

Miranda Australian Football Club Inc.



Presentation Booklet 2014

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by Frank Cashman

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By Patrick Heptinstall

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Team Buckley: Mark Frearson and Rick Schydlo

Team Watson: Andrew Briggs

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Presented by Chris Harrison (Coach) & Lyn Harvey (Manager)

Under 15 Presentation Kenapak

Presented by Cameron Gregory (Coach) & Madeleine Challen (Manager)

Closing Address

2014 Committee

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Miranda Bombers President's Report

What a year! An Expanded competition, Sunday football, new teams to play against, and for the most of it, pretty good weather.

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 17th, winning the prestigious teams relay.

The Southern Power Australian Football Club took up the challenge from the AFL and entered a Youth Girls Under 14 teams, a number of former Miranda Bombers joined this team and I am reliably informed that they had a really fun season, we hope they keep this up in 2015.

Our completion sides were all competitive with the 11's, 15's and 17's playing in the first week of finals, unfortunately the weather gods turned on us and all 3 sides were defeated.

With the expansion of teams, the ANZAC weekend saw the Under 15's play a joint venture Western Suburbs/Newtown side that enabled us to have a traditional Bombers V Magpies Anzac Day match. A small ceremony was held before the game and a special medal presented to Best On Ground, Paddy Tegg. Thank you to Matt Manchester for organising this day.

This year's "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 211-114. Blake Collier (U10), Harry Parker (U11) and Jake Bennie (U13) were presented with Best On Ground Medals as decided by the umpires.

Call to Arms day saw our Under 17's in their one-off jumper which was designed last years by one of our Under 14 players, well done. I understand that there are still some of these jumpers available for sale.

Development / Representative football was back on the calendar, this year it was extended to the Under 9 age groups. In all Miranda players represented in every Development / Representative age group. .

Congratulations to Harley Hill who played his last season for us in the Under 17's he was voted third best and fairest in his competition by the umpires.

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 your efforts during 2014 and for the support that you have provided me throughout the year. There are a number of 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 say it every 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 2015!

Life Members

Foundation Member

Jim Chamberlin
Allan Gibbons
Les Gray
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2014 Club Captain Report – Patrick Heptinstall

2014 has been one of excitement, not only for myself, but for all of junior AFL! With the massive change where junior AFL has been extended to the 17's and all footy being moved to Sunday has been a different experience to all of us!

Personally, the start of the year was a slow one due to injury, but even though I was just watching from the sideline, I still felt as a valued member of the team and club. I believe, by all the continued support from parents and members throughout the year with the canteen, barbecues, setting up and packing the ground we kids are very lucky to be part of this Club.

To Frank and all the Committee, thank you for all your time and efforts, many of which were after hours and behind the scenes. Once again from game 1 till grand final day your input has been greatly appreciated. Thank you again for a fantastic season.

To all the coaches, managers and all game day helpers, thank you. You all have been involved in assisting in developing our skills and sportsmanship I thank you. These are not only skills required for the season but for our future as we continue to grow.

For some members of the Club you have seen myself and many of the players grow from little Auskickers to the senior team of the Under 17's! During this journey we have had your support and guidance but we the players have made some of the best mates.

Lastly a quick thank you to my parents who have fully supported me through my journey in this club. Throughout all the highs and lows you have been there giving me an amazing amount of encouragement and I am extremely grateful.

Once again I am very thankful and honoured to have been given the opportunity to be the Miranda Bombers Club Captain. Thank you.

I am also thankful for the fantastic times and life-long friendships I've made as a junior member of the club.

Thank you to all and go the Bombers!

Patrick Heptinstall

Club captain 2014

Playing Milestones

Congratulations on 200 games played:

Luke Donnely	U17
Timothy Tegg	U17

150 games:

Joel Cashman	U15
Patrick Heptinstall	U17

100 games:

Harry Challen	U15
Hunter Gregory	U15
Harley Hill	U17
Anthony Markos	U15
Julian Scott	U15
Che Taylor	U15
Riley Tracey	U15

50 games:

Ryan Brew	U15
Tim Everitt	U13
Travis Harvey	U13
Tyler Hogan	U17
Mitchell Kensitt	U13
Aidan Mason-Alexander	U13
Jarrold Parmenter	U13
Matthew Stokes	U15
Sebastian Wilbers	U11

Representative Football

Development Players 2014

Noah Gray	U9
Bailey Kaye	U9
Sebastian Byrne	U10
Blake Collier	U10
Jasper Arthur	U11
Harrison Parker	U11
Sebastian Wilbers	U11
Josh Harrison	U12
Travis Harvey	U12
Nicholas Hooker	U12

Representative Players 2014

Logan Stone	U13
Joel Cashman	U15
Anthony Markos	U14
Brandon Norton	U15
Patrick Tegg	U15
Macauley Crossan	U17
Harley Hill	U17
James O'Leary	U17
Timothy Tegg	U17

Club Umpires

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

Jarrod Parmenter	Joel Cashman	Harry Challen
Luke Donnelly	Patrick Heptinstall	

Association Awards

Harley Hill	3rd Best and Fairest U17
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AUSKICK
Sponsor: Tradies
Coordinator: Jo Frearson

Team Goodes : U5 & U6
Coach: Greg Price & Alison Briggs

Team Goodes was the youngest of the four 2014 Auskick squads, made up of a mixture of returning players and a number of boys trying Auskick for the first time. The players brought a lot of enthusiasm to their training sessions and worked hard at transferring what they learned on Friday afternoons to game day each week. We loved watching this group of boys improve over the season and were very proud of the skills and team work they developed. We hope to see them all back again, eager to play in 2015! A big thank you to all the parents who helped out in any capacity over the season - your involvement was greatly appreciated.

Hamish Bramley – Constantly improved throughout the year, showing dedication to training and game day.

Liam Breaden - An enthusiastic player who has shown great improvement in his skills, understanding of and commitment to the game over the season.

Aaron Briggs – A fair, enthusiastic and skilful player who shines in whichever position he plays. Always contributing to the team.

Gabriel Bryett – Always looking to create opportunities for teammates. A greatly improved player over the course of the year.

Tyler Doonan - Always enthusiastic and ready to play, displaying great goal kicking accuracy.

Conor Ferron – A renowned goal kicker whose enthusiasm for the game is evident at training and on game day.

Lachlan Head - Always eager to learn from his coaches which showed in his improving skills over the season.

James Lydom - An eager participant who is always smiling and showed good improvement in his marks and kicking over the season.

James McLeod - Shows great sportsmanship and has improved throughout the season. A great team player.

Lachlan Menyweather - A great first season with consistent improvement in all his skills. Particularly strong at running into space and creating leads for his teammates on game day.

Jacob Park - A skilful player who has plenty of potential.

Jordan Parry – Consistent effort throughout the year, saw Jordan improve in many areas of his game.

Jett Pearce - Loves putting his skills into practice on game day and getting involved in every aspect of the game

Kobe Portsmouth - Always trains and plays with a smile on his face and developed some great skills over the season, especially as a ruckman.

Lewis Price - A first year player whose skills improved in leaps and bounds during the season. Great concentration on game day.

Ewan Roberts – Consistent improvement seen throughout the season. Always had a smile on his face.

Cooper Robinson – A natural competitor with a good skill set.

Mason Stewart - An energetic player who enjoys getting on the field and kicking goals.

Carlos Wong – If there was to be an award for a club man Carlos would be up there. Always one of the first to training and always helping out. For a first year player, showed great skill and improvement in many areas of his game.

Under 5 & 6 con't....



