every contest fearlessly, often tackling much bigger opponents and taking hits like a champ. He earned his spot on the Devils by showing up to every training for three years and playing with his heart on his sleeve. Eli is also super versatile—no matter where we put him, he makes a big impact and isn't afraid to put some bodies on the ground. I hope to see Eli keep playing football and maintain his bubbly attitude towards training and his teammates!

## **Luis Scheeran**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 25**

Luis has an awesome mix of talent, a sharp football IQ, and a strong work ethic. He plays with the true spirit of a Devil, attacking every contest fearlessly and giving 100% effort—he really leads by example. He's also one of the hardest workers at training, earning respect from teammates and coaches alike. Plus, he made the ACT Schoolboys Squad—such a well-deserved achievement! I hope Luis keeps pursuing his football career because he has the potential to go as far as he wants.

## **William Shapiro**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 25**

When Will puts in the effort, he shows he can be an awesome footballer. This year, he was a valuable and versatile player for the Devils, playing as a strong running half-back who attacked contests and snagged plenty of contested possessions. He also spent time on the wing, using his speed and fitness to make an impact. Plus, he made the ACT Schoolboys Squad—what an achievement!

## **Rylan Travers**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 24**

Rylan had his best season yet with the Devils! He really stepped up in training and applied himself during games. This hard work paid off, as he won a lot of tough contested balls, which are super valuable for the team. Plus, he started going for contested marks—exactly what we focused on in training. I'm excited to see him keep playing; he's got a ton of potential!

## **Marcus Turtle**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 22**

Marcus has made huge strides since last season, and his athleticism has shot up. This year, he stepped into one of the toughest roles as a joint fullback, often matching up against the opponent's top forwards and handling the kick-outs. He took on this big responsibility with enthusiasm. Marcus has tons of potential as a footballer, and if he keeps applying himself, he'll really shine!

## **Riley Watson**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 24**

Riley has stepped into the crucial role of joint fullback, often defending the strongest and biggest forwards in the competition, and he's taken to it like a pro. He's quickly become a reliable goal saver and has significantly improved his kickouts, executing the game plan from his coaches perfectly. Riley has also worked hard to enhance his overhead marking. He's a versatile player who would be impactful anywhere we put him, but he really fit well into the fullback role this year. I hope to see Riley keep playing football and stay at Tuggeranong!

## **Blake Wickson**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 26**

Blake has taken on a tough role for the Devils this year as our tagger. Whenever there's a skilled player on the opposing team, we can count on Blake to focus on them and slow them down, and this strategy has worked well almost every game. It's a testament to Blake's strength that he can hold off some of the best players in the league. He always brings positive energy to training and games, and his hard work has led to great improvements in his skills. I can't wait to see how Blake's football career unfolds!

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## I IS MIXED

### COACH'S REPORT

This season was a unique and rewarding challenge for the U11s Mixed team as we embarked on the journey of merging two teams into one cohesive unit with 32 kids in all.

At the beginning of the year, there was uncertainty also being our first year of competitive football with full contact. However, the U11s quickly adapted to new teammates, different dynamics, and a unified approach to the game.

What unfolded during the year was truly inspiring.

The challenges we faced were significant – we had to learn to train differently, communicate, build trust, teamwork and develop a purpose in a more competitive and structured environment.

With training and game time we began to thrive as a team, which is only going to get stronger in the years to come. Watching everyone develop individually and collectively this year, particularly with full- contact football, has been fulfilling for me as a coach this year.

The pace at which our young players are adapting to the game is impressive. With 10 players this year hitting 50 games showing both strength, deep and commitment of our players. Watching you all play footy this year shows a growing confidence in your abilities on and off the field. As I always say:

'AFL is first and foremost a team sport, and each of you has demonstrated good teamwork, supporting your teammates along the way. This cooperative spirit is a strong foundation for your future growth as TVAFNC players.'

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I'd like to extend a big thank you to all the people that helped throughout the year. The list is large showing the connection to footy, team, club, and community. It is truly amazing. Being with the club for several years now – I feel we are entering an amazing time to be part of the club.

A special shout out to Assistant Coaches Sean, Aaron and Carman, Team Manager Tania, Luke our weekly referee and Damien our first aider. Your support and work are amazing to keep everything running and getting the U11s kids out onto the field every week. Also, to Katie the Junior Director, you make it joy to be part of the club and we all appreciate the behind the scenes work to keep everything going. Again, a big thank you from the U11's. Last, but probably the most important to all the parents – I hope you and you and your kids all got something out of this year. Your support and cheering from the sidelines for your kids and the team this year has been a source of inspiration, and you can all be proud of what we have achieved.

This season has set a strong foundation for the future, and I couldn't be prouder of what we've accomplished together. As a team and club, we are building something amazing for the years to come, not just our kids playing awesome footy, but including lasting mateships and a space for our children to continue to develop in a team sport in this amazing game we call AFL. I can't wait to see what the future holds. I hope everyone enjoyed the footy this year—see you all in 2025. Go TVAFNC!

**Tristan Turner, Sean and Carman Marotti**

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## 11 IS MIXED PLAYER PROFILES

### **Benjamin Barrett**

**Total Games at end of 2024 - 34**

Players' player - you bring a hard and relentless style putting yourself on the line on game day is to me what footy is about. However, missing a lot of footy this year, I would like to work out how to keep you out on the footy field next year. You have all the foundational skills and are ready to have monster season. You are an integral part of the team going forward and cannot wait to see what you are capable of next year!

### **Adam Bickerstaff**

**Total Games at end of 2024- 37**

Great kid with room for improvement, which will be crucial as you continue to develop as a player. Although this season was challenging, with hard work and dedication, I believe you can improve your game. Let's focus on building your skills and fitness for the future.

### **Samuel Conkey**

**Total Games at end of 2024- 14**

First-year player who shined in the backline with big booming kicks. You've got all the foundation skills—big kicks, big tackles, and most importantly, a big heart. I hope you enjoyed your first year of footy as much as we did watching you grow; can't wait to see more of you playing next year!

### **Jude Conlon**

**Total Games at end of 2024- 34**

You bring a natural enthusiasm and love for AFL. You have improved across all facets of your including your kicking. You bring a great smile and joy that carries over to your teammates. You missed a fair whack of training and footy this year, my big message for you is: 'Stay on your feet', keep training, I feel your year is coming and look forward to seeing that come to fruition next year.

### **Reggie Croke**

**Total Games at end of 2024- 38**

Reggie, just like last year, I want you to realise how talented you are and the potential you have in AFL. When you're switched on, you're quick to the ball, strong, and display excellent all-around footy skills. You had some great games this year with natural athleticism. I'm confident you can continue to grow into the game.

### **Jarrett Dobry**

**Total Games at end of 2024- 26**

Jarret is a great young player, finding his home in the forward and back pocket on the footy field. Jarret improved ball pickup and clearance with his handballs this year. Jarret is moving back to the United States of America and wishing you and your family all the best in the future. Thank you for everything Jarrett and good luck.

### **Flynn Douglas**

**Total Games at end of 2024- 43**

Your dedication to training and the game has truly shone on the football field this year. Your lightning-fast moves and slick skills have made you a versatile player, excelling in the midfield, forward, and back pockets. You're a true team player, and it's been a pleasure to coach you. I believe you have untapped potential that's about to explode, and I can't wait to see you grow, develop, and play next year!

### **Toby Ellis**

**Total Games at end of 2024- 29**

Team Captain who is hard at the ball, a tackling machine, and always leading with intensity—you seem to be everywhere on the field. Your natural fit in the midfield, combined with your dedication to training and playing hard footy, makes you a standout leader. Your footy skills, teamwork and game sense are developing rapidly. Keep up the great work and continue to inspire your teammates with your relentless effort. I can't wait to see you excel even further on the field next year!



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## **Dakota Fleming**

**Total Games at end of 2024- 39**

Finding her stride in the backline this year. You attack the ball with vigour and have a booming kick. With more dedication to your training and the team, you could truly unpack your potential as an AFL player.

## **Kaden Fleming**

**Total Games at end of 2024- 38**

Tall positional player with a solid foundation, showing sparks of being an awesome young AFL player. With more training and deeper engagement with the team, you have a lot of potential to become a great young player. Keep developing your skills and focus, and I look forward to seeing you next year.

## **Noah Fox**

**Total Games at end of 2024- 28**

There's a footballer in you that, with another year of training, will truly shine and begin to own the footy field. You've got great speed, a willingness to learn, and you're always attentive at training. You have shown great potential in leaving oppositions in your wake with a perfectly timed sidestep, opening space for a key play. Keep it up Noah and see you next year!

## **David Franklin**

**Total Games at end of 2024- 59**

Improving your goal kicking this year you have established yourself as a key forward for the team, kicking a bag a few games this year. I see games were you were leaping above the pack to take a high-flying mark, igniting the crowd and lifting your team's spirits. This year were moments of kicking the decisive goal in a tight match, sealing victory for your team. With more training and learning the forward tradecraft you will be a formidable force on the footy field. See you next year David!

