# Miranda Australian Football Club Inc



# Presentation Booklet 2013

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# Miranda Bombers President's Report

It seems like yesterday that we were all up at Lincoln Oval with a club training night, waiting for some Swans players to arrive and having our jumper presentation.

Congratulations to all of the players, coaches, managers and team support staff, without your input we would not have a club. A big thank you also needs to go to all of the parents who take the boys to training and to the games on Saturdays. Our results on the field were again showed strength in our Club.

Our Auskick and Under 10's were playing in non-competitive games every weekend, but that did not detract from their enthusiasm for football. Our Under 10's played in the end of year Gala Day held on August 24<sup>th</sup>, winning all of their pool matches as well as the crossover match, well done boys

Our completion sides:

Under 12'sSemi FinalistsUnder 14'sGrand FinalistsUnder 15'sFiifth.Under 16'sPreliminary Finalists.

This year saw the first "Dreamtime at Waratah" day where the Miranda Bombers took on the Bangor Tigers to coincide with "Dreamtime at the G" where Essendon took on Richmond" It was a great day, Miranda winning 3 matches to 1 and winning the Dreamtime Plaque 216-99. Xavier de Domenico(10's), Josh Moors (12's) and Joel Cashman (14's) were presented with Best On Ground Medals as decided by the umpires.

Call to Arms day saw another "one-off" jumper worn by our under 16's, this jumper was designed by one of our Under 14 players, well done. I understand that there are still some of these jumpers available for sale.

Last year representative football was back on the calendar, this year it was extended to the Under 10, 11 & 12 age groups. In all Miranda supplied 2 x Under 10's, 3 x Under 11's, 4 x Under 12's, 2 x Under 13's, 6 x Under 14's and 3 x Under 16's for Sydney South Development / Representative Teams.

The club faired very well at the Regional awards with Che Taylor of the Under 14's named equal best and fairest and Justin Maldigri from our 16's third best and fairest, congratulations boys.

2014 will see many challenges for football in Sydney South. We will be venturing further afield with our 6 local clubs being merged in to the Sydney harbour competition. Coupled with this, we will be playing our football on a Sunday. Unfortunately for some with us today, this will mean that their time with the Bombers will sadly come to an end. We wish all of those who are unable to join us in 2014 and beyond, all the best with their new winter sporting endeavours.

For many years, at this time of year, we say good bye to our second year Under 16's. However that is not the case this year, the AFL have changed the age groups from 2014 and beyond, junior football has been extended to the Under 17's and senior football will now commence in the Under 19's. We hope to see all of our Under 16's back again next year for one last hoorah.



# Miranda Bombers President's Report Cont'd.....

I would like to thank all of our sponsors for their support of our club. Without their assistance, the club would not be in the position it is in today:

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To the committee, what a generous and fantastic group of people. I would like to thank you all for you efforts during 2013 and for the support that you have provided me throughout the year. There are a few committee people who will be moving on this year; to those wonderful individuals, thank you for committing your time to further improving an already great club, your efforts will not be forgotten.

Finally, I said it last year and I will say it again, thanks to my wife Gemma and three sons for their support of me as President of the Mighty Miranda Bombers.

See you in 2014!



Miranda Bomber's 2013! A club I am extremely proud to be the captain of.

Our club has done extremely well this year with the Auskick developing, under 10's and under 15's having a great season, under 12's making the semi's, under 16's making the preliminary final and for the very unlucky under 14's who couldn't have got any closer to the holy grail - the premiership.

During the 7 years I have been at this club, I have learnt many things but one of the most important is that the friendships you get with your team mates last a lifetime. You will look back and realise that outside of school, these boys are probably the best mates you will ever have. So we should treasure the time that we have left together at the Club because our junior AFL careers quickly run away from us!

There are many people our club has to thank. Firstly, to all the parents. If it wasn't for you guys, none of this would have happened. For taking us to every game and training, for all the hours of voluntary work, and a special mention to everyone that participated with the goals and boundary umpiring as well as running messages and carrying water.

To all the people involved in coaching and managing our club's stars of the future, thank you. Also to the people behind the scenes as you must be recognised for your efforts as you have been vital to each and every one of us in helping with our skills at both training and on game day.

Next, I am very thankful and honoured to be in this position of club captain and for that I have Frank Cashman and the Bombers Committee to thank. Not only for making everything tick over on game day but also for the long hours they spend in meetings making our great club even better.

Thank you! And Go The Bombers!

From Patrick Heptinstall

Club Captain 2013

# Playing Milestones

# Congratulations for their 150<sup>th</sup> game played this year:

Macauley Crossan	Benjamin Lamb	Mitchell Johnson

Congratulations to the players who played in their 100<sup>th</sup> game this season with Miranda Bombers:

Benjamin Donnelly	Luke Murfitt	Jesse Raabe
Alexander Slater	Dominic Soffe	David Welch
Jack Woolmer		

Congratulations to the players who played in their 50th game this season with Miranda Bombers:

Jasper Arthur	Jake Bennie	Xavier de Domenico
Peter De Leeuw	Josh Harrison	Nicholas Hooker
Justin Khaw	Reilly King	Joshua Moors
Harrison Parker	Jay Scarra	Logan Stone



# **Representative Football**

# Sydney South Representative Players 2013

<u>Under 16s</u>

Justin Maldigri	Dylan Sanderson
	Justin Maldigri

Under 14s

Kristian Andrevski	Joel Cashman	Brandon Norton
Che Taylor	Patrick Tegg	Jack Woolmer

Under 13s

Ethan Kilham Anthony Mai
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# Swans Academy 2013

Under 16s

Justin Maldigri	Dylan Sanderson	Timothy Tegg
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Under 15s

Seb Lienert
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Under 14s

Brandon Norton	Dominic Soffe	Matthew Stokes
Che Taylor	Patrick Tegg	

Under 13s

Ethan Kilham	Anthony Markos	
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Under 11s

Josh Harrison	Travis Harvey	
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# **Development Players 2013**

Under 10s

Xavier De Domenico	Harrison Parker	

<u>Under 11s</u>

Joshua Harrison Nicholas Hooker Travis Harvey
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Under 12s

Joshua Moors	Jay Scarra	Jake Bennie
Logan Stone		

# **Club Umpires**

Acknowledgement of players who also give their time to represent the Bombers as association umpires.

Joel Cashman	Harry Challen	Justin Maldigri
Luke Donnelly	Patrick Heptinstall	Lachlan Hill

# **Association Awards**

Justin Maldigri	3 <sup>rd</sup> Best and Fairest U16
Che Taylor	Best and Fairest U14 Rep Carnival



# <u>AUSKICK</u> Sponsor : Holdsworths quality meats

# <u>Coordinator:</u> Jodie Gray <u>Coach (Junior)</u>: Rebecca Randazzo <u>Coach (Senior)</u>: Michael Lynch

2013 has been a great year in Auskick. We have been lucky enough to have two fantastic coaches, a busy behind the scenes Auskick Coordinator, some great coaching assistants, a fantastic group of parents, some fabulous spectators and an awesome bunch of players. It's been a great season!

The older players, having spent a few years together now in Auskick, have been able to solidify their skills in playing together as a team. And with the added enthusiasm of a group of new older players this year, it only further energised and added depth to the team.

The younger playing group included some returning players and some who are brand new to Auskick. Together they have learnt many skills at training and it has been great to watch them put this into practice on game day and see them continually improve throughout the season.

Our Auskick players had the opportunity this season to field five teams during the half time match at the SCG, and for many who played this was a highlight of the season.

Another highlight was in the final weeks as the season was drawing to an end seeing all our Auskick players in one big circle - side by side, arm in arm, singing loud and proud the Bombers theme song.

Here are a few words from our coaches regarding our Auskick team:

# THE SENIOR PLAYING LIST – coached by Michael Lynch

**Noah Bechara** – Great improvement over the year. Took some fantastic marks for his size and competes hard for the footy.

**Noah Bertram** – A player who improved a lot through the season and finished the season on a high with two goals at the SCG.

Evan Briggs - Loves to play in the forward line and dangerous with his left foot snaps at goals.

Liam Cronin – Takes a strong mark and became known for his long shots at goals. Had a fine season.

**Liam Devlin** – Likes playing in the last line of defence and saved many goals through the season as well as kicking many up at the other end of the field.

Theo Fluckiger – First season in the game and shows a lot of potential. Great skills for someone new to the game.