Team Voss : U7
Coach: Rebecca Randazzo
Assistant Coaches: Chris Davidson, John Murray, Sean Green

Bodie Gilhard : has had an interrupted season with illness. Bodie showed big improvements to his kicking and passing game. Bodie is a great team player who can win the ball in close in busy situations. I look forward to a great season next year. Good effort Bodie.

Cameron Mernagh : Cameron's skills by hand and foot have continued to improve over the course of the season. His movement in the mid field and ability to link with team mates has been a feature of his game. Cameron has kicked some great goals and also been strong when playing down back. Well done Cameron!

Cameron Price : brings real passion and fight to training and his game every week. He has shown big improvement in his all-round skills. A highlight has been some great marks he has taken throughout the season. Good good job Cameron!

Carlin Wong : You would not think that 2014 was Carlin's first season of football. He has taken to AFL very well and is a committed and team focused player. His movement and speed on the field and wonderful smoothers were a feature of his game. I look forward to his continued improvement next year! Super stuff Carlin!

Cave Macknight : is wonderfully balanced player who has continued to improve throughout the season. A feature of his game this season has been his accurate passes by foot and supporting the running player. His understanding of the positional play is also of a high standard. Well done Cave!

Darcy Padroth : has had a wonderful season and has shown a high level skill by foot and hand. His consistency and enthusiasm has seen him produce some wonderful passages of the play in games. His 'big boot' has been a feature along with his running through the midfield to attack the goal. Top job Darcy!

Jairus Brealey : has been a wonderful addition to the Bombers this year. His teamwork in moving the ball down the field and enthusiasm has been exceptional. Jairus has a wonderful hand pass and has continued to improve his passes by football. Some long goals and elusive running was a highlight. A great season Jairus!

Joseph 'foot candy' Murray : has had a fantastic season. His natural ability to run the ball has been a feature and has shown a great awareness of positional play. Joseph has made improvement in his kicking game and has scored some skilful goals thought the season. Super stuff Joseph!

Mitchell Green : has a had a great season showing improvements in all areas of his game. Wherever the ball is, you will find Mitchell! Showing all the signs of a hard on baller in the future, Mitchell won plenty of ball in tight to send forward to his teammates. Super effort Mitchell!

Noah Menyweather : has had a great all round season. He is developing great positional awareness and has made big improvements in his leads, kicks and hand passes. His running and linking with other players has been a highlight. He is also great team player. Top job Noah!

Oliver Davidson : has finished the season with improved skills and confidence. He has shown some wonderful passes by foot and developing the confidence to win the ball in tight. Oliver is a great team player and been a welcomed addition to the Bombers in 2014! Great stuff Oli!

Riley O'Brien : has had a super 2014 season. He continues to develop his skills by hand and foot and took some great marks during the season. Riley is a great team player and was able to work well with his teammates to bring the ball through the field. I look forward to his continued improvement next season. Great stuff Riley.

Sam Urquhart : has shown great energy and a willingness to learn this season. This commitment has seen a big improvement in his kicking game and linking with players using the hand pass. Sam is a great team player and I look forward to his continued improvement next season. Super stuff Sam!

Zac Pokorny : has had a wonderful season. His willingness to learn and practice has seen him make big improvements to all areas of his game. Zac running to position and linking with teammates has been fantastic as well as reading play to create turnovers in defence. A great attitude and team player. Top shelf Zac!

William Kelly : has had a great season in 2014. His kicks and hand passes have really improved as well as his confidence to get in close and win the ball. William has also shown a good understanding of positional play and developing good leads and strong marks. Good job William!

Under 7 con't....

Zye Phillips : has shown great effort and enthusiasm during the season. Zye has produced some wonderful passages of play linking with his team mates. He has shown improvements in his kicking accuracy and hand passes. I look forward to his continued improvement next year! Great stuff Zye!

Denzel Bryett : made great improvements in his kicking and positional play during the season. With his growing confidence Denzel showed he can kick some great goals and link with team mates well. Denzel is a great team player and will continue to develop his skills next season. Top job Denzel!



Team Buckley : U8
Coach: Mark Frearson Assistant Coach: Rick Schydlo

Coaches Comments: With the move to Sunday football and a significant increase in Auskick registrations from 30 odd to 70 odd children it was a year of significant change at the Miranda Bombers. The increased numbers resulted in a transition from an Auskick Clinic format (training, drills and makeshift non-contact games across age groups) to team style training and non-contact matches on weekends. Many of us had to put our hands up to help out in varying roles with little notice and I was impressed with the way our coaches, club officials and helper parents worked together to make it work. With a solid foundation year behind us junior footy at the Bombers will only get better.

The increased numbers didn't just change the way things were run, but also presented coaches with an influx of First Year Players and a larger than normal range in experience / skill levels to manage. In the U8s more than half the group were first year players, which made for a challenging but very rewarding year. It was great to watch the kids improve and enjoy their footy throughout the year and I hope to see them back at the club next year.

The Players

Ryan Frearson: Started the year as one of the few experienced AFL players in the squad having played Auskick and been a part of the "Dads Academy" training program for a few years. Ryan continued to demonstrate silky skills for his age, kicked some good goals, developed his "footy smarts" and positional play to a high standard. He finished off the year by playing tackle footy in the Under 10s end of season Round Robin and acquitted himself well.

Keiran Schydlo: A little shy at first but warmed to the task as he settled into the year. He seemed to enjoy his time at footy, applied himself well and improved his skills steadily as the year progressed. As his confidence within matches grew he involved himself more in the play and I saw a competitive streak emerging later in the year as he began to compete harder to win possession of the footy. Has the ability to improve sharply over the next year or two.

Jack Druery: A natural sportsman who was fairly reserved, but has a quietly competitive nature. If anything I thought he underestimates his ability a little. Took on board a few technique tips and improved his kicking accuracy. Never shirked a contest, strong overhead and often out competed bigger kids in the air. His ability to read the play and make good field position improved significantly as he gained match experience. Has a good turn of speed and kicked some great goals.

Alex Micieli: The youngest in our team, but not the shy reserved type. Always keen to be involved and very competitive. He learned to run in support of the ball carrier and ran well to space presenting options for his teammates. Didn't just play goal to goal but also presented lateral options, bobbing up in space on the wing regularly. A good on field talker and not afraid to let his teammates know when they should have passed him the ball! Noticeably improved his kicking skills as the year progressed and will continue to improve with practice.

Hunter Picket: A very good listener who was keen to improve his skills, took on board all advice offered and improved his skills and game sense as a result. Has a long kick, is a good mark and good reader of the play. He was rarely out marked in a contest and loved to run with the ball. Early in the year he instinctively ran and kicked goal to goal with great affect. As the year progressed he learned to look for support laterally and became an even more rounded player. Has plenty of ability.

Bryson Hoogkamp: With a name the footy commentators would love, HOOOOOOOGKAMP seemed a fairly relaxed kid. A little reserved early, but grew in confidence and became more keenly involved in training activities and matches. His positional play and reading of the play improved considerably by the end of the season and when playing in defence he was often the player best positioned to repel opposition attacking raids. Developed his skills to good standard and will continue to improve if he applies himself.

Aleks Taylor: Like many started the year a little reserved, but grew in confidence as the season progressed. He applied himself well and improved his skills and match play steadily throughout the year achieving a good standard. By the end of the season he had learned to lead to space when the Bombers were in possession but also to man up and defend when not in possession. A polite happy member of the team who seemed to enjoy his year. A solid start to his AFL career and will only get better.