## **Oliver Greaney**

**Total Games at end of 2024- 50**

A tough player, I love your attitude with arms crossed stiff upper lip that you take out on the footy field crunching opposition players in big tackles. We need more of that next year. You have natural speed and ability working the ball up and down on the wing whilst keeping pressure on the opposition. You are an exciting player and cannot wait to see more of your run and carry next year.

## **Angus Greig**

**Total Games at end of 2024- 52**

A forward pocket player with a great leap and hangs in the air you are always hunting the ball in forward with a snatch and snap around the body to kick goals. You always seem dangerous around goals ready to pounce. With more dedication to your training, tackling and learning to work more around the ball I cannot wait to see more goals next year!

## **Trigg Healey**

**Total Games at end of 2024- 44**

Trigg you are a slick, fast-paced, and dynamic player that is constantly on the move. You display lightning-quick agility around the ball. With each game, each season, you continually improve, particularly you're kicking. With more training, development, and thinking about the team you will bring a thrilling dynamic aspect to the team.

## **Michael Johnston**

**Total Games at end of 2024- 52**

Great kid, with more commitment and attitude to footy you will find you place on the football field. Improving your fitness and increasing your attendance at training will be crucial for your development. I encourage you to think about your footy goals and how to approach the game to make the most of your potential.

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## Alexander Mackenzie

**Total Games at end of 2024- 13**

First year player. You brought a natural enthusiasm and love for the game. Your skills and development came along way this year with improvements across every facet of your game. Keep training, come back next year, you will go a long way in this great game and cannot wait to see what you do next year.

## Dante Marotti

**Total Games at end of 2024- 42**

Missed most of the year due to injury. However, when in the back line muscles up and is strong in rebounding the ball back into the midfield. Dante is moving on to Marist next year and we wish you all the best.

## Lachlan McDougal

**Total Games at end of 2024- 42**

You're at a stage where growth and development are key, your last few games showed encouraging progress with some great play from the half back flank. You enjoy training, making strides that suggest you're heading in the right direction. Keep pushing yourself, and you'll see the rewards on the footy field.

## Hannah Patron

**Total Games at end of 2024- 56**

First year player with the U11s mixed developing some team mateship and friendships. You have natural athleticism that you bring to your game, moving fast, clean ball pick up and release the ball to teammates. You bring a positive attitude and look forward to seeing you continue to grow and develop in the game.

## Taylor Powell

**Total Games at end of 2024- 31**

Naturally fast and talented, you continue to bring your signature move, the spin out of tackle with a push to a quick run is good to watch. With more focus on training and effort, I think you could be a star of the game. Keep your head up, keep going, never give up and continue to bring a positive attitude to training and each game are key messages for you this year.

## Thomas Reilly

**Total Games at end of 2024- 51**

Great young players, great attitude and an overall joy to coach. A natural winger, you are super-fast and slick on your feet with clean pickup off the footy, side stepping and then delivering the ball. You have improved overall this season and had some cracker games and look forward to seeing you playing again next year.

## Tokilupe Redmond

**Total Games at end of 2024- 9**

First year in footy, and you've brought a great personality and a lot of fun to the team. You've had several standout games, making some big tackles and knockouts from the ruck. To truly shine you need to focus more on developing your skills. Keep up your training, and your progress will be exciting to see!

## Caitlin Sommers

**Total Games at end of 2024- 47**

Another great year of footy. Your speed and tackling on the field were extraordinary. Your natural passion, aggression and instinct for the game are a joy to watch. I looked forward to seeing you play every week and seeing what you are capable of. Keep up the great work, keep training hard, and I can't wait to see you back on the footy field!

## Jamie Shepherd

**Total Games at end of 2024- 58**

Big character, with coloured hair (usually green) owning the footy field. Jamie you are an outstanding and upcoming young player of the game. Playing in several key positions this year you are a big mark and kick. You are a great team player standing up and defending your teammates on the field. I can only see you growing in time with more dedication to training and continue to look forward to watching you next year.

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## Beau Smith

**Total Games at end of 2024- 13**

First year in footy, showing potential with sparks of brilliance on the field. Needs more training to hone skills and consistency. Focus and attentiveness at training will be key to unlocking your full potential as a player.

## Leon Svarnas

**Total Games at end of 2024- 34**

You command a strong presence on the footy field, playing several key positions this year. With your dazzling side steps, palm offs and behind the head handballs you leave the opposition dazed and confused.

With your powerful kick, you've established yourself as a game-changer, capable of shifting the momentum in any match from the back line, midfield and forward line. Continue to train and to reach the next level of excellence focus on team play to help drive success not just for yourself but for the entire team.

## Alexander Turner

**Total Games at end of 2024- 66**

Your ongoing commitment to training and playing hard footy all year round makes you a natural leader. Strong and fast with a big engine, you're demonstrating all the skills needed to become a great player. Playing several amazing games this year in the midfield, you have silky smooth skills, having a natural ability to encourage others, read the play and direct traffic on the field. Your instincts and game sense are outstanding. Keep leading the way and cannot wait to see what you do next year!

## Kyler Webb

**Total Games at end of 2024- 53**

You have the whole package—speed, strength, and skills. Your kicking and tackling are amazing and can play in several key positions across the field. While this year had some ups and downs, focusing on fitting into the team and working collaboratively will help you shine even brighter. Your ability to kick goals from the pocket is already impressive, and you are already becoming one of the standout players on the team. Keep refining your game, and great things are ahead!

## Rory White

**Total Games at end of 2024- 45**

Rory's passion for the AFL is unwavering. Rory's keen understanding of the game often leads to moments of sheer brilliance. Fast and slick one memorable game this season saw Rory kick an amazing goal on the run. It was a performance that highlighted his potential and hinted at even greater things to come. With continued development, there's no doubt Rory has what it takes to become a standout player. Keep up the great work, Rory.

## Mason Wiggins

**Total Games at end of 2024- 54**

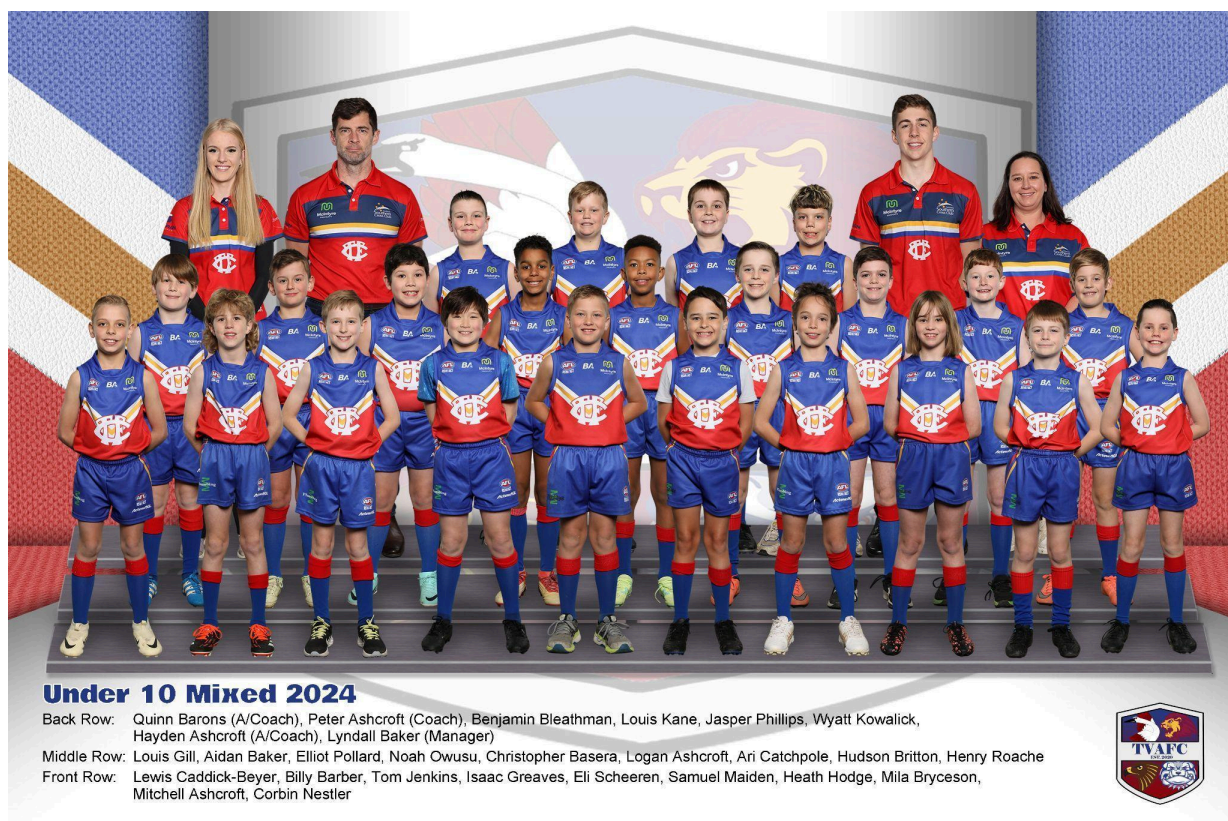
I've known you for many years, but this year you truly came into your own. Your performance as a key ruckman, along with playing several key positions later in the season, was outstanding and a joy to watch. You made incredible progress this year, and I'm really excited to see what you'll bring to the team next season!