**Ryan Frearson** – Very silky skills and a great understanding of the game. Can do everything well and dominated in the final game at the SCG.

Noah Gray – Very enthusiastic and works really hard around the field picking up plenty of kicks. Uses the ball well.

**Blake Harwood** – A first year player who worked really hard to improve his skills over the season. Always enthusiastic at games and training.

**Bailey Kaye** – Reads the play really well and has great skills including a thumping boot. His best work is at half back where he was very difficult to get past.

**Blake Kendrick** – Fantastic skills for his age – a better kick than his coach! Is always keen for the end of training goal kicking challenge (which he often won).

**James Lynch** – Works really hard to get free of his opponents and loves to kick a goal. Capped off his year with a running bounce on the SCG.



Aidan O'Shea – Always looks like he's enjoying his football and is often at the bottom of the pack getting his own ball.

Flynn Read – Always enthusiastic and competes hard for the footy. Dangerous around the goals.

Taj Sanders – Always trains and plays with a smile on his face. Great skills.

# JUNIOR PLAYERS – coached by Rebecca Randazzo

Aaron Briggs – Enthusiastic, team player. Ended a great season with a goal on the SCG.

Jaz Cheek – Enjoys getting on the field and kicking goals.

**Conor Ferron** – Very keen to learn and always the first to arrive at training and games. Loves feedback and using what he's learnt in his game.

Mitchell Fuller – Always ready to play and loves kicking goals.

**Mitchell Green** – A great team player who shares the ball around and has made some big improvements this year, especially with his kicking.

**Bryson Hoogkamp** – A great talent who is always eager to learn and listen to his coaches, which shows in his game.

**Tana Kaitu** – A great natural talent for the game with an unrivalled passion for the Bombers. Exceptional athletic ability and great commitment.

Thomas Kelly – Shows great sportsmanship and has improved through the season. A great team player

**William Kelly** – A player who has improved through the season with his understanding of positions and development in handball skills.

**Jake Loring** – A player who is developing a good knowledge of the game and positions. He also has a good, strong kick.

Zak Mackay – An eager participant who is always smiling.

**Cave McKnight** – A naturally skilled player whose development in the game is exciting to watch. A great team player who shares the ball around.

**Noah Menyweather** – An enthusiastic player who has shown great improvement in his skills and understanding of the game.

Hamish Nesbitt – A keen player who is always eager to learn. Always good to see as part of the team.

**Jacob Park** – Loves putting his skills into practice and getting involved in every aspect of the game. Great concentration on game day.

Kai Pearce – Great skills and will continue to develop into a fantastic player with future coaching. A great first season.

**Zac Pokorny** – Has grown in his confidence in the game throughout the season. Loves to get in there and have a run, kick and pass.

**Cameron Price** – An understanding of the game has developed in leaps and bounds, along with his kicks and taps.



# AUSKICK con't.....

**Keiran Schydlo** – A great positional player who picks up a lot of marks all over the field. Kicking accuracy has continued to improve through the year.

**Lucas Wilbers** – A good strategic player who is able to work the ball out of defence on into attack really well. A great player.

Thank you to all the players, parents, supporters, helpers for what has been a fantastic year of Auskick.





# <u>Under 10</u>

# Sponsor : Hair Artistry

# Coach : Anthony Vial Manager : Karen Cardiff

The past year has been one of excitement, frustration and learning. On a late Wednesday evening, I was thrust into our first training session with no equipment and even less experience. I was, it is fair to say, as green as the grass on which we ran. Now, these many weeks later, and with a season under my belt, trying to control twenty odd under 10 boys, I consider myself a veteran.

My commitment to the players and parents at the start of the year was that we would have fun and to this end I have endeavoured to give each and every player as much opportunity as possible during games and at training.

To achieve this outcome has required more than my efforts alone and therefore I wish to thank the following people;

Karen Cardiff, a natural organiser who managed our team with great communication and a flair for remaining calm. Regardless of how flustered I was, she wasn't.

Matt Sinclair, my essential training assistant, without whose help I may have called it a day early on. With Matt about I could confirm that it wasn't just me they weren't listening to, since they weren't listening to him either.

Adam Parker, whose bombshell match reports were as good as any I have seen. Mentioning each child each week is a 'Rowling' like effort and for this he should be congratulated.

Dom Collier, whose man about town grin, with accompanying story and coffee kept me entertained all year. His assistance at training was much appreciated, as were his words of wisdom on shepherding, 'give em the bum' and doolies.

A few words regarding our U10 players:

# **Blake Collier**

It was near the end of the season when Blake gained confidence in his ability and started to show his skill. For the most part Blake was a mild mannered character, but get him angry and the Hulk appeared. Suddenly he would shepherd opponents from goals, run down ruffian challengers and generally start throwing himself into the game and into his opponents. His contribution at the gala day was significant and showed his continuing improvement.

# **Carson Holloway**

Carson could be quiet at times, and then all of a sudden, he would pick up the ball in the centre, break a tackle and setup his team mates. Carson made important contributions to the team at different times during the year and with a further year or two under his belt will become a key player for the Bombers.

# **Dylan Cardiff**

The quiet achiever, Dylan's game was more important than I think he may realise. He was the link player, the decoy and the distributor, who allowed those around him to elevate their games. He never complained about the position he was given, never complained about not getting time in the forwards and was content to do what was asked of him. It was a pleasure coaching Dylan.

# Hadrian Vial

For someone who has played only twenty or so games, Hadrian's skills are excellent. He can kick the ball further than most and his hand ball is strong and accurate. In the backline he would hang on the line, saving the team by touching opponent's shots at goal and converting them into points. In the forwards he would kick goals apparently without effort. This apparent skill was summed up with what I considered to be goal of the year, a 25m right pocket snap over his left shoulder straight into the goal umpires arms – which just so happened to be his grandfather.

# Harry Gray

Introducing himself as 'G-force' at the start of our first training session, in an effort to confuse the coach, I found under the reserved but comical exterior, lies a player with solid skills on whom his teammates can depend. Often, while appearing to be in second gear, he would evade faster opponents, make a break out of the backline and deliver an accurate pass. Harry is the type of dependable player that any team needs for success.



# Harry Parker

It is clear to anyone who watches, that Harry is an exceptional junior footballer. He has speed, balance and excellent skills. But what is not obvious is his commitment to improvement. As coach, I was most impressed not with his skills, but with his attitude. There were times during the year where I would give him a tip or ask him to try something and I would see him do it in the very next quarter. While few boys have his natural athletic ability, all can learn from the attitude he shows to improving his game.

# Harvey Crossan

Relaxed and smiling, Harvey made up one half of a dynamic duo with Max. During games he could be seen chatting amiably with his opponents or teammates. That is until the ball arrived, at which point his focus would change, the fair hair would flow and he would deliver the ball to a teammate. Harvey does all the basics well and with a little more confidence and a few more games will become an important player.

# Jasper Arthur

With a kicking style as elegant as any seen at Waratah (and envied by more than a few ex-players on the sidelines). Jasper was our essential big man. His dedication to improving his game is a credit to him and it continues to pay him dividends. His play on the gala day, especially in the final where his clearances from the packs were phenomenal, was central to the team's victory.

# Lachlan Daly

At our first training session a pleasant young man with a smile confidently introduced himself to me. In his first year of play he showed focus and enjoyment. Lachlan was one of the most consistent marks in the team despite his lack of experience and his mark of the year, when he rode the backs of two team mates at a training session, was an absolute show stopper.

# Lachlan Holloway

I think it fair to say that Lachlan had ten times more kicks this year than he said words to the coach. But just because he is quiet, doesn't mean he didn't make a valuable contribution to the team. Lachlan shows an aptitude for positioning himself on the ground and with some further practice on his skills will become a key player for the Bombers.

### Max Auchterlonie

Max grew steadily in confidence during the year and in the last few training sessions and games showed his significant ability. His kicking has improved steadily, his handpassing developing and his teamwork excellent. With another year under his belt there is every possibility he will become a very good player.

### Mitchell Everitt

At the first training session it was Mitchell, whose name I memorised first. If he was unable to put his hands on the ball, he put them on a team mate and wrestled them to the ground. Mitchell possesses a skill which many would like, but few are gifted with, the ability to run fearlessly into a pack. At the gala day, when focussed on the task of getting the ball out of such packs he proved to be invaluable in the centre of the ground.

