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2021 MIRANDA BOMBERS PRESIDENT'S REPORT TOD BREALEY

What a year!

At the start of the 2021 season, the Bombers set two goals

1. get back and train
2. play some games

Anything else was a bonus.

I was pleased that we had a few BBQs, including one at a Friday night game.

Season highlights were Sir Doug Nicholls round, the acknowledgement of country and the completion of the Bombers Indigenous Guernsey and Anzac Day, where we could pause and remember those who and continue to serve Australia in the defence force.

We are also fortunate as a footy club to have exceptional volunteers. The club would not function without their service.

Thank you to all the parents and carers who jump in to help at a training session or on gameday to serve in the canteen or on the BBQ. (even when they are not rostered on).

I am grateful to all the managers and coaches across the footy club who volunteer countless hours each week to make the club a positive place for our players.

I also wanted to take a moment to thank some people who when above and beyond this year.

Thank you

· Mark and Jo Frearson, for all your efforts to find teams for the u15 boys at the start of the year.

· Karen Armstrong for assisting the bombers to improve our cultural competency. The club will have an Indigenous jumper in 2022 due to the guidance of Karen with the support of the u17 playing group.

· Rhys Vance for coaching our u17s and being a bridge between the Bombers and the Southern Power. Over the last two seasons of interruptions, Rhys has been phenomenal at keeping this team together.

· Stu Stansell for facilitating the connection with Kirranari and achieving a good outcome for the u14 boys.

· Kristyn Dundas for leading the transition of the two u12 teams to competitive football. This step is always tricky, and Kristyn made the process as smooth as possible. Thank you to

Rachel Watson, Gary Collyer and Ray Congerton for their leadership in the u12s to maintain a fun and positive environment.

· Dave Sleishman for taking on the socials and the heavy lifting to have our website refresh ready for launch. And for also coaching the u13's.

· David Bramley for doing socials, arranging all our merchandise and expanding our apparel options.

· Kristie Carrick for jumping in and taking on the coordination of Auskick.

· Ben Carrick for being our club coach, setting the right tone for his team and for all the pre-season sessions to set clear expectations for all our coaches.

· Alan Wheelock for supporting the transition of players out of Auskick this season, especially with the youth girls. For assisting in club communications, data extracts, and being available on Sundays to get things done.

· Simone Catto, for registering over 300 players and answering all the received questions.

· Derek Singline, creating the right climate in our youth girls, the u14s were also undefeated. For turning up and making positive contributions to decisions on the committee.

· Stu Milen, first year on the committee, took on one of the most critical roles as a child protection officer. In addition to coaching and being a positive impact within the junior age groups.

· John Watson, for facilitating an excellent outcome for the u14 boys. Being upbeat and making coaching fun and stepping up and being Secretary and keeping us on track and getting the critical task of club photos done.

· Michael Lynch, made sure that the club did not spend more than we had in the bank, taking on tasks like umpiring payments. There are a lot of young people who need to be paid.

· Mike Pickett, phenomenal, working with the council to improve the field, liaising with AFL and the academy and the significant role of being a club waratah representative and the liaison with the southern power.

· Sabrina Smith, supporting the transition from auskick to u9s. The training session between our u9s and u17s was fantastic. Continuing to connect our sponsorship from Mike at the steak out in Jannali, Elders, Hills and Viteri and the good for footy raffle. Through Sabrina's leadership, the club raised over \$20k.

· Briggs family, Alison and Andrew.

· Andrew for being busier than when he was president, representing the Bombers on Club Waratah, setting up fields, doing canteen, coaching, cutting down trees, umpire liaison, tribunal advocate and probably some other things that were completed without anyone knowing.

· Alison, for all the work with all the managers, pre-season meetings, and guidance to managers in resolving issues. Alison has done a huge amount of work in addition to managing the u13s, including arranging publication of the yearbook.

As I write, the Omicron variant has been identified in Australia. We are still working through what our new normal will be. The last two years have highlighted the importance of community and appreciating moments where we can interact with others to have fun and be active.

To everyone at the bombers, thank you for the role that you played in making the game great and a significant part of how we have coped through the pandemic.

I hope to see you back involved in 2022.

Go the bombers!

Tod Brealey

President MAFC

UNDER 5 AUSKICK

Coach: Dave Sleishman



It is always great to see the first year Auskickers running around Waratah Oval with socks that go all the way up over the knees and the mighty Bombers jumpers swimming on their little bodies. In fact, the only thing better is watching the smile beam across their faces as they learn the great game on Aussie Rules Footy. And albeit a short and interrupted season, this year's U5 Auskick made the most of their opportunity learning how to handpass, kick and mark the ball. The season kicked off with a training session with the oldest age group at the club – the U17's - and whilst the physical difference was stark, judging by the way the older boys came off the track huffing and puffing, battered and bruised, I'd say the U5 took the honours!

We hope that all the players enjoyed themselves enough to come back next year and continue their footy journey.

Go Bombers!

UNDER 6 AUSKICK

Coach: Xavier De Domenico



The Bombers U6 team started the season on a real high with the majority of the 2020 U5's team making a return to the AusKick. It was great to see the friendships pick up where we left off last year and the team comradery begin to develop. This year we saw the boy's passion for footy grow as is their confidence and skills on the field continued to develop. Thanks to all the parents and helpers who made the season possible. It was great to see all the parents getting involved week in week out.

ARCHER

Archer is a great addition to the Bombers U6 team and he brings his 'A game' each week. Archer has a strong kick and is determined and focussed on the field. He is excellent at reading the play and getting himself in the right position to progress the football forward.

ASHTON

Ashton has continued to develop this season as he builds on his already strong skills set. He continues to be a relentless on ball player who seems to be able to get himself to the ball no matter where it is on the field. He should be proud of his performance this season.

BANJO

Banjo is an enthusiastic player who is constantly trying to get his hands on the footy. He has brought a lot of passion to the playing group and finds his ways to immerse himself in the play. Banjo is a great addition to the Bombers U6 Team.

HARVEY

Harvey is an enthusiastic player who always seems to find the football. He is beginning to handball more to teammates in better positions than him to progress the football forward. Great work Harvey.

HAYDEN

Hayden kicked off the season with a bang and showed us his strengths in his kicking and handballing. He is an encouraging teammate and a great addition to the Bombers U6 Team.

HUDSON

Hudson played really well this season. He has a great ability to read the game and put himself in a position to receive the ball from his team mates. Keep up the good work Hudson!

HARRY

Harry shows great enthusiasm for the game and he displayed great skills this season. He is working on strengthening his kick his read of the game. Harry should be proud of his gains this season.

HUGO

It was great to observe Hugo's passion and enthusiasm for the game this season. He loves to run around and you can see him looking for opportunities to grab the footy. Hugo is a great addition to the U6's.

JORDAN

Jordan's strong kick continues to develop and we saw noticeable gains in his kicking strength this season. He has improved his handballing skills and read of the game, allowing him pass to teammates and progress the football forward. Well done this season Jordan.

JUDE

Back for a second year, we have seen Jude's skills increased significantly since last season. His passion and enthusiasm for the game remains high as his kicking skills continue to develop. Well done Jude!

KINGSTON

Kingston has taken giant strides forward this season, especially with his kicking and handpassing. Kingston loves the game and it is clearly shown by the way he plays. Great work this season Kingston.

LACHLAN

Lachie brings a lot of passion to training and the playing group. He displays excellent sportsmanship and looks for ways to involve his teammates during games. His kicking and handballing skills are continuing to improve. Well done Lachie.

MAX

Maxy's determination and grit has paid dividends this season and we have seen a great improvement this play. He is a supportive team player and great addition to the team.

NOAH M

Noah is an enthusiastic and joyful player who is really developing his hand passing and skills and constantly trying to get his hands on the footy. Great efforts this season Noah.

NOAH V

Noah continues to improve his game especially his kicking and hand passing. He's is a confident player who is not afraid to dive in to catch the ball. Noah should be proud of his improvement this season.

OWEN

Owen has brought a lot of passion to the team this season. He is working on his passing skills and strengthening his kicking accuracy. He has been a great addition to the team.

RORY

Rory is a great 'all round' team player and he continues to build on the skills he developed last season. His passion and enthusiasm for the game is strong and he is an excellent team player.

TOMMY

Tommy's kicking hand passing, and skills have shown a marked improvement since last season. His passion for the game remains high and he has taken strides forward this year. Good job Tommy!

ISAAC

Isaac is an enthusiastic team player who tries his best. His skills in hand passing and kicking are developing, and he has taken strides forward this year.

UNDER 7 AUSKICK

Coaches: Andrew Smith / Andrew Davies

Managers: Louise Laws



Thank you to all the kids and parents who took part in the U7 Bombers 2021 season. Given what has transpired over the last few months it was great to get some early games in. On behalf of the coaches James, Andrew and myself it was a pleasure to coach the team this year – they are a great bunch of kids! A special thank you to Louise Laws for doing a great job managing the team again.

It was a real shame the season ended early - we were really starting to see the kids grow and develop their skills. They should all be proud of their efforts on the field and training paddock this year – well done!

ELLIOT KLAUSE

Elliot is a real star of the team whose skills with the ball continued to grow this year. It was great to see Elliot get his just desserts kicking some big goals in the final games! Great work Elliot!

GORDON BAIN

Gordon has a real knack for the game wherever he is on the field. He listens well at training and gets himself in the right position to utilize his size and skills! Very impressive!

WILLIAM BROWN

Second year in for Will, and he took his game to the next level. Will likes to get involved in the middle of the field rough stuff putting his body on the line to win the ball! Real team player!

JAKE AZZOPARDI

Another strong year from Jake who continues to excel on the field in all areas. Jake has a strong kicking game with pace to burn and that meant plenty of goals! Top stuff Jake!

MCKENZIE CLEARY

McKenzie showed off plenty of speed and skill on the field and at training this year. Often first to the ball and leaving the competing team (and her fellow teammates) standing still as she took off to kick a goal or two! Gold medal effort!

CODY BUCHAN

Cody is a real no-nonsense player who gets into the game and creates chances wherever he is on the field. Fast, agile with plenty of skills! Awesome work!

CONNOR BURNETT

Conner had a great year with the Bombers both on game day and at training. Connor used his height and speed to his advantage, took plenty of possessions and kicked plenty of goals! Respect!

CONNOR THOMPSON

It was great to see Connor continue to improve and show his skills as the year went. Attacking the ball and great clearing kicks got us out of trouble plenty of times! Champion effort!

EVAN BARRY

Evan is a real speedster of the team who could run all day and good luck catching him. This meant plenty of long runs around or through the opposition to set up or kick goals himself! On fire!

LUCAS KEMP

Lucas could really switch on during a game and dominate the opposition. A real hunger for the ball and classy passing game got us out of trouble plenty of times! Well done champ!

AUSTIN MARCHANT

Austin was another speedster who had great skills with the ball and a nice kick. Never let the team down with his passion and commitment at training or on game day! Superstar!

MAX SMITH

Max had another great year with the Bombers using his speed and uncanny positioning to kick a couple of nice goals! Well done Dynamite!

ARCHER BRASSINGTON

Archer showed lots of skill and ability on the field this year. Always in the thick of the action and kicking plenty of goals. Archer hit the ground running and didn't stop! Sign this guy up!

HARRY GUY

Harry was impressive this year improving quickly with every training session and game. Hard to hold back in the latter games Harry set up and kicked some super goals! Well done Harry!

CRUZ LAWS

Another big year for Cruz with the super boot kicking goals from all over the field. Great skill and game awareness saw Cruz win plenty of ball and help his teammates all get a good go! Great to watch!

HENRY DAVIES

Second year in for Henry and his game continued to go from strength to strength. Good pace and determination saw Henry win plenty of ball and kick plenty of goals! Super stuff Henry!

NOAH PASCOE

Noah's progress in all areas of the game over the last two years has been impressive. Noah plays with confidence these days and the skills to back it up! Awesome!

TAJ LAWS

Another super effort this year from the pocket rocket Taj. Was often first to the action and if he wasn't kicking them with his huge boot he was setting them up! Champion effort!

BLAKE SCHOFIELD

Blake had a great year with Bombers in 2021 really getting involved in training and on game day. The hard worked paid off and saw Blake regularly turning over the scoreboard! Well done Blake!

UNDER 8 AUSKICK

Coaches: Stuart Millen

Manager: Julie Homer



A fantastic last session of Auskick for this energetic team who displayed the Bombers values every week. This year we worked hard on improving teamwork, communication and sharing the footy by hand and foot. Spectators expressed delight on a number of occasions as the ball was regularly moved out of the backline with precision kicks, strong marks and chains of handballs reminding everyone how good footy can be. I am expecting plenty of fun next year with the move into junior footy. A big thanks to Julie for organising everyone each week and Kristie for organising the comp. With so many enthusiastic kids in this age group there will be plenty of coaching opportunities for those parents wishing to turn the kids from Auskickers into Bombers legends!

ZIGGY

Had a great season with his dashing run and knowledge of how to use his body to safely attack the ball, loved how he always bought others into the game by hand and foot.

COOPER J

Showed that he has all the makings of a great key position payer for the Bombers for years to come reminding me of the great Chris Mew with his strong marking and long kicks from defence.

THOMAS

Like a sponge with his ability to pick up new skills quickly. Always a crowd favourite with his love of a bounce down the wing. Luckily, we play with synthetic balls otherwise he would have picked up a nasty case of leather poisoning

RYAN

Demonstrated the Bombers values each week and always a pleasure to coach. Used his good skills to contribute to some of the Bombers best plays

MITCHELL

Always a fantastic attitude to training and game day. Improved his marking skills dramatically throughout the year and could be the next Jason Dunstall in front of goal.

GRAYSON

His confidence around his team mates went to the next level this year as he often set up goal opportunities with his long kicks and quick handballs.

JACKSON

Loved watching his enthusiasm and joy of competition. His skills were often on show linking up with his team mates to produce scintillating passages of play.

ARCHER

A great team mate constantly bringing others into the game. Improved his footy every week and will soon have one of the longest kicks in the league.

NATE

Grew with confidence each game he played. Like a sponge soaking up information at each training session I expect a breakout season in 2022.

JAMIE

Always had his silky skills on display. Seemed to have the ball on a string most weeks. Can play in any position and I'm sure he will enjoy being able to tackle next year.

ROBBIE

Fantastically coachable with great skills obviously honed by hours of practice in the backyard. Provided some memorable crowd moments with his strong marking and powerful kicks.

FERGUS

Always willing to bring team mates into the game he was often instrumental in setting up forward thrusts from deep in defence but was just as much at home in front of the big sticks.

RYDER

Clearly following in the footsteps of Nat Fyfe as a hard running midfielder who loves to push forward to inflict maximum damage on the scoreboard. Sky's the limit.

HARLEY

Destined to lead the Bombers to many flags with his balance and poise. Already a beautiful kick he will benefit from having a regular group around him to supply him with plenty of ball.

LACHLAN

Comes ready made with an infectious attitude and a great work ethic. Has shown continuous improvement and is set for a great season in 2022.

LOLA

Has AFL running through her veins and I wouldn't be surprised if she ends of being a Bombers hall of famer at the end of her career. Always a pleasure to coach.

OSCAR

Has all of the hallmarks of a young James Hird who sought out a wide variety of influences (Rugby league, ballet, soccer) to build his career. After sampling the world I hope to see him back with the Bombers soon.

LINK

We have seen him lift his footy to a new level this year. Showing great confidence from being in the system a number of years he produced some fantastic individual efforts that had the crowd on their feet.

OLIVER

Throws himself into every contest with gusto. Destined to have a highlight reel up there with the best by the end of his career exemplified by his mark of the year effort early in the season.

LIAM

Tough as nails and wills himself to get the hardball. He will benefit from a big pre-season and I expect him to start dominating the contest next year.

HESTON

A very coachable player, always willing to listen and demonstrate the Bombers values. Crowd pleaser with his fierce attack on the ball.