## Ashton Wilkins

**Total Games at end of 2024- 25**

Pocket rocket, lightning fast, and not afraid to go in hard for the ball. Watching you duck, weave, then sprint to deliver the ball was awesome to watch. Your energy and determination set you apart. Always listening and attentive at training you are a joy to coach. I look forward to seeing you continue to develop as an AFL player—you are awesome and see you next year!

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## 10S MIXED

### COACH'S REPORT

The end of another great year. What a delightful group of kids and parents, the attitudes of everyone involved have made the job of coaching this group so much easier. It has been very pleasing watching the group develop and grow together as they form firm friendships and lifelong bonds with each other.

They have applied themselves well, all year and the way they work together as a team is fantastic to watch. They definitely had lapses in focus at training and ran a number of laps as a consequence but that is not unexpected as 8, 9 and 10 year old kids. All in all it has been an excellent season and will set this group of players up for years to come. We are all really looking forward to watching the team develop and grow as a group over the next few seasons.

I would like to thank my support group for your help this year. Lyndall for putting your hand up to manage when you were already managing another team. Having you so organised made things much easier for me to just coach throughout the year. Thank you for your efforts.

Hayden for giving up your time before your own trainings and game, it would be easy to just worry about yourself, but the team gets a lot out of having you around and you have definitely lightened the load for me, especially taking the reins when I couldn't be there.

Thank you for giving up your time to help out! Quinn for devoting so much of your time to the group, even skipping some of your own things at times. The team loves having you involved and it makes training easier when you are there to help out with drills etc. Thank you for being there for us week in and week out.

Thanks to Clare for picking up the slack everywhere else so that I can focus on football and ordering kids to run laps. I couldn't do it without you!

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Massive thank you to Katie and the board, for the opportunity to coach such an amazing group of kids.

Thanks to all of the parents, carers and special people in the kids' lives, you have all helped this be an enjoyable year and I hope to see you all back next year.

And a special thank you to all of the people that put their hands up to help out across the team and the club in general. Community football does not happen without the continued efforts of our invaluable volunteers. If you haven't volunteered yet, put your hand up for something next year, you will not be sorry and you will meet plenty of great people while you do it.

That's all from me, until next year (if Clare agrees)...

**Peter Ashcroft**



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## 10 MIXED PLAYER PROFILES

### **Logan Ashcroft**

**Total Games at end of 2024 - 36**

Had a slow start to the year but really settled in once he got started. His speed and size serve him well, especially when he breaks away from packs. Keep working on your skills Logan and you will be a key member of the team for years to come. Super year Logan, keep working hard and pushing yourself!

### **Mitchell Ashcroft**

**Total Games at end of 2024 - 37**

By far the youngest and one of the smallest members of the team but his attack on the ball and willingness to tackle are something you would expect from a much larger player. Mitchell is a key member of our 'engine room' and we are all keen to see what he can do as his size catches up to his peers. Awesome year Mitchell, keep up the effort and push hard!

### **Billy Barber**

**Total Games at end of 2024 - 12**

An exciting run and gun player who loves to get out in space to show his speed. With continued work on his skills, especially on his non-preferred, Billy will be a very dangerous player. We are looking forward to seeing his continued development next year. Great season Billy, don't stop working hard and improving!

### **Aidan Baker**

**Total Games at end of 2024 - 48**

Aidan has really set himself off as the team's strongest contested ball winner. With a focus on his composure, once he has won the ball, Aidan will become a real asset to the team and club. Looking forward to seeing how he develops further next year and beyond. Amazing year Aidan, don't stop pushing yourself to be better!

### **Christopher Basera**

**Total Games at end of 2024 - 32**

Had a strong and consistent year, this year. As one of our taller and faster players, Chris quickly showed how important he is both in offense and especially defence. Always finds himself around the ball and works hard to win the ball and set up his teammates. Keen to see what another year of growth will bring. Excellent season Chris, keep working harder every day!

### **Benjamin Bleathman**

**Total Games at end of 2024 - 12**

This was Ben's first year with the team and it was an absolute delight to see his progression throughout the year. Started to show what he is capable of towards the back end of the year as his skills and confidence grew. Next year will be bigger and better as he continues his development further. Fantastic first year Ben, keep pushing yourself and getting better!

### **Hudson Britton**

**Total Games at end of 2024 - 10**

This was Hudson's first year with the team and he worked in with the rest of the group beautifully. He showed dynamic and explosive speed around packs, which is a real asset to himself and the team. He has loads of potential and we are all excited to watch him grow over the coming seasons. Excellent year Hudson, don't stop working hard and improving!

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## **Mila Bryceson**

**Total Games at end of 2024 - 30**

One of the quieter players who took a few games to feel comfortable within the group but once she realised her strengths (ball winning and tackling) she was a real dynamo. Tackles hard and doesn't let anyone get away from her. We know what she can do in and around the ball, now we are excited to see what she can do when she runs and carries the ball. Great year Mila, very deserving of your award!

## **Lewis Caddick-Beyer**

**Total Games at end of 2024 -22**

Always a pleasure to have around, has a great sense of humour and loves to tell a story. Lewis has proven to be a great team player who is always in at the ball and feeding out handballs to his teammates. Looking forward to seeing what he can do as his body grows into his courage. Excellent season Lewis, great work!

## **Ari Catchpole**

**Total Games at end of 2024- 46**

Has a real thirst for learning, Ari is always attentive when the group is being taught something and he has proven he knows how to apply the things he learns. Ari had a fantastic year and proved to be one of the most consistent players in the competition. A pleasure to coach and definitely deserves his award, we look forward to watching continue to develop.

## **Louis Gill**

**Total Games at end of 2024 -24**

A slow start to the season but, once he gained some confidence and belief in himself, had some strong games towards the back half of the year. Started to position himself well and found himself around the ball a lot. With a stronger focus on his skills, he will improve out of sight! Great effort this year Louis!

## **Isaac Greaves**

**Total Games at end of 2024- 17**

Isaac has proven himself to be a consistent and reliable teammate. A positive no fuss player and sturdy defender. He is always ready to lay a tackle or feed a teammate. An encouraging year from Isaac, we look forward to what another year of improvement will bring. Great season, Isaac, keep up the effort!

## **Heath Hodge**

**Total Games at end of 2024 - 19**

Unfortunately, Heath missed a large portion of the season with a broken finger and was sorely missed. A dynamic and evasive player who always knows where the goals are. Super keen to see what he can do through a full pre-season and season. Impressive year Heath, keep working hard!

## **Tom Jenkins**

**Total Games at end of 2024 - 12**

A very encouraging first year of football by Tom. Found his feet quickly and became one of the better users of the football. He has a really good kicking technique which he used to great effect. We will be sorry to see him leave next year but will be watching how he improves and look forward to his return once he finishes school! Awesome season Tom, keep working!

## **Louis Kane**

**Total Games at end of 2024 - 45**

Following on from a promising year last year, Louis has developed a strong mark and kick, which he uses to the benefit of his team. With further focus on his kicking, especially his non-preferred, he will become a very damaging player for the club. We are looking forward to watching him come through the ranks over the next few seasons. Fantastic year Louis, keep working hard!

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## **Wyatt Kowalick**

**Total Games at end of 2024 - 33**

Wyatt had a very strong year again this year, further building on previous years. He is fast establishing himself as a leader on the field. Wyatt reads the ball well and always puts himself in good spots to intercept. He will be exciting to watch as he works on his game even more and we all look forward to seeing him come back stronger next season. Great year Wyatt, keep working and improving!

## **Sam Maiden**

**Total Games at end of 2024 - 24**

An absolute pleasure to coach, always pays attention and never complains. We especially love it when he plays for us! Sam is an aggressive ball winner who tackles and defends hard. Can't wait to see how much more he improves next season and the following. Awesome job this year Sam, keep working hard and developing!

## **Corbin Nestler**

**Total Games at end of 2024 - 24**

This year was a very consistent year for Corbin as he starts to work out the playing style that suits him best. Has worked hard as a support player in congestion, receives short hands and is very quick to move it on again. Corbin has been working hard on his hand and foot skills and we expect him to come back stronger again as he continues to work hard in this area. Sensational effort this season Corbin, keep pushing yourself!

## **Noah Owusu**

**Total Games at end of 2024 - 36**

Noah has been an absolute pleasure to coach. Always attentive when being spoken to and has a real thirst to learn. Noah's ability to make his team and teammates better has been outstanding. We are all excited to see him continue to work hard at his football and work his way into the senior club in the coming years. A very worthy recipient of the Team Player award!