### **Michael Sinclair**

At all team talks Michael was clearly identified by chipping in with words of advice or questions. As one of the smaller, younger players, Michael was disadvantaged against bigger opponents. However, there were times during the year, when he would pack his fear in his back pocket and a fast footed rover with great hand skills would emerge. Suddenly a short fair haired star would string three hand passes together and setup a goal.

### Peter De Leeuw

At training, the smiling assassin would team up with school mate Sam to make the coaches time interesting. On the weekend however he became a power player who would bust a pack open, send opponents crashing like skittles, turn, kick a goal, and then return to his vanquished foes to flash another smile. His three goals in a quarter against Ramsgate was an exceptional effort.

### Ronan O'Meara

For one of the younger players, Ronan has an enviable kick which he continued to develop during the year. With further games under his belt he will improve his confidence, speed and skills. With his focus and determination I have little doubt that Ronan can develop into a very good footballer.



# Sam Braine

Sam was a coaching enigma. At training his focus was on chatting with teammates. But during games, he would grab the ball, beat three players and kick it into the forward line to setup a goal. His game against Heathcote was especially good. Sam has a great deal of natural skill and I hope to see him again next year.

# Sam Croucher

Don't know where Sam Croucher is? Can't see him on the field? Look at the bottom of the pack and you're sure to find him wrestling with an opponent for the ball. Singularly focussed on grabbing the ball when it was close, I am sincerely hoping that Sam develops his handball skills, for when he does, combining this with his in close play, will make him a formidable player.

# Sebastian Wilbers

Seb, apart from possessing excellent skills shows a great understanding of the game. His positional play and vision are second to none and he is a pleasure to coach with a positive attitude and perceptive questions. He can break a tackle, take a hit and still deliver an accurate hand pass.

# Xavier De Domenico

Xavier is a natural forward. A player who loves to kick goals he is happiest when he is winning. Each week at training he wanted to be at the start of any line. All teams need a Xavier. While his focus on getting into the forwards can be a distraction for the coach, his focus on winning, gaining the ball and kicking goals makes him an invaluable player.

### Will Harrison

Will is a single minded team player, a teammate who you can trust and a young man with a clear vision of what is right and wrong and the voice to let his team mates know. At this young age, it is unlikely that his teammates will appreciate Will's talents, but to me as coach, there was no doubt I was going to select as captain for our final at the gala day.

Finally I would like to thank the parents. Children's sport can easily become a political minefield of individual factions. Without your willingness to see past my organisational faults and to accept that I was trying to do my best for the most, life would have been unbearable. Thank you all.

Anthony



# Under 10 con't....





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# <u>Under 12</u>

# Sponsor : Sydney City Toyota

# **<u>Coach</u>**: Chris Harrison <u>Manager</u>: Heidi Simpson

The 2013 season for the mighty Under 12 Bombers was a great season, which was full of firsts for the team and also a lot of ups and downs! That is what made it so enjoyable.

For the first time in this age group we played as one team which was brilliant and it was the first season that the team played for competition points. Playing as one team instead of two was good but it took the team along with a lot of new faces a while to gel together and grasp the concept of playing as one team.

The introduction of competition points this season was not hard for the team to grasp but the consistency of the good football that this team can play was an issue. The Under 12's played some great games and we also played some ordinary games. The team defeated two out of the top three teams as they finished on the ladder at the end of the regular season and showed throughout the season that they can compete with the top teams but more consistent efforts are required each week for the team to improve on this season. Once the team consistently have the belief, courage and commitment that they showed in the finals against Penshurst then they will gain better results.

The Bombers finishing fourth on the ladder in their first season of competition is a great result and one which the team should be very proud of, as I am very proud of them as their coach and I could not ask for a better bunch of kids to play this great game.

All the parents, grandparents and supporters attached to the Under 12's are fantastic and they provided wonderful support to the team each week and I very much appreciate their efforts in ensuring the players were at training and games each week.

Thanks to everyone but a couple of special mentions:

Heidi Simpson did a great job, week in and week out as Team Manager, thanks Heidi.

Sean Parmenter was brilliant all season in helping with training and being the team runner every weekend, thanks mate I really appreciate your help.

Sid Walsh also shouldered running the water on game day for a lot of the season, thanks Sid.

Matt Manchester did a lot of work to help me with the team at training and on game day and this was on top of everything he did for the club as a committee member, thanks Matt.

A snapshot of each player is below:-

**Zac Gifford** - First year player who has come on in leaps and bounds and possesses a very good kick, good hand pass and can take a good mark as well. Zac needs to find that determination to get in for that ball to compliment the great ball skills he has. Once this happens, look out because Zac will have a big impact in games and you will gather plenty of possessions.

<u>Jarrod Parmenter</u> - Has got good hands for a mark and a great hand pass and has worked on kicking which has improved but further work needs to happen as he can do better from set kicks and on the run. I am certain Jarrod can come out next season and kick the cover off the ball if he wants to! Jarrod has made great improvement in his game in the second half of the season especially in the last couple of rounds. Now it is time for him to back himself 100% and have the confidence in himself and his skills and he could be a very good Aussie Rules player. He contributed well to the team throughout the season but I know he can do more. You can do it Jarrod but you have got to believe it yourself and if you do the 2014 season will be even better than this season.

<u>Jordan Walsh</u> - Had a great season at full forward and has done exactly what I wanted him to do and that was fight for the ball when it came into the forward line and be a target for your team mates. Jordan was unlucky not to kick more goals throughout the season but he still managed a good number. The overhead marks were starting to stick in the last couple of rounds and with better delivery to by his team mates I am confident that he will kick a bag of goals in 2014. Well done Jordan, great effort this season and I am looking forward to what you can do next season.



# Under 12 con't.....

<u>Josh Hollands</u> - First year player who has all the skills needed for Aussie Rules footy, pace, enthusiasm, a good mark, hand pass and kick. The form shown at times by Josh was someone who has played the game a lot longer. Some injuries along with some inconsistent performances with enthusiasm were the only elements holding Josh back at times this season. He can play some fantastic footy. Made the half forward flank his position with one memorable moment being Josh sprinting down the middle if the field toward goal leaving his opposition behind and marking on the run from a kick from the boundary and playing on and kicking the goal. That is the type of footy that will make a difference next season. Well done Josh.

<u>Tom Simpson</u> - Another good season of footy and at times you have shown your skills and determination which highlights how well you can play this game. As I said at the end of last season, if I could find that spark to fire you up each week we would be a better team for it. Tom has shown glimpses again this season of his potential and I am determined to find that spark as this young man can add a lot of value to the team. He has all the skills when he puts his mind to it and I think that is the key, Tom needs to want to do it!

<u>Travis Harvey</u> - You have shown us glimpses this season of your brilliance and the potential that you possess. The only issue for Travis is that he does not show this potential often enough. Consistency in effort each week will see Travis add more value to the team. He's a fantastic athlete who has silky skills with the football. A brilliant mark on his day and an even better kick. On a couple of occasions this season has shown he has the potential to be one of the most damaging forwards in the competition. It is up to you Travis to find that effort each week and show everyone what a good footy player you are. If you can do that, then 2014 will be massive for you.

<u>Annie Tegg</u> - As in previous years, Annie has shown how well she can play the game. Annie just needs to get in there and get that ball more often. She has the ability to have an influence on a game but needs to find that confidence to back herself to do it. Further work on her kicking will see her develop even further next season.

**Ellen Soffe** - If I had 18 Ellen's in the team, we would do very well, as Ellen is one of the gutsiest players I have either coached or played with. She shows no fear and she never gives an inch even to bigger opposition. I know she would prefer to play in the forwards but she does such a good job in defence because she takes on board all instructions and never gives her opposite any room to move. Needs to keep working on her skills especially her kicking and this will see her be a valuable member if the team in 2014.

**<u>Ryan Dunkerley</u>** - Another first year player who has played at times like a 5 year veteran. Has excellent skills with marking, kicking and great pace and at different times has shown these in a game and has highlighted that he will be a player to watch in future seasons. Picked up an injury in the last game of the regular season and we missed his pace and skill in the finals. Cannot wait to see what he can do in his second season of Aussie Rules Footy.

<u>Sean Nener</u> - A tough dependable member of the team. Sean, you are a coach's dream, you get in and do exactly as I ask whether it is at training or the game. Can run all day and has some good skills. Adds value to the team but needs to work on speed of disposals whether kicking or hand balling, they need to be faster. If he can consistently find that confidence to get in and get that ball and mark up closer on his opposition he will have a mighty season in 2014.