Jake Loring: A quiet kid, but an active participant who tried hard. Missed a few games in the first half of the season, but got to a few more in the second half of the season and improved his skills and match play with some consistency and growing confidence. Became more vocal late in the year and this combined with leading to space improved his involvement in matches. Seemed to relax latter in the year and enjoyed his footy. Will continue to improve with consistent practice.

Under 8 con't....

Cooper Richardson: A keen happy kid who's enthusiasm saw him develop his skills to a good standard and become actively involved in matches and training. A consistent contributor who listened to instructions well and worked hard on improving his technique. Learned to read the play, move around the ground and lead to space well. Has good basis from which to get even better next year.

Harry Harrop: Participated well at training and in matches in the first 10 weeks of the year developing his skills to a good standard. Was improving his positional play and skills steadily, reached good skill standard and seemed to be enjoying himself.

Lucas Wilbers: Always seemed happy and his positive attitude was a good influence on the group (and his coach). Improved his skills and match play to a good standard. Noticeably improved his positional play in matches late in the year, was particularly good at picking up loose opposition players. A good indication he was listening to the coach. Will continue to improve his skills and confidence with practice.

Kai Thatcher: Another keenly involved player with a big smile. Tried hard at training and during matches and improved his skills as a result of his consistent effort. Supported the ball carrier well in matches and shared the ball around well often handballing off to players running past in support. A good team player who will improve well with this year under his belt.

Kai Pearce: A busy boy, always with his hand in the air when it was time to nominate warm up exercises, he was keen and actively engaged in training activities. Was a little nervous executing skills during matches early in the year but with practice improved his skills to a good standard and became more confident executing them in matches as the year progressed. Also improved his positional play, leading to space and manning up. Seemed to enjoy himself and will continue to improve.

Charlie Gunn: Another with a name commentators would love. For the uninitiated "Charlie" is the slang name for the Brownlow Medal (AFL B&F Award) and "Gun" is slang for a really good player. With a name to live up to, Charlie was small in stature but big on effort. He listened well and tried hard at training and in matches. He grew in confidence, improved his skills and became more and more involved in the matches as the season progressed. A year he can build on as we move closer to contact footy.

Harrison Leech: Started the year a very nervous young man, new to the club and the game. It was a good year to be new though, as the majority of my team were first year players he wasn't alone. He tried hard during early skills training and absorbed instruction well which saw him improve his skills to a good standard quickly. He was received well by the group, his confidence improved and his influence in matches became more noticeable. Developed into a capable kick and mark and has a lot of improvement left in him.

Jack O'Brien: An unassuming type who listened well to instruction and worked hard on improving his skills. Improved his skills to a good level and is on the verge of improving his kicking consistency considerably. A slight improvement in his timing will see him go from being a good kick to a very good kick quickly. A tall boy he moved around the ground well, learned to read the play and became a reliable mark. Has plenty of potential and had a good year he can build on.

Logan Stewart: A very respectful boy, who listened and applied himself well at training and in matches. Developed his skills to a good standard and always put in a good effort. Late in the season when we were working on positional / tactical play and kicking the ball to a team mate's advantage he showed an ability to read the play and make good decisions both with the ball and in defensive actions. Is developing good footy smarts and well placed to improve considerably next year.

Thomas Kelly: Polite and enthusiastic he tried hard at training and matches. Considering he missed a few weeks he managed to improve steadily and got his skills to a good standard. Learned to lead to space and man up when not defending. Fairly quiet during matches early in the year he became more vocal late in the season which saw him become more involved in the play. Seemed to be enjoying his footy.

James Middleton: A bit of character is James. Always the one pulling a funny face in the photos at the Swans Auskick half time match. Seemed to enjoy his footy and being part of the team. He improved his footy skills to a good standard. Towards the end of the season his ability to read the play and lead to space improved noticeably which saw him become more involved in the play during matches. Will continue to improve as he gets older.

Under 8 con't....



Team BUCKLEY

Team Watson : U9

Coach: Andrew Briggs

The 'graduating class' of Auskick in 2014, Team Watson were the oldest of our Auskick Squads this year. Firstly let me say it was an absolute honour to coach this group of young men. At the start of the season only three of our squad had played AFL with the Bombers before so we greeted a lot of new faces, many from different sports. As a group they constantly impressed me with their maturity, enthusiasm and capabilities. Each individual brought their own personality and skill set to the field and everyone was a pleasure to have on the field. From the start of the season the objective was to deliver a team of players ready to step up to the Under 10's competition next year. This I believe we have achieved. The new rule set next year will suit a team that has developed well this season and shows great promise for 2015.

Aiden O'Shea – One of our three 'returning players' this year, Aiden's courage and presence on the field is far greater than his physical size would suggest. He reads the play brilliantly, especially in defence and constantly wins possession to send the Bombers back into attack.

Ben Lauxman – A fierce competitor on the field (and at training with his partner in crime Aiden) at all times. Excellent skills in attack by creating opportunities and space for his team mates to kick to. A great team player.

Blake Nicholls – Our 'Mr Resilient' who took more big hits than anyone else this year and showed great courage to bounce back every time. Whether in the ruck fighting for the ball or running free and creating opportunities, Blake was always completely involved in the play and giving it his all. His goal in the last game is probably the longest of the season..... as it was kicked from defence.

Braiden Gray – Joined us mid year without AFL experience and very quickly took to the game and became a valuable member of the team. Always keen to listen and learn, he was providing a forceful presence on the field by the end of the season. 2015 will be an even bigger year.

Ethan Melton – A stunning season from Ethan. Whether he was cutting off the opposition attack with a big mark, kicking goals off either foot or setting up his team mates Ethan's comprehensive skills set was always on display. Always focussed on getting the next possession he was a huge asset to the team

Evan Briggs – Evan put everything into playing for the Bombers this year. Roving the packs for the ball and when in possession he was always the team player, looking for a quick handball to a team mate to share the ball around. A lot of practice payed off with a big improvement in his left foot kicking.

Jobe Smith – Our 'Dustin Fletcher Junior' lookalike who has so many of the same attributes, a fearsome defender (and attacker) with a massive boot that could get the team downfield quickly. Always looking for the chance for possession and to go forward and absolutely lethal with his snap kick anywhere near our goals.

Kye Mc Sweeney – An absolute terrier around the rucks, Kye's never say die attitude saw him constantly gaining possessions for the team. His energy and enthusiasm made him an extremely valuable contributor to our Bombers team this year.

Liam Cronin – A booming kicker of the Sherrin, Liam sends our team deep into attack whenever he unloads with one of his bombs. Another great season with the Bombers interrupted by his mid-season European training camp, from which he came back ready to play.

Noah Hill – A great year of improvement for Noah. In the ruck contest he used his height to great advantage to get ball to the Bombers and by the back half of the season was making space and creating opportunities in attack. (While we don't score in Auskick I always knew who would have a perfect count in his head).

And lastly, our '11th Man' – **Zane Smith** – While not officially a Bomber this year, Zane got involved in most of our training sessions, 'just to even up the numbers' and put in 100% at every session and displayed great skills. Here's hoping he can get the Bombers jumper on next year.

This season would not have happened without all the parental help this year. To everyone who set up or packed up a field, goal umpired, helped out at training or any of the other myriad of jobs there is in keeping a junior team running, Thank you your help was always appreciated.
Special thanks also to Jo for all her help with co-ordination of Auskick this year.

Thanks for a great year
Andrew

Under 9 con't....