## **Jasper Phillips**

**Total Games at end of 2024 - 30**

Jasper has turned himself into one of the most versatile players on the team. He intercepts well, creates space to receive or wins contested ball. Jasper has a very good grasp of the football basics, which will give him a headstart over the rest of the competition. Can't wait to see him hit the ground running, next year. Great job Jasper, keep pushing hard!

## **Elliot Pollard**

**Total Games at end of 2024 - 43**

The quiet achiever of the team, Elliot will pop up unexpectedly from time to time and do something amazing. He has been a strong defender over the year and is a real asset to his team. Reads the ball well and marks most kicks that come near him. A very encouraging year from Elliot and we are excited to watch him improve even more, next year. Well done, Elliot, great season!

## **Henry Roache**

**Total Games at end of 2024 - 33**

When Henry is switched on and engaged, he can match it with everyone. Loves to have a joke and a laugh and helps make things enjoyable for all. Played some very strong games over the year and really shines when he believes in himself. Plenty of potential and it will be a pleasure to see him stretch that potential in the future. Awesome work Henry, stay engaged!

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**Eli Scheeren**

**Total Games at end of 2024 -33**

Eli loves everything about footy and knows how to push himself. Listens carefully and implements instructions to the best of his ability. It is great to watch his hardness and attack on the ball, he doesn't shy away from anything. He is becoming an indispensable member of his team and the club. Great year, Eli, can't wait to see you push further and harder next year, excellent year!

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## 10S GIRLS

### COACH'S REPORT

Drawing a close to season 2024 is quite sad. The fun and enjoyment I personally have had guiding and teaching these girls has been nothing short of incredible. Always a highlight to get to training each week and then looking forward to every Sunday to showcase our skills and learnings.

We had an influx of new players this year, some aged 8 and 9, to top our returning 10-year-olds from the previous year. Of our 21 girls – 9 girls had played before and 12 NEW players were learning the great game of AFL.

From the outset of training, prior to games starting, we had a focus on skills and game-based training to prepare the girls for games ahead and the challenges they would face through the year. With a strong emphasis on tackling and toughening our girls up so we'd be strong in the contest and not afraid of what's thrown at them. Every training entailed a game and big wide smile across their faces as everything we did was inclusive and FUN. To see our girls constantly and consistently taking what we practiced into each game was truly amazing and as coaches always made us very proud to see the work through the week come to fruition.

Quickly bonds were formed and friendships strengthened. Along with the parents forming connections while they watched the girls dominate on the field.

U/10's - while the intent is play 4/4/4 in zones and 12 on the field. Having 21 girls consistently turning up each week, rotations would've been a nightmare to be fair to all players. Thankfully each opposition team was responsive to allow our girls to even up numbers and allow all players to always be on the field, which was a great outcome. The algorithms trying to be 'even' in each zone and play for opposition was difficult to work out, however the playing group was accepting of the process and gave it their best in all positions.



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One of the most pleasing aspects to come from our season was our Team attitude, something we drummed into a lot at training and consistently preached to the girls. I'm sure every parent that watched our games were considerably surprised to see girls passing off to others in better positions just to get their teammates into the game or to see others scoring Goals in the games.

To our loving parents, thanks for all the support this year. I'm sure in years to come our kids will appreciate the ferrying around to sports in winter, cold nights and cold Sundays. Watching can be arduous but also heartwarming. To all the parents who assisted on game days and at trainings it's truly appreciated. Thanks for putting the trust in me to guide and nurture the girls throughout the season.

Katie Kearney churns through a mountain of work as a volunteer and wouldn't get the plaudits she deserves. Thanks Katie – you are noticed and appreciated. Thank you.

Super manager Katrina Williams – taking on a new role and doing it with passion and diligence, she was superb in organising our large team and keeping everyone honest and on time with all required little tasks and admin. Thankyou Katrina it's been a pleasure and very enjoyable.

Our assistant coach Mia. The bond she has built with the girls from start to finish this year was sensational. Her kind nature quickly and easily won the girls over enabling her to teach and guide the girls as a mentor and role model. Witnessing her grow and take on more responsibility throughout the year was amazing and will strengthen her endeavours for coaching her own team in years to come. I look forward to partnering with her moving forward and further being a mentor for her as the girls progress their footy journey. A great addition and I'm thankful our coaching partnership aligned.

An incredible season for our U/10s girls, everyone involved should be immensely proud.

Thank you

**Alex Lawder**

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## 10S GIRLS PLAYER PROFILES

### **Aleriah Kearney**

**Total Games at end of 2024 -18**

Aleriah returned to footy this season after not playing the year before. While seemingly shy and quiet in nature, it was evident that as she built friendships, she started to build confidence and it showed in her games and at training. Some high-quality moments in games from clean skills, strong marks, huge kicking qualities and impressive goal scoring, Aleriah was a pleasure to have in the team.

### **Abby Maiden**

**Total Games at end of 2024 -7**

This was Abby's first season of AFL. Her growth throughout the season was evident at the very end. Saving her best game till last when she started to explode away and run with the footy showcasing the confidence she has gathered. Her skills have improved drastically from practising at training, and she will be hard to stop next season as she grows and gets more confidence. Great Job Abby.

### **Amali Brown**

**Total Games at end of 2024 -9**

Amali was another first season of AFL, attending the pre-season trainings it was evident early that she loved the game and was going to have a big impact. Always smiling and loving every moment, Amali never shied away from anything and wanted to impact as many contests as possible. A huge growth year in both understanding the game and her skills, I'm sure Amali will continue on improving and enjoying her footy. Awesome first season Amali.

### **Ava Paul**

**Total Games at end of 2024 - 9**

Ava's first season also, but didn't she grow as the season progressed? Toward the back end of the season her kicking, handballing, marking was outstanding from practising at training. Then flowing into the games, she had sky high confidence and could do anything out on the field which really started dominating and showcasing such clean skills. A wonderful season and she should be very proud.

### **Callista Bourandanis**

**Total Games at end of 2024 -35**

Callista playing in her 3rd season, absolutely knew that this was her season to dominate. Her ferocity and tackling were great examples for the other girls and had a fierceness in never backing down. Our spiritual leader and bubbly personality, Callista was a ray of light at every training and game. Really working on her kicking skills and game nous this season, she'll enjoy the challenge of U/12's next season.

### **Celeste Swanepoel**

**Total Games at end of 2024 -10**

Celeste was another playing AFL for the first time, naturally skilled and blessed with speed. Celeste didn't take long to showcase in games and start to burn her opponents with pace and run. Her kicking improved drastically throughout the season from so much practice and there wasn't a game this season where she didn't have some kind of highlight. A magnificent first season and pleasure to have in the team.

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## **Emily Williams**

**Total Games at end of 2024 -11**

Emily's first season was amazing. A funny, bubbly personality and she wasn't afraid to match it with her older and bigger opponents. Consistently pushing others out to capture the footy and try to run away from them. Kicking multiple goals this year and always celebrating in style. Emily was a much-loved member of the team and will take great confidence from this season, good work Emily.

## **Evie Lawder**

**Total Games at end of 2024 -10**

Evie was another new player in her first season, Evie absolutely loved training and catching up with her friends. Evie's skills improved drastically as the season progressed, which showed in games late in the season being paid marks and improved longer kicking to teammates. Loves kicking a goal and celebrating and thrived on the contest with tackling and pressure acts. Great first season Evie.

## **Georgia Beech-Cumper**

**Total Games at end of 2024 - 10**

Watching Georgia play this season; you wouldn't have thought she'd never played footy before. Incredible speed and a long kick, Georgia settled into the team seamlessly. Her confidence and friendly nature made her a favourite in the team and every training/game she was always chatty and searching for more input from coaches and teammates. A stellar first season and great improvement, Georgia will enjoy the U/12's challenge and thrive.

## **Hannah Masters**

**Total Games at end of 2024 -16**

Hannah returned this year as top ager and didn't she shine? Bristling with confidence and impacting games regularly. Hannah's improvements with her skills enabled her to enjoy a breakout season that she takes great confidence going into U/12's next year. Whatever position or area of the field Hannah was tasked with she always enjoyed and impacted. A popular member of the team who is a great leader to the younger girls.

## **Imogen Britten**

**Total Games at end of 2024 -9**

Immy arrived for her first year keen to learn and improve her skills. Always attending training and getting straight into touch work and skills work, which showed as the season progressed just how far her skills had improved. Kicking multiple goals at the back end of season and earning some \$\$ rewards from her parents as incentive. Imogen absolutely loved this season and should be very proud.

## **Isobel Brown**

**Total Games at end of 2024 -17**

Izzy was another returning to be a top ager this season and grew into one of our 'Senior' players. Witnessing her confidence grow and watching her impact more games throughout the season was amazing to see. Whether it was her improved marking, or clean skills, Izzy was always in the games. Her kind nature and friendly smile, Izzy had an incredible season with so much improvement.