Jay Scarra - Has had an amazing season in 2013. Jay was always a good contributor in previous seasons but this year has been a break out year for him. He is tall, fast, courageous and possesses good ball skills. The only area of improvement is his kicking and the distance he can kick. If he does this before the 2014 season he will almost be unstoppable. Some AFL defenders could learn something from Jay, his brand of defence where he attacks the ball and turns it into offence is awesome. I have not seen anyone else in the competition able to do it as well as Jay in 2013. Jay's speed, agility and evasive skills are exceptional. How he has managed to twist and turn his way around the opposition at pace is a site to behold. Cannot wait to see what he can do in 2014.

<u>Aidan Mason-Alexander</u> - You have really shown that your skills in Aussie Rules footy are good this season. Your defence has been good and your marking and kicking have been a highlight which has made you an asset in our back line. Aidan finished the season on a real high and played some quality football in the last quarter of the season. Two areas of improvement for 2014 would be his close marking of opposition needs to be more consistent in each game and he needs to stay with them at all times. The other area is to go in 100% for the ball and you must bend down and pick up the ball when it is loose on the ground, don't focus on your opponent, focus on the ball and sprint and pick it up and either kick or hand ball it to a Bomber team mate. This will lead to Aidan improving his game immensely in 2014.



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<u>Nick Hooker</u> - Has the skills with marking, kicking and hand passing that has him right up in the top 5 in the team as far as skill level is concerned. Nick can play this game very well and that is not in doubt and his best games this season for the team have been when he has shown confidence in his ability and when he has shown courage to go in and get that ball and stop the opposition. Nick needs to find that confidence in himself and go in 100% for the ball and if he does then the 2014 season will be massive for him. Back yourself Nick, break the shackles of doubt, you can do it. Really get stuck in and I know you will be pleasantly surprised with the results in your footy!

<u>Tim Everitt</u> - You have been Mr Dependable in our back line all season. Some of the attack on the ball you have shown has been brilliant and you have saved a heap of goals. I truly believe Tim has more to offer and at times his confidence levels let him slip in and out of a game. At other times when his confidence is up he is almost untouchable in the backline and while he is switched on his skills are fantastic. He can take a great mark and hand pass and kick well. He needs more consistency with good disposals and it will only improve his game further in 2014.

**<u>Tim Manchester</u>** - A fantastic first season of Aussie Rules footy. You have played like this is your fourth or fifth year of the game. Your defence has been outstanding and you are an integral member of the back line. Can take a good mark and give a good hand pass and with work on his kicking in the summer will see him an awesome proposition come the 2014 season. Apart from his kicking, the other main area of improvement is Tim's talking on the field. If he can ensure there is plenty talk to his team mates then the team will be better organised in our back line and through the centre.

Logan Stone - has notched up another great season of Aussie Rules footy. His run, athleticism and toughness were a real highlight in the second half of the season. Logan's work out of the centre was very good. It was a slow start to the season by Logan's lofty standards as per previous seasons, but after an issue was sorted out on the medical front, he gained back his good form though and made a massive contribution to the team. Logan has excellent skills, his kicking, hand passing and marking is first rate and he is a pleasure to have in the team. Not once during the season did he complain if I moved him to a different position on game day and not did he ever complain at training. He gave 100% at every opportunity and a permanent position in the centre next season beckons because of his very good form in the second half of the season. One area I want you to work on is going in and getting that ball and not always looking to tap the ball out, get it into your hands and look for a Bomber team mate. Thanks for your efforts Logan; I look forward to even better footy from you next season.

**Darcy Stevens** - Has really shown his potential this season. It was great to have him back in the team this season. Darcy has always had good pace and athleticism but his skills and focus had let him down. This season after a year out he has found his focus in the second half of the season and has really improved his skills and now has good marking and hand pass skills and his kicking is improving. Darcy's form has demanded that he will hold on to a centre position next season because of his improvement each week. You can play this game Darcy and play it well and I am looking forward to seeing what you can do next season.

Jake Bennie - It was an up and down season for Jake. He started the season like a house on fire and was playing great footy, just like previous seasons but even better. He was full of run and was gathering a lot of possessions. He hit a mid-season lull and but recaptured some of that great form in the second half of the season and finished the season strongly. Jake, I need you to find that run before you have been so strong in previously and that determination to get to the ball first. Also think about that tight marking if your opposition and not giving them any room to move. With more focus on your kicking and focus on consistent performances each week, 2014 will be a good season for you.

**Luke Kendrick** - Has had a terrific season. At the start of the season I will admit that there were times early in the season where I thought I wouldn't be able to get the best out of Luke but he has shown what a good Aussie Rules footballer he is and the sky is the limit in future seasons. He carried the load of ruck work all season and did it tremendously well. Up against bigger opposition a lot of the times he often can out on top. As the season progressed, Luke's form got better and not just in ruck work. His game and mobility around the ground was great. He has great skills and really showed them in the second half of the season. His kicking, marking and hand passing was fantastic. One area that Luke needs to focus on for next season is marking up around the ground on his opposite ruck man. To make sure he does not give them an inch and nullify their play. Great season though Luke, well done. All up, I am expecting the 2014 season to be fantastic for Luke.



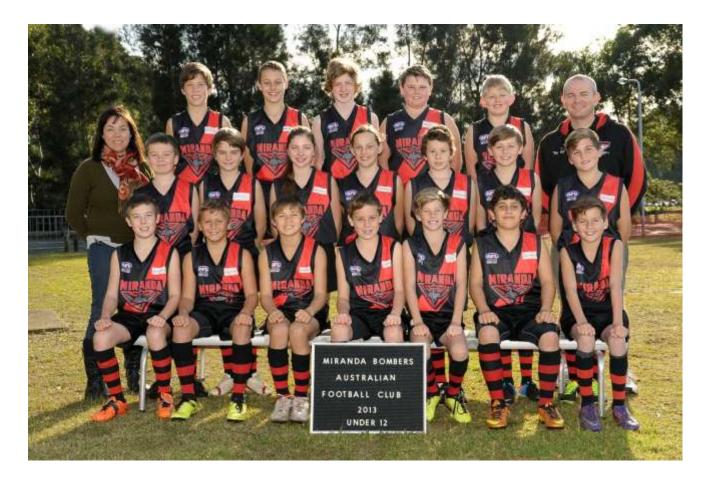
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Josh Moors - As always Moorsy, you have added a lot of value to the team this year. You have really found your niche at half forward flank and you have worried a lot of opposition defences in your games this year. The areas that Josh needs to focus on to take his game to the next level is to stay in front of your opponent at all times and not always rely on the ball going over the defenders head. Otherwise you then give the opposition an easy possession. You have the leg speed to beat them on foot if the ball does go over everyone's head. You need to pick the ball up and don't always tap it in front of you as you cannot kick a goal or kick or hand pass to a team mate if you don't have the ball. Use your speed and agility to your advantage in both attack and defence. You have to be more ruthless in defence, don't give up on the ball, if it gets two or three metres in front of you or if the opposition has it, don't give up, keep chasing and make that tackle. You are a great player Moorsy and you can play this game very well but you need to consistently contribute and not fade in and out of games. 2014 will be a big season for you!

<u>Josh Harrison</u> - Had a slow start to the season but for three quarters of this season you have been fantastic and your footy has been excellent. You have guts and determination that a lot of players can only dream of, don't ever lose that and always go with it because it adds value to your play and to the team. I am extremely proud of how well you play - tough, hard but fair. You give 100% every time you run on to the footy field and I cannot ask anymore of you than that. You have brilliant skills in kicking and hand passing and marking but you need to focus on those overhead marks. When you get the ball in the packs, and that is all part of the good one percenters that you do every game, use the ball smartly and look for a Bomber team mate. The team hinges on how well you play and how enthusiastic you are. You are in control of the engine room of the team in the centre. Make it work next season the way you want it to. Be enthusiastic, be full of run every game and be the leader to the team from every bounce. Positional play is going to be critical in your future development and you are going to have to work hard to make sure you get to the right positions on the field to be the link between the backs and forwards. You have a bright future in the game and you need to continue to work hard on your skills and fitness. I am really looking forward to seeing you develop your game in 2014.