Team WATSON

Under 10

Sponsor: Tradies

Coach : Michael Lynch Manager : Jodie Gray

The Bombers u/10 team enjoyed a great season, being very competitive in every game and although we didn't keep scores or have a ladder, we can be sure we did well.

Firstly I would like to thank Jodie Gray for her commitment and hard work as team manager. The club is very lucky to have people like Jodie and I hope that she backs up again next year as manager. At training and match day the assistance of Dom, Andrew, Steve and James was much appreciated. Also thanks to all the other parents involved in match day duties; goal umpiring, time keeping etc.

Now to our playing group, we had 17 players in the squad, a good mix of second year 10s players, new players and u9s playing up. As a coach the most pleasing thing was the development of a strong team culture. The boys bonded really well and looked out for each other, encouraged and supported each other. When it all came together some of the teamwork was fantastic, using handballs and passing with precision. Some comments on the players:

Blake - a real leader on the field in his second year in 10s. Competes hard for the footy and there were no easy kicks for the opposition when he was in proximity of the footy. Aside from his competitiveness, Blake is a talented footballer, particularly a strong contested mark and long kick. He also regularly impacted the scoreboard through the season. Highlight was winning the medal on ANZAC Day.

Ronan - a most improved player. Again in his second year at this level, having coached Ronan at Auskick it was great to see the confidence in his ability coming through. Was an important player for the team holding down key positions. Ronan is a fine mark and kicked a number of beautiful left snaps for goals during the season.

Mitch - another of our 10s veterans. Mitch loves the contested footy and attacks the contest with force, gaining himself the nickname of the wrecking ball. Mitch played what was probably the best individual game of anyone in the team in the last game of the season where he dominated the game and could do no wrong, setting up numerous goals and scoring himself. This is the football Mitch is capable of and it would be great to see him produce it consistently.

Will - another player back in the 10s and enjoyed the role as a senior player. Will was at many times in the season a selfless team player. He did a job marking a dangerous opposition player on a number of occasions but also backed this up as a regular goal kicker when playing up forward. Will is a great teammate and really took it upon himself to look after the younger players in the team.

Seb - an awesome first season for Seb. A natural athlete with good footy sense, he dominated games in patches using his pace and fine disposal. Worked extremely hard on the field and when playing in the back line was almost impossible to get past at half back. Seb has a great future in the game.

Josh - the Rolls Royce of the team, Josh has outstanding skills for a player of his age. A beautiful kick and able to gather the ball and cleanly dispose of it in traffic. Josh had many highlights for the year, kicking bags of goals regularly, including a few from very tight angles. He also works very hard in defence and is on his way to being a complete player.

Brayden - another player who had a great first season. Brayden's trademark is his hard running, particularly off half back where he loved taking on tacklers and almost always got away with it. His disposal skills improved enormously during the season and he loved the responsibility of taking the kick ins. Will continue to improve with another year in the game.

Rory - we were very lucky this year to have so many new players that made an impact. Rory had a fantastic season which unfortunately was shortened by several weeks due to a hand injury. Rory was a constant threat in the air, using his height and taking some great grabs. On the ground he was also very effective and loved having a run and bounce, one particular goal where he got the ball in the middle took one bounce and put it right through the middle from 30m out was a highlight. I also appreciate that Rory attended training and games while injured, demonstrating great team spirit.

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Nathan - unfortunately Nathan missed most of the season with ankle and shoulder injuries which is a great pity as when he did play he showed enormous potential. Was close to best on ground in the first game of the season and has great game sense to get free and use his pace and good disposal. Hopefully Nathan gets a full season next year to show how good he can be.

Bailey - a great consistent season for Bailey as an u9 playing up. Watching him play you wouldn't know it as he looked right at home. A terrific mark and booming kick, he also loves a bounce down the wing and a goal. Set to be a dominant player in u10s next year.

Noah G - a much improved player who grew in confidence through the year. Regularly hit the scoreboard and contested for the footy hard. Also a reliable mark and will gain a lot of confidence from his performance this year for next season.

James - reads the game well and makes good position. Skills improving and he went from just a focus on his defensive game where his tackling was a highlight to having the confidence to lead to and get the footy. Finished the year on a high with a great snapped goal at the gala day and another set up for a good season next year.

Noah B - huge improvement during the year as he gained the confidence that he could compete at this level. In the second half of the season really started to make his mark on games. Not big in size but tackles hard and wins the contested ball. With continued improvement on his skills will become a very good player next year in 10s.

Flynn - although also small in size, Flynn works really hard to win the footy and tackle. Often against bigger opponents he never let anyone down. Flynn will take a lot of confidence into next season.

Theo - really started to get some confidence through the season and it was great to see him start to take the game on and run with the footy late in the season. Like the other younger kids will benefit enormously from this season next year.

Liam - new player this year who showed plenty. A fine mark, he kicked a number of goals and loves to play forward. Highlighted by a couple of multi goal performances, Liam also produced one of the best goal celebrations laying on the ground after a great snapped goal.

Levi - an absolute terrier on the field, Levi despite his size feared none on the field and attacked the ball relentlessly, generally winning out. A side effect was that a spent a fair bit of time in the hands of our trainer Steve but he refused to ever come off the field so as to not let his teammates down. Levi is not just about courage, his skills are developing nicely and with a bit more work he will become a very damaging player.

I would also like to mention Ethan, Kye and Blake N that all played up regularly from Auskick as well as Ryan on the gala day. All of these are very talented footballers and will make a big impact in 10s next year.

Overall I am very proud to have coached this team this year, a great bunch of boys that love playing footy and love playing for each other. Unfortunately half the team will move up to u11s next year but they will form the nucleus of a very strong team. For the boys in u10s again, I hope to see you again as coach again next year!

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Under 11

Sponsor: Hair Artistry

Coach : Anthony Vial **Manager** : Louise De Domenico

For the past two years, it has been my pleasure to once again be associated with the Miranda Australian Rules Football Club. These years, firstly as coach of the U10s, and this year the U11s, have been filled with ups and downs. We have had tough wins and close loses, we have played in sun and driving rain and we have learnt as players and as a coach.

For the U11s this year, if a phrase was to sum up our year, it would be, 'learning experience'. Against weaker sides or lesser numbers, players had to learn that getting the opportunity to play is just as important as the result. Against stronger opponents they had to learn to grit their teeth, face their fears and push themselves if they were to succeed. Most of all however, they have started to learn that sport, brings out the best in some, and the worst, in others.

Officially we were defeated in our first final and eliminated from the competition, but to me as coach this was not my measure of success. Instead success came in other ways, such as:

- Making a team which combined a number of experienced players with a number of novices and have them play well together well
- Having the boys show respect to their opponents, their teammates and to me
- Watching a novice player take their first mark, kick their first goal or make a difference for the team
- Observing someone stepping outside their comfort zone and succeeding
- Seeing the more experienced players continue to develop through their hard work and dedication
- Having players ask me how they might improve and listening to suggestions
- That the boys were as keen at our final training as they were at our first

These are the things that I will take from the year and why I consider it a success.

Of course this success is not achieved solely by myself and for that reason my special thanks go to:

- Frank Cashman and the committee for the continued tireless work
- Matt Manchester, for his attention to detail and solutions
- The parents of the boys, for supporting my efforts and providing assistance at training
- The boys, for making life interesting, and especially to
- Louise De Domenico, a manager and organiser supreme.

As for the players, we have had an assorted bunch, but each has brought an important element to the team:

Adrian Martin - With a natural talent for running and a good left foot, it was easy to place Adrian on the left wing and let him loose. When focussed, Adrian, is as good as any other player. In getting the ball from a pack and moving it on and was tough and resilient when he had to be. Against Cronulla at Gawley Oval he became a key player, when others were being tagged.