NOAH

Always very enthusiastic and full of energy during training or on game days. Has the opportunity to harness his energies to become a dominant player in Junior footy next year.

DANIEL J

One of our most skilled and knowledgeable players he always knows how to position his body for best result. Expecting a breakout year with the advent of tackling in 2022.

HARVEY

Always demonstrates the Bombers values and leads by example. With his skills improving weekly I expect him to be launching bombs from 50m next year.

DANIEL L

Always a pleasure to coach he demonstrated the Bombers values and was always a great contributor of the all important "Question of the week" quiz at every training session.

ELLIOT

A huge development in his footy skills this year showing an exponential increase. Used his agility and speed around the contest to be first to the ball at most contests.

SAMUEL

A great communicator, always led the way for his team mates and loved getting his hands on the ball. Improved his skills every week and I can't wait to see his development next year.

FREDERIC

Showed great promise as a tap ruck linking up well with his mosquito fleet. Demonstrated a lot improvement as the year went on.

HUGO

Always displayed the Bombers values and produced some scintillating moments of pure footy joy with his run and carry and aerial prowess.

CHARLIE

Has a fantastic attitude and a great work ethic. Has shown lots of improvement and will benefit from an uninterrupted season in 2022.

COOPER M

Showed his great work ethic and will to get to every contest. Could always be relied upon to bring other players into the game with a handpass or a long penetrating kick.

UNDER 9 BLACK

Coach: Matt Batman / Grant Hurst

Manager: Sarah Rose / Sabrina Smith



This season got underway with firstly forming the U9 Black team of which we had a mix of U8 Auskickers returning, new players signing up for the first time and two players who played up a year in U9 last season coming back to their own age group.

For most of the team the new rules for U9 AFL were the first thing we focused on at training, in particular the introduction of tackling, larger playing fields (well that didnt happen early on but will get to that later!), game management, use of whiteboard for positional rotations, weekly team captain etc.

We opened the season away against Cronulla and the team had an outstanding start winning the ball convincingly and kicking a lot of goals.

We had a home game the next week and again performed very well against the other Cronulla team, albeit on a small field. We then had a long run of away games with the next few again on very small fields. The team performed very well in these matches and a most pleasing aspect was the sharing of possession amongst the team given a focus is for every player to get time with the ball.

The run of small fields didn't help the boys when we played the two strongest teams in the final 2 games of round 1 rotations which were on much larger fields. We didnt use the open space on the larger fields as well as our opponents which resulted in a couple of tough games. The last game of round 1 rotation was the highly anticipated inter club match

between the Blacks and the Reds under lights on a Friday night. The chocolates went to the Reds team on the night who played extremely well, however the boys on both teams really enjoyed it and the night match was a huge success.

As a team we learnt a lot from the first rounds of rotations and our focus for the second round were to spread out and use the space more, improve our marking in defence to reduce uncontested possessions against us and clear the ball wide from our goal line in defence. Unfortunately, due to the lock down situation we didn't get the opportunity to put the learnings from earlier in the season into practice as the season was cut short. In summing up the season that was, the team did well in moulding a varied level of experience together as well as transitioning from Auskick to AFL U9 rules. It was an enjoyable season for all and you only had to hear the loud and proud singing of the Bombers song after every game to know how much fun the boys had.

Special thanks to the managers, Sarah & Sabrina for their hard work and support throughout the year and last but not least to our parents who each week helped out by officiating in the goals, ran the drinks, performed their club duties and most importantly brought their kids to training and games every week!

ARCHIE BRAY

A new player to AFL this year and Archie's enthusiasm and leadership were a fantastic bonus for the team. Used his height advantage to great benefit in the ruck contests of which he was a real star and regularly won the ball for the team.

CHARLIE MCLEOD

One of our younger under 8's who played up this year into the under 9s and did extremely well making the step up. A tough player who doesn't take a backwards step, regularly in the thick of it and winning the ball for his team.

JASPER FREARSON

A standout young player who has excellent kicking, marking and passing skills. Also possesses advanced knowledge of the game for his age, which enables Jasper to read the game better than his competitors. The most impressive attribute about Jasper from a coaches perspective is that he never played an average or off game, every week was of the utmost highest standard.

SAMUEL BATMAN

One the big improvers throughout the season, in particular kicking, marking and passing skills. Sam also used the space on the field very well and regularly placed himself in open space to gain uncontested possessions.

WALT SHANAHAN

This was Walt's first year in AFL and from the first game you wouldn't have known it. Loved training and playing every week and his enthusiastic attitude shone brightly. A fierce competitor with great natural skills and speed which will only get better from here.

XAVIER MICHEL

Made the transition from Auskick to U9 AFL very well. Reads the game well and often positions himself in the right place at the right time. An excellent ball winner especially in the midfield as well as making plenty of tackles every game

DYLAN SMITH

Dylan loves a rumble, getting in the middle of congestion to fight for the ball and laying on a strong tackle when in defence. Dylan has all the skills, can pick up the ball on the run and snap a goal from deep in the pocket! Dylan is content kicking a footy all day and has a true love for the game!

KIP VAN DORT

Another AFL first timer, Kip's positive attitude, willingness to learn and always giving his best really shone through this year. Kip improved as the season went on, improved his kicking technique, and showed towards the end of the season how to be brave on the ball and in defence. A quiet achiever with an infectious smile always willing to share the ball with his teammates!

LACHLAN FURLONG

Lachie is our silent assassin and put on a few big tackles during the season when his opponents didn't see him coming! Improved consistently during the season, bettering all of his skills, especially getting the ball out of congestion quickly. Lachie also kicked a few quiet goals every other game and loved to get a good hand pass to a teammate from the middle of a ruck.

LACHLAN SHANAHAN

Lachie had a cracker of a year with ball in hand and with the boot, improving each week in all aspects. No matter the size of his opponents, Lachie would challenge in congestion and throw his arms around his opponents to win the ball for his team. Handballing and passing improved immensely, as did his kicks in play and confidence in kicking for goal!

RYAN HURST

Ryan is our very own energizer rabbit; when he sees the ball, his eyes light up and nothing gets in his way of getting that first touch! Ryan has an uncanny way of always knowing where the ball will come out and positions himself beautifully to be the first person to the ball. Ryan also possesses the biggest kick in the team and can score goals from any corner of the field, especially with his snap!

TYNAN ROSE

Tynan loves to get in the mix whether it be digging the ball out of congestion, laying on an all arms tackle to dispose his opponent of the ball, or being first to the ball. Tynan's skills in handballing from the ruck and kicking goals really improved as this season progressed, as did his ability to find space when we got possession.

UNDER 9 RED

Coach: Adam Neyenhuys / Craig Kingston

Manager: Mandy Koroi / Katie Howard



The coaching staff couldn't be prouder of the U9 Reds this year. The boys trained and played in the right spirit. Not only did we see significant improvement from all of the boys, we also started to see some great friendships form. The team was a mixture of players who participated in Auskick last year and new players to the game this year. By the end of the year, anyone watching would've thought the boys had played together for years. The way they linked up as a team was amazing.

During the year, the boys had many great wins and also a couple of very close losses, which they learnt from. After a slow start to the year, which included a very close loss in the first game to Cronulla, the boys improved significantly and really started playing well as a team. By the end of the year, the team was very confident in the way they played and were able to put win after win together.

This year not only did the boys all learn the skills of kicking, handballing and marking, they also learnt key aspects of playing, which included standing their man in defence and tackling when the opposition had the ball, running and kicking to space when we had the ball and gaining confidence to go in and get the ball when it was near them. Everything we threw at them they embraced.

Despite all the improvement the boys showed during the year, the most pleasing thing to watch was the spirit in which they played the game. Each week they tried to share the ball around to ensure everyone got a touch of the footy. This even happened in front of goal, in hope of allowing everyone to have the joy of kicking a goal. When a teammate did something great, they all celebrated. There were a few games during the year where the opposition team wasn't as strong, so they showed fantastic gamesmanship and shared the ball with the opposition players, to ensure they walked away from the game enjoying it.

But, no doubt, the absolute highlight of the year was singing the team song at the end of each game. The boys huddled in close and belted out the song loud and proud together, which ensured they finished the day as a close team. By the end of the year they didn't even need palm cards.....

A great team also needs some great managers and volunteers. A big thankyou goes to our awesome managers, Katie Howard and Mandy Koroi. Also, during the year, we required help from a number of parents to either vote on player of the match awards, goal umpire, be a time keeper, cook the bbq and help in the canteen. A big thankyou to all of the parents for stepping in help out here.

Well done guys on a fantastic year, we hope you all enjoyed it and we would love to see you back in 2022.

ALEX BAKER

Alex had the honour of being the team's first captain this year. As the year went on Alex improved significantly. Not only did his skills improve he gained confidence to go in and get the ball himself. Alex defended really well but also had a knack of finding space when we had the ball. Alex not only kicked a number of goals this year, but he also passed off to a number of team mates to allow them to kick goals, a real team player. Well done Alex on a great year.

AUSTIN HOWARD

A natural footballer. Whether it is upfront snagging a goal, getting clearances from the centre or playing in defence, Austin was able to continually find the footy. As the year went on he went from strength to strength. Austin was able to read the play really well so he was always able to run to the right areas. Austin has great skills, especially his kick, which he put to use each week, which his team mates also benefited from. Well done Austin on a great year.

CONNOR JOUBERT

'So close' is a great way to sum up Connor. After a slow start to the year, Connor improved significantly as the year went on. He really started to learn the game and also gain confidence in going and getting the ball. Connor was 'so close' in kicking a number of goals this year. Connor was another player who was able to continually find space to get the ball. Mid-year, we brought some competitive and tackling into training, Connor thrived with this, and showed great enthusiasm which rubbed off onto his teammates. Well done Connor on a great year.

HARRISON PALMER

Harry kicked the team's first goal of the year. When Harry was on, he was nearly unstoppable. There was a game against Ramsgate where Harry kicked so many goals in the first quarter that we had to take his arm band off. Another natural footballer who seems to have lots of time when he gets the ball and possesses very clean skills. Well done Harry on a great year.

JACK KIRGAN

Goals, goals, goals...there is no one that loved to kick goals more than Jack, and he kicked a lot of them. No one would know that this was Jack's first year of AFL, he was a natural. While Jack loved kicking goals, he was also the hardest player in the team when it came time to getting the footy or laying a big tackle. He often put his body on the line or kicked an inspirational goal to get the team going. Well done Jack on a great year.

JACK PALMER

He was everywhere. Jack was in everything this year. Wherever the ball was so was Jack. Whether it was in defence, in the centre or up forward, Jack could always get the footy and ensure a tough day for his opponent. Jack reads the ball really well, and when he got the ball, loved to take the game on with his run and carry. At times during the year, Jack was asked to help some of his team mates on the field, which he embraced, which was great to see. Well done Jack on a great year.

JAMES "JIMMY" NEYENHUYS

A new player to the game this year. After asking 'how do I play this game' at one of the first training sessions, Jimmy improved significantly as the year went on. Jimmy took some great marks and could boot the ball a mile. But his strength was definitely his ruck work. When he jumped no one could stop him and he thumped the ball to our advantage numerous times, which the team benefited from. By the end of the year, Jimmy was a pivotal player in our team, and we noticed his absence when we had our second and last loss of the year against Penshurst. Well done Jimmy on a great year.

JOSHUA KINGSTON

Mr dependable. Josh was a very consistent and dependable player for the team this year. Each week you knew what you were going to get from him. Josh loved to kicked goals, but his strength was definitely sweeping across the backline ensuring the opposition team didn't score. Josh was another player who loved to share the ball around and celebrate with his team when they did something great. Well done Josh on a great year.

LUCA RILEY

A coaches dream. It was amazing to see Luca's improvement through the year. He was such a team player. Luca was always the first to quote the team rules and made sure we were all in tight when we sang the team song. Luca really embraced the competitive and tackling training during the year and this rubbed off on his team mates. As the year progressed, Luca gained more confidence on the field and was able to find lots of the footy. He came so close to kicking his first goal of the year in our last game of the year, but it just got touched on the line. Luca was due to be captain before the season got cut short, so will be ready to go next year. Well done Luca on a great year.

OSCAR KOROI

Oscar always had a smile on his face and looked like he really enjoyed playing. Despite his size, he embraced the competitive work at training and by the end of the year he gained the confidence to dive into the bottom of packs to get the ball. Oscar's skills improved as the year went on and he was able to start finding lots of the footy. Oscar played some great games, especially in defence, when he stood close to his opponent ensuring they didn't get the footy. Well done Oscar on a great year.

THOMAS BARKER

Thomas settled into the team really well this year. He is a natural footballer who made an impact right from the start. Whatever position Thomas played he got lots of the football and used his big kick to good use. Thomas kicked some fantastic goals this year, one of which was a snap from the boundary. A really energetic player who's enthusiasm rubbed off on this team mates. Well done Thomas on a great year.

SEBASTIAN COSTELLO

Sebastian joined the team part way through the year and picked up the game quickly. As the year went on his skills improved significantly and he gained confidence to go in and get the footy. Sebastian was a very popular team mater, and this was evident in the last game of the year when Sebastian kicked his first goal and the whole team swarmed him and lifted him in the air in celebration. Well done Sebastian on a great year.

ZAVIER MARTIN

Zavier has fantastic skills, especially his kick. He was clean with position and very rarely made a mistake. Another natural footballer who was consistent each week, so we knew what we were going to get from him each week. A really good team player, who also went out of his way to help his teammates. Well done Zavier on a great year.

UNDER 10 BLACK

Coach: Nathan Davies

Manager: Rohan Donovan



"In life, as in AFL footy, thinking about the results or outcomes is really not concentrating about what needs to be done.

Because the things that need to be done along the way will determine the outcome."

Leigh Matthews

Having the luxury of several successful consecutive years with a core group of players, the 2021 season presented an excellent opportunity to really enhance the skillset, maturity and discipline required to allow our team to reap the benefits of success, whilst enjoying every aspect of playing footy.

With this in mind, the team unanimously identified at the start of the season that the most important aspect of focus for the year was 'the ball' – this then enabled us to build a solid structure around winning the ball (through relentless defence), controlling the ball (through smart attack) - ultimately converting into points.

Witnessing these young men week to week continually execute (and improve on) this plan was by far the greatest achievement across our shortened season. It provided an immense amount of pleasure for all involved to see the team's commitment, passion and hard work pay off – each team member knew that with the investment of training hard, adhering to a

structure and playing as a unit (not as individuals) would lead to a lot of fun and ultimately retaining the title of 'undefeated'.

Whilst scores weren't formally kept in U/10's, an 'unofficial' tally would result in the team averaging 10 points to our oppositions 1 – this is an important statistic, as it was a fitting legacy of “all the things that were done along the way”.

The team's awareness of the importance of using every inch of space on the field enabled our ability to play an expansive brand of footy and having the benefit of selecting a number of channels to implement our attacking raids. This also allowed each player to be more actively involved and increase their number of touches and contributions each week.

The opportunity to be part of this group and observe their development was extremely rewarding – we have a tremendous group of boys that ideally can remain as a unit for many years to come. I look forward to seeing them mature into young adults and a force to be reckoned with!

I'd also like to thank a number of people for their efforts throughout the season – your contributions were a valuable part of a successful campaign:

- To the parents and carers, thank you for your commitment in ensuring the boys attendance to training and on game day, as well as your assistance with providing player rankings, half time oranges and treats, BBQ and canteen duties and overall support of the teams development.

- Tim Laws and (his apprentice) Clancy Wallace for your enthusiastic goal umpiring. The boys certainly ensured that you were kept busy with those flags throughout the season.

- Rohan Donovan, our ever-committed team Manager. Your support, organization, and communication to all was terrific and something that ensured the smooth running of every aspect of the group's performance.

Looking forward to seeing everyone next year, with ideally a full complement of games ahead of us.