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# <u>Under 14</u>

# Sponsor : Kenapak

# **<u>Coach</u>**: Cameron Gregory <u>Manager</u>: Madeleine Challen

What a season! As this goes to press we are starting our 4th grand final week in 4 years. We finished 2nd on the ladder at the end of the regular season and first on percentage. Our playing group has developed as footballers and some of the highlights from the season in my mind include:

**Brayden**, has gone from strength to strength as a footballer, his work at training and games through the season has shown him to be determined to better his skills and be a team player. Often playing forward pocket Brayden has been an important part of the forward line but his best work was on the occasions he got to play on the wing. I remember one game his hard ball get disposal by hand to Joel turned into a Goal for the bombers.

**Andrew**, in his usual way has shown the team his courage through the season by throwing himself at contests. If there was an award for the most willing to put their safety on the line it would go to Andrew and one might think this is not a good award to win but to the team it shows ultimate character and commitment. Andrews work on half forward in our win against Penshurst was like watching a drill, running hard and feeding off again to Joel.

**Jackson**, cut down by injury this season with his knees we have still had his encouragement at games and were able to watch his talent earlier in the season. Jackson has an innate ability to read the play, something that is very hard to coach and he displayed this ability at training and the few games he played. We look forward to the time when Jackson can unleash his talent for the bombers in the seasons to come.

**Liam**, has shown he can play both forward and back kicking some great crumbing goals as well as being accountable in defence. Liam goes about his work at training like a professional, always willing to take on any task and never complaining. This is a guy the team relies upon to perform his role to 100% and he has shown he can do this no more so than in the pre-lim final when he pushed to get front and square and kicked a goal.

**Harry**, played many positions through the season and continued to develop in all areas of his game most notably his kicking and run were outstanding. In the forward line he showed to be very destructive and dangerous kicking 8 goals the most of any of the crumbing forwards and his commitment to contests around the ground displayed his courage as often he would be taking on players nearly twice his size. Harry has shown at training he can get high in the air and over the next seasons I am sure we will see him take a speckie.

**Henry**, a first year player Henry has committed to training and we have seen him grow as a footballer hugely. His understanding of the game has continued to develop as each week has gone by due to his want to play the game. It was great to see him kick his first goal in AFL but his thoughtful disposals in the forward line have helped the team more than anything, happy to show courage and put his head over the ball and feed it by handball. Henry is on his way to becoming a force for his team.

**Dom,** managed to play many more games this season and we were the better for his input both for his skills in the forward line and centre but also in his passion for the team. Dom was often given the role of a crumbing running half forward and would turn into a leading forward as he managed to find space because of his speed and gut running. He managed 5 goals for the season but created many more with smart disposals to deeper forwards or running team mates.

**Brandon**, in his first season of AFL was touted by many players in the know as a gun, I was told this kid could play and had shown himself to be a champion in the many sports he had tried. Given the role as a rover we watched on as Brandon became an integral part of our centres. His natural ability to read the play combined with his silky skills and gut running often put him in the top three on ground and his sense of team and work at training showed his outstanding character.

**Joel**, voted by the team as one of the four captains he has led at training and games professionally. He has been relied on all season to use his skill as a defensive ruck rover and played across half back as well. With so many highlights 2 stand out, one a goal 40 meters out on the sideline; the other the run, chase and tackle of a get away forward headed for goal in our game against Cronulla. That chase stands out as a show of Joel's commitment to his team the whole season long.



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**Kristian**, in only his second year of footy Kris has many heads turning not only from our coaches but the association and swans. Labelled as the best ruck in the comp, Kristian at seasons end has 20 goals to his name, countless hit outs and contested marks. Using his frame and exceptional hand skills Kristian has forced our opponents to play defensive. One standout clash was on the wing, Kris took possession on the run was tackled but rode the bump so hard his opponent didn't get up. A force in future seasons, watch this space!!!

**Ethan**, It doesn't make sense how such a large heart can fit into a small frame but Ethan game after game and at training continually plays and trains as hard as anyone we have seen. Given roles back, forward and in the centre Ethan has stood out to be focussed and always willing to contest. An example comes from our prelim final, Ethan was on the bench, asked to go on so was put forward but the ball was coming out of our defence, he charged to the contest grabbed the ball and forced it forward only to be hit late for his effort. Up he got like nothing had happened and got right back into it. Heart, character and commitment for his team, club and jumper.

**Hunter**, another of the voted captains Hunter has performed his role as a power forward with the precision and poise we have become to expect again this season. Playing mainly at half forward his opportunities to finish have been down on previous years but his goal assists have created many scoring opportunities for other forwards. Still with fewer opportunities deep forward Hunter has the highest number of goals with 27 for the season and came in third for the association.

**Maca**, quietly gets on with the job both at training and games. His commitment to contests has seen him kick 5 goals for his team this year. One of note in the semi-final when he ran hard to get front and square only to find the ball dropping short. He took the mark and had the sense to turn quickly to see an open square. He played on and kicked long for goal clocking up his fifth for the season. A smart footballer with the character to back himself, we can't wait to see his development over the next seasons.

**Nick**, superstar is the word that comes to mind when thinking of Nick. His run, marking and hand skills with the ball at pace and overhead make him standout on the field as well as his ability to kick freakish goals. With 17 for the season no-one can question his output considering most of the year he has played wing. His footy skills stand out but also Nick always brings his sense of fun to games and training and with his humour comes genuine humility.

**Julian**, has grown as a footballer through the season, with a growth spurt over the summer Julian started the season as one of our tallest players. Playing roles back and forward he has become an important part of a floating forward line kicking 15 for the season often through smart crumbing and quick snaps. Later in the season he has learnt to use his size to advantage and contested hard against his opponents making it easier for all the forwards to free up and kick goals.

**Anthony**, another stella season from one of the hardest attacking players in the comp. Anthony has played more roles on the wing and through the centres this season and has become a force teams try to shut down. This in footy is the ultimate respect oppositions can show and to Anthony's credit he has been up to the challenge. With his run always a feature his disposals have been developing to a point now when he has the ball in hand the bench just watches on to view some magic. Another player to keep an eye on in the years to come.

**Che**, captain courageous, voted in by the team as one of the four captains. From a coaches view this would have to be Che's best season. His leadership at training and games has seen him teach our whole team the art of hard ball gets, tackling, thoughtful disposals and structures. Always showing a coolness of mind but with hard resolve Che brings out the best in his team mates through his courageous contesting and never give up attitude. Too many highlights to mention other than his development through the season as an exceptional leader. In my mind a player with rare talent we are lucky to watch develop.

**Ben**, When thinking about rare talent one does not need to go much further than Ben. His ability to read the play and rarely make mistakes disposing the ball as well as his unselfishness to run hard all game and use his team mates thoughtfully has modelled for our team things a great footballer can do. In our semi Ben beat 3 opponents to the ball on half back, backed himself to out run them all and kicked at full pace straight on the chest of a leading forward. The ball turned over through a mistake deep forward and there was Ben mopping up across the centre. All in a days work for Ben, great courage and commitment all season.



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**Matt Stokes**, A standout running destructive half back flanker, wing and centre we have watched as Matt has broken lines with his toughness or with poise stepped around tackles and used his skill with precision to send the ball into our forward line. What has made him so powerful though has been his ability to be accountable for his opponent, often intercepting balls into our backline with skilful marking which would be headed deep and dangerously toward our defensive goals. Other attributes Matt brings to his team are his humour and humility, both things that make him a fun player to have around.

**Paddy**, a talented sportsman in it seems whatever sport he tries anytime he could make the game Paddy brought not only his unique abilities for footy across the board but also his discipline to perform team roles. Given the role as a defensive centre in our win against the Panthers, Paddy controlled the area one kick off the contest time and time again to send the ball dangerously back into the forward line.

He also did the hard things like tackle and contest hard runs from our opponents. Hopefully next season when footy goes to Sundays we can watch this gifted talent rampage through opposing teams defences more often.

**David**, a player who through his commitment to training and game plan, has become an integral tall in our team. David has performed all the roles of a tall one can expect, forward, back, and Ruck. His best work was the first two times we played the Panthers when each time he kept his opponent scoreless. These are the two leading goal scorers for the association, so no mean feat. It's David's confidence in contested marks which has been the highlight though and his growth in understanding his role in the game plan. A smart footballer, it's going to be great to watch his development over coming seasons.

**Riley**, reliable Riley, every team needs a player they can call upon to fulfil a role. Riley has played all over the park this season and each time with great understanding of his role and outstanding commitment for his team. His first game, with a bit of a niggle in the knee, we wanted him on the ground for his skill and courage so he played deep forward. His poise and understanding was evident as we watched he looked like he had played that role every week and the same thing happened time and time again as he changed roles for every game through the season.