## **Jade Merriman**

**Total Games at end of 2024 -52**

What an incredible season for Jade, playing both U/10's & U/12's each week, culminating in her selection in the U/12's rep team. She was a team leader who most weeks wasn't interested in scoring herself but bringing her younger teammates into the game sharing the footy and building their confidence. Tough as they come and impeccable skills. Jade has an outstanding year showcasing her skills and comradery. Well done Jade.

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## **Jayde Lawder**

**Total Games at end of 2024 -22**

Playing in her second season, Jayde went to another level with both her skills and burning opponents away with her electric pace. Another who led the girls brilliantly and worked to bring her teammates into the games by sharing the footy and distributing out to others when tackling hard and bursting out of contests. She adapted well when taught to guard space and understand the ball movement between zones, consistently sending the ball back when opposition kicked it away. Jayde will thrive when playing U/12's next year.

## **Lara Stines**

**Total Games at end of 2024 -10**

Lara's first season of AFL. They way she finished the year, you wouldn't have thought it was her 1st season. Always the first to get to training and grab a footy, running around and kicking. Her skills improved remarkably and was kicking long bomb goals at the end. Lara's determination and willingness to tackle and pressure was a standout, and she reaped the rewards of her hard work in games. Good work Lara.

## **Riley White**

**Total Games at end of 2024 -18**

Riley returned this season another top ager and definitely looked more at home and relaxed. Riley absolutely loved tackling and proved to be one of the stronger tacklers in the team as the season wore on. A huge improvement in her skills this season allowed her to have some ripper games taking marks and kicking to her teammates. Riley will take great confidence moving forward as she progresses into the U/12's next year. Well done Riley.

## **Sadie Ellis**

**Total Games at end of 2024 -10**

Sadie's first season this year and didn't she have an impact? A huge improver in every aspect of her game. Never shying away and always working hard on her skills at training, Sadie was outstanding. A notable clash toward the back end of the year when she threw herself at an opponent 2-3 times her size and collected her high contact. Sadie is a hard worker who was always early to training and grabbing a footy straight away to encourage her teammates to join her. Well done Sadie.

## **Sophie Williams**

**Total Games at end of 2024 -21**

Sophie returned this year as an elder player and didn't she love the contest, Sophie was a leader who showed in every aspect of the game she was dominant. A strong mark with great skills, Sophie played well in every zone and was a consistent performer. Always the biggest of smiles and enjoying each moment, Sophie loves her footy and will go well when transitioning up to the U/12's next year. Great work Soph.

## **Stella Gooding**

**Total Games at end of 2024 -10**

Stella's first season of footy and didn't she adapt well? Stella had some magnificent games this year, most would've thought she'd been playing footy for years. Great skills and hungry to impact each game. Stella showed she could match with everyone and thrived every game. Her friendly personality enabled to make new friends very quickly this season which will hold her in good stead for next year moving to U/12s.

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## **Violet Henderson**

**Total Games at end of 2024 - 19**

Violet returned this year after obviously working on her skills over the off season. Constantly taking strong marks much to the amazement of her teammates. One of the biggest and straightest kicks in the team, whenever Violet got the footy she was clearing zones and kicking it over the top of everyone. A huge improver who will progress and surely dominate in the U/12's next year. Amazing work Violet.

## **Violette Munchow-Hogan**

**Total Games at end of 2024 - 33**

Violette came to us a few rounds in this season while also playing mixed U/9's. A fun loving personality, it didn't take long for Violette to mix in and make some new friends. She has great skills and loves training, while working hard to improve, Violette was always one of the first to be kicking, marking and working on her craft. Violette enjoyed some great games and made a real impact. An awesome season, well done.



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## Under 9 Red 2024

Back Row: Jody Higgins (Manager), Max Robertson, Richard Garrett, Louis Mann, Toby Bickerstaff, Harrison Pollard, Rick Gillespie (Coach)

Front Row: Violette Munchow-Hogan, Solomon Brown, Angus Barrett, Adam Franklin, Harry Herbert, Billy Merriman

Absent: Marc Darnton-Turner



## 9S MIXED RED

### COACH'S REPORT

What a fantastic season for the Under 9 Reds Mixed.

This year I was ecstatic to be given an opportunity to coach my son's age group. Excited, I let my son know, who promptly advised me that he would in fact be playing in the other team with his friend, whose father was also a coach.

Unsure of how all this was going to go but remaining undeterred I went about matching faces to names for the Red team. Whilst many had played together previously, there was still an even mix of new faces for the team to get to know and gel with.

This season saw the introduction of the tackle rule which the kids had been looking forward to with great anticipation. We launched into this at our first training, with all the kids keen to try their wares first game. The kids had no issues with attempting tackles, with all players at some stage this season winning a free kick for good tackles.

Now a slightly tighter game with tackling meant the team needed to understand support and to better utilise the hand ball. The team worked hard at this and by season's end were starting to develop some real fluidity in passages and, as importantly, having the confidence that a teammate would be there in support.

Players became more aware and willing to hand ball, slow down and look for players. The kids have been enthusiastic all season and genuinely attempted to transition what they had been learning/practicing at training into matchday every Saturday.

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As the season progressed it was evident how much the team had developed with the final game of the season played as though they had put all the bits and pieces together. The kids certainly enjoyed the season, and the improvement in skill and teamwork in each of the players was obvious and very rewarding from a coach's perspective.

I would like to thank our Manager, Jody, for her support and advice when required and more importantly for managing the team. Thank you, Sabrina, for taking on the first aid and back up managing and Luke, Simon, and Blake for your varied assistance this season whether it be training or matchday. I would also like to thank Matt, Hayley and Paul from the U9 Blue team for their support throughout the season. But most of all I would like to thank the kids for taking it easy on me and making it enjoyable to coach.

**Rick Gillespie**

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## 9S MIXED RED PLAYER PROFILES

### Angus Barrett

**Total Games at end of 2024 -22**

Attacks the ball with energy and is strong with the ball in hand. Angus often pushes the packs and offloads either by hand or foot comfortably. Angus is enthusiastic in defence and has become one of the team's more confident tacklers/defenders and equally as enthusiastic when in attack and the goals loom nearby. Angus pays good attention to instruction and will develop strongly over the coming years.

### Toby Bickerstaff

**Total Games at end of 2024 -30**

Toby is another quiet payer who loves being part of the team. Toby gained confidence as the season progressed. When Toby is ready to get involved, he can feature a lot with a good mark, quick run and handball to a teammate. Toby is one of our taller players and used this to advantage in the ruck to get the ball to a teammate.

### Solomon "Sollie" Brown

**Total Games at end of 2024 - 22**

Sollie is a quietly spoken little terrier on the field. Sollie competes well and is rarely beaten at ground level. Sollie shows poise when in possession and always looks to find a team mate instead of blazing away. Sollie remains switched on when not in possession and reads play and uses space to his advantage.

### Marc Darnton-Turner

**Total Games at end of 2024 - 16**

Marc is another of our little runners. Marc picks up many possessions and loves getting amongst it. As Marc's confidence built, his willingness to run and carry the ball picked up. Marc has been working hard on his kicking which has seen great improvement throughout the season. Marc has been building in confidence which reflected on field as the season progressed. Marc refuels on oranges during the breaks and is then ready for more action.

### Adam Franklin

**Total Games at end of 2024 -31**

Adam is a skilled player that has continued to develop well in many aspects of his game. Adam is comfortable playing in any of the zones and contests for the ball strongly whether in the air or on the ground. Adam is a very unselfish player, often looking to bring his teammates into the game. Adam took many strong marks and loved to take on the defence with a run and bounce. Adam is our leading goal kicker this season.

### Richard Garrett

**Total Games at end of 2024 - 22**

Richard was a little shy to begin with but didn't take long to gel with the team. Richard's confidence and understanding of the game grew immensely as the season progressed. Richard is a tall player capable of taking a good mark. Richard is always keen to get involved and applied himself well to moving the ball forward and using teamwork to achieve this. Richard played in every game this season showing great effort and commitment to his game.

### Harry Herbert

**Total Games at end of 2024- 23**

Harry is one of our more enthusiastic and quicker players. Harry picks up many possessions in a game and loves to have a run. Harry has been developing his bouncing skills which has also seen him go for bigger runs. Harry is also one of our more confident tacklers and is not intimidated by size. Harry has a pretty good understanding of the game is a good communicator who asks a lot of questions.

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## **Oscar Howard**

**Total Games at end of 2024 - 4**

Oscar joined the team late during the second half of the season. Oscar worked fast on developing his skills and learning the game and whilst only being new to the game, was able to get himself involved straight away, with his improvement evident each training and matchday. Oscar has shown to have good pace and reads play, naturally getting to the fall of the ball. A highlight for Oscar was kicking his first AFL goal.