KAI LAWS

Kai was one of our two primary 'on ballers' this year. His raw natural ability coupled with his passion to excel, and a huge ticker led to a very successful year for Kai. His ability to read ahead in play and application of his skillset enabled our team to remain consistently on the front foot. A pleasure to coach, more specifically watching him critique his own style and the slight little nod of acknowledgement he'd give when taking on advice as he strove towards constant improvement.

AIDEN DONOVAN

Aiden's superior skillset and determination to win the ball are his greatest attributes – a gifted player with a very bright future ahead of him. Aiden's role in controlling proceedings as our other 'on baller' allowed quick access to our wider receivers and ultimately more options for our forwards to convert their opportunities. Aiden's growth this year included the commitment of taking on the responsibility of a senior mentor to his team mates to ensure the importance of development of the broader team unit.

JAMES WALLACE

Another stellar year for James this season, built mainly on his attentiveness and willingness to constantly better himself. James is considered the key defender in the side, centric around our defensive strategy of 'hit/stick/shake'. Playing to his strengths, James' awareness of the impact and intimidation that his defense had in turning over opposition ball had significant positive influence on the teams performance. I recall at one training session in particular, I had to have a quite word in James's ear to pull back a bit on his hits, in order for us to field a full team that weekend – what I couldn't pull back was the smile he had from ear to ear!

JOSHUA DAVIES

Josh continued his progress this year as a seriously dominant player within the competition. What impressed me most was the foresight he had in positioning himself to be in the best situation to convert points – this is a trait that is very hard to 'coach' in players at this age. Josh also exhibited a real growth in his leadership skills and a desire to lead by example – something critical in any team environment. Josh's all-round ability and hunger to succeed puts him in good stead to go a long way in the game.

HARVEY ROWLAND

Harvey let his footy do the talking this year, and it paid off substantially. Harvey's attitude of simply 'getting on with it' enabled him to dominate, switching between the forward and back line. What caught my eye in Harvey's development this year was his attitude in wanting to constantly position himself in front of the ball – not afraid of the contact and staying alert during the big moments. Harvey's ability to play smart and utilize the short kick or handpass option was reflective of his maturity from previous seasons – I could confidently set Harvey a task in which he had no issue in delivering on and highlighted his versatility – great season Harv's.

SPENCER O'MAHONY

Spencer was easily one of our greatest improved players this year. His level of improvement every week was seriously impressive, to a point that he became a dominant force against our opposition. This was directly reflected by his effort at training and warm up, prior to each game. One of the best things to observe is the growth of confidence in a player, to which Spencer demonstrated in volumes. Spencer's speed off the mark was one of his strongest weapons and his ability to link up with his forward support at times, uncanny. I can't wait to see Spencer build on these excellent qualities in season 2022.

HARRY JAMIESON

Harry took on the responsibility this year of 'owning' the left flank, and didn't he excel! Harry's highlights were his hunger for the ball and never wasting an opportunity that he in the main, he would create with pure determination. Harry never once second guessed himself – it's this level of confidence which bought him additional time to be as creative as he wanted to be and allowed him to be a dominate force, both in attack and defense – not at any point fearing the challenge of going into contact and constantly breathing down the neck of our opposition. Harry is in for one hell of a season next year, based on what he showcased in 2021.

HARRISON LEE

Harry flourished this season, thanks mainly to his willingness to work hard at every element of his game. Harry really came out of his skin throughout the year, and clearly showed that he has the ultimate temperament to be consistently successful for many years to come. Most importantly, Harry was extremely receptive to any advice bestowed to him – making my job an enjoyable one although more importantly, his execution of the guidance provided inevitably always paid off. This allowed Harry the versatility of excelling in many positions on the field, which only added to the strength of the overall team.

OLIVER GUY

Oli's stature and size provided him a license to dominate at any contest, more specifically the ruck, which provided the team a level of authority from the first whistle. It was hard to remind ourselves that this was Oli's first year in AFL, as he warmed quickly to the game and expectation of his peers. Oli's attitude was always positive, even during difficult contests – he's ability to smile through tough encounters reflected well amongst his teammates - never giving the opposition a hint that he was willing to give up his territory or the ball. A big off season for Oli will see him flourish even further into next season.

RIVER ATKINS

River embraced his first season in AFL with a level of intense enthusiasm and performed like he'd been playing the game for several years, showing a degree of maturity well beyond his age. River adapted to building his skillset quickly and linked his soccer background to showcase a very accurate kicking game, coupled with an intelligent understanding of the effectiveness of playing a short game to reap large gains. River impressed most when he backed himself – something that became more and more prevalent as his confidence built exponentially throughout the season. Every effort he exhibited was solid, and you can ask nothing more from a team member than that – well done River.

AIDEN WALTERS

Energy, effort and enjoyment were the key characteristics that Aiden exhibited throughout the 2021 season – his first in AFL. Aiden proved week in week out that application to constant improvement results in a high level of performance, consistently. Aiden's ability to play well above his weight and match it with the opposition's best was not only beneficial to the team, but a credit to himself. Watching Aiden enjoy all aspects of playing footy was refreshing – he clearly showed that switching on at pivotal times in the game and producing results could all be done easily with a genuine attitude of having a good time. Great first season and we cannot wait to see Aiden excel even further into 2022.

ELIJAH JELLEY

Elijah blossomed throughout the year, and his hard work and determination resulted in a number of terrific performances in season 2021. Elijah's ability to listen and respect the guidance provided to him allowed an accelerated learning of fundamental aspects of the game, which ultimately saw a newfound confidence that resonated throughout the entire team. Elijah's ability to get close to his teammates and appreciate the benefits of the broader game plan led to, with a willingness to learn on the run was a joy to watch. Congratulations Elijah and keep that commitment going for next year.

UNDER 10 RED

Coach: David Carr

Manager: Matthew Swindon



Building on last year with the addition of a few new players, it was great to see the team gel and work together in passages of play from game to game. The score board may not have reflected the success within team's growth, though there were certainly improvements from week to week. With regular rotation of positions on the field, our aim was for all players to have at least one quarter in forward, back and centre of the field each game to share the team's responsibilities whether it be defending or attacking. Though this method may have been disabling at time the kids thrived in each zone to demonstrate their strengths, support, and bonding as a team.

A big thanks to all the parents for helping each week in particular Blake Parker who was at training assisting with the drills and fielding a variety of jobs on game day. A shoutout to some of the U9's (Jasper, Dylan, Tyler) and a very special mention to U8's player Jamie Pardey for filling in when our numbers were short.

Coach: David Carr – Much like Yoda training the Jedi Knights, Dave's patience and communication guided the young team with the direction of play from quarter to quarter. When the team acknowledged and responded the result often provided Dave with a smile from ear to ear. "Young ones, learning they are".

HENRY ALCOCK (#1)

Our starting Ruckman and very own version of Shane (Mummy) Mumford. Henry never shied away from a contest. He was always competing whether in the air or for the ground ball terrifying opponent with his crunching tackles.

JOSH LIDDICOAT (#2)

Josh loved to kick a sneaky goal often surprising his opponents spinning on a dime for the snapshot and moving the ball forward, a la Peter Daicos.

FRANKIE BRADLEY (#3)

With the versatility for key position at each end of the ground replicating Alistair Lynch. Our leading goal kicker with 6 for the season, 3 in one match. Frankie has a beautiful long and accurate kick that rarely missed the goals when within range.

HENRY DILLON (#4)

AKA, Gavin Wanganeen. Henry shows a very cool and calm persona with the ball and never stops hunting down his opponents. Henry is a great team leader guiding his teammates and reassuring them with confidence. He excelled in the backline as well as in the midfield.

LANDON BOSCH (#6)

Landon was a first-year player and took a little time to warm up. After a couple of games his confidence grew with pressure on the opposition. Landon reminded me of Greg (Diesel) Williams and showed great endeavour to make every effort in the contest to assist his team.

AIDEN BOSCH (#7)

Aiden's was a new addition to our team this season, his first year playing. Aiden took to Aussie Rules like a duck to water using his speed in the middle-showed glimpses of Isaac Heeney driving forward and making a contest at every opportunity.

ESTELLE SWINDON (#9)

Putting fear into the opposition with her ponytail and leaving them with the impression of Nat Fyfe. Estelle enjoyed the one-on-one contest against the boys and proved not to be underestimated. Lacking the fluent use of skill with the ball, Estelle loved nothing more than putting on a tackle and then handball out to a teammate running past.

RYAN BASSANESE (#10)

Don't let his small frame fool you, Ryan excelled when playing in the Ruck. Often giving away a height advantage to the opposition, Ryan won the centre bounce with a leap shadowing Marlon Pickett. Ryan is another who grew with confidence each week while improving his skills at training.

WILLS CARR (#11)

Wills would simulate Tom Hawkins in the forward line Brian Lake in the back line and Josh Kennedy in the middle using his body to push off opponents while leading with the one percenters for the team's benefit.

BILLY LITTLE (#13)

Another true competitor with the ability to play in any position across the field though Billy always put his hand up to play in the backline. With his booming kick and courageous marks Billy showed a likeness to Jack Riewolt putting his body on the line and preventing the opposition from scoring.

BYRON PARKER (#16)

Byron returned to Aussie Rules after having some time away from the game. Though he has a gentle nature, Byron was the teams self-appointed enforcer standing up for his teammates and always showing support. Much like Dustin Martin, Byron never left the opposition wondering in what might have been.

LUCAS PARDEY (#18)

Lucas is a natural leader on the field like Jonathon Brown, always encouraging and supporting his teammates. Lucas would set the example in his zone to play a tight defence and leading forward for the team's benefit.

MATTHEW KNEEBONE (#20)

Standing under packs and taking courageous marks, Matty showed the grit and determination to all efforts with his mobility across the field building a wall of defence. Replicating Tom Stewart, Matty's intercepting marks kept the opposition on their toes.

UNDER 10 YOUTH GIRLS

Coach: Alan Wheelock / Assistant Coach: James Azzopardi

Manager: Rebecca Grant



What a great start to the season we had and so close to finishing but it was unfortunate that we couldn't end the season on the same high just this thing called Covid and Lockdowns. I have to say what a great bunch of football players we have on this team, always smiles and football ready in hand. The Season start was fantastic and not in terms of win and loss as we don't have a competition table in U10 but definitely improving each week and laying a foundation they can hopefully build on next year. When we watch AFLW and it is outstanding footy but it's a mere curtain raiser to the Bombers U10 YG who show supreme football. Every week each player for the U10 YG got to play a full game as we didn't have a bench and everyone turned up and put their all into playing and having a great game and some fun also. They also brought that to training with great enthusiasm which can be tough sometimes with our winter weather.

Overall it's a great group of characters who kept us entertained on and off the field. Thanks for a great season.

As the U10 YG has a range of ages playing from the youngest being 8 and oldest 10 they all played well and had some great laughs together. Some players will remain in the U10 YG next season and some move over to the next age group U12 YG, we wish them luck and they will be missed from the team (Jade, Eden, Amelie, Jacinta)

Many thanks to all the parents that pitched in and helped with various duties and a special thanks to James for his help and input as assistant coach and stepping in as coach for the games I couldn't make and also to Rebecca for her work as the team manager, much appreciated.

JADE ALLEN (6)

Covered the field very well in every position, strong maintaining possession and disposed the ball well from hand or foot from tackles

LAYLA AZZOPARDI (7)

Contests well, worked hard in tackles, got some good breaks and disposed of the ball to her teammates cleanly, scored some great running goals.

EDEN BENNIE (11)

Keeps the ball moving forward and worked hard to pass the ball around, gets plenty of runs up the field and was rewarded with great goals.

RUBY CARRICK (3)

Runs the ball really well, took good possession from busy rucks and kicked some great goals getting past the defenders.

KLEO CIEPLIK (1)

Positions herself well around the field, taking lots of great possessions in attack and defence, keeping her team well supplied with plenty of ball.

KAIDA HOPKINS (5)

Great around the field, moves the ball out of the ruck with speed and determination, set up her teammates with some booming kicks up field, and got well earned goals.

AMELIE STEVENS (20)

Capable in both defence and attack, developed from a strong defender to a great goal scorer.

INDRA STEVENS (8)

Always fast and fearless around the field, marking some great balls and linking up well with the other players.

GEORGIE VINE (2)

Winning plenty of ball ups and disposing well to her teammates, made some great breaks out defence and pushed the ball forward to her teammates.

JACINTA WATSON (13)

Plays a focussed game, gets involved in everything, retained possession and disposed the ball well from hand or foot from tackles.

GWEN WHEELLOCK (9)

Holds good position in defence and attack, tagged the opposition well, kicked some cheeky goals.

EVIE WILSON (4)

First timer on the field, impressed all with her tenacity and offloads the ball in the forward line well with good handballs and kicks

UNDER 11 BLACK

Coach: Matt Rivers / Assistant Coach: Mark O'Keeffe

Manager: Mike Walsh



This year we saw some new additions from last year's U10 Blacks 3 new existing players and a number of new additions to the Bombers. We could almost have been called the "Bay Bombers" with 9 Oyster Bay primary school boys. The Oyster Bay/ Como / Jannali Zone is proving to be a strong recruitment area for the Bombers across all 3 U11 teams.

We started the year with a Catch Phrase "Effort=Reward" we wanted to improve the training environment from years past where we encouraged the boys to apply themselves to training and worked on the balance of fun, fitness, skills and teamwork. This saw an increase of energy and effort at training, and we worked on some of the simple team focused outcomes like using your voice and backing each other up. The boys responded well and by the half way mark were really concentrating and applying themselves to training.

This moved on the field on game day where we build on our already competitive nature to had run, skill and teamwork. The boys were a pleasure to watch they had some great team success and whilst the balance sheet wasn't where they would have liked it. They were up for the challenge and ready for a strong run home into finals.

Like all teams the season ended abruptly and as a "Parents group" of volunteers we were extremely devastated. We were really enjoying our Thursday night trainings and the

challenge of game days with the boys. Probably one of the hardest things this of lockdown was knowing the boys couldn't be together training and playing.

Special shout out to some of the U10s that stepped up and played a number of games. They always gave it their best and we really appreciate their help most notably Kai, Aiden and Joshua. They were a great addition to us on game days.

We are looking forward to the 2022 season and all the fun and challenges ahead. We encourage all players to come back, have a crack and bring a friend!

Player Reports

LIAM CARR

Liam had a great season. In his second season with the Bombers, he really built on the skills and teamwork from 2020. He developed into a very competitive lockdown defender and was in a 1 on 1 contest. Liam was super consistent and one of the kids that really lifted the team spirit. His highlight was his true example of team spirit taking a mark in the forward and offloading by hand for the game sealer.

ETHAN COLEY

"E Man" is developing into the epitome of a Swing man. E was one of those players that was able to nullify the oppositions best players. When we give him a role, he relishes the opportunity and challenge going head-to-head with an opposition player. Ethan played some of his best footy this year rotating across half back and in the midfield. His highlight game against Bangor was one to watch.

TOM FRASER

In his second season it was great to see Tom build his knowledge of the game and relish the opportunity to train and learn. He took on any challenge we threw him. Tom is an absolute natural in the game and one to watch at the Bombers for years to come. His highlight was a game at Penshurst where he was damaging up front.

SAM GIBSON

"Sambo" From the first training Sam slotted into the Blacks and really lifted the intensity at training. On game day Sam was everywhere. Locking down the wing as the season progressed, he is super skillful on the outside and uses the ball well in hand. Great at decision making, Sam was one of our most consistent performers this year and a pleasure to coach. He shows great leadership potential for years ahead.

COBI GLOVER

Never Give up, that Sums up Cobi. He's extremely coachable and his defensive pressure in the forward half really helped us lock the ball in and create more scoring opportunities. Cobi has continued to work on his skills and was a pivotal and consistent member in our forward line. He was great pinch hitting in the midfield and when thrown back his tackling was great to see.