**Jack**, rounding out our group of captains Jack played roles back, in the centre, wing and on his birthday got a goal roving the pack deep forward. His leadership at training and games pushes the team to play their best and his guts and determination to outplay forward lines when he is deep back marshalling the troupes has been a joy to watch the whole season. With an average of 22 points per game kicked against Jacks wall we can see just how committed he is to giving our opposition nothing.

**Peter**, first year with the Bombers after moving into the shire we have been blessed to be able to have the advantage of his skills developed over his years at Drummoyne. Playing mainly off half forward and half back Peter backs himself to win contests, runs with and disposes the ball intelligently and managed 3 goals for the Bombers. It's always hard to come into a new team but from his first training session Peter has fitted right in with the team showing courage and character from the get go.

**Ryan**, our relieving ruck, Ryan has performed roles deep back, deep forward and across half forward. His skills have developed greatly this season and his presenting especially up forward has had him in good position to convert. In our finals Ryan has stood out as he has used his body on many occasions to out muscle his opponents. In the last quarter of the semi he crashed and bashed at full back and in the pre-lim he was breaking lines like a Rugby forward through the centre. A team player we can all count on to give 100%.



In a team of under 14's there can be some special moments through a season, often very funny moments. Here are some points of interest from the 2013 season.

- Our first stretching circles, note, not quite sure what our players get up to in geometry but circles are obviously hard!
- Questions about long socks. Why, Why, Why? Because Dom if you don't wear them you may damage your ankle!
- Our team rules meeting when Brandon decided we needed a penalty for giving away 50mtr penalties then later in the season when he had to enforce the penalty on himself. Just the look on his face of oh well, rules is rules. 6 mins on the bench.
- David, Matt Stokes and Kris. Where's my ball? Have you seen my ball? and David managing in the same training session to lose not only his ball but also his expensive mouthguard. Interesting watching him tell his dad! Do you want the bad news or the bad news dad?
- Che at the leadership group meeting saying he just wanted more of the ball, bit of a captain obvious Che!
- Kristian's falcon on Ryan pre game Way to take out your relieving ruckman!! Actually there was a long list of players injured through the warm ups, not always Kristian's fault, but Hunter got a corked arm just by running next to him. Ryan got a black eye from the back of Anthony's head. Ryan needs to be more careful. Chook did a hammy, couldn't run that day.
- Che saying the sausage night when we watched videos was his the best training session ever and best dinner ever. Funny kid that Che!
- Coaches and Manager standing around freezing to death as we helplessly watched on as three of the AFL's best junior coaches took our players through their paces. Thanks Matt S.
- For me though the best night was May the 27th. We finished training and the players were not focussed so I gave them a spray to go home and have a think about their commitment to training. They all went up to the club house and Chook called me in. There they all were standing behind a birthday cake made by Joel singing happy birthday for their coach. Coaches don't tear up but I went very close and although the cake was awesome I shall never forgive Joel for that one.

With our talented players come an extremely dedicated group of volunteers and parents.

The first to thank is Nick Bernath, our outgoing head coach who took up the role of assistant. It was great to have his help and the continuity for the players really helped I feel.

Chook is an inspiration, always happy to do anything at training and game day and great with advice for the players and myself.

On advice a coach needs it often, sometimes I act, sometimes not but help has come from a huge number of parents this season and thanks to all of you. Scotty, John, Andy, Dave N and T, Paul, Frank, Brendan, Marko, Tony, Chris, Sharon, Alison, Sarah, Matt, Madeleine, Luke and Susannah.

Also thanks to the parents who have helped out at training and with roles on game day which has been everyone at one point or another and thank you to everyone who has come along to watch the games and support our team and club, especially Brian our sponsor.

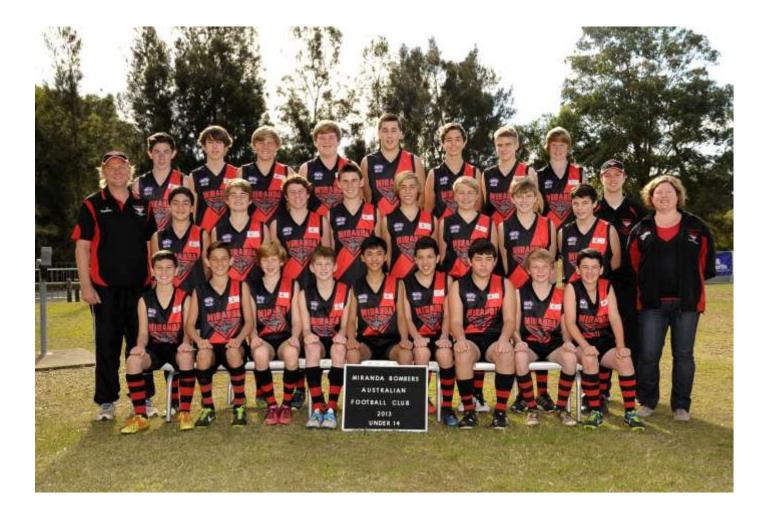
Thanks to our hard working football fanatical manager. It's a tough job and Madeleine has done a wonderful job as our manager this season.

Lastly thanks to the players. It has been a joy to coach this team, I feel extremely privileged to have been your coach for this season. The level of respect you have shown the whole season and your commitment to your team mates and to your own football development is a credit to yourselves and your parents. Good luck with summer sports and I hope we see you all out there next year running around for the Miranda Bombers.

Cameron



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# <u>Under 15</u>

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# Coach: Matt Walsh Manager: Lyn Harvey

I took over coaching the boys at the beginning of the season and within the first few weeks of meeting all the boys I knew this was going to be a very interesting and entertaining season of footy.

This season was a bumpy one for the boys in the under 15's with what seemed like every injury possible lurking behind our backs. I was happy with how the boys performed just about every week, with all of the boys increasing in skill as the season progressed. Unfortunately though we still had a few big losses, some smaller ones and even a WIN!! I thought that the improvement in skill was shown most strongly in the last game against Heathcote, with all of the boys putting their bodies on the line for the footy and their teammates.

You are a great bunch of boys to coach and also to have a joke around with at training.

**Ben Lamb:** The captain of the team and also a great player to watch. Ben manages to find his way to the ball in just about any contest and comes out either holding it or passing it off to another player.

**Seb Lienert:** One of our most valued centre players, Seb is always on the move around the ground whether he's running to get to the footy or running to make a shepherd for his team mates.

**Ben Challen:** Ben is definitely the kind of player that makes his presence well known around the ground with big tackles and massive shepherds. Unfortunately these got the better of him this season with a back injury that scared everyone at the ground. Thankfully he was given the ok and was allowed to play again before the end of season.

**Ben Fuller:** The big full back of the team Ben always does his best to stop the footy from going between the sticks. He was put out of action half way through the season with a leg injury that saw him on the bench for a few weeks but that just set him up for a big return.

**Jesse Raabe:** The most universal player on the field, he has the skill and ability to play any position he gets asked to play, the improvement throughout the season for Jesse has been massive from the first game I saw him play against Penshurst to the last game against Heathcote.

**Ingmar Holm:** Ingmar can always be counted on to not give up and always do his best in any situation on the footy field. Ingmar's improvement from the beginning of the season to the end was unbelievable. Great work.

**Harry Beardsley:** One half of our rucking duo between Harry and Reilly we just about always managed to have at least one ruckman at the games , between juggling football and soccer he didn't get to make all the games but whenever he could make it, it was noticed around the ground.

**Jack Hannon:** One of the most improved players on the field he always managed to surprise me with how much his skills have improved over the season.

**James Scott:** One of the faster kids in the team, once James puts the foot down and gets running it's a mission for most people to catch him.

**Justin Khaw:** The smallest person on the team, Justin definitely has a hunger to get the footy that is way bigger than what you would expect out of someone his size. He is a great footy player that would take on the biggest guy on the field if it meant getting the footy.

Lachlan Hill: The fiery redhead that every team needs, Lachlan always goes hard for the footy and never backs down from a competition.

**Michael Ray:** One of the key players on the field Mike always gives a 120% effort whether it's at training or on game day, he always seems to be switched on and ready to make the next effort to get the footy.

**Nathan Harvey:** Nathan is always at training and game day and it shows with his improvement in skill and fitness throughout the season. Nathan is a great player and I look forward to watching him play again in the not too distant future.



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**Nathan Walsh:** A good all around the field player, he played well in any position that he was asked to play in. He was also very quick when given the chance to run.