Corey Ivanovski - The quite enforcer of our group, Corey never shirked his responsibilities and showed an absolute commitment to the team and a listening ear to the coach. Corey's stand out game was against Ramsgate, where he marked every ball that came near him at centre half forward, it was marvellous to watch. When called upon, he would move into the ruck, and while others were wilting about him, he would quietly go about his business without complaint.

Franklin Harrison - Franklin is a study in the benefits of hard work at training. When concentrating and focussed he would give his all at practice and the rewards during the game were evident with increased possessions and better team play. A valuable player in any team, he understands the dynamics of team work and the benefits that it brings.

Hadrian Vial - Hadrian has skills, which are the equal of almost any player in the competition. He is a very accurate kick and good with a handball. He is happiest of the back of a pack in the forward line, waiting for a loose ball so that he can kick a goal over his left shoulder. Against Bangor he broke the game open by setting up a goal with a bullet handball from a pack.

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Harry Gray - 'G-Force' is a courageous team player with good skills. In the backline he is dependable and secure, finding teammates with kicks or hand passes. In the forwards, with a set shot, he is one of the teams straighter kicks. Harry is keen for the bombers to win and this adds to his good teamwork.

Harry Parker - Harry is one of the best junior footballers that I have observed and while his running ability maybe innate, his skills have been honed by an absolute commitment to improving his game. Under a reserved exterior lies an absolute competitor, a player who wants the best for himself and for his team to win. Harry's hard work should act as a demonstration to other players, for while each person is born marginally better at one thing or another, it is only hard work that leads to success.

Jack Bramley - In Jack's first year he demonstrated some excellent play, his dependable backline positioning and tackling particular highlights. Unafraid to mix it up when it got tough, Jack could be relied upon to get the loose ball and find a teammate, or cut off his opponents run by driving them into the ground with a hard tackle.

Jasper Arthur - Mini-Mummie has forged himself a reputation, not only in his own team, but amongst his opponents as an excellent ruckman. For an U11, he has the uncanny ability to not only win the hit out, but to tap the ball down the throat of a team mate. When not getting tap outs he can be spotted taking over-head marks before unleashing the most stylish left foot kicks since Mark Bayes.

Jet Price - It was fascinating to see Jet's development in his first year. Quiet and reserved at the start of the year, he was happy to say what he felt at the end. His play improved also and in the back line toward the end of the year he made some dashing runs through players to clear the ball to his teammates.

Luke Jarvis - I have to admit that it was not until half way through the year when I suddenly realised just how good a player Luke was. Early in the season, every now and then he would pick up the loose ball, evade one or two and kick a 30m goal seemingly without effort. Maybe it was the ease with which he achieved these feats that made me unaware but thankfully I rectified my initial error in the second half of the year and he went on to play some excellent football. His play in our semi-final was nothing short of brilliant.

Matt Webb - Quiet and reserved, but elusive and fast is how to summarise Matt Webb. In his first year of play Matt showed a knack for positional play in the forwards. As the year went on he developed his running and became an important forward, able to pick up the loose ball, evade his opponent and give his team a chance of a goal.

Peter De Leeuw - There is nothing more pleasing than seeing a strong young man pick up a loose ball and run through a pack so ferociously, that no one can lay a hand on them for fear of losing it. This was Peter at his best, clearing the ball from the backs with long kicks, opponents strewn on the ground behind him. As the season progressed, he made the centre half back role his own and increased the teams defence accordingly.

Rhys Duffield - On his day, Rhys was a brilliant enigma. After stopping the ball in defence in the goal square he would pop up moments later in the forwards kicking a goal, with the coach unable to explain how he did it. Around the ground Rhys went about his work without fanfare, getting kicks and making tackles like a player with many years of games under his belt. In his no nonsense way, Rhys made his position on the wing his own.

Sebastian Parry - Sporting the biggest left foot kick in the competition and the most recognisable head band since Pat Cash, Tex was always focussed on what he could do to help the team succeed. His best performances during the year were when the wind was strongest and he could unleash his left foot bombs into the forward line from the centre. A prodigious talker, Tex was always one for asking questions.

Sebastian Wilbers - At the start of the year it was clear that Sebastian was keen to improve his game and it showed in his play and training. Given the opportunity to play in the centre, he did his job with relish, tackling and harassing opponents in defence and providing run in attack. At training he was quick with questions about what he could do and was rewarded with a position in the development squad for his hard work.

Xavier De Domenico - Beneath the relaxed exterior of Xavier lies a tough competitor who is keen to excel at what he does. A natural forward, no one enjoys kicking goals more than he and he is at his best when using his speed and step to give himself space to shoot with his right foot. His aggressive tackling and play on the ball are also to his great benefit.

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Under 13

Sponsor: Sydney City Toyota

Coach : Chris Harrison Manager : Lyn Harvey

The 2014 season for the mighty Under 13 Bombers was a big learning curve for players and coach but can be labelled as a success for a number of reasons even though the team did not play finals football. The team missed the finals by the barest margin of 1 game as they finished the season with 8 wins and 8 losses in 5th place. 8 of the 21 in our squad were first year players and coupled with the fact that over a third of the squad was Under 12 age group, the team did extremely well as they came up against much bigger opposition teams at times. After losing half the squad from 2013 after the move to Sunday football, we were basically a new team and to their credit all the team got in and trained well and we won the first 4 games of the season. After such a great start to the season, the team then learned their first and most important lesson against the eventual premiers, Heathcote. They were a physically big team and backed that up during the game. Round 5 of the season saw the team get belted on the scoreboard and on the ground and it took the team a long time to get over that loss. After suffering a few injuries and a lot of bumps and bruises from that game, it was the emotional scarring that affected the team the most, we then lost the next 5 games straight and in all of those games we did not want to go in and contest for the ball. We were as a group very apprehensive to get in and get the ball and the opposition took advantage every week in that losing streak. My basic philosophy for Aussie Rules footy is that if you go in 100% for the ball you will not get hurt and the team took a long time to believe me on that front. Good, hard contested footy will always have a team in a competitive position in any game and this team can do it, they need to put their bodies on the line and they have to do it week in and week out on a consistent basis. That will see this team play finals footy and I truly believe that they can give this competition a real shake. In the second game against Heathcote we were only 1 goal behind 5 minutes into the last quarter and this game alone proved to me that this team can match it with any team in the competition. The boys as individuals and as a team have to commit and believe in themselves and I know they can achieve a lot. Given that we had a young team in age and experience, I am very proud of all the players, for the first time in a season, as a team we suffered injuries and had key members of the team out for multiple weeks which really took away some of the leadership of the team on the ground and with some work on fitness and strength we can overcome that next season. I really hope that all the players come back and play next season. Thank you boys for a great season.

I would like to thank each of the parents who came to cheer on the team each week and brought the players to training and the games. Your support of the players was enormous and your commitment to your child and the club and game is very much appreciated. Also I want to thank the parents for taking on board game day duties along with club duties when rostered. It was very much appreciated and your assistance is critical to the functioning of the club.

My thanks especially to Lyn Harvey who did a fantastic job managing the team throughout the season. Lyn's efforts were enormous and she was tireless in her efforts on game day and through the week and her communication to the parents was brilliant. It was a massive help to me as coach to have such a wonderful Manager, thanks for everything Lyn.