MARLEY HANSELL

Marley has been hanging around the team for a number of years and this year he decided to lace up the boots for the Bombers. He made an instant impact in our team. As a strong bodied midfielder, he was extremely competitive. His ability to win the ball on the ground and in the air was a true attribute to the team. Great close in the contest Marley was quick to get the ball on the outside. Marley showed enthusiasm and was keen to learn and play the game.

ADAM HILL

Super competitive and rarely beaten. Adam was a strong performer in the team. He was dangerous up in the forward and rotating through the Mids. His best footy though was off half back where his intercept marking, competitive spirit along with his run and carry had him proving clean ball through to our forwards. Later in the year Adam took on a role of kick outs. This proved to help us transitioning the ball out of our back line.

BILLY MCLEOD

Very skillful and a great footy brain. Billy was a great addition this year and played some great footy in our forward line. He was consistent hitting the scoreboard and a huge contributor with our score involvements. Billy was great trainer and has silky skills.

HUGH MONKTON

Fun, energetic and enthusiastic. Hugh was very consistent and a great member of the team. He reads the ball well and plays the sweeper role to perfection. Often, he's our last in defense and knows when to drop off his opponent to nullify a 50/50 contest. Hugh really developed his skills in particular his overhead marking this year and with his height this is developing to be a good weapon for him in the years to come.

FINN O'KEEFFE

"F BOMB" played a lot of his footy this year in the ruck. He relished the opportunity to run all day and take on the contest vs the other teams ruck. He trains hard and worked tirelessly on his skills, this was most noticeable with his kicking. Finn is super competitive and hates being beaten. We saw a real improvement from Finn this year and he was very consistent with his hit outs and ability to help around the contest.

MASON RIVERS

"Maso" built his tank up this year adding more midfield minutes to his game. He's a contested beast and continues to relish this role in the team leading through effort & courage. He adds some real grunt and clean hands around the contest. This year he developed his foot skills. He never gives up and brings team work energy and effort to every game.

HARRISON SHIRLAW

Haz loves the game and loves being part of the team. He played forward and back again this year and was up for the challenge to be competitive. He worked really hard on his marking and kicking skills. Well done Haz.

ETHAN STARES

"Woody" joined the Bombers this year and had an instant impact. He played a role similar to Dusty Martin. Was like a striker up front and pinch hit in the midfield. Later in the season he was on a rotation with Marley and this proved a very strong combination. Woody is very strong in the air, reads the ball well and at some stages it took 2-3 players to bring him to ground. He tied up the goal of the year, with a snap on the right foot from the pocket and his last quarter against Bangor was one for the ages!

LUKE WALSH

"Spooky" very good and clean with the ball in his hands. His decision making and ball use most illustrated with his forward entries is one of his strengths. His score involvements were one of his key strengths this year and he also hit the score board himself. He had some great moments working on the outside where he really took the game on.

HAMISH WIGLEY

"Hammer" is like the energizer bunny, he just keeps going. He was pivotal to our team across half back. Over the years Hammer has always been great in the air and this year he really developed his contested marking but was extremely damaging with his intercept marking across half back. He also started to take the game on and lead the team in meters gained. Another very solid body of work from Hamish. Highlight of the year for Hamish was 11 intercept marks across half back against Ramsgate.

UNDER 11 RED

Coach: Ben Carrick

Manager: Belinda Harrington



After a Covid interrupted 2020 season it was fantastic to see such strong numbers come back to the U11 age group in 2021 – in fact not only did almost all previous players return, but many brought their mates along to come join in the fun and comradery! Such strong numbers across the age group meant that the mighty bombers were able to field 3 strong teams out of the 7 in the competition, and for the last year before grading, we were by enlarge able to keep the boys playing with their mates, in many instances the in the same team since Auskick.

Specifically for the Reds, the same old motley crew of young men, plus some new teammates, rocked up to a short pre-season ready to work hard, continue to learn and develop as players, but most importantly have fun with their mates playing the great game of AFL. Over the summer the boys had both grown stronger and improved their skills, allowing us to develop strategies and game play to take into games and the competitive nature of the Reds meant that we would be a tough team to beat. And that's exactly what transpired over the short, 7 game season. We were challenged multiple times by fierce rivals, but as we have become accustomed to watching the Reds, they played with determination, spirit and commitment to each other and always with the right sportsmanship and respect for the umpires.

I say it each year, it is my honour to be the coach of this team – they are a fantastic bunch of boys and it has been a privilege to watch them grow into fine young men. From next year, so that every player gets the most out of their footy the teams will be graded, and whilst I will continue to coach, the teams will no longer look the way that they have for the last several years and I won't be the coach for all the Reds players I have got to know over years. But I can assure you all that my heart will always beat true for the mighty Reds, that you will always see me up at the club and that I will take a special interest in each of these fine young men and watch their footy careers grow with a tremendous sense of pride!

Go Reds!

AIDAN M

"It's not the size of the man in the fight, but the size of the fight in the man" – no saying better personifies Aidan M, as week in week out he tackles the biggest players from the opposition team, attacks the ball ferociously and never backs down!

AIDAN S

Aidan is a pleasure to coach – he listens well to instructions and follows through to the best of his ability. His silky skills and his running power are features of his game and he was devastating of the back for us in a number of games this year.

ANGUS

One of our new players this year it was great to see how much Angus loved being part of the reds, often wearing beaming smile at training and game day. He picked up the game well and gave his best week in, week out.

ANTON

New to the club, but not new to footy, Anton joined the reds and had an immediate impact. His skills were obvious to everyone who watched our games, but my favourite aspect of his season was how quickly he embraced the team, and they in turn him – you could tell that Anton loved playing for the Reds!

CHARLIE

Charlie has always been good at hunting the footy, but this year he took his game to the next level by playing selflessly. His releasing handpasses and knocks to advantage gave our outside players first use of the footy and more often than not ended up in goals for our team.

CRUZ

From the moment he walked into the club, Cruz was determined to learn and become a better footballer. His big body was an asset in the ruck, even if at times it cause some injuries on the training track. Really strong debut season with a big future in footy ahead!

FINN

Quiet off the field, Finn always lets his footy do the talking. Coaching him over the years I have seen his confidence as a player and as a young man grow and he has been an important part of the reds team as his skills and determination has improved year on year.

HARRY

Another newbie, Harry gave us a big strong body that could hold down key positions and give us a target to kick to. Had a great debut season, bagging a couple of goals, but more importantly enjoyed running about with his mates

ISAAC

Just like a John Farhnam farewell tour, Isaac was back where he belongs with the Reds after a planned move to Melbourne didn't come off. Had a couple of cracking games and gave us his best season in all the years he's put in for our team

JAKE

Jake love's nothing more than a game-day assignment! Week in, week out I would give him a role to play, a player to mark-up, or a job and I could be guaranteed that he would give it his all!

JOEL

Had a shorter stint with the team before making the tough choice of tennis over footy, Joel was a loved member of the Reds and was missed in the forward lines and ruck

JOSH

If Josh was any more relaxed before games he'd be asleep, but wow-wee once that siren goes! Josh can play any position and is rarely beaten and every week comes off battered and bruised, but always with a smile on his face!

LACHIE

Thank god for different coloured boots! The twins joined the mighty reds and brought so much enthusiasm and energy. I would often chuck Lachie on the wings and just watch him clock up the kms running the length of the ground making sure that the reds were always in the contest

OLLIE

Ollie found his position behind the ball marking up the oppositions dangerous forwards and playing a pivotal role in our stingy defence. As with his brother, loved watching them get stuck in and by the end of the season you would have sworn they had been with the reds for 5 years!

PADDY

Our Irish import Paddy is the ultimate swing-man. I can chuck him forward, mid or back, tell him what he needs to do and with a quick nod of the head he is off to go dominate the opposition – always impacts a game

RONAN

New to footy, Ronan joined the Reds with a strong desire to play and get better, and I have never seen a player work so hard outside of training on his kicking, marking and handpassing. By the end of the short season Ronan was impacting games and really starting to hit his stride – really looking forward to seeing how your footy career progresses

SAM

A natural defender and competitor, Sam sees the game well, what needs to be done and goes about doing it. Marks everything in the air, tackles hard and wins the ball for the Reds often – great player and team mate!

XAV

The X-man brings the X-factor – in tight games and tough contest you can be assured that Xav will pop up at the right time taking a big mark, kicking a goal or making a desperate tackle.

UNDER 11 GREY

Coach: Ben Barkwith

Manager: Lee Barkwith



2021 was an exciting year for the Greys and even though it was cut short; I think we would all agree it was definitely another successful year for the Under 11s. With almost half the team (7 boys) being not only new players for the Bombers, but new to Aussie Rules footy, we were not sure how we were going to perform this year. It was tremendous though to witness all the boys, old and new, in how hard they trained, the encouragement they showed each other, and the camaraderie that grew over the weeks. Learning the ball skills, the rules, game play, and the strengths of your teammates is not an easy task, but impressively it didn't take long for the boys to hit their stride and become a team we were very proud of! While we had an even share of wins and losses, the boys never lost their fire and passion for the game, always remaining cool under pressure.

Our last game of the season was a stand out. Who doesn't love playing a home game, on a Friday night, under lights, and in the pouring rain? The boys were pumped, and even though the icy rain was relentless, nothing was going to stop them that night. It was cold, it was wet, it was muddy. The ball was waterlogged and heavy. Marks were hard to take and goals were hard to come by. We dominated most of the game, but for some reason could only manage points and went into 3 quarter time just under 2 goals down. The boys could feel

something special though, and with soaked parents cheering them on from the side lines went out to battle in the last quarter. The last quarter was epic and with 3 mins left on the clock and the team 3 points down, Billy Tremellen got a free from a long way out and on the boundary. All the players (and parents) held their collective breath...and then he put it through the middle. By far the best all team celebration we have seen from the Greys; the boys flooded the forward line in celebration, whooping and hollering to take the win. A special win in the toughest of conditions. Makes me smile just thinking about it, and I hope it still makes the boys smile too. Can't wait for next year!

MILES BARKWITH

Miles had a great season, he is maturing into a top footy player because of his excellent game awareness which saw him constantly moving forward into opportunities or sliding back into vulnerable gaps which made big differences in some of our games. Always one of our rocks in defence, Miles took some great marks under pressure and was a stand out with his shepherding, sometimes taking on up to 3 players at once. Good on you Miles.

SENAN FREARSON

A natural football player with great skills. With a superb overhead mark and easy kicking style he leads by example and can play in any position. He takes on what the coaches have to say and is very competitive. Most impressive though is he is a good team man, helping his team mates to get involved, get their hands on the footy and at the same time improve their own skills. Unselfish and willing to sacrifice his own game for the sake of a good team win. Nice one Senan.

JACK HOMER

Jack found his home on the half back flank and on the wing this year and made it his own. One of his standout games was in round 4 where his silky ball skills picked him up player of the week. He showed great control and tireless effort, collecting the stray ball to regain possession time and time again, then his signature duck and weave to get the ball back forward for the Greys to convert. Super effort Jack.

PETER KATSIRIS

Pete made big steps this year into becoming a great team player by looking for the support of his team mates when the opposition were closing in. One of Pete's stand out games was in round 3 against the Blacks where he showed his signature determination to shrug off the multiple defenders to kick the final goal that sealed the deal. Then in round 7 Pete was our great wall of defence saving probably 3 goals by himself right on the goal line. Great effort Pete.

PATRICK LAYTON

Everytime Paddy runs into the thick of the action he shows huge commitment, surprising many larger opponents with the force of his tackles and doggedness to hold on. Paddy should be commended for his efforts in training and at home to keep honing his kicking and passing skills which showed big improvement this year. Good on you Paddy.

XAVIER MILLEN

Xavier always impresses with his 100% commitment and effort every week, combined with his love for the game. His stand out performance came in round 5, where after being sick all week he was in doubt to even run on the field, but he was determined to play. Positioned at full forward to reduce his amount of running, Xav was the target for our mids and forwards and using his skills and speed was able to land 5 of the 11 goals for the Greys. Both top scores for Xav and for the Greys. Great effort Xav.

ZACHARY ROBERTS

Zach seemed to really enjoy this season, he brought along two of his mates to swell the ranks of the Greys and helped us show them the ropes. Zach's ready smile and enthusiasm make him a well liked and valuable player in the Greys both at training and game day. His trademark charge through defenders to kick long range goals was on show again this year. Nice one Zach.

JACKSON SHIPWAY

Jackson went from strength to strength this year, always determined and dynamic in his play. His stand-out performance was in our toughest game against Cronulla where he got player of the week for being 'Mr Everywhere' that weekend. The score didn't lessen his determination, he ran in for endless tackles and was always well positioned one kick from the action to scoop up the loose ball and send it back forward. He really impressed also with his courage by marking under pressure over and over again. Good on you Jackson.

TYLER SMITH

Tyler's pure enthusiasm for all things footy make him a pleasure to coach, a great player and team mate to all the Greys. Never ending effort every game is his other trade mark which sees him constantly in the thick of the action when it matters. Tyler became the set shot specialist this year with a very high percentage through the sticks when it mattered, under pressure, and with a coolness that was impressive. Great job Tyler.

BILLY TREMELLEN

Billy loved the step up in pressure in footy this year, with a love of tackling and the inside game on show. Never one to shirk a contest and much improved marking and kicking. He loved having a bunch of his school friends joining the Bombers this year also. Highlight was definitely kicking the winning goal in the Friday night game from far out on the sidelines and with only 3 mins to spare. Seeing the boys all run down and celebrate together in that hard fought win, is what footy is all about! Great stuff Billy.

CRUZ ROSE

A new-found wingman in the team, Cruz is a great runner, with good hands and a competitive nature. He seemingly thrived on running up and down the field and always demanding the football by getting in the right positions and then being involved again in the link up play. Always reliable, a good mark of the footy, and a great team player. Super effort Cruz.

JED BASS

Another great first year player in the team. Does everything a coach can ask for. Gets in and under, shepherds, takes a good mark, and attacks the footy hard. Jed has a nice turn of speed also, as was on show when kicking a special goal against our toughest competition, Cronulla in round 6. A great all-rounder. Nice on Jed.

DARBY BOYLE

Another first year player, Darby grew in confidence quickly through the early rounds after snagging a few goals across rounds 3 and 4. I remember the huge torpedo goal in round 3 to get the first goal of the game was an absolute cracker! He took direction well from the coaches, was a great team player, and showed enthusiasm in learning how to play the game. Nice hands and good marking ability also. Great work Darby.

LACHLAN KINGSTON

Lachie joined the Bombers this year and was one of the new breed of wingmen in the team. He definitely took notice of the coaches' lessons on game play as he was constantly making the right position for the handball out of the pack, enabling him to then run off with speed down the wing looking for a hit up target. A good tackler and always keen to get his hands on the ball. Kicked a goal in his first game too. Great effort Lachie.

SAMUEL SAEEMADARAE

Sam was another of the first-year players to Aussie Rules footy and seemed to really enjoy the competitive nature of the game. With a natural sporting ability, his take down tackling and attack on the ball on every occasion was second to none. A great team player with a willingness to do whatever his teammates needed. He ducked and weaved to kick a nice goal on his birthday which was special and a great reward for his effort. Great work Sam.

RYAN HOWARD

Ryan had a really great year and showed a natural ability to find the football. Consistent week in and week out, he was one of our most reliable players this year. He always worked hard to make position, marking with ease and then running with the ball to ensure best delivery to his teammates. He could be seen to enjoy kicking a few goals along the way also. Nice one Ryan.

WILLIAM TELFORD

Billy started his career with a goal in his first game of the season, making it look easy. A great runner, and deft skills with both hand and foot, he often was seen collecting the ball in traffic and then ducking and weaving out of the danger zone with speed. A great kid to coach and another welcome addition to the Bombers family. Super effort Billy.