## **Louis Mann**

**Total Games at end of 2024 -23**

Louis is a very enthusiastic participant. Louis is excelling at getting his hands on the ball and has an uncanny knack of being where the action is. Louis has shown real improvement with his general disposal and just loves to have a run. Louis has been working on lowering his eyes and looking for teammates to pass the ball to.

## **Billy Merriman**

**Total Games at end of 2024 -16**

Billy has a lot of natural ability and impressive ball skills. Billy is confident playing in any zone and loves getting involved in play. Billy is confident at marking and uses his pace, and a slick side step to get free of his opponents and to deliver the ball downfield. Billy also has a great kick which, when combined with his ability to read the play and fend off tackles, set him up for goals.

## **Violette Munchow-Hogan**

**Total Games at end of 2024 - 33**

Violette has a lot of passion and commitment for footy, evidenced by playing every game this season, and then backing up for the U10 Girls team! Violette played confidently in all zones and was one of our best defensive players. The other teams soon learnt they were in trouble when Violette came in to lay a tackle! Violette competes hard for the ball often with second and third efforts. Violette was a perfect team player and always looking for a teammate in a better position to pass to.

## **Harrison "Harry" Pollard**

**Total Games at end of 2024 - 18**

Has been a big improver as the season progressed. Harry has developed in skill and confidence as evident on his attack on the football. Harry rarely gets caught with the ball and usually finds a team mate once in possession. With the capability of a big kick and his improved marking, Harry should be confident in taking his game up a level next season.

## **Max Robertson**

**Total Games at end of 2024 - 9**

Max was a new player to our club who didn't take long to gel with the team and to produce some quality footy. Max reads the ball well and is a strong mark and has good basic skills. Max does well when doing ruck work and often hits the ball to a target. Max is one of the bigger kickers in the side and was handy when a clearing kick was required or for finding teammates in the midzone when taking a kick out.



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## 9S MIXED BLUE

### COACH'S REPORT

When the opportunity to coach the Under 9's Blue team this year, I didn't hesitate to put my hand up. It proved to be a great decision.

We had 22 eager young footballers ready to play and once we sorted out teams and logistics, we were ready to roll.

I could tell from that first training session that I had a great bunch of kids who were eager and ready for a great season. Training with the Red team, we focused on developing core skills; kicking, handball, marking and we introduced modified tackling. Some of the boys were continuing from last year but for others it was their first season. The boys trained with vigour and zest every session developing their skills while having fun. The handball gauntlet and bull rush were favourites and I lost count of the number of times I was asked if we could play!

I was so proud to watch them develop throughout the season at training, learning new skills such as bouncing the ball on the run and tackling. The boys developed into a team and trained like one every session. The hot dog night with the seniors and Under 8s was a highlight!

A big thank you to Rick Gillespie and the Red team for a great year at training. Coming up with new drills on short notice with Rick was lots of fun each week and I enjoyed running training sessions together. Thank you to the parents who chipped in when required and got involved.



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All the hard work at training was evident every game day. We took a few games to get to know each other and learn the style we wanted to play, but once we did, we really played some great footy. The most pleasing aspect of this team was the development of teamwork, selflessness and game sense. The boys started to play like a well-oiled machine towards the end of the season and I had to “slow” them down at times! Second efforts and getting players involved were highlights each weekend. The boys displayed sportsmanship and we worked on being humble and modest, especially when we had big wins.

Oranges were extremely popular at half times through the season, rarely surviving the ravenous appetites of the Blue team.

It was my absolute pleasure to have coached the Blue team this year. Together with the Reds, there is a great team being built here that will have success in years to come and develop lifelong friendships. And I am confident in an AFL star or two!

My wife, Hayley, didn’t hesitate to take on the daunting task of manager. She was the organiser, Heja poster, collector, stats keeper and awards giver! Hayley was the reason things ran smoothly and everyone had a great season. Her work and organisation was invaluable.

I would like to thank Paul Smith who filled in as coach when I was unavailable. Paul put his hand up straight away and despite his busy Saturday sport schedule was there for the team. I really appreciated his help and advice throughout the season.

A huge thank you to Katie Kearney, Luke Lowes and all the other volunteers that make this a wonderful club to be part of. Finally, thanks to my nephews. Archie and Louie Edwards who goal umpired almost every game and helped with warm-ups.

It takes a lot of time and organisation to run a footy team and it doesn’t get done without volunteers - I appreciated all the help during the season. Congratulations Blue team on a stellar season!

**Matt Gannon**

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## 9S MIXED BLUE PLAYER PROFILES

### Thomas Adamaitys

**Total Games at end of 2024- 23**

Thomas was a star player for the Blues this season. He enjoyed the extra space of the larger field and used his booming right foot to great effect. Tom takes a strong mark keeping his eyes on the ball. Tom kicked a few bags of goals through-out the season and was our first choice ruckman. Tom was always an eager participant at training and often helped with the demonstrations of drills. Under 10's will provide Tom with another chance to develop his skills. Great season Tom!

### Liam Bartley

**Total Games at end of 2024 -9**

Liam took to Aussie Rules in his first season like a natural. Liam has speed and a determination to get the ball, combined with good hand eye coordination. Liam kicked a few bags of goals and as the season progressed began to develop his game sense and look for the best options when in possession. Liam was a keen member of the team and enjoyed the oranges and team line ups each week! Well done Liam on a top shelf first season!

### Harvey Chamberlain

**Total Games at end of 2024 -32**

Harvey was a pleasure to coach in 2024. Harvey continued to develop through-out the season. Harvey was a selfless player often getting the hard ball to feed off a handball to his teammates. Harvey has a great snap on him and kicked a few great goals with a highlight early in the season against Belconnen when he banged through two brilliant snaps. Great work Harvey!

### Leon Cumberland

**Total Games at end of 2024 - 31**

Leon had a great season with some standout individual moments and great team play. Once Leon got into the games and training he really came out of his shell, he took some great contested marks, won every ruck contest and kicked a few top goals. Leon was a team player and often looked for the handball and smart option when in heavy traffic. Leon you should definitely keep playing because you have all the makings of a top footballer one day. Great work on 2024.

### Charlie Dickson

**Total Games at end of 2024 -9**

Charlie played his first season of football this year, however, you wouldn't have known it. Charlie has natural flair, great all round skills and footy IQ beyond his years. Charlie regularly kicked multiple goals and took a few mark of the year contenders, however, he also looked for his teammates and the best options when in possession. He set up many goals and was equally as effective in clearing the ball from the backline or winning it in the middle. Top class year! Great work Charlie.

### Patrick Gannon

**Total Games at end of 2024 -9**

It was Patrick's first season of football and he really started to shine by the end. Paddy has great speed and when he started to feel more confident would often use this to break free of packs. Paddy took some great grabs throughout the season and kicked some great running goals. He combined well with his teammates linking up well with handballs deep in the backline to get us moving up field. Well done on your first year, mate, you improved out of sight!

### Lennox Gillespie

**Total Games at end of 2024 -21**

Lennox was a key member of the under 9's this season. Lenny often took on the hard jobs in the backline attacking every contest at 100 percent. Lenny has a great footy IQ and always looked for the best options. Lenny was a tough competitor and was rarely beaten in one on one contests. Lenny has a great kick and handball on him and always puts in a second effort. Lenny was a team player and would always look to get his mates involved. Great work Lenny!

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## Roarke Gooding

**Total Games at end of 2024- 10**

Roarke progressed and really developed over the season. Roarke has raw speed and I found this out the hard way at training a few times. Roarke was the ultimate team player and his second and third efforts were highlights every weekend. Roarke had several great battles throughout the season and rarely lost out. He is a quiet achiever and easy to coach. Roarke showed his versatility throughout the season in the defence and up forward kicking some great goals. Well done Roarke!

## Elijah Lowes

**Total Games at end of 2024 -27**

Elijah is a confident, skilled footballer. He was a keen member of the team and enjoyed training particularly bullrush and the handball gauntlet. Elijah enjoyed playing in the forwards and loved a snap from the boundary kicking a few from impossible angles. Elijah has a safe pair of hands and when in the forward line a good handball. He is a speedstar and good with the ground balls. I enjoyed coaching Elijah in 2024 and congratulate him on a great season.

## Logan Smith

**Total Games at end of 2024 -30**

Logan is Mr Versatile, he can play all over the field and rack up the possessions. Logan is a team player and a competitor, he rarely lost a one on one and was one of best tacklers in the competition. Logan has great game sense and combined brilliantly through-out the season with his teammates moving the ball skillfully and with ease at times. Logan trained like he played at 100 percent at all times. Well done on a great season Logan.

## Jacob Trew

**Total Games at end of 2024 - 33**

Jacob is a veteran of football now. He enjoyed training with his mates and was the team lolly man, always providing some sweets after the games! Jacob worked well with his teammates to move the ball in the zones and lock it in when required. Jacob was enthusiastic and enjoyed every game. Jacob worked well with his teammates and was a selfless player. His kicking really improved, taking some really great kick-outs. Great work Jacob!