Go the Bombers! Chris Harrison

Player outline:-

Josh Harrison - Captain of the team, "Harro" always lead from the front every time he played. Had a very disjointed season with serious injuries and missed more games this season than he has combined in the last four seasons. The team missed his leadership and tough, uncompromising style of play when he was out as he was always prepared to put his head over the ball and go in hard for the ball. I saw opposition teams smile and high five each other when they learnt Josh was not playing which is a good reflection of the respect he has gained for his footy. He can play this game very well and influence outcomes of games and I am looking forward to him being fitter and stronger for next season and playing more games.

Jay Scarra - Vice Captain of the team who was a stand out performer all season. Started the season in his familiar centre half back role and formed a formidable half back line with Tim Everitt and Tim Manchester which was a key factor in our winning start to the season. A natural athlete who has fantastic speed which is reflected in his representing the State for athletics. Can really play this game and has wonderful ability with evasive skills to get in and get the ball and then leave the opposition grasping at air as he bursts from the pack. Moved to the centre in the last part of season and was an immediate success. He is the teams "quiet achiever" and is a pleasure to have in the team. He has a future in this game if he sticks with it and I cannot wait to see what he does in 2015 season if his excellent season in 2014 is anything to go by. Thanks Jay for a wonderful season.

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Logan Stone - Vice Captain of the team who is an important member of the team. Has very good skills with foot and hand and can take a good mark. When Logan is playing good footy he is a stand out and can influence the result of a game with his play. We saw a lot of glimpses of this good form during the season especially against Glebe at Jubilee Oval where it was the Logan of old going in and getting the ball and gaining a lot of possessions which was great to see. The team and I need Logan to bring that grit and determination every week to get involved and put his body on the line. I am looking forward to him playing in 2015 seeing what improvement he can bring.

Jarrold Parmenter - JP is a good forward pocket/half forward flanker who stepped up this season and continues to prove that he can play this game. Was more involved this season and kicked more goals than previous seasons and with further focus on skills and fitness can be a dominant forward in the 2015 season. Needs to continue to believe in his ability and back himself to get in and get the ball and have a greater influence on games. He can do it but JP needs to believe this and then this will naturally flow in his efforts in the game. I am looking forward to JP kicking a bag of goals in the 2015 season.

Jake Bennie - Key defender who can also play well out of the centre when required. Has all the skills of a good Aussie Rules footballer with hand and foot. A very good mark and has a good footy brain and can read the play and coupled with a good determination to get the ball first makes Jake a valuable member of the team. Carry over of a knee injury from the summer hampered his start to the season. With some good fitness under his belt, he can really make a difference for the team in 2015. Thanks for a good season Jake.

Travis Harvey - Very talented young man who possesses very silky skills in all aspects of Aussie Rules footy. Trav is a potential match winner and can influence a game in a positive way such are his skills and talents. Consistency and effort though is what is lacking in Trav's game. He is a good player but with consistency and a greater effort in games he can be a great player. Fitness and determination are the keys for Trav and I am looking forward to him improving in these areas in 2015 and if he does then the team will be a success.

Tim Everitt - Definitely the unluckiest player of 2014. Tim started the season in great form and was playing really good footy and was a leading reason why the team had such a good start to the season and formed part of the fantastic half back line with Jay and Tim M. Unfortunately an arm injury, then a finger dislocation upon return from the arm injury and then a badly broken nose which required surgery upon his return from the finger injury meant his season was over. The form he showed early had him set up for a great season. He is a good athlete with good speed and has great skills with hand and foot and his kicking this year was fantastic. He has a booming right foot kick and can take a good mark. I know season 2015 will be much luckier for Tim and I am excited to see what he can achieve next season.

Tim Manchester - Second year player who had an awesome season. Continued to improve on his good first season of Aussie Rules footy and stamped his authority as not only one of the best half back flanks but also ruckmen in the competition. Is a natural athlete who has size and speed and great skills. His determination and courage is fantastic and this was a break out season for him. Can really play this game and after being asked by his coach to ruck when he never had before, Tim took on the challenge and never looked back. He competed and out rucked taller and more experienced opposition purely by his effort and determination. Great season Tim, I cannot wait to see what you can do in 2015.

Cooper Wallis - First year player who is pound for pound one of the toughest young men I have had the pleasure to coach. Cooper gave away height and size every time he ran out on to the ground but that never stopped him being an integral part of our back line and forward line and tackling and beating much bigger opposition every week. He gathered a lot of possessions purely because of his courage and determination and he was an inspiration to the whole team. Well done Cooper, you had a great season. I hope he plays on in 2015.

Mitch Kensitt - Returned to Aussie Rules footy after a break and has great skills with both hand and foot. Can take a good mark and is an accurate kick. Has all the skills and at different times throughout the season showed glimpses of what he is capable of. Was a permanent fixture in the forward line all season and has the ability to kick a bag of goals for the team. While he kicked his fair share this season, I am looking forward to Mitch kicking a lot more in 2015. Mitch just needs to break the shackles of not getting involved enough in the game and going at the ball 100% and being determined to get the ball first. If he can do this he will add a massive amount to the team. One memorable game was against Maroubra for his 50th game for the Bombers. He kicked a couple of goals and then picked up a ball at his feet with great hands and gave a lightning quick hand pass to a team mate which baffled the opposition with his speed and his team mate went on to kick a goal. That is the sort of game Mitch is capable of, we just need to see more of it and I know Mitch can do it.

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Harry Hewitt - First year player who is gifted with a tonne of natural athletic ability. Has a big frame, is fast and a good mark and kick. Harry has the lot and he had a great first season of Aussie Rules footy. Started the year slowly at centre half forward which is to be expected in his first season but by half way through the season he found his feet and was having a dominant influence on games. Once Harry started to use his frame and speed to his advantage he was gathering a lot of possessions and was kicking a lot of goals for the team. Great season Harry, I really hope you back up and play again in 2015 as the sky is the limit for this young man in this sport.

Sam Mood - First year player who has a lot of ability and skill. Another naturally gifted athlete that we were lucky to have in our team. Even though Sam may not have had the size of other players, he never shirked his efforts and got in and went for the ball against bigger opposition. At different times Sam paid the price for that and received a knock or two but to his credit he kept going, never complained and showed he has got a lot of heart. Sam was a fast learner of the game and a pleasure to coach and his game improved a lot throughout the season and he can definitely play this game. I hope he backs up in 2015 as I am looking forward to him making that wing position his own.

Raf Hohle - First year player who was very raw in the game at the start of the season and Raf was another "quiet achiever" and he was fantastic to have in the team and a pleasure to coach. He listened well and every week I saw some improvement in his skills. Raf was clearly doubting his abilities at the start of the season and he was apprehensive to get in involved in the game as he was new to the sport and was also giving away a lot of size most weeks to the opposition. But this young man is someone whom I respect very much as he tried exceptionally hard each week and obviously practiced his skills outside training each week and he improved every week. He added a lot of value to the team and by the end of the season was one of our most courageous players and was throwing himself in and at the ball and was determined to get the ball first and tackle his opposition player. He would be one of the first players I would pick each week because of his courage and determination and I sincerely hope he plays again next season. Great season Raf!

Nathan Harris - First year player who took to the game like a duck to water. Nathan is another natural athlete who has silky skills with his kicking and hand passing being exceptional and he could also take a good mark. Was good in the forward line and on the wing and also spent some time in the centre. Can really influence the result of a game with his play. If Nathan wants to stick with Aussie Rules footy (I hope he does!) then with further effort and consistency in those efforts he can really be one of the best players in the competition. Nathan just needs to believe in his own ability and not doubt himself. Great first season Nathan, I can't wait to see what you do in your second season.