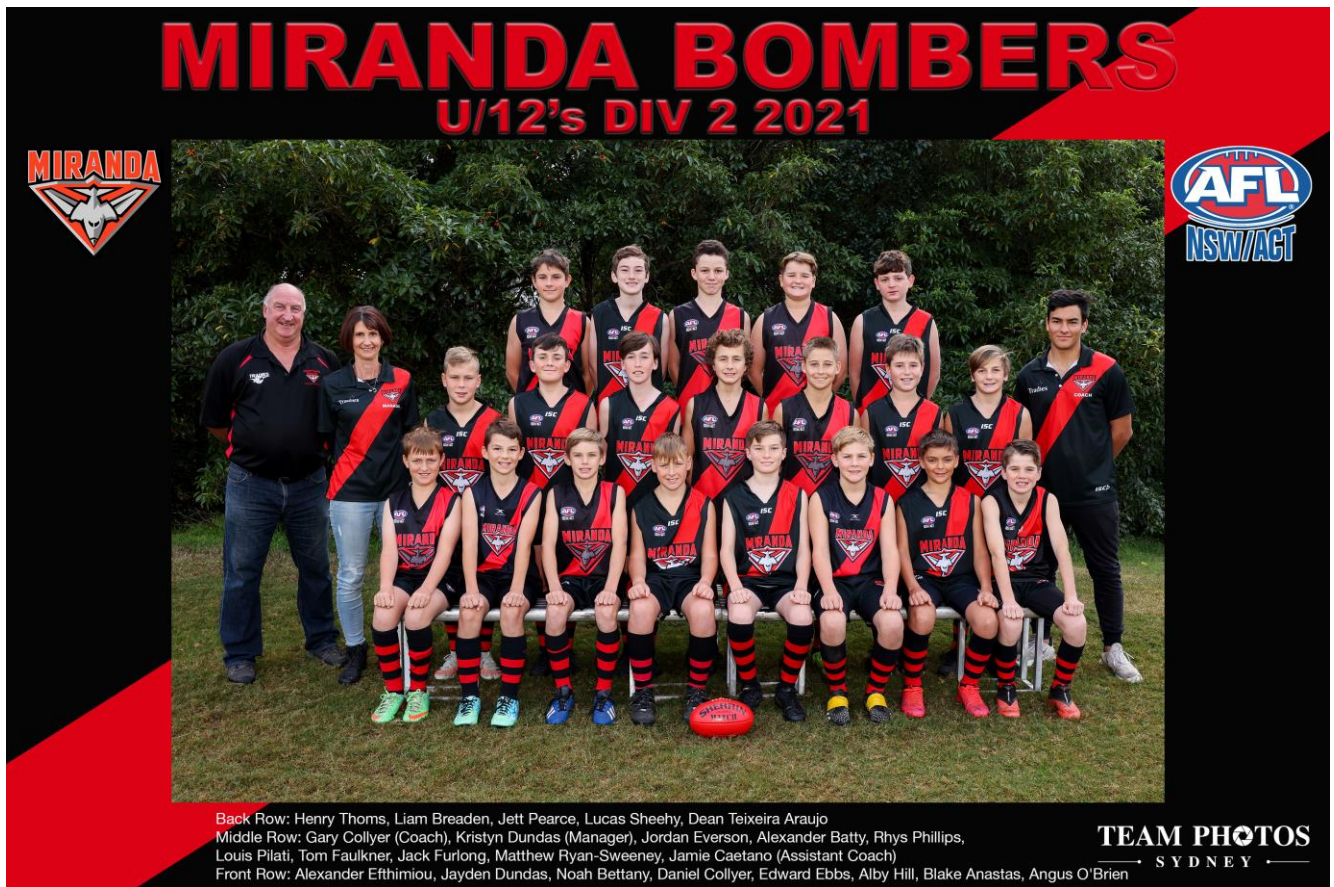
HARRY PARSONS

Harry the ruckman found his home in the mids this year. Harry impressed with his growing confidence and real commitment that was on show in some big contests. Harry can take credit for quite a few goals this year which were the result of his fast thinking handballs out of the ruck when it mattered to get the ball quickly forward for the Greys. Great effort Harry.

UNDER 12-2s

Coach: Gary Collyer / Assistant Coach: Jamie Caetano

Manager: Kristyn Dundas



What a year 2021 turned out to be – not exactly how anyone had planned but so glad the boys got half a season in. The boys faced their first year of grading this year and with good numbers and such a large pool of talent we were able to have two competitive teams. Heavy rain and ground closures saw pre-season training and trials put on hold till just before season start, making things very tough, but the boys did so well coming together, considering they never got to train in their teams until start of season. This was especially hard for all the new players, basically going into the season with little to no formal training.

The U12 Div 2 team was made up of a mix of new, returning and experienced players and they all bonded very quickly and worked so well together as a team it made it easy to coach them. They continued to develop their skills and work on being in key positions and never once gave up or backed down from a contest. This season was about finding what positions worked best for them and the team as a whole and creating passages of play that were fluid each game.

From the first game the boys were a dominant side, with each player being an integral part of the team. Jett and Jayden co-captained the team and did their best to not only be good role models but to encourage and spur on the boys throughout the games.

Once again, an honourable mention to our highly talented and dedicated Team Manager Kristyn. Without Kris' hard work and passion, we would not have had the season we had both on the field and off. -Thanks Kris

We were blessed to have Jamie C join us as Assistant Coach this season, bringing great passion and skills for the boys to model off, he was enthusiastic each game and training offering the boys great wisdom and some fun. We were so lucky to have you onboard and thank you for giving up your time to help the boys. Can't wait to have you back on board next season.

A huge thank you to all the parents for their help each week, a big shout out especially to Darren for helping run the interchange each week, Andrew for being goal umpire each week, Andy for being runner most weeks, Sarah for helping as medic and for everyone else that was runner, helped with interchange, was medic, brought oranges and was just there cheering the boys on each week. We wouldn't get on the field if it wasn't for everyone helping and we are blessed to have such a great group of boys and parents to make this work. Also thank you to everyone that volunteered on bbq and canteen and time keeping at our home games.

Whilst the season was sadly cut short due to lockdowns, the boys ended up comfortably on top of the ladder, winning every game, and were awarded premiers for the season! Would have loved to have seen the season played out, but so proud of them all and I hope they enjoyed the season they had, that they made new friends and improved in their skills. I really hope to see you all back next season as you are a great group of boys to coach and make a great team. Hoping we can see a full season and with playing full field next year, it is exciting to be able to unleash the boys to run.

BLAKE ANASTAS (# 3)

Blake played his second season this year and quickly improved as the season went on. Having only had a few games under his belt he came in excited for the season and listened intently to all instruction given. He excelled in the wings and through the mids. He is a lovely, well mannered, young man that took all instructions under his wing and applied what he had learnt in the games.

ALEX BATTY (# 5)

Alex, one of our experienced players, bringing great strengths to the team. He did really well up forward, kicking a substantial number of our goals throughout the season. He was unshakable against fierce competition and always held his cool. He is a quiet young man, who always performs anything he is asked to do.

NOAH BETTANY (# 1)

Noah joined us from the Heathcote Hawks this season and proved from the minute he stepped onto the field that we were very lucky to have him onboard. He is all speed and accurate off the boot and really suited being on the wings, always all over the ball. He has no fear in going for the ball and fitted into the team really well. Noah reads the play really well which helps him transition play.

LIAM BREADEN (# 6)

Liam is another of our experienced player, celebrating his 50th game this season with a great banner run through at Penshurst spurring the boys on for another great win. As one of our tall, Liam was a crucial player for the team. In ruck, Liam is always reliable for taking strong marks and getting the ball moving forward. He has a penetrating kick and loves to go for a goal or two. He is a gentle, quiet spoken young man who always plays to put the team first.

DANIEL COLLYER (# 7)

Daniel is another one of our experienced players, and even though he is one of our younger players, Daniel always gives it his all. He is a great defender, preferring to play at full back or in the pockets, however, when put in forwards he immediately goes for the ball opening up opportunities. Dan really allowed his determination and grit to show through this season never going down, despite how tough the opposition was. Dan as always is a very accurate kick and can always be relied upon to hit his teammates on the chest.

JAYDEN DUNDAS (# 8)

Jayden was selected as co-captain this year and took the role very seriously. He was always concerned about the wellbeing of the team as a whole and helping each player improve. Jayden celebrated his 50th game this season with a joint banner run through with Rhys. Jayden excelled through the mids and on the wings. He loves the quick run down the sideline and is able to dodge around defenders and is precise in his kicking to forwards, snagging a few goals himself, he loves a good snap or banana.

TED (EDWARD) EBBS (# 9)

Ted returned to the Bombers after a season off, and all the boys were thrilled to have him back. Ted had not lost of any his skills and showed he was a competent player. He is a lovely young man who is a joy to coach.

ALEX EFTHIMIOU (# 20)

Alex was new to AFL this year, and took it all in his stride. He showed great enthusiasm towards playing and learning new skills. He tried a few positions and was working on being a backman and a strong defender. With a bit more game time and confidence, Alex will definitely come into his own.

JORDAN EVERSON (#16)

Jordan also returned to the Bombers after a season off, and it was exciting to have him return. Jordan has great skills and is a key part of the team. He runs hard at the ball and doesn't back off from strong opponents. He is a really strong defender and shone in the backs completely dominating the oppositions forwards. Jordan did well when in forward line and it was great to watch him really grow in the few games we had.

TOM FAULKNER (#22)

Tom joined us from the Heathcote Hawks this season, much to our joy, and was instantly one of our strongest players. Tom is a very quick runner with a booming kick. Tom took to the role of forward, always guaranteed for a few goals. Tom also thrived on the wings, with his speed and agility he was a key player. Strong in tackling and with a solid set of hands to boot. Can't wait to have you back again next season.

JACK FURLONG (# 11)

Jack has a couple of seasons under his belt now, and never ceases to bring his form to the game. He is a strong forward but has really stood up this season and shown his strength in the backline. He is a gritty competitor and has a big booming kick on him. Jack has a never say die attitude and always gives 100% effort. He has worked hard on his fitness and ability to fill alternate roles. He is a great team player.

ALBY HILL (# 2)

Alby joined the Bombers last season and really came into his own this season. He was fierce and determined and all over the ball. He managed to kick a few great goals this season also. There was significant improvement in his handballing and kicking skills and he was brutal in his tackling. He settled in really well to playing in the forwards and mids. Alby has a contagious smile and a cracking sense of humour.

ANGUS O'BRIEN (# 14)

Angus joined the Bombers last season and we were thrilled to see him back this season. A born natural of the game, he is a brilliant midfielder that shows no fear. He has a contagious joy when playing and stood out as 'Mr Kamikaze' this season. Constantly diving on the ball, tackling hard and taking some big hits. Angus is always going 100% with a desire to win the ball no matter his opponent. He tried his hand a bit in forwards this season and was always able to set up his teammates for goals.

JETT PEARCE (# 24)

Jett was nominated co-captain this year and thrived in his leadership role. He exudes confidence that the boys look up to. Having grown another 10 inches, he was vital to the team being one of our key tall. Jett was ferocious in the ruck and in forwards and always left the competition shaking in their boots. His overhead marking has definitely improved this season and his fitness is outstanding. He is well able to run up and down the field all day long.

RHYS PHILLIPS (# 12)

Rhys, another of our experienced players, celebrated his 50th game this season with Jayden and brought his renowned energy and enthusiasm into every game and training. He gave his all to his role in mid / half backs and was devastating in his attack. Rhys does everything hard, tackles hard, runs hard, marks hard, plays hard.

LOUIS PILATI (# 10)

Louis, another of our experienced boys plays hard and fast. It's a case of catch me if you can, and if you can catch me, I'll give you the slip or tackle you hard. Louis is a fearless player that has great skills and is crucial in moving the ball down the field. Louis can be put in any position and create run from any part of the ground. He has a natural ability to change course and scan the field for options when looking to offload.

MATT RYAN-SWEENEY (# 75)

Matt, one of our newbies this year, had a great first game then sadly broke his foot, seeing him benched for the rest of the season. He was due to come back when the season was suspended. However, Matt is an absolute star turning up each game, cheering the team on and helping out as drinks carrier etc. Matt is a great young man and can't wait to see you play next season. Not having Matt not being able to get on the ground to finish the season out with a Grand Final was definitely the hardest for me as Coach.

LUCAS SHEEHY (# 17)

Lucas, another newbie to AFL this year, brought with him his league skills and showed quickly what a great defender he was. Lucas looked at home in the backline where he consistently was able to shut down the key forward. He did a fabulous job as our last line of defence. A great kick, Lucas was able to hit players up the field on the chest. Looking forward to watching him grow in his development of the game.

DEAN TEIXIERA-ARAUJO (# 19)

Dean, having been with the Bombers since Auskick, was able to use his experience where it counted. Dean added strength to the backline and was valuable when moved up the ground.

HENRY THOMS (# 13)

Henry, another experienced player, is a quiet young man but unstoppable on the field. He goes hard at the ball and marks strongly. Henry was a key forward for us this season, always reliable, kicking goals, and setting up for his teammates. Henry has strong marking ability and is an accurate kick, he loves his snaps. He is a lovely young man who never complains or is negative, he is a joy to coach.

UNDER 12-4s

Coach: Ray Congerton

Manager: Rachel Watson



MIRANDA BOMBERS
U/12's DIV 4 2021

MIRANDA AFL NSW/ACT

Back Row: Ray Congerton (Coach), William Davies, Zane Watson, James McCloud, Joshua Gibson
Middle Row: Noah Turner, Tyler Doonan, Sam Ratliff, Jai Brown, Callum Newman
Front Row: Eddison Fleeming, Zachary O'Mahoney, Owen Roland, Nicholas Watson, Max Newnham, Zen Congerton, Liam Cocks
Absent: Cooper Chalmers, James Lydon, Lucas Mee, Charlie Mills, Partick Taylor

TEAM PHOTOS
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JAI BROWN

Jai showed continual improvement thru the year giving 100% at training / games which meant he could adapt to most position on the ground. Jai spent the first few games adjusting to the pace of the game but once he worked out the skills from his other codes can be utilise on Sundays he started to find more of the ball, Without the disruption of Covid we could have seen this ability further grow. On and off the field Jai was a huge part in the team bonding with his constant smile and interactions with the group both on and off the field.

COOPER CHALMERS

Always standing tall in the pack mark and willing to take the big hits. Cooper loved to run with the ball and was often seen steaming up the wing with ball in hand before launching it forward to his team. Given his kicking and marking ability he spent most the season playing on the wings before resting forward and providing us a set of strong hands. Very much a team player and well respected teammate.

ZEN CONGERTON

Zen new to the club started off as a full forward running from the goal square giving the centres a key target. Even with his short stature he was able to get out in front of the defenders and slot a number of goals in the early games. As the season went on and the confidence grew Zen was moved centre half forward to use his bulk as an enforcer and followed up by foot sending the ball forward to teammates (occasionally went on his own and snapped a couple of freakish goals) Zen took a lot of opposition pressure and was used as the battering ram for the small forwards which really bought the team together.

LUKE CROSSETT

Luke runs with the attitude of the "it's not the size of the dog in the fight but the fight in the dog" Luke was pleasure to coach as he took in all the feedback provided and had the ability to implemented it on game day. Luke played across the ground in numerous games but often landed in the attacking 50 as a small forward where he could use his speed and agility.

LIAM COCKS

Liam has plenty of skills and provided much needed dash across the ground with his ability to keep the ball moving forward prior to opposition pressure a great asset. Liam is another of our solid performers who you could rely on each week whether in defence or on the wing.

WILLIAM DAVIES

Will found his position in the back line as one of our key defenders. Will new his strength and would prefer the scrappy ball gets from ground level before taking on the opposition by foot or hand. Will's growth and confidence was really starting to shine as the season went. Look forward to seeing him next year to work on the foot skills and add that extra dimension to his game.

EDISON FLEMING

Edi, the boy who plays like he's 6 foot tall, played in the mids and forwards. Edi's ability to get and win the hard ball and get it out to a team member was a standard practice for this kid with most opposition players underestimating his ability and allowing him too much space. On and off the field Edi showed support to the team with his great sense of humour.