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## Auskick Pros Blue 2024

Back Row: Tanya Blight (Coach), James Byrnes (FAO), Daniel Conroy (Manager)

Middle Row: Bertie Conroy, Archie Bateman, Braxton Byrnes, Harvey Bergersen, Xavier Brown

Front Row: Ashwin Blight, Connor Walter, Levi Rasmussen, Alexander Tomas, Jayden Bonaccorso, Waiau Deiye



## AUSKICK PROS BLUE

### COACH'S REPORT

Now in my second year of coaching, this year I was privileged again to be coaching the Auskick Pros Blue team and I had a great mix of talent. With players aged 6 through to 8 years old, throughout the 2024 season I saw young kids gain in confidence and pick up skills throughout their first season of footy.

Even better was watching our naturally talented players push themselves and lean in to guide their less confident teammates.

For Auskick Pros Blue, we built the season on ensuring that our players pushed their own abilities, worked as a team and had fun. There were some games where our skills dominated and others that were quite a challenge. What I found special was observing our players' skills grow throughout the game when we played our tougher opponents. Though they loved to dominate a game and kick a ton of goals, our players benefitted the most from playing the hard games.

There were many memorable games this season but the one that I will never forget was playing up at Amaroo oval. It was blowing a gale out there and for the first time in my experience coaching Auskick, I asked the opposition team to swap ends during the break.

No matter how hard or careful our players kicked the footy, it would be swept away with the wind. I am certain we learnt a lot from that game, but I do hope that it's less windy next time we're up there.

Huge thanks to our Auskick Pro's Blue family. There were many times throughout the season that I called upon our parents to help at training and warm up our players before the game. Our parents were united in support for all our players, and they were always respectful and encouraging on the sidelines.

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A special thank you goes to our Team Manager, Dan Conroy and our First Aid Officer (FAO), James Byrnes. James took the FAO role very seriously and the players, parents and I were in safe, capable hands. Dan was critical in organising our team for Game Day, including rostering our parents for fruit, scoring and goal umpiring. Dan also took charge of ensuring our Team had clean guernseys every week, arranged our social gatherings and impressively, led the team song with our players at the end of the game. I can't focus on my role as Coach without Dan and James – so thanks very much to you both!

Finally, I want to thank my Pros Blues players for a great 2024 season, with a special mention to our occasional guest player Leo Bateman. Their skills, dedication and general tomfoolery made it such a joy for me to be their coach this year. Thank you sincerely for being a great, talented bunch of kids. I look forward to coaching some of you again in 2025 and will watch the rest of you develop your skills further in the Under 9s.

**Tania Blight**



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## AUSKICK PROS BLUE PLAYER PROFILES

### Archie Bateman

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 23**

In his second season with Pro's Blue, Archie became a core member of the team's leadership group. He was always focussed throughout a game and kept a sharp eye on the ball. This meant that Archie was always in good position to receive the ball and was very reliable in any zone that he played. He was particularly strong in the centre bounces. A great season Archie and all the best in the Under 9s next year!

### Harvey Bergersen

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 10**

Harvey had a great first year of Auskick footy in 2024. This started with Harvey bagging 4 goals in his first game! His calm nature meant that Harvey's handballs and kicks were well executed on the field. I saw his confidence build throughout the season and it was impressive to see him chase down the ball. I have enjoyed coaching you this year Harvey and hope to see you back in 2024!

### Ashwin Blight

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 11**

Being one of the youngest players in the competition, Ashwin had to work hard to maintain his focus and get possessions. When he did get hold of the ball, Ashwin was a great kick, and it was wonderful to see him get a goal in the last game of the season. Ashwin really enjoyed playing with his teammates and liked to make them laugh throughout the game and at training. Looking forward to seeing you back next year Ashwin!

### Jayden Bonaccorso

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 5**

It was such a great pleasure to have Jayden as part of Pros Blue in 2024. He was a little unsure at the start of the season but once he got his hands on the footy, it was wonderful to see Jayden's big grin. His dedication and focus to ensure a good kick of the ball was Jayden's greatest skill and over the season, he became a critical part of the team. I hope to see you back with us next year Jayden!

### Xavier Brown

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 8**

Xavier was our quiet achiever this year. At training, he listened attentively and worked hard on his skills. This led to his confidence on the field growing throughout the season. As a coach, I found Xavier to be alert and he responded very well to instructions during the game. Looking forward to another great season at Under 8s next year Xavier!

### Braxton Byrnes

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 9**

A terrific sportsman all round, Braxton was a very strong player for Pros Blue this year. Another member of the leadership group, Braxton always led from the front and had a hunger for the ball which was hard to beat. It was particularly impressive to watch him chase down the ball, gain possession and swiftly look for a teammate to pass to. I have really enjoyed watching you play Braxton, and I wish you all the best in Under 9s next year!

### Bertie Conroy

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 23**

To see a player completely transform from first to second year of Under 8s is an absolute joy as a coach. Though a solid player last year, Bertie's practice in the off-season truly paid off in 2024. As a member of the Pro's Blues leadership group, Bertie never stopped trying to get the ball and was happy to take risks whilst in possession and when passing to teammates under pressure. Thankfully, Bertie has still retained his ability to spin-out of a contest. This year's Most Improved player, well deserved Bertie!

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## **Waiau Deiye**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 11**

The pocket-rocket of Pros Blue, Waiau was super-fast on the ground and especially when the ball was in contest. His agile moves and quick hands gave our team a boost in every zone. His skills blended well with all his teammates which meant that he could be positioned anywhere. Such a versatile player and a lovely personality, Waiau was a dream to have in our team and I wish him all the best for the 2025 season!

## **Alexander Tomas**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 10**

Alex was a great player to watch this year, and I was pleased to be part of his football journey. Part of the leadership team, Alex was instrumental in our success and dominated every zone he played in. An all-round highly skilled player, Alex had a high possession count at every game and bagged the most goals for the season. This was balanced by an ability to share the ball with his teammates. Alex, thank you for your great sportsmanship throughout the season. I am so pleased to award you the Coach's Award this year!

## **Levi Rasmussen**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 10**

With his unique one-handed kicking style, Levi was always composed in his approach to a game. He listened attentively at training and responded well to directions during the game. I was impressed at his flexibility as a player, and this allowed me to match him up with any other player in the team. Great work Levi this year and all the best in Under 9s in 2025!

## **Connor Walter**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 10**

Our great defender, Connor put his body on the line a few times this year to stop the opposition scoring. This was accompanied by some great marks and a lovely kicking style. Connor played easily with his teammates and leant into all his roles on field. One of the most polite and considerate players of the team. Connor, I have enjoyed coaching you this year and see you back in 2025!

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## AUSKICK PROS RED

### COACH'S REPORT

The Pros Red team had a good season that brought some challenges, but also some really rewarding moments and plenty of fun. We played some tough opposition that pushed us to try our hardest. We also were tested by mother nature having to battle through windy conditions on a few occasions which really tested our kicking and ball handling.

This season about half the team had played together last year and we also welcomed some new players into the Reds. This year all the girl Auskickers were in the same team and looking ahead to the future, the women's game is in safe hands with these kids.

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. Watching the teamwork develop during training and games was fantastic this year, the kids really worked together to get the ball down the field. They helped each other, even giving up goal scoring opportunities for themselves so that their teammates could get a goal. The eagerness to keep going at training and smiles on their faces let me know they were certainly having fun. I can proudly report we achieved all our goals and had a lot of fun throughout the season.

As a coach, it was great to see the kids respond to encouragement and advice and watch their confidence grow as their skills evolved. As the season progressed, I was thrilled to see some of our more experienced players being leaders within the team. The kids really came together as a team quickly, 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. The enthusiasm of the kids at training during games was infectious and really made every week fun and bringing all the players together as a team. That teamwork helped our newer players integrate and build their skills quickly.

I would like to thank our team managers Fiona and Doug Farrer for getting us organised week to week, Megan and Andrew Rogers for being our First Aid officer, Andrew Rogers and Jono Squire for helping to fill in as coach.

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on some game days and Meegan Biernat for the help with training. I also want to thank all the rest of the parents that helped with making the games possible by assisting where they could.

I would also like to thank all the parents and families as 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!

**Matthew Turtle**

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## AUSKICK PROS RED PLAYER PROFILES

### Alexa Biernat

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 11**

Alexa has worked hard in her first season to build skill and confidence. She has worked hard at training to learn the game and keep building her skills. She has integrated into the team and become a real presence on the playing group. Alexa wears her heart on her sleeve and tries her best to succeed in every game. She has become a big part of the team and really supports her teammates.

### Laura Blight

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 20**

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

### Lilah Crome

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 13**

Lilah returned for her second season full of confidence off the back of a fantastic first season. Lilah still retained her form of cartwheeling during the game in-between fighting for the ball. Lilah was enthusiastic early in the season but unfortunately injury cut her season short.