**Tyler Hogan:** Definitely one of the quiet achievers on the field he is always looking for the shepherds or the handpass off to the side. Tyler's skill has improved immensely since I first saw him play and it looks set to keep improving over following seasons.

**Reilly King:** The other half of our rucking team, Reilly shows good skill in the ruck position and also down in the forwards, he is a good player to watch and definitely has a lot of uncovered skill.

Zachary Van Den Dolder: Another one of our key back men, Zac is always trying his best whether he is in the pocket or fullback he always seems to have a great game.

This season has definitely been an enjoyable one and I'm glad I got the chance to meet and coach all of these great boys, good luck in your future footy.

Cheers Matt





# Under 16

# Sponsor : Appliances Online

# Coach : Paul Donnelly Manager : Paul Andrew

With nine first year recruits, wins against every team in the comp, 2 finals games including a preliminary final berth, three representative honors and a number of other player milestones, you could only describe the season as a success.

Ongoing injuries played havoc with our list at different times throughout the season, but it was a real tribute to the team and coaching staff, and our u15 support players, to be able to field competitive outfits all year.

A major highlight of the season was the ability of each and every one of our rookie recruits, all 9 of them, to develop their skills from never having played a game of Aussie rules to being remarkably competitive and binding with the more experienced boys. Credit must equally go to the coaching staff in forming the team into a cohesive and competitive unit.

Although we may not have reached the lofty heights of past seasons, the development of our newer players and the team minded attitude will put us in good stead for the new u17's competition next year.

A couple of words on each of the players and support staff.....

# Luke Murfitt

Luke turned out to be one of the team's most important defenders as the season progressed. A hard and tough footy player who consistently held himself accountable for the team's defensive effort. He also played time on the half forward flank where he was a superb team player racking up possessions and handballing off to team mates running past. Luke's numerous displays of teamwork and backing and supporting his teammates were held in high regard by all. Luke notched up his 100<sup>th</sup> AFL game late in the season which is a tremendous effort for this talented footballer.

### **Cameron Andrew**

Cameron had arguably the best season of his career, working hard to improve his fitness level early in the season, which really paid dividends come game time, allowing Cameron to regularly move into the centre region and use his smart footy skills to provide the team first advantage with the ball. Cameron regularly polled well in the best and fairest votes; both from his peers as well as the coaching staff, and was one of the teams most improved players for the season.

### **Dylan Sanderson**

The rewards of success and talent robbed us of Dylan's skills and presence for much of the season, with Dylan focused on further developing his skills with the St George U18 team. Dylan will always have a place with his Bombers teammates, and Dylan definitely left his impression in every game he played this year as a tough centre half back and midfield option and up forward when the team needed some additional goal scoring power and assistance.

### Aolei Yu

Injury and competing codes intervened in Aolei's inaugural AFL season to limit his game time to a minimum. What we saw when Aolei was on the field, and on the training paddock, was an immensely skilled athlete who has the potential to emerge as a truly rising star.

# Kale Foster

What a revelation we have uncovered in Kale, one of our 9 rookie recruits this year. After a couple of early season games finding his feet and a few stints in the midfield and forward line, Kale's knowledge of the game and skill level had developed to the point where he really shone in the second half of the season, and found his niche in the back pocket beating all opponent that matched up on him and staring in our 2 finals games.



# Brandon Crutchett

Another of our new recruits this year; Brandon stamped his authority from the outset, absolutely staring in his first game of the season to give us all an indication of what this hard and tough footy player is capable of. After being moved around the field Brandon found his home on the half back line. His physical strength, booming kick and menacing on-field approach were enough to give him an edge over every opponent this year and provide the Bombers with much needed drive off the half back line.

# Darcy Walder-Toll

Now here is a true rising star of the game. Another first year player, Darcy's ability to get his hands on the ball and consistently make the right choice in disposing to team mates just kept on developing to a higher level as the season progressed. A really consistent contributor who we look forward to watching play next year.

# Tim Maher

In his first season of Aussie rules footy, Tim was thrown into two critical roles, alternating between the ruck and full forward, and absolutely excelled at both. Tim's marking ability in congested packs was outstanding all season, and his tackling was both ferocious and effective. Tim truly has an exciting future in footy.

# **Brodie Gillespie**

A wonderful season from yet another first year player, Brodie's ability to rove around the packs and crumb the loose ball was a real bonus for the team. For such a mild mannered player, Brodie surprised us all on many occasions with his sheer guts and determination under a high ball, or in taking on an opponent.

# Zac Sinclair

What an exciting player we've uncovered in Zac. Zac's ability to leap high above a pack and more often than not come down with the ball, combined with his booming boot, provided many a highlight throughout the season, with a number of big goals scored from the vicinity of the 50 metre mark.

# Lachlan Walsh

Another consistent season from Lachlan. Lachlan's height and strength really developed this season, allowing Lach to inject himself into the play with confidence. Lachlan's height and strength improvement was particularly useful with his ruck support work, and in shepherding and feeding the ball to running support around the wings and flanks.

### **Brayden Jamieson**

Yet another first year player whose skills developed remarkably over the course of the year. Brayden displayed some really smart footy skills given it was his first season of footy, and was instrumental in helping turn games in our favour with his consistent ball gathering and tackling skills.

### **Cameron Scott**

Another exceptionally talented and athletic recruit who could turn a game in an instant with his agility and strength, electrifying pace, elusive running and long clearing kicks out of the centre region. Injuries and competing codes robbed us of Cameron's prodigious talents on a consistent basis. There's a big future in the game for Cameron should he choose to pursue it.

### Patrick Heptinstall

Just as effective as any season gone by, our Club Captain again had a great year helping his Bombers teammates to victory. Paddy's ability to get himself into the best position to win the contest is uncanny and more times than not will come away with the mark or free kick. A truly courageous player.

### **Conor Soffe**

Conor's transition into a first class utility player was a real bonus for the team this year, playing in the forward pocket, back pocket, wing and centre, and impacting the play just as effectively deep in the forward line as in the backline. Conor really seemed to enjoy himself throughout the year, running amok through forward space to bag many goals through the season.

# Tim Tegg

Cruelly cut down by an early season injury, Tim gave 100% and more during the games he was available to play. Tim made a massive difference in every game and the team noticeably lifted whenever he was on the ground. Tim's exciting ability to quickly turn a game with his pace and skill in the forward line and shots on goal were a real season highlight.



# Justin Maldigri

A stellar season from our team captain, Justin came away as the best player on the ground in more games than not. Justin's commitment to his team, his club and the game, in the most humble way, is a credit to this fine footballer. Justin was rewarded for his dedication and efforts with representative honors during the year.

### **Alex Slater**

Alex was one of the teams most effective and reliable back men this year. Alex had the uncanny ability to disappear into the backline, only to emerge with a burst of activity from a congested pack with the ball in hand and clear us out of trouble time and again. A very clever and skillful player.

### Luke Donnelly

Another champion player in the making unfortunately cut down by injury for many early season games. Luke's first game back was a good indication of the skill and determination bursting to get out, having run his opponents ragged. Luke only went from strength to strength as the season progressed, to end up best on ground in our semi final win.

# Harley Hill

On his day, Harley is one of the most exciting and skillful footy players going around, and that day kept repeating itself all season. Harley's ability to run the ball, taking 3 or 4 bounces around the wings and flanks, was a true highlight of the season.

# Mitch Ballard

Yet another player with an injury interrupted season, Mitch really hit his straps on his return with a game or two under his belt. An elusive and effective back flanker and midfielder, Mitch had another great season repelling his opponents and providing plenty of possession to his centerline teammates.

# **Tom Logan**

The quiet achiever, Tom's skillful and effective ruckwork for most of the season set the basis of many a team win. Incredibly, Tom soldiered on through injury for the benefit of his teammates and made a huge difference all season. One of the highlights of the season was his crucial role at centre half back in the semi-final restricting his talented opponent through his close checking and effective spoiling.

### Mitch Johnson

Mitch reached the incredible milestone of 150 AFL career games during the season. Such a reliable, effective and versatile player on the half forward or backline, Mitch was instrumental in leading his teammates and mentoring the many new recruits around him with his vast skills and experience.

### **Marcus Mansour**

A strong and effective bookend, either at full forward or fullback, Marcus' versatility and experience was really well received by his teammates, providing a strong marking target leading out of the goal square, or repelling many an attacking raid with his strength at fullback.