JOSHUA GIBSON

Awesome kid and a talented player who showed great skills on the field. He was very keen to play in the mid but after positioning him in the centre half back roll and given him the freedom to run forward you would often see him taking a shot at goal. Another who was not afraid of the physical side of the game and most of the time leading from the front. (Josh also showed great leadership to the team.)

JAMES LYDON

A mountain of a man with great ability to break thru the oppositions attack. James spent most of his games as a half back who was task with providing the body contact for the hard ball gets, you would often see him running with the opposition still hanging on trying to pull him down. James is another player who found his confidence during the season and I was looking forward to seeing his ability grow prior to Covid. James if you have time in the off season grab a ball and focus on the kicking technique as this would put you into another league as a player.

JAMES MCCLOUD

Our tall timber with a booming kick and gas tank to match. James's ability to get across the ground and support his team was second to none. James was another who had the ability to turn a game on its head whether bombing the ball forward from the middle or sneaking up the wing with ball in hand eyeing of the big sticks.

LUCAS MEE

It was the season to be for young Lucas with him unfortunately breaking his wrist / arm early in the season. I do take my hat of to him as he continued to turn up to home games to support his team and provide the coach with assistance on the bench. Would have made an impressive return if Covid hadn't of hit.

CALLUM NEWMAN

The quiet achiever. It took me a few games to understand how good Callum can play with most of his hard work going unnoticed. Callum is a hard nut who loves the attention from the other team with his game style posed around supporting his teammates with his constant 1%ers across the ground. This lad is the heart of the team and gives it all on game day.

MAX NEWHAM

Started the season with the basic understanding of the game but with a willingness to learn and train hard. Max grew each week with his attack on the ball with him cementing a position in the backline. Like his fellow back men he always had a passion for kicking a goal which seen him move forward late in the season. Confidence in ability is massive in any sport and once Max found it he was awesome to watch. Any coach would be lucky to have him next year.

ZACK O'MAHONY

Great kid with a great sense of humour. Zach is a very skilled footballer who played thru the middle of the ground providing the skills and reliability each week. His team members new the ball was in safe hands when it came his way giving them the confidence to run forward and give options on the attack.

SAM RATLIFF

New to the sport but fitted right in with this team. Sam was a key player for our team who was task with playing in the mid field whether that be on the ball supporting the ruckmen or out on the wing providing running options. Sam had a solid first season and with a bit more practice around control when kicking will see him return next year even better.

OWEN ROWLAND

The team "rock" in defence. Owen played every game like it was his last and owned the back 50m, with his ability to read the fall of the ball and provide size and skill assisted our team to keeping the opposition to low scores. Owen also has the ability to move up the ground and play as a forward and was often rewarded for his service in defence and moved to the FF position to kick a couple of goals.

NOAH TURNER

What a year of growth this kid had! Noah started of lacking a bit of confidence in his ability with the turning point being a quick chat on the bench during one of our early games, This chat reinforced to him his ability, size and how important his role in the team was. From that day you could trust when the opposition sent the ball long in defence, he would be there charging out with his fellow back men ready to provide support whether in the air, on the ground or with a body contact. Noah was one of those back you would often see running the length of the ground trying to get that elusive goal. As a coach he was a pleasure to have around as he absorbed every bit of feedback. I have to mention the Canada bay game as he was a stand out. With the team kicking numerous minor scores Noah took it on his own to set up a play and run forward, then putting it thru the big sticks to show the rest of the boys how's its done. The grin on his face as he ran past me on the bench said it all!

NICHOLAS WATSON

Nick had a consistent season in the team. His has the ability to play in any position and was used to bolster areas week to week with him often playing as a loose player up forward. Nick formed a great bond with his teammates and was always willing to put his hand up for the team.

ZANE WATSON

Zane attending training with a wiliness to learn and improve his game and this made him a pleasure to coach. Each week Zane's confidence grew with him playing most games up forward trying to get that elusive goal, hopefully we get another chance at it next year.

CHARLIE MILLS

Started the season late but turned up when we needed him week to week. His ability to get his hands up high and take those crucial marks seen him cement his spot in the team. Charlie has great skills both by foot and hand which seen him control a lot of the football in the centre.

PATRICK TAYLOR

Pat joined us for a couple of games and played well in the forward line using his size the muscle his way into the packs.

TYLER DOONAN

The high-flying Tyler. Tyler is a well-rounded player who has moments of brilliance when he plays. His strong hands and ability to find space made him a ball magnet thru the middle of the ground. Look forward to watching him progress even further next year.

UNDER 12 YOUTH GIRLS

Coach: Joe McGinty

Manager: David Taylor



2021 had promised to be a very exciting year for the Miranda Bombers U/12 girls after an impressive 2020 season. We had an excellent squad of players with record numbers and great attendance levels at training. The girls were always eager to challenge themselves with intense training and skills practice. We had some great wins in the season and as a team we were improving with every game. We had been unlucky with injuries but everybody was back fit just before lockdown happened so we never got to see our full potential in the run-in to Finals.....Roll on the 2022 season - Go the Bombers ! !

LAILA STEVENS

A very productive season for Laila with some great marks and scores for the Bombers throughout the year . She also contributed well in the ruck. Laila works hard on her skills in training and it showed on the pitch in her performances.

ELISE BREALEY

Key defender for the Bombers and one who reads the game very well , a great team player. Elise is a great influence on her fellow defenders thanks to her experience of marking dangerous forwards and is also capable of setting up attacks from defence with some clever passing.

BELLE GARDNER

In her debut season, Belle is a hard-working and athletic midfielder with influence in all areas of the pitch. Very good ball skills and scored some crucial goals. A tough competitor who had an impact on every game & improving all the time

JAMIE PARKET

Very impressive debut season from Jamie. Always up for a contest and made several crucial tackles and intercepts. Jamie played in numerous key positions and had an impact in all areas of the pitch, She loves to get involved in the forward action with great kicking ability.

ZAHRA LINDBECK

Great debut season with the Bombers for Zahra. Improved with every game she played throughout the season. Zahra is very strong in the tackle with a good eye for goal. She uses her pace well to get into dangerous positions and is a very good kicker of the ball.

CHELSEA ALLEN

Very influential this season for the Bombers and improving constantly due to her hard work in training and at home. A driving force in every game and keeps the scoreboard ticking over with her keen eye for goal. Good vision to pick a pass and a fierce competitor.

GEMMA HAMILTON

Great to have Gemma back in action for the Bombers this season. She got some great scores and contributed to many others while working hard for the team. She was a key point of many attacking plays and defenders have a tough time marking her due to her tenacity and commitment in the tackle.

ASHLEIGH L'ESTRANGE

Inspirational player with an unwavering amount of energy, skill and determination across the whole pitch. Sharp eye for goal with numerous majors this season. Ashleigh gets through a huge amount of work to stamp her influence on the game.

AMELIA COCHRANE

Dangerous forward with silky skills and knows very much where the goals are. Amelie has a great work ethic and also contributes strongly to the Bombers attack with her fearless tackling and hand passing around the middle.

SOPHIE BOYLE

Great contribution in the Ruck and worked tirelessly to set up many plays across the pitch. Very good football skills around the middle and improving with every game due to the hard work in training.

PAIGE TAYLOR

Skilled defender who also does great work in the midfield. Paige always gives 100% and leads by example with both her bravery and tackling ability. Uses the ball very well and Loves to kick a goal too.

EVE MCGINTY

Eve is a dangerous forward with an instinctive eye for goal who also likes to get involved in the midfield. She has strong passing ability and good vision to bring other players into the game setting up numerous attacks.

SHILOH MACFARLANE-ANNING

Plays with great energy and intensity and loves a challenge. Shiloh plays hard in all areas of the pitch with the unique ability to get important scores, set-up attacks and make key tackles.

GABBY PERRY

Very good Debut season as a very productive defender who always marked forwards very closely while also setting numerous attacking plays. Worked hard in training which was mirrored in some excellent performances.

MOLLY LIDDICOAT

Determined and tenacious team player who does great work for the team in every part of the pitch. Fearless in the tackle and good hand passing skills have helped Molly have a strong impact on games and lead by example.

MADDIE MURRAY

Courageous and skillful player who has a great impact in all areas of the field. Fearless in the tackle, good ball skills and uses possession intelligently. Brings great experience to the playing group.

ALLYAH CHALMERS

Very impressive debut season from Aliyah in the Black and Red. Loves a good contest and has no fear on the football field. Has a great range of skills and uses them to pick out a pass and to join the attack with some great scores.

ZARA ROPER

Key player at both Under 10's and 12's, always giving 100% for the team. Zara is very effective in any position on the field and fearless in the tackle. She has an abundance of skill to pick out a pass and she loves to score a few goals.

CALLIE STEVENS

Major contribution from Callie at both Under 10's and 12's for the Bombers this season, even playing 2 matches some days. Got some great scores throughout the year, competes hard for the ball and tackles defenders with great determination making her a key part of the Bombers attack.

JESINTA DON

In her debut season, Jesinta had a great impact on many games. Works very hard in training and this was reflected in her performances on the pitch. Jesinta improved with every game , a great player to win possession via her tough tackling and was pivotal in setting up several Bombers attack.

MIA TURNER

Mia has great energy and commitment to the cause which helped her contribute strongly in all the games. In her debut season, she worked tirelessly for team in every area of the pitch. She displays great determination in the tackle and Mia's work-rate in the midfield was pivotal in winning possession and setting up attacks.

UNDER 13-3s

Coach: Dave Sleishman / Assistant Coach: Andrew Briggs

Manager: Alison Briggs



The boys came back this year all raring to go for our first season on the full field. It was brilliant to be able to welcome four talented new players to the squad and to also welcome Phoenix back after such an interrupted 2020.

We had a good amount of pre-season and then got stuck straight into playing games on the larger grounds. Our focus was on working for each other and over the course of the short season, the boys really started to come together across the ground.

Finishing the shortened season with seven wins from nine games, we were well placed and would have played finals once again.

Excitingly, we were coming together as a team and I've no doubt we would have continued to improve, with some even more memorable moments and wins as a result.

As it is, we can be grateful for our nine rounds together. We learnt a bunch, played hard and had fun. The boys did themselves proud every match and we definitely have a lot to look forward to with this playing group!

MATTHEW BAIN

One of our new recruits for 2021, Matty was an instant team man and jumped straight into training. Matty's infectious spirit and enthusiasm for footy, really helped keep our team mood up. Always a contributor and a great voice on and off the field. Matty spent most of his time in the forwards and showed he has a good read on the game and really gets involved. Works as hard at being a genuine target in attack, as he does at pressuring the opposition in forward defence and of course, loves a shot on goal. It's a pleasure to have you on board mate. Well done on your first season as a Bomber!

SAXON BAYLEY

Saxo took his game to another level this season. Thrived on by being in the thick of things at centre half back and was a constant headache to his opponents. More often than not, opposition forward entries simply stopped at Saxon. We'd then end up with the ball back into attack off his boot. Sax's run and carry improved big time, as did kick length and accuracy. There were many a 'Sax dash' off half back that we benefited from. Someone even found themselves pressing forward to score goals! Awesome. Thanks for playing hard and entertaining us this season Sax!

HAMISH BRAMLEY

Having Ham' back at full capacity this year was great. Called on to play a deep forward role most games, Hamish worked well to be a genuine target to take good clinch marks and goaled right when we needed. Pressuring the opposition when they had to ball to force turnovers, was also a focus and Ham' revelled in it. True to form, Ham' was also a big, positive voice in our forward line. This definitely kept morale up as we worked away up front. Played down the ground at times and also made an impact there as well. Looking forward to seeing more big moments next season Hamish! Well done mate.

AARON BRIGGS

Our backs did a stellar job this season. A lot of the credit goes to Azza. At the heart of keeping opposition scores low and rebounding into attack was Az at fullback. Given a leadership role, Az worked hard every game on his opponents, being a voice for his fellow players and at keeping our game plan on track. Stopping talented opposition from scoring is by no means easy and Az continued to really develop that this season. Time and time again, Az stayed with his man, won the contest and cleared with success. Sweeping back to be the last line of defence has also become second nature. Kick out organisation and target hitting improved with every game too. A very solid season Azza. Well done!

OSCAR CARRICK

Our ruck specialist continued building on his fine form of last season. Winning the vast majority of ruck contests he was in, Oscar's pin point taps to advantage have become second nature movements now. Fellow teammates at centre bounces and at the stoppage, all benefited from the clean ball service. This is a real credit to your work effort and craftsman-like skills Oz! Something that was also really pleasing to see was more ball use in open play. Gathering more ground balls, passing to good options, stronger marking, kicking longer and to target. So much hustle out there mate. Nice work Oscar on yet another season of big leaps!

LUCAS FLYNN

Lucas had a solid season across positions in both attack and defence. Always willing to take on his role with positivity, Lucas gives 100% to the job at hand. In attack, Lucas works hard to be that a target and fights equally as hard for the ground ball. In plenty of cases, he wins those contests. Lucas worked well with the forward pack to get us into scoring positions and when the opportunity arose, had a good crack at the goals. In defence, there was plenty of attention paid to pressure opponents and to clearing the contested ball. Well done Lucas and here's to continuing your big efforts again next season.

MICHAEL GRANT

Our 'Mr Everywhere'. From up and down his wing, to defensive and attacking corridors, Mikey works hard every game. The silky skills continued to really develop, as did the game sense. With a real knack for losing his opponents in attack, Mikey always pops up unmarked and in loads of space, to be a really clean target. Always makes good decisions with the ball in hand and hits his targets well. It's also not uncommon for Mike to be involved a couple of times in the one passage of play. Those passages more than often end in a scoring shot for us, so well done Mike on a great season yet again.

TYLER GRIGOR

Spending most of his game time on the half forward line, Tylor worked well to be a good target forward of the ball. Always a solid option to pass to, as he takes a strong mark. Tylor likes to be in the thick of it, so he'd often come down the ground and would win a fair bit of ball this way too.. Tylor also showed plenty of versatility by getting stuck into defensive roles when given, which was a credit to his team first attitude. Thanks for your efforts this season Tyler.

ANGUS HAMILTON

Loved seeing Angus' big booming kicks coming off right half back, a position he made his own and looked more and more comfortable in as the season progressed. The run and carry was there a bunch as well with plenty of dash up the wing. Defensively, the tackling and pressure on opponents at the contest went up a notch, which was great to see. Angus works really hard all game, runs a lot and covers plenty of ground all the while reading the play well. If we had GPS trackers in our jumpers, I'm sure we'd be seeing plenty of km's racked up by Angus! Great season mate.

ISAAC LEONARD

Isaac was in fine form yet again this year. His kicking game really improved. Intensity at the contest went up as well and his pack marking was really strong. Took on his forward leadership role with infectious energy. He led by example and was a great voice for the team on field and off. Playing mainly at centre half forward, it was good to see Isaac always working to create opportunities for himself and his teammates. Coming down the ground to win more ball, then quickly move it forward paid off a lot. This was great to see. We also saw plenty of beautiful goals off that skilled left boot of his. Thanks for all of your work this season Isaac. Well done!

JUDE MCINERNEY

Joining us for his first year as a Bomber it was so good to have Jude on board. With clean skills, strong attack at the footy and an excellent playing sense, Jude just slotted straight in and let his footy do the talking. Working off left half back, at times it felt like there were a couple of Judes out there, as he covers so much of the back third. Pretty sure the opposition felt the same as well! Able to take a strong intercept mark and quickly turn defence into attack with his pace and passing. This really helped us rebound forward time and time again. Welcome aboard Jude. Thank you for a really strong and entertaining season!

ROHAN MICHELS

One thing that's a given with Rohan -you know he's not going to stop working all game, every game. Trains as hard as he plays and sets a great standard for his team mates. Rohan really took on his role as team captain this season and led by example on and off the field. Started most games on left wing and continued his dominance of the area. Skills are coming along nicely as well. Solid marking, kicking to target and strong at the ground ball. A lot of our forward entries came off Rohan's boot of a game. Ro's two way running would also give pretty big numbers if we had that GPS tracking! Great season mate. Well done.