Jordan Willis - First year player who has all the skills required for a good Aussie Rules footy player. He has height, speed, can take a mark and is good with hand and foot. Could really influence the result of a game and definitely has the ability but Jordan needs to break the shackles of doubt he has. He needs to find the inner determination and courage to get in and use his size and be determined to get to the ball first. When he does, look out because the competition will not know what has hit it! But only Jordan can do this and he needs to commit to this and he could be anything in this game. I hope he plays in 2015.

Aidan Selcraig - First year player who I admire a lot. A "quiet achiever", Aidan was never a problem at training or in a game throughout the season. He listened intently to instructions and went out and did them on every occasion. It was a pleasure having him in the team. He has a tonne of guts and determination and this was evident in every game he played. Tough defender who has a lot of natural speed and with some work on his kicking and hand passing skills he can really contribute to the success of the team in 2015. Great season Aidan.

Aidan Mason-Alexander - Experienced player who has a lot of ability and skill and showed that at times throughout the season but not enough for him to contribute to the team on a consistent basis. Can be valuable to the team in the back line but needs to put more fitness and skill work in at training. This will then lead to him adding more value to the team with his play. Kicked a memorable goal in his 50th game for the Bombers against Maroubra along with a great run into the forward line with a couple of bounces of the footy and played a great game but we did not see that often enough in season 2014. Aidan can help the team enormously and at his best is critical to the back line of our team but he must put the work in on the training track each week to gain that consistency. Did not train enough this season to be able to make that difference.

Tom Bramley - First year player who joined the team late in the season. I was really impressed with Tom's enthusiasm and his determination to get in and get the ball. Showed enough in a few games to suggest that he can be a good Aussie Rules footy player. Has good skills with hand and foot. I hope he plays in 2015 because I think he can really be a valuable member of our footy team. Good work Tom.

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Darcy Stevens - Experienced player who has good skills and speed to burn. Played really well off the half back flank and can really play the game well. Consistency and effort are the two big areas that Darcy needs to improve on as he can be even more of an asset to the team than he already is with those two elements in 2015. I hope he plays again next season as he can play this game. Well done Darcy.

Nick Hooker - Experienced player who has good skills with hand and foot. Nick has all the skills and is an asset to the team. He can contribute more though. Nick's determination to get to the ball first needs to increase and when that does he will increase his value to the team. Nick can play this game but he has to get that inner determination so he can deliver more each game. I know you can do it Nick but you have to believe that you can do it and you have to believe in yourself and commit to that effort.

Josh Hollands - Fantastic year for "Dutchy" in 2014. He was fantastic in the forward line and kicked a lot of goals with his speed, skills and talent. He also did a great job out of the centre when he was called upon. Can really play this game well and showed some great form throughout the season. Dutchy has all the skills with hand and foot and is an exciting player and with further effort and consistency each week he can be a big influence on games in 2015 and I am really looking forward to seeing what he can do. Great season Dutchy, well done.



Under 15

Sponsor: KENAPAK

Coach : Cameron Gregory **Manager :** Madeleine Challen

With a strong start to the season we led the ladder for half the year but had some crucial injuries to key position players toward the latter half dropping a few games to finish 3rd. Unfortunately the weather and ground for the semi final did not suit our game style and we bowed out of the race for the flag. Always next year as the saying goes and with the development and attitude the players displayed through the whole season there will I am sure be a push to contend longer and stronger next year.

As a coach it was great to see football and leadership skills develop in all the players. Below is a small wrap up of each players' season from my point of view.

Nick Manchester - Had an outstanding start to the season with his run and skill put to use in the forward line. His best day our grand final rematch where he managed 7 goals and completely outclassed his opposition. In his third year of footy Nick showed great understanding to read the play and use his gift of pace and ball skill to his and the teams advantage. Knee surgery took him out for 6 weeks but he was able to return for the semi in which he was able to make lightning fast runs with the ball looking as dangerous as ever.

Ryan Brew - Stood up to be our starting ruck man through the whole season and worked hard to learn the running patterns, contest structures and enforcing rules. He was a game changer in our second half against Newtown early in the season as he went the punch to bring the ball to ground and again in the second last game when asked to play centre half back against a dangerous forward. Ryan gave his opponent no quarter and played an awesome game. Also his training through the season was diligent and co-operative and as the ruck man he always had great words of encouragement for his team mates at training and games.

Julian Scott - Cemented himself as one of the best full backs in the comp through the majority of the season and was ruthless and hard at contests deep back until the second last month sidelined by a shoulder injury. He made his way back for the last three games and performed a Centre Half back role with distinction playing some of the best footy we have ever seen him. Always hard working at training and a great listener for what is expected in games and training Julian was able to put words into action for his team mates.

Harry Challen - Built momentum through the season through his hard work ethic at training and games. Always dangerous on the forward line yet often tagged by good defenders Harry found ways to express his style of footy and kick goals for the team. Most notable though was his work at training later in the season to develop his defensive play resulting in him performing back pocket in the last few games like a pro. Great to see a talented forward decide to push himself to keep learning and develop skills in other areas of the ground.

Ethan Kilham - Continued to be one of our gutsiest players the whole season. With a team orientated attitude and his highly developed understanding of forward, back and centre play Ethan was able to fulfil roles all over the ground at various times but he was our go to man if we needed to strengthen our defence. It didn't seem to matter who he was on and how big they were he would always get a fist or hand to the ball in marking contests. I thought his best work though for the season was on the wing, it was great to see him run and lead, or find space and be attacking on the wings when given the chance.

Chris Krklinski - Showed a strong work ethic at training to better his skills and at games performed key position roles throughout the season. He relieved in the ruck, contested across half back in the centre half back position and managed a few goals up forward playing as a deep and half forward. Most impressive was his willingness to perform any role asked of him through the year and his openness to discussing his play from week to week developing his understanding of the key position roles he was playing.

Jackson Cotterell - An uncanny (very hard to coach) ability or gift to read the play he was able to put himself in dangerous positions to score or lay off the handball through the season. All his skills have improved through his training ethic especially his kicking on his non preferred side and his marking. With his long term knee issue Jackson showed immense team spirit and courage to develop his skills and make himself available for games doing the right things from week to week to manage his injury.

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Henry Mitchell - Came of age as a footballer in this his second season. Utilised forward and back through the year Henry was able to do all the right things to defend goals or kick them. His marking is highly developed, his kick off one step is dead eye and his willingness to learn and work things out a credit to him. Asked to play full back for the first time when Julian was injured Henry found it hard. We talked it over and He came up with answers, the next games he played full back like he had been a defender for years. A very impressive football thinker with an ability to put his thoughts into action.

Jaxon Hill - Showed courage and the makings of a classy enforcing small forward through the season. With no footy experience Jaxon was very much at home on the forward line, he is fast and tough at contests making his defenders accountable and was able to kick some impressive snapped goals. As a good mate of the Loftus crew Jaxon had a bunch of footy fanatic mates to learn from and I look forward to his development as a footballer in seasons to come with the tutelage of his friends.

Joseph Desensi - Brought a classy brand of footy to the team through his deft handling and disposal skills. Reminding us of Rioli or for those that remember ground breaking small skilful players from the 80's like K Bartlet and Leigh Mathews Joe was at home forward and on the wing marking, disposing and controlling the ball with exceptional skill. For me though it was his courage at contests, Joe is small but never did that deter him going his hardest for the ball and even with some big hits laid on him, he never came off injured or complaining. With eyes for the ball the whole season Joe played tough, skilled and fair.