### James Farrer

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 24**

James is a good all-round player who has become a leader on the field. He has good kicking and marking skills, reads the game well and gets really involved. He loved kicking goals and made it hard for the opposition when he was in defence. He really works hard to make sure his teammates are involved in the game, shares the ball around generously and has become a good individual and team player.

### Patrick Gallant

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 10**

Patrick is in his first year and has worked hard on his fundamental skill and learning the game. He is a unique player, he needs a bit more motivation to get going but once he does, he is capable of having a great game. His kicking and handpassing have come along nicely and when he sets his mind to it, he plays well. I really enjoyed seeing him get involved in the game and I really hope he is inspired to grow from here.

### Emily Mortimer

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 18**

Off the back of a good first season, Emily started out her second season with more confidence and really getting involved in the games. Emily has continued to develop her skills through the season and really becoming a key part of the team. Emily continues to have a high level of enthusiasm and works hard to support her teammates.

### Sophia Rizzuto

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 9**

Sophia is a really quick player who is always willing to chase the ball and get involved in the play. She is always happy and full of energy and shows a real love for playing the game. As a first-year player she has developed her skills quickly and really involves herself in the games. She really enjoys playing and has integrated into the team well, sharing the ball and working to support her teammates.



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## **Liam Rogers**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 20**

Liam came to the game last season and worked really hard to develop his skills. This season we have seen him really show off those skills and how much he is enjoying his footy. He is always determined to do his best, is continuing to grow his confidence and works well as part of the team. He is always striving to improve and really works hard at training. He is a quiet achiever but a big part of the Reds team.

## **Jarrah Squire**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 11**

Jarrah has taken to the game like a duck to water. He has a massive boot, often having to reign in his kicks so they don't go over a third, he works hard in defence, and he loved kicking goals. Jarrah worked well with his teammates and is really evolving his skills and understanding of the game. His enthusiasm sometimes gets ahead of his skill set because he is so keen to play but he is looking like a superstar of the future.

## **Angus Sibly**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 24**

Angus is still a pocket rocket who is hard on the ball and has a big boot. This season Angus has worked really hard for the team. In defence he chases and clears the ball quickly. In attack he uses his speed and big boot to score some fantastic goals. His skills as a leader are developing and he is learning how to support his teammates. Angus is always enthusiastic, always ready for a game and is a potential star of the future.

## **Alithia Turtle**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 20**

Alithia has grown in confidence and has really developed her skills taking some fantastic marks and showing off a really big boot for her stature. She is really starting to understand the game and works hard to support her teammates and share the ball. Alithia is enthusiastic about playing and really loves being part of the team.

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## Auskick Pros White 2024

Back Row: Chris Ayre (Coach), Hunter Wiggins, Max Aslan, Alexander Green, Lucas Ayre, Angus Jenkins

Front Row: Jayden Power, Bradley Wells, Isaac Mann, Joshua Schofield, Mason Nicolaou, Logan Eather

Absent: Patrick Dillon, Tara Wiggins (Manager)



## AUSKICK PROS WHITE

### COACH'S REPORT

It was a pleasure to coach the Auskick Pros White for the 2024 season. The boys were always energetic but respectful of each other, their opponents, umpires and coaching staff throughout the season. The parents should be proud of the children they are raising, the examples being set from the sidelines was heartwarming to experience.

Watching the boys develop solid friendships with each other week to week was a very rewarding aspect of coaching and is a clear link back to the environment being set at home.

Over 50% of our team were playing their first year in the Pros program. It was clear from the outset that the emphasis for the season would be to focus on building their skill base, providing them with solid foundations to become future superstars! Thankfully each player demonstrated improvements in kicking, handballing and general game awareness. They naturally developed a team first mentality, with the highlight of the season being our Round 6 clash against the Tigers at Stirling – every player managed to kick a goal on the day. What a chest puff moment for the team!

The season couldn't have operated without the support of the team manager Tara Wiggins. Clearly experienced in the role, her organised nature assisted immensely at trainings, but more importantly on game day. Steve Wiggins also assisted during training sessions and game days when available, providing experienced insights when required. A special mention to Steve and Tara's son Mason who assisted with warm-up and goal umpiring duties most weeks during the season. Thank you also to Brendan Eather for taking on the First Aid duties during the season – thankfully you were not required very often.

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Finally, a big thank you to all of the players for making my life easy! I wish you all the best of luck in future years. Keep kicking with that left foot!

**Chris Ayre**

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## AUSKICK PROS WHITE PLAYER PROFILES

### Max Aslan

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 22**

Max is a very enthusiastic ruckman demonstrating sound leadership in the middle third, often directing teammates where to stand and tapping directly to them. A strong right foot clearing kick often assisted the team transition out of defence to attack.

### Lucas Ayre

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 10**

Lucas has a booming left foot kick, often hitting his target throughout the season. He demonstrated strong vision and a natural ability to read the game. A sound team player, often sharing the ball with his teammates to ensure success for the group.

### Patrick Dillon

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 18**

Patrick missed the first half of the season due to injury. Upon arrival, his scrapping determination was just what the team needed. His attitude of never giving up goes well with his explosive speed and strong right foot kick.

### Alex Green

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 7**

Alex is a very quiet and unassuming individual. He has strong hand skills and natural ability to read the game, particularly in defence where he often positioned himself to intercept the opposition's momentum.

### Logan Eather

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 11**

Logan is small in stature but demonstrates unbelievable determination and grit. He has an unsuspecting solid right boot and showed great improvement across all skills during the season. A fitting recipient of the most improved player award.

### Angus Jenkins

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 10**

Angus shows maturity on the field well above his years and is an all-round solid player. He has the ability to thread hand balls in traffic, as well as hit targets with his right foot that will see him succeed in future years. A deserving recipient of this year's coaching award.

### Mason Nicolaou

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 11**

Mason was a pleasure to coach and is an attentive listener. His skill level improved out of sight this season, but I was most impressed with his ability to move into space creating an unmarked option for his team to progress forward.

### Jayden Power

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 9**

Jayden is determined and tough. A strong ball runner, often finding himself in space after hitting the contest hard. His team awareness improved out of sight this season, along with his ball handling skills.

### Joshua Schofield

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 19**

Josh is a very balanced team player, gelling well with any combination. His skill base is very sound, giving him the ability to hold his own in every contest. A fluent right foot kick will see him slot plenty of goals in the future.

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## **Bradley Wells**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 11**

Brad was always switched on and willing to listen at training. The improvement in his skill base was evidence of this. Towards the end of season, Brad often positioned himself in open space and unmarked, a skill we often worked on a training that will see him succeed in future years.

## **Hunter Wiggins**

**Total Games at end of 2024 – 11**

Hunter was quite shy at the beginning of the season. As his skill base improved, so did his confidence to enter the contest. He has a strong right foot kick and his accuracy improved each week. Always smiling, Hunter has set sound foundations to build on next season.



# AUSKICK ROOKIES

## COORDINATOR'S REPORT

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It is an exciting time to be a part of TVAFNC and Rookies is where it all starts! It's the perfect place for young players to begin their journey in AFL, building friendships that will last a lifetime. Each session is full of learning and development, helping kids grow their skills and confidence both on and off the field. Most importantly, they discover the excitement and joy of playing AFL, fostering a lifelong love for the game.

This year, the AUSKICK Rookies embraced the excitement of AFL, progressing from learning the basics to confidently identifying with the game. Every session kicks off with three important reminders: 'Have fun,' 'Stay on your feet,' and 'Hands off,' setting the tone for an engaging and energetic time. The Rookies then dive into a range of team-based activities that focus on kicking and handballing, ensuring each child builds on their skills in a fun, supportive environment. But the Rookies program goes beyond learning how to play AFL—it fosters personal growth, helping young players make new friends, gain confidence, and develop teamwork and communication skills. At TVAFNC, we're dedicated to maintaining a safe and positive space where kids can enjoy the game while thriving in their overall development. It's truly inspiring to witness the kid's energy, growing skillset, and unwavering enthusiasm each week in our great game called AFL.

The year ended with Auskick Rookies Graduation Day and big thanks to Kellie the President of TVAFNC who also came down handing out the Rookies medallions. It was an awesome day for both rookies and parents which included the classic Parents versus Rookies match, parents were being tackled by kids everywhere with screaming marks and of course the Rookies winning!. What a great year and I really enjoyed it.

Thank you also to Auskick Rookies coach Russell (Rus) helping out with kids this year. It goes along way. Also, a big thank you to Kellie our Junior Director for also helping everything run smoothly and your help and support with the Auskick Rookie program. I would also like to thank all the parents who joined in and helped with the activities each week. We encourage and enable parents to get involved in the Auskick Program and their children's development and it was great to see. It is awesome to see kids grow up around the game and I hope everyone enjoyed this year as well.

I look forward to seeing everyone next year. I cannot wait to see all of you rock up in 2025. GO TVAFNC!

**Tristan and Rus**  
**Auskick Rookies Coaches**