LACHLAN MOHAPP

In the thick of it all game every game, Lach's hard work at every contest is rewarded with good amounts of possession and his ball use just gets better. Teaming up with fellow mids, there were plenty of good run and pass movements Lach either started or was part of. Hitting forward targets off the boot, then running hard to be part of that same action saw Lach add to the scoreboard a lot this season. It's this type of forward pressure that helped keep us in the hunt and ultimately win games. Running back down the ground to defend and clear in the same fashion was also there. Well done on another solid and improving season Lach. Nice banana!

PHOENIX NOONAN

So good to have Phoenix finally able to join us this season. With a bag full of skills and good game awareness, Phoenix worked his way across the forward line and always looked dangerous close to goals. As the season went on, Phoenix' involvement and influence up front continued to increase, as he became involved in more and more action. As a solid forward target, we saw a bunch of great marks, snap goals and an ever increasing running game, which included some very good defensive pressure and tackling. This forced a number of inside 50 turn overs. Thanks for your efforts this season Phoenix. Great to have you in the team!

JACK OLIVER

Playing in heavy traffic through the middle of the ground is something Jack is now well experienced in and very good at. Never afraid of throwing himself into the contest, at an opponent or diving on the loose ball, Jack's effort is always 100%. As a ball following mid, Jack does a lot of running per game (GPS would tell us heaps of Km's!) and works hard to win as much ball as possible. Skills improved again this season with some really nice overhead marking, kicks to target in play and some very good tackling! Always part of plays coming out of the centre, Jack's efforts in delivering the ball forward contributes time and time again to our scoring. Another solid season Jack. Well done!

LOGAN PHELAN

We welcomed Logan to the Bombers for his first ever season playing AFL and he got straight into it. At training, Logan applied himself and quickly developed on the basics. Over the course of the season, the skills continued to improve, as did Logan's on field contributions. Spending most of his time in defence, he worked hard on staying with his opponent and to win his contests. We were definitely seeing Logan win more of the footy as the games went on. AFL is not the easiest of sports to just jump into, so well done on getting stuck into it and holding your own out there. Looking forward to seeing you grow as a player mate. Great work Logan!

ROMAN PICKETT

Roman had a really good season. There were numerous parts of his game that took big leaps forward. Speaking of big leaps, his marking efforts were very strong. There were a number of good jumps, overheads and some nice big pack crashes. The ball is sticking in the hands more as well! Playing in the forwards, mids or on ruck duty, Roman certainly made his presence felt, wherever he was on the ground. We always benefit from his bustling runs, smart passing, big tackles, big kicks and plenty of big goals. Roman often has game focused, constructive feedback at our quarter time huddles as well. Love your work Roman. Well done!

RYDER PICKETT

We welcomed Ryder back into the team in time for our last two games against Maroubra and Penshurst. It did not take long for him to impact the play and win plenty of ball. Ryder loves a bit of run and carry (and often carries one or two opponents with him!). Looking confident taking his marks and moving the ball the ball forward, we definitely saw a Ryder who was thinking a bit with the footy and starting to slot back into the groove. Unfortunately the season came to an end just as you were getting going mate. Loved seeing you back out there and it's very good to have you back!

ZACH SLEISHMAN

Zach's efforts to win the incoming ball at left half forward (mainly), saw him damage many an opposition backline. With an improved overhead mark, his evasive moves with ball in hand bought Zach plenty of space to either pass off to teammates, or take a shot at goal. Zach's kick improved in distance and accuracy. Always runs hard and covers plenty of ground per game. Like his fellow half forwards, Zach also won a lot of ball by coming down the ground. Nice to see plenty of precise, quick passing to leading targets. This really helped maintain our attacking pace. Always confident to take a set shot, there was some nice straight shooting to goal this way too. Well done Zach!

SPENCER WALLIS

Spencer's focused defensive pressure on his opponents and his work with fellow backs to clear the ball was solid all season. Spence's work rate to get to the ball first or to lay a big tackle on the competition, is really high. This is great stuff, as it was this work rate that helped to keep opposition scores low and allowed us to turn defence into attack quickly. Spence trained hard and got the job done all season as well. We definitely saw improved skills as a result and some strong, confident on field run and carry's as well. Great job Spencer!

DANIEL WILSON

We welcomed DJ back to the Bombers this season and he got stuck straight into training, working on those AFL skills! DJ's height, speed and athleticism saw him take to footy again really well. Straight away, we saw some very nice moves with the ball. Whether it was in the centre, roving as a ruck, being a strong full forward target or having a good go with our backs, DJ's great attitude towards learning the game and working hard in every area was a pleasure to see. The skills improved (and improved!). We saw a lot of solid involvement throughout each game, both one out and in moving team play. Well done on such a great first season DJ!

UNDER 14-2s

Coach: Stuart Stansell / Ryan McKnight

Manager: Glenn Pokorny



Season 2021 saw The Miranda Bombers and The Bangor Tigers combine as a joint venture in the U14s and run out in the famous Adelaide Crows colours!

Both Miranda and Bangor committees lead the way pre-season with a commitment to inclusiveness and a 'get as many players on the field as possible' attitude that was then taken up by the parent group and players... for us coaches and managers it was a joy to see.

The success of a sporting season can be measured in many ways. Our group of young men displayed maturity beyond their years as they showed us that you can not only put wins on the board but also show a level of compassion and friendship that allows for true growth.

It isn't easy for a 13-year-old to be told they won't be playing under their cherished strip but both the Bangor and Miranda lads looked at it as an opportunity to make new buds and to build something special... and we think they achieved it.

As you will read in the player reports, there is often mention of the boys being great team players and this about sums up the season. The lads never questioned their roles, they only embraced it, and they gelled like a team that had been together for years. The buy in from the boys was evident from the first training session and it continued to grow through the season.

5 wins, 3 losses and a draw saw us firmly positioned in the top 4 and heating up for the semis when the season was unfortunately called.... this was a huge effort and something to really build on next year.

A huge thanks to all the parent helpers.... everyone chipped in. Shout out to Michael Larsen for running the line every week, Harry Lindbom for being runner most weeks and to Marty Lindbom for helping us coaches keep the lads revved up. Thanks also to Lucy McMahon and Vivian Tam who were guns on the scorer's table.

We really appreciated the support of our age group sponsor Unwind Health.... Ian and his team got on board with not only sponsoring our age group but also holding a wellness event at Waratah during the season.... it was great to have the Unwind team involved and we really appreciate their support.

Carn The Crows!

Stu, Ryan & Glenn

LYNDON ANDERSON

Lyndon is an absolute excitement machine! Lyndon spent most game time on the wings where he kept his opponents guessing with dazzling footwork and handball fakes. Lyndon is one of the best marks in our team and he's capable of flying high off an opponent! Lyndon's kicking is awesome; both point to point field kicking and also in front of goal which allows his team to keep scoreboard pressure up on the opposition. Lyndon is a pleasure to coach and is a very popular player amongst his peers and we look forward to seeing his smiling face back in 2022. Great season mate, well done!

PETER BATTEN

Pete is a versatile player which makes him very important in our line-up. When played through the middle there is no stronger and tougher player in the comp and it is awesome to watch his attack on the footy. When played in defence he is a rock (which is exactly what you need down back) and when playing off half back or half forward he always makes a difference for his team. Pete is a gifted sportsman who plays rep soccer on Saturdays and footy with us on Sundays so we appreciate his commitment. Pete's teammates get a boost when he puts on a big tackle or barges through the opposition which makes him a natural leader. Congrats on a great season Pete.

LEBRON BENSON

LeBron is one of the most naturally gifted players in our squad and it is unreal to watch him take a specky or kick a snap. In any given sports team there aren't many players that can change a game with a single play but LeBron is capable of this. With improved fitness during the off season LeBron capitalised on his natural talents by being able to run out games to the end which often made the difference for his team. LeBron is a team player and when asked to play in the backs he proved himself not only capable but a game changer in a position he did not have a lot of experience in. Bron is an integral part of our squad and we can't wait to see him back. Well done on a great season bud.

JAIRUS BREALEY

Jai had an amazing season and proved he is a Div2 player through and through. Jai is to be commended for his commitment during the off season (in particular his running training) which gave him the ability to lead to marking opportunities and to then use his naturally gifted hands to give his team scoring opportunities. Jai's contested marking also improved greatly and his use of his body to create space in the contest is very skilful... all good top level full forwards have this trick in their bag. Jai led the comp with 17 goals and did this while playing on some very good backs. When combining Jairus's forward skills with his love of the game and his team he again proved himself as an integral part of our line-up. An awesome season mate, big congrats.

LUCA CROFT

Luca is another player that can light up the ground and change a game with a single play or dominant quarter. We played Luca mainly through the middle and in the forwards but there were times when the team needed him down back and he always did what was needed on the day. Luca has one of the biggest boots in the comp and when he gets a hold of one he can kick it from 50 no probs. With this giant boot it is sometimes hard for the big fella not to kick it out of the park but as the season progressed Luca's point to point kicking to teammates improved greatly and so then did his impact on games. Luca's love of his team and teammates is always on show and we can't wait to see him back running around with the lads in '22. Awesome stuff Luca!!

HEATH DIBDEN

'The Heater' had a great season predominantly through the middle and off the wings. Heath has great core strength which allows him to win most close in contests and he also has great aerobic ability (read huge motor!) which sees him run games out strongly. This is what The Heater brings to the table and it is of massive benefit to the team. Heath is relatively inexperienced in AFL and given this, he needs to be commended for the season he produced. With another season under his belt we know the best is yet to come for this bloke and that's scary!! A quiet achiever and already an integral part of the line-up..... great stuff Heater!

CHARLIE DOYLE

The Doyle returned after a few seasons playing League and it was unreal to have him back. We mainly used Doyley up front and in combo with Jai they made a formidable forward pairing. Charlie has a lot going for him as a footballer; massive kick, strong mark and reads the game well. Over and above these tangible skills Charlie brings an X factor which is a combo of being able to get the lads giggling at training or before a game but also his ability to bring a level of competitiveness that sees him want to be in the moment and make a difference to get his team over the line. Well done bud... see you in '22!

ELIJAH DUNDAS

What a season from this bloke! There isn't much more that you want/need from a backman than for them to have the ability to read, mark, run and then kick to advantage....sounds like I'm describing Alex Rance or some other top line fullback, but needless to say, Elijah has these skills and executes to a high level week in and week out. Elijah is another who is all about team and he plays whatever role is required to help his team perform at their best and this in itself shows his leadership qualities. A really impressive season mate... you proved yourself as one of the best backs in the entire comp. Big congrats!

JAMES HANSEN

James is another with a high level of natural football ability that saw him play across the park this season. James was most effective for the team when playing across half back as he is a strong mark and kick and he also has great game sense which sees him win out in most one on ones. James also played with distinction of half forward where he used his skills to snag a few goals. Jimmy is a legend in the team environment as he has the ability to bring a sense of humour to training and game day while also bringing a competitive streak and skill level that sees him perform to a high level. Jimmy led the season in laps around the park at training but I get the sense he thought it was all worth it to get a few laughs from the boys (and the coaches!). It is really great to have you as part of the team James.... keep it all up!!

ZAK LARSEN

If there was one player that epitomised the Crows and its team spirit it was Zak. Playing up from Div.3 last year, he led right from the get go with a relatively new team and new position. He played a handful of Div. 2 games for us last year as a fullback but his added height and increased fitness meant he was perfect as our starting ruckman. Zak would bust his gut as long as he could which generally meant he was almost crawling by the time he got a rest on the bench. He brought intensity and encouragement at training which then was transferred to the game. His voice not only at training but on the field was captain like and he always looked out for his teammates. Being a ruckman can sometimes be a thankless job but just ask any midfielder and they'll tell you how important they are out on the field. Not only did Zak work on his skills constantly he also started in the running group on Fridays with some of the other boys because he knew how important his fitness needed to be to ruck for 3 quarters of a game. I even caught him doing his own training and running on days when we weren't practicing. He was truly dedicated and committed to this team. Never shied away from a tough contest and always put his head over the footy. Tough as nails, all our players stood taller when Zak was around. I look forward to coaching Zak in the future and seeing his progression as a player and a person.

OSCAR LINDBOM (CO-CAPTAIN)

Oscar had a very good season predominately through the middle and off the wings. Oz looked at his best and most dangerous when attacking centre clearances then providing great service to the half forward and forward line. Oscar is part of the Swans Academy and this shows every week with his silky kicking and handball skills. What is harder to teach and is a skill set that is grown from experience and commitment is Oscar's ability to read the contest and the flow of the game and then to have the required impact - only really good players have this. A further pat on the back for this bloke is that he plays 'up' which sees him mix it with larger bodies every game. Well done mate on a great season.

CAVE MCKNIGHT (CO-CAPTAIN)

Cave had another great year playing mainly through the middle and off half forward. When required, Cave also played up front and on more than one occasion he returned multiple goals with clean marking, straight kicking and a natural game sense that saw him dominate one on ones. Like our other pocket rockets, Cave is often out-sized (read tuff/courageous) in the contest but this doesn't mean he comes out on the wrong side of it. He just uses his high level skills and innate ability to read the play to come out on top. Cave is a Swans Academy player who is to be congratulated on his selection into the Super 24 Carnival in Albury which shows the projection of his skills and football ability. Cave's level of commitment to physical training and improving his skills is unreal and it's this commitment to getting better that sees him as one of the best all-round players in the competition. Another great season mate, well done!

ALEX MICIELI

Alex has been a long time stalwart of this team playing across the whole ground. A really versatile player who has been asked to play half back all the way to half forward and has performed solidly. Before the season started, showing his dedication, Alex had started Friday afternoon running sessions to increase his aerobic fitness which started to really show when he was able to shut down the oppositions half forwards. Alex's kicking and ground ball work has improved dramatically and when he connects with the footy it is a beautiful kick. He often stays late after training and practices his set shots which he can slot from anywhere. Unfortunately, half way through our season he was battling injuries with severs in his feet and was just about ready to hit it full steam when the season ended. His voice at training and on game day has been admired and look forward to seeing him fit and healthy for next season.

JOE MURRAY

We've seen Joe running around Waratah Oval since he was about 6 years old and his progression as a footballer has been enormous over the last year or two. Up until last year he was the man to control the backline and take the oppositions biggest centre half forward and generally was undersized. Having a nice growth spurt over the summer Joe came back and slipped right into the starting midfield adding some much needed size. He found plenty of ball and was really important in our clearance work. He battled it out against some very handy players week in week out. He was amongst best on ground votes in at least 3 of the first five games and started the season really strong. A couple of standouts were Joe's enormous game against Penshurst when he was best on ground in a comeback which resulted in a draw. The other was against Pittwater when Joe was caught in a sling tackle and was smashed to the ground. It took a moment for him to get up and once we checked he didn't hit his head he was back on the ground and played the game out with unbelievable courage against a massive team. Great thing about Joe is his intensity on game day. Soon as that ball bounces, he switches on and gives it his all.

Joe's actions on the field speak for themselves. Setting up behind the ball and mopping up any quick kick out from the opposition was his bread and butter.

ISAIAH NOONAN

We were really lucky that Isaiah decided to try out and play Div. 2 with us this year. Playing his first year with the bombers last year and excelling after moving clubs is a challenge for anyone. Then to play with a new team again and slip in so easily is major credit to Isaiah. Probably the quickest player on the team over 50m, he showed this wherever he played. A loose ball meant if Isaiah was around you weren't going to beat him to it. His voice on the field during games reminds me of a rock concert, as he demands the footy and lets you know where he is. Two moments that stand out this season were his hardness and courage as a half forward during the Ramsgate game where he just kept presenting and bringing the ball to ground. Even undersized he jumped and gave it crack which is a brave attribute. The second was his goal against the Forest Lions late in the game where he slotted one at full speed on a tight angle 30 m out. I had to blink to make sure it wasn't Tom Papley from the Swans who suddenly was playing for us. Looking forward to his skills next year.