### **Macauley Crossan**

Macca had arguably his best season ever. Early in the season he played as an effective half back flanker reading the play well, usually beating his man and rebounding the ball skillfully and effectively to his team-mates upfield. He also dominated when he played up forward, kicking a mountain of goals, putting himself into clear space to provide options for teammates, and leaping spectacularly over congested packs to out-mark many an opponent. Macca's efforts earned him representative honors during the season.

# Ben Lamb, Seb Lienert, Jesse Raabe, Nathan Walsh, James Scott & Justin Khaw

Our under 15 players who time and again stepped up to support the team when needed through their commitment to the game and the club.

# Paul Donnelly, Mark Murfitt, Dave Tegg & Ron Maldigri

A terrific job done by all. What a great bunch of role models for our boys, in both football and life in general.



#### Our team of volunteers

Thanks to all of you as the club would not be in existence without you, including Darlene Andrew as goal umpire, Tarsh & Brett Hill and Syd Walsh on boundary duty, Gary Ballard on timekeeping, Bill Johnson as ground manager, Sarah Cassidy as club secretary, and Dave Maher with his hand in everything, and including everyone that helped out on ground duty and buying raffle tickets to support the club.

#### Go Bombers in 2014.









## **Games Played**

Name	Surname	Games to End 2012	Club Games 2013	Rep Games 2013	Total Games 2013	Games to End 2013
Cameron	Andrew	108	13		13	121
Kristian	Andrievski	14	16	6	22	36
Jasper	Arthur	39	18		18	57
Max	Auchterlonie	0	12		12	12
Mitchell	Ballard	112	7		7	119
Harry	Beardsley	111	5		5	116
Jake	Bennie	34	16	2	18	52
Samuel	Braine	15	14		14	29
Ryan	Brew	18	21		21	39
Dylan	Cardiff	0	18		18	18
Joel	Cashman	111	27	6	33	144
Benjamin	Challen	51	12		12	63
Harry	Challen	67	21		21	88
Blake	Collier	0	18		18	18
Jackson	Cotterell	13	2		2	15
Harvey	Crossan	0	12		12	12
Macauley	Crossan	134	15	4	19	153
Samuel	Croucher	16	20		20	36
Brandon	Crutchett	0	14		14	14
Lachlan	Daly	0	19		19	19
Xavier	de Domenico	35	20	3	23	58
Peter	De Leeuw	35	20	Ŭ	20	55
Benjamin	Donnelly	84	16		16	100
Luke	Donnelly	178	9		9	187
Ryan	Dunkerley	0	11		11	11
Mitchell	Everitt	0	16		16	16
Tim	Everitt	35	13		13	48
Kale	Foster	0	13		13	14
Benjamin	Fuller	57	7		7	64
Liam	George	14	17		17	31
Zachary	Gifford	0	16		16	16
Brodie	Gillespie	0	10		10	10
Harrison	Gray	16	17		17	33
Hunter	Gregory	70	24		24	94
Jack	Hannon	0	9		9	9
Josh	Harrison	43	17	3	20	63
William	Harrison		20	5	20	20
Nathan	Harvey	71	13		13	84
Travis	Harvey	12	15	3	13	31
Patrick	Heptinstall	12	10	3	19	145
			14		14	
Harley Lachlan	Hill	68 69	6			83 75
					6	
Tyler	Hogan	35	9		9	44
Josh	Hollands	0	16		16	16
Carson	Holloway	32	14		14	46
Lochlan	Holloway	0	14		14	14
Ingmar	Holm	15	11		11	26
Nicholas	Hooker	33	17	3	20	53
Brayden	Jackson	54	15		15	69
Ethan	James	46			0	46



Name	Surname	Games to End 2012	Club Games 2013	Rep Games 2013	Total Games 2013	Games to End 2013
Brayden	Jamieson	0	8		8	8
Mitchell	Johnson	143	13		13	156
Peter	Karounis	0	17		17	17
Luke	Kendrick	33	16		16	49
Riley	Kennedy	0	4		4	4
Andrew	Khaw	24	9		9	33
Justin	Khaw	46	12		12	58
Ethan	Kilham	55	17	6	23	78
Reilly	King	42	10		10	52
Benjamin	Lamb	138	18		18	156
Sebastian	Lienert	60	18		18	78
Thomas	Logan	50	12		12	62
Matthew	Macdonald	13	12		12	25
Timothy	Maher	0	15		15	15
Justin	Maldigri	166	12	4	16	182
Nicholas	Manchester	19	18		18	37
Tim	Manchester	0	17		17	17
Marcus	Mansour	134	13		13	147
Anthony	Markos	76	17	6	23	99
Aidan	Mason	27	16		16	43
Henry	Mitchell	0	13		13	13
Joshua	Moors	37	16	2	18	55
Luke	Murfitt	87	15	~	15	102
Dylan	Murphy	01	6		6	6
Sean	Nener	33	11		11	44
Brandon	Norton	0	22	6	28	28
Ronan	O'Meara	0	20		20	20
Harrison	Parker	41	20	3	23	64
Jarrod	Parmenter	18	17	0	17	35
Jesse	Raabe	88	16		16	104
Michael	Ray	69	6		6	75
Dylan	Sanderson	59	4	4	8	67
Jay	Scarra	33	16	2	18	51
Cameron	Scott	0	6	2	6	6
James	Scott	24	13		13	37
Julian	Scott	71	20		20	91
Thomas	Simpson	29	13		13	42
Michael James	Sinclair	0	20		20	20
Zac	Sinclair	0	13		13	13
	Slater	91	12		12	103
Alexander Conor	Soffe	116	12		12	130
Dominic	Soffe	95	10		14	105
Ellen	Soffe	28	10		10	42
			14		14	42
Darcy	Stevens	0				
Matthew	Stokes	21	15	2	15	36
Logan	Stone	33	15	2	17	50
Che	Taylor	72	18	6	24	96
Annie	Tegg	32	12	<u> </u>	12	44
Patrick	Tegg	74	7	4	11	85



Name	Surname	Games to End 2012	Club Games 2013	Rep Games 2013	Total Games 2013	Games to End 2013
Timothy	Tegg	186	7		7	193
Riley	Tracey	72	19		19	91
Zachary	Van Den Dolder	16	12		12	28
Hadrian	Vial	0	19		19	19
Darcy	Walder-Toll	0	14		14	14
Jordan	Walsh	52	16		16	68
Lachlan	Walsh	77	15		15	92
Nathan	Walsh	55	7		7	62
David	Welch	85	22		22	107
Sebastian	Wilbers	34	13		13	47
Joshua	Witts	16			0	16
Jack	Woolmer	86	24	6	30	116
Alex	Wydmuch	0	4		4	4
Aolei	Yu	0	4		4	4



Miranda Australian Football Club Inc.

Notice of Annual General Meeting

To be held on

# Thursday, 17th October 2013

7.30 pm at

The Sutherland District Trade Union Club, Gymea

All welcome





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### NOTICE OF 2013 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF MIRANDA AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL CLUB INC.

You are advised that the Annual General Meeting for Miranda Australian Football Club Inc. is to be held at The Sutherland District Trade Union Club, Corner Manchester Road and the Kingsway Gymea on **Thursday**, 17<sup>th</sup> October 2013 at 7.30 pm.

### AGENDA

- 1. Present and apologies
- 2. Acceptance of 2012 Annual General Meeting Minutes Matters arising from 2012 AGM
- 3. President's Report Frank Cashman
- 4. Treasurer's Report Jason Kilham 2013 Annual Financial Statements
- 5. Registrar's Report Beth Kendrick (During the reports there will be an opportunity for members to ask questions and comment on them. No vote is required).
- 6. Returning Officer to declare all positions vacant
- 7. 2014 Nominations/Elections received by Returning Officer
- 8. 2014 Miranda AFC Committee announced
- 9. Close





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# **2014 Committee Nomination Form**

I	(signature)
hereby nominate for the position of	
at the Miranda Bombers Australian Rules Football Clu	ub. This nomination is seconded by
	(signature) on
this day (date).	

POSITION	NAME
President	
Vice President	
Secretary	
Treasurer	
Registrar	
Football Manager	
Auskick Coordinator	
Umpires Manager	
Marketing Manager	
Canteen Manager	
Website Manager	
Tribunal Advocate	
Social Secretary	
Trophies Officer	
Child Protection Officer	
Public Officer	
Photo Officer	
Bombshell Editor	
Events Manager	
Responsible Service of Alcohol Officer	
First Aid Officer	



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