ZAC POKORNY (CO-CAPTAIN)

A real credit to Zac this year was his dedication to working on his skills and fitness. Already the top long distance runner on the team he knew he wanted to add a lethal kicking ability to his resume. This eventuated and now his kicking skills have skyrocketed, as has his kicking distance. Co-Captaining this year for the first time meant there was added pressure for leading by example in training and on game day. This was evident when he led the boys out before our first game against Newtown and ran the group through their drills and warmups without any coaches. Because of Zac's fitness and height, he was thrown all over the ground this year and never once complained or gave attitude. It was a simple yes, no worries let's do it, and he welcomed every challenge thrown at him. Whether it was locking down Pittwater's full forward beast or flooding back to take marks in the dying moments against Canada bay, he was always dependable. Towards the end of the season, he was asked to start training with Sydney Swans academy which shows the reward for all his efforts this year. Looking forward to seeing Zac take some hangers next year with his long reach.

CAMERON PRICE

Ball magnet comes to mind when I think of Pricey. Always around it wherever he was playing. Generally playing on the wing or as a half back Cam was a disciplined and courageous player. On game day he was always looking out for his teammates and showed great work rate to try and even contests up and help out around ground balls up and down the wing. Taking marks on the wing and being in the right spot is how I remember Cam's season. Cam always came to training with a smile on his face and never once did he not come straight to the coaches and say hello and goodbye every training session or game. His thirst for wanting to know more about positioning or strategies always impressed me. You can count on Cam for always asking questions and wanting to learn more. One of the team favourites with his laid back jovial attitude towards life and footy.

ISAAC SCHIPPERS

One of our key back men who is very important to us in stopping the oppositions best smaller forwards and a lot of time their fulls as well. Schippers laid back attitude during training and before games is thrown out the window when it's a one-on-one contest in the back half which he rarely loses. In previous years Schippers was our

last man in defence and was able to roll off opponents and save so many goals for us, however with the boys getting older and games styles changing our backline was playing a lot more one on one footy and making forwards accountable. This is where Isaac excelled, keeping tight to his opponent and often finding himself up and down the wing and sometimes through the corridor following his player around. He won a lot of important contests especially in his best game for season against Newtown and the last game in the wet against Westbrook where it was scrappy and he thrived in it. Isaac is starting to really understand and learn positioning tactics, kicking out from the goal square plays and improving his overall footy smarts. His speed and strength is underestimated which the opposition soon learn. I look forward to see him back next year with that back six defending our goals.

MITCHELL SEARLES

If Jake Stringer from the Essendon Bombers is nicknamed 'the package' then they must have stolen it from Mitchell. Every week Mitch impressed me with something new and I soon thought this kid is the full package. One week he was beating the tall forwards marking the footy and the next kicking on both legs out of defence. Coming over and joining us with some of the other boys from Bangor it didn't take long for us to notice his speed, great skills off the deck and absolutely beautiful kicking technique. Quiet and extremely polite, Mitchell never once complained about being put in certain positions, and this was often because of his talent at stopping forwards. His improvement across the year was phenomenal and we were so lucky to have him play with us this year and hopefully for years to come. Sometimes playing fullback is thankless job, but the coaches and teammates know that this is possibly the hardest position. It requires discipline, focus and reading the play in front of you to do it well. Mitch did all of these things extremely well. Two standout moments this year for Mitch was the game against the top team Glebe in which we put him back to stop the bleeding of goals and he just seemed to flourish. The second was against Pittwater where we all saw his contested clearances from the back on both his left and right boot. Can't wait to see what 'the package' serves up next year.

CALLUM STANSELL

Cal is one of two players on the team which play up an age level which some forget as his courage and skills never waver. An important part of our midfield setup, Cal would successfully float forward and kicked several goals in almost every game this season. Often very creative and smart going forward, he always found space amongst all the mayhem in the forward fifty. Cal spent all summer and preseason working on his aerobic capacity and motor. This was evident in games as he ran them out better than anyone. He would cover so much ground it was hard not to notice his work rate up and down the ground. A Swans academy player from under 11s, his skills are obviously elite but what most impressed me throughout the year was his ability to read taps and hit outs from the ruck which he pounced on and exiting with pace through stoppages and centre bounces. I mentioned his courage and always putting his head over the footy even when he knows there's a bigger player waiting to line him up. Knowing how important voice is on the field,

Cal is one of our best communicators during games. Understanding where to be on the field and switching positions mid quarter with other players takes maturity and footy smarts. A couple of standouts this season included his last quarter against Pittwater where he was composed and had some very important late touches to win us the game and even though we lost, his efforts against Glebe were instrumental in leading a comeback late in the game to scare the top team. I have no doubt we can expect the same and more from Cal next year.

CARLIN WONG

After a slow start to the season because of a number of injuries Carlin really started to show his best in the last couple of games. He wasn't able to have a good preseason and it was challenging to compete at his normal high intensity week in week out. For as long as I can remember, Carlin has been the winner of all the 2k and 3k time trials for our team that we've had. A proven workhorse, he has found himself on the wing running up and down all game long or as a run with player normally limiting the oppositions better players and starving them of possessions and influence on the game. He is really starting to understand getting the ball out of congestion and looking for give and go's which allows him to run and carry using his superior aerobic ability. I always look forward to Carlin showing up for training as he's genuinely interested in improving his footy skills and always asking questions about positioning and game plans which the coaches love. I really hope Carlin gets a good preseason in over the summer and keeps up his fitness which is an underrated skill at this age because if you can run your opponent off their feet, it normally means you walk away with a win. Carlin's game of the year came against Newtown at their home ground. He lined up as a small forward and just kept presenting up and down the field marking the ball on long leads and setting up play up forward. He walked away with player of the match which was thoroughly deserved.

UNDER 14-3s

Coach: John Watson / Shaun Conlan

Assistant Coach: Morgan Hide

Manager: Sascha Bass



Season 2021 was a real game changer for the U14 age group as we entered into a Joint Venture arrangement with the Bangor Tigers across both Division 2 and 3. It is a credit to everyone involved how well the boys all gelled both off and on the field and I could not have asked for a more supportive group of parents who ensured that everything went off without a hitch. A big thanks to all for their help especially Sascha (Manager), Shaun (co coach) and Morgan (Assistant Coach).

We had a mixed season where the boys played some fantastic football on some days but on others, we were inconsistent and dropped our guard for a quarter only to find that cost the game. At any given time, our game matched the best in the competition, but we just couldn't keep that tempo up for a full 4 quarters. I'm confident that if the season had continued, we would have ironed out those kinks and potentially played finals. In short, we had a great group of boys who really applied themselves at training and worked really hard on game day. On reviewing each boy's season and contribution to the team this year I am excited about the potential for season 2022 and the continued development of the individuals and the team.

I would like to thank all the parents for assisting throughout the season and getting the boys to training and games each week. Lastly a big thanks to Andrew, the committee and club for putting together a really good season and making sure we always had a ground to play on when Waratah was out.

OWEN ALBANI

Once again Owen put together a really good season. He continued to dominate down the back and his maturity really came to the fore. It was also pleasing to be able to run Owen forward and through the mids more this season and given the opportunity he made the most of it and highlighted how versatile he is.

CAMERON MERNAGH

Cam showed real strength on the ball and had a number of games where his continued effort for 4 quarters kept us in the game, giving us a chance to win. His footballing nous continues to develop and his insights to positional and tactical play are a serious asset for the team and valued by the coaching staff.

ARCHIE CHASLE

Archie is one of the all-time great impact players in junior football. His ferocity in attacking both the ball and the opposition results in a lot of turnover and positive momentum shift for the team. His long kick and ability to run hard ensures he gains plenty of metres. Despite having a short season with injury, it was great to watch.

BAILEY HICKEY

Bailey is one of the true stalwarts of the team. He doesn't miss games and is at every training no matter what. His defensive pressure improved throughout the season, and he is always there to back up his teammates when we need numbers around the ball.

DARWIN CONGERTON

Darwin started off really well and was unfortunate to sustain a season ending injury in Round 3. He knows his way around a footy field and can be trusted to make the right decision whenever he has the ball in hand. I have no doubt he will have a major impact next season.

CHARLIE MARKS-BRADFORD

Charlie continues to grow as a footballer and this season he put together a good highlights reel. He has great skills in getting the ball out of contests and this season his field kicking was clean and efficient. When he played on the wing he flourished when he found a bit more space and was able to create opportunities.

ELLIOT LINDBECK

Elliot possesses two really important football attributes – speed and courage. Throughout the season Elliot worked really hard to get to the ball and create pressure. Given some space to run he was able to move the ball quickly and swing the run of play in our favour. The strong defensive aspect means he can have an impact forward and back.

RORY LEWIS

Rory continues to impress with his application during game time and at training. His hard work off the field really started to convert to some great on field performances. When the season ended, he was constantly lifting, and each week imposed himself more and more on the run of play. His influence will continue to grow.

LOGAN GEORGES

Logan is a real quite achiever who gets the job done week in, week out. His on the ball prowess continues to build and he matches it with bigger bodied opponents. This season his overhead marking and field kicking were standouts. He is fast becoming the midfielder who can go forward and kick goals.

ADAM TENNANT

It was great to get Adam back in the team this season. He loves taking the game on and attacking the ball in general play. In the contest his overall strength was a real asset to the team, and I am sure the last 6 weeks of the season would have provided some great highlights. He should tear it apart next season.

CHARLES OWENS

Charles is one of those players who knows strategy and has the ability to direct the flow of play on the field. His long kick is a real weapon and when he plays across centre forward, he always finds space and presents as a target. In the mid field he is a hard working inside ball winner.

KRYSHTOF PRADEAUX

Kryshtof really impressed across the half forward line where he contributed consistently with goals. In addition, he was able to run through the midfield and is a proven ball winner. He has shown amazing balance and moves effortlessly through traffic often leaving the opposition grasping at thin air.

NATHAN BEAUMONT

Nathan continues to be the #1 defender in our team. He can stop any player with his lethal tackling and sheer determination. He has developed as a real leader amongst his teammates and always sets the highest of standards both at training and on game day. His ability to rotate forward and kick goals is a big bonus.

JAMES AFFLY

James came back from the summer break with extra height and an extra metre of pace. He highlighted this early in the season with some dynamic displays in the forward line which were extremely impressive. He showed what a great team player he is by volunteering to be ruckman whenever our ruck stocks were depleted.

LOUIS BAYLISS

Louis joined the team this year having no prior AFL experience. What has impressed me most is his enthusiasm to put in extra hours at training and his courage on game day. By games 5 and 6 he was playing position well and creating opportunities for himself and teammates. An excellent first season.

ALEX WATSON

This season Alex played more of a swingman role. His ability to mark up in defence is strong and he holds his opponent well. When he plays forward, he works hard to get to the contest and bring the ball down to a teammates advantage. As a tall forward he should be proud of the defensive pressure he exerts on the opposition's backs.

LIAM CONLAN

Liam had a great season playing a number of roles across the park. He played exceptionally well down back in the early part of the year where his strong marking stood out. In the later games he was damaging in a forward role and kicked multiple goals on a number of occasions. He also showed he is a capable ruckman when needed.

NOAH RICHARDSON

Noah played some of the best football I have seen from him over the last 4 games of the season. Somehow, he found himself at half back and everything fell into place. His marking was strong, and he showed a great ability to read the play and cut off attacks. He has the right attributes to become a really damaging half back flanker.

THOMAS BATMAN

Tom was really building into a very good season. He is a very capable defender. His trademark play is coming out of nowhere to spoil a high ball and extinguish the opposition attack. The combination of desire to win the football, a high work rate and increasing stamina meant he was a cornerstone of the team's defensive unit.

ELLIOT MICHAELS

It was great to see Elliot string a few games together this season after enduring a hard run of injuries in 2020. Once he got back into the groove, he showed why he could be one of the more lethal fullbacks in the league. He is never out marked and is always strong on the ball. His clearing kicks always allow us to rebound from defence into attack.

JACK MCANDREW

Jack was one of 2 boys who joined the team just before the season came to a close. He had previously played before and was able to slot into the team framework really well. The highlight for me was his goal against Glebe late in the game.

JORDAN BAXTER

Jordan joined without having played a game but within a week showed that he had plenty of promise. He is hard at the ball and explosive out the contest. He is a very exciting prospect.

UNDER 14YG

Coach: Derek Singline / Nick Davis

Manager: Gillian Carr



Wow, Wow, Wow !!! What a season from our U14YG. 9 Wins in a row, 100% win rate & looking very much in control against all sides.

The aim for our summer was to keep training and recruitment, and everyone delivered. We had new players coming to our summer training sessions which was terrific, and as we know AFL is a fantastic game so all that came for a trial ended up registering. By kickoff for Round 1 we had a full team of 21 players - new players to the club, some new to the area, and some also new to the game. With a full team the coaches set about organizing players into back/mid/forward groupings so that we could start to build confidence in playing positions. Although we did move a few players around during the season, starting most games with our set structure meant we got strong 1st Quarters (well except for one where everyone was asleep for the 1st quarter 😊). A big bag of Mars bars was needed in the kit each week which helped....

Our story for the season starts with an extremely strong back line. Keziah, Stephanie, Sophie, Olivia and Grace S under the watchful command of Ruby at full back. When I went back over the games and counted up how many goals were scored against us, it was clear this backline were the strongest by far in the competition. 8 goals conceded for the entire season, that is an average of less than 1 per game. Our backline coming up to meet the oncoming players, applying pressure / big tackles, gaining possession and then running the ball back out of defense to our mids was very impressive to watch. There weren't many times that opposition was able to get through. A few games were a little quiet down back, so we did switch our back & forward lines in a few games to get a kick & maybe a goal.... The girls were quiet at home in front of goal, I recall at least one game where the backs kicked more goals in the 2nd half than the forwards did in the 1st half.. Nice work !!

Then to our forward line who had a very successful season. Imogen, Tia, Sienna, Georgia, Bene, Grace P and our full forward Samara combined to excite the crowd in every game. All our forward line worked hard as a team in every game, helping each other with bumps/shepherding, hand balling to players running past, leading to space, kicking to players in good goal scoring positions. Not to mention the pressure they applied to opposition players with the ball which would be the envy of most AFLW teams I'm sure! Our top goal scorer for the season was Grace P playing out of centre half forward with 25 goals. The forwards also did well when switched to backs, keeping other teams scoreless so well done!! How great it was to see our forward line develop during the season - we averaged an impressive 10 goals per game.

Now to our midfield who showed from the first bounce they had come to play. Jordan, Nikita, Gabi, Gemma, Nova, Myah and Evie made use of every tap from our ruck Tara. There were dashing runs out of packs, strong tackles and pressure applied to the opposition, good team work to get the ball clear of packs, and that was in every game. Nick helped with some extra focus at training on setting up for the ruck contests which the girls took into to the games and that structure was helping us get first use of the ball. In every game the run from our midfielders allowed us to transition the ball from backline to forward line and deliver the ball to the forwards accurately. We got plenty of goals out of the midfield also, Jordan with 21 hot on the heels of Grace P. A good mix of strength, size and speed in our midfield ensured we had a great engine room!!

A special mention to Gabi and Bene, who due to injury had to sit out most of the season and would have played late in the season if it hadn't been cut short. We are looking forward to you playing in 2022. Please, please, please, parents wrap these 2 in cotton wool over the summer.

Finally, a huge thankyou to Gillian, Simone and all our parents who helped out each week. A huge thanks to Nick for your guidance and commitment to the development of our girls which is fantastic.

To our team well done on a fantastic year, you all worked hard and developed a long way during the season, and everyone contributed strongly to the success of the team.

We are looking forward to a full and undisrupted 2022 season with this pioneering group of young women.