Tyler Towns - Joining half way through the season we watched in awe as a champion forward running centre showed all how to play skilled, fast, smart footy. Tyler finished the season second highest goal scorer with 19, his best day 6 against Maroubra. His worst one, our only one in the difficult conditions of the semi. More impressive though was his ability to quickly understand his new teams rules and structures and the way he adjusted his playing style to be able to express his individual prowess on the park within these confines. A champ to watch for in the future.

Lachlan Ellson - Improved week after week through his focus at training and games. As a first year player Lachlan had a steep learning curve but he asked questions and improved his skills every game. His intent and courage at contests was evident early in pre season when he was knocked out in a head clash with Ethan but was back on track the next week and we never saw him go light at training or games. Through the season he worked his way into the starting line up and played two of his best games to finish the season as our starting right winger.

Liam Bogнар - Impressed with silky ball and running skills every game combined with courage to contest whole games at a tough level. With footy moving to Sundays Liam was available to rejoin his mates at the bombers after a few seasons away and we counted ourselves lucky for the Sunday move. Liams skills didn't miss a beat but it was the speed of which he picked up game structures and disposal movements that impressed me highly. Often figuring in the best on ground voting it will be great to see his development over the next few years as his parents have promised he is about to grow a foot or two. That will be scary for opponents.

Peter Karounis - His best season so far! Given a half back role early in the year Peter made the position his own by performing with distinction all that was asked of him. If asked to play on a tall forward, he found a way to effect contests, if on a small fast player he muscled and bumped but it was his ability to read the play and his courage to take the game on which stood him out this season. Time and again he would be at the fall of the ball and as his disposals became more accurate and his confidence grew he was a force off half back.

Jack Woolmer - Continued to be a standout deep defender for the bombers. Being available nearly every game for the season and with his experience in the back line Jack was an outstanding leader marshalling his players to man up on turnovers and break free when we had the ball. His best game just toward the end of the season vs a hard at the ball and man forward. His tackle on his opponent modelled for his team mates what a defender does even with an injured shoulder. He never gave up in this contest and had this mindset the whole season both in games and at training.

Anthony Markos - Pushed the extremes of extraordinary play this year. Previous seasons he has shown to be a dependable half back, then he made wing his place last year and this year he became a standout centre showing maturity in his football development. The most exciting was though his confidence to take his game to next levels by attempting the high mark screamers, taking on players with run and skill and tackling with ferocity nearly always under some type of injury cloud. An exciting footballer to watch and an inspirational leader, especially for the younger players.

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Matt Stokes - Drove forwards to extremes with his hard defending and disposals from half back. Winner of the defenders award last year Matt was asked to step into a defensive centre role at times when numbers were down to develop his running patterns and disposal effectiveness. His embracing of these concepts enabled him to become an attacking half back of the highest quality later in the season with our regular centres returning from injury. This is a very new half back role to footy at even AFL level, one only given to players of the highest calibre of which Matt will join if he keeps playing footy the way he did this year.

Riley Tracey - The complete all rounder. Defending, Attacking, leading by example with his skill and with words of encouragement for his team mates and enforcing his presence on opponents Riley did it all with distinction this year and a step up in level from previous seasons. Missed through injury in the middle part of the season for his attitude and overall skilful play his first game back was outstanding turning the tide from the centres in the last quarter. He has done this type of feat all through his junior career as he is a thinking and acting player. My thoughts on games he was involved in was always, where do we place our most strategic player? Credit to him for working out what different situations require and having the courage to back himself to deliver.

David Welch - Standout games at Centre Half forward as well roles as a key position player in the back line and ruck through the season. David through hard work at training developed his understanding of leading up the ground to be a force off half forward toward the end of the season and it was this work rate and his questions that point to him becoming a footballer with much to offer in the future. As a player with years of experience David stood out with his leadership on game days and at training with great skills modelling, big work rates and positive encouragement for his team mates.

Braydon Jackson - Very much the most improved in attitude and courage through this season. From his first training session this year Braydon was like a new man, never quitting, always working on skills through bettering his drill and play techniques. He can kick twice as far now and is deadly with his handball and always dangerous in front of goal but most impressive has been his development at contests. He is much harder at contests than previous seasons no more so than his spoil on a much larger player bringing the ball to ground deep forward in the second last game of the season. He is all for the team, not much more a coach can ask for.

Brandon Norton - The can do, will do man of the season. Its hard to believe this was just his second season of club footy, this whole year his play, training and leadership levels were reminiscent of a seasoned pro. Most notable his ability to read games and perform roles to turn the tide at the right time. Against Newtown Brandon nearly brought us home by going in the back line and shutting down a dangerous forward while still being attacking. In our second last game he pushed forward and kicked 4 goals to shut out our opponents. An inspirational footballer with, passion, skill, elite running attributes and a highly developed game sense Brandon is a player I will be watching very closely in the future.

Paddy Tegg - Flash, Dash, Skill and leadership qualities of a superstar footballer. Paddy took his own game to new heights this season through turning on his speed at contests either with the ball or to get the ball courageously. Countless times we saw him do new things like the tricky right, left, right, left, right running patterns to bamboozle opponents or the quick give and go receive then classy left foot (non preferred) hitting a target at 40 meters. For me though it's how a champion like Paddy listens to and carries out instructions while still managing to express footy in his own way. Asked to be a defensive centre his work modelled for all how one perfectly plays that position therefore passing the knowledge to his team mates resulting in our exciting, fun to watch game style.

Dominic Soffe - Explosive intelligent half forward, centre and wing contributions this season adding potency to a dangerous forward line and centres structure. Always willing to try new things and explore his skills and talents Dom pulled off some extraordinary goals, marks and handball/ running combinations in courageous and often game changing ways. His snap for goal from the sideline one example and his overhead marking in the second last game of the season resulting in a team goal another. A great listener with the skill and will to act Dom proved to be a team leader both in play and word. Always revving the boys up at breaks, training and before the games Dom was an integral player for the bombers.

Joel Cashman - Distinguished himself in the centres, across half back, half forward and deep forward. A major contributor to our on ball rotations Joel brought his elite running to contests providing options with his classy overhead marking and kicking skills. Talk on the side line was how much he had improved over the season and we saw it from the hard work he put in at training and his attitude to game day. Voted by the team as a vice captain a coach could not ask for more in the way Joel led through example this whole year. A reflection of this leadership came in his 150th in which he came in with an injury. Unable to manage a centre role Joel asked to contest deep forward and he kicked 8 goals. Super star footballer, leader and club man.

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Hunter Gregory - Continued his Power forward prowess through the season and developed his rucking toward the end. Winner of our own Buddy Franklin Award for the 5th year running with 21 goals for the season Hunter managed some amazing goals but its often the set up goals or team plays that go unnoticed that impressed so much. Many team goals went through his hands from the half forward line and many times he acted as decoy to drag a double tag from contests which was great to see from our other vice captain. With Ryan injured late in the season we saw an opportunity to free him up in the centre of the ground to see if he could take his game to a new level. Marking, bumping, disposing and running patterns were all next to perfect winning him a best on ground award in the ruck.

Che Taylor - Captain in title, in games and at training. Che's unique style of hard at the ball footy led the way again this year for all our players. His relentless attack and never give up attitude modelled for the players how to make the impossible possible. His spoils on marking contests, gut running to make leads or defend, his tackling and most of all his hard ball gets outstanding this year as was his relaxed attitude at training and around his team mates. Not one to talk about footy much in front of large groups although when he does the players listen, Che leads by example through his playing style and many of the team should thank Che for their own development as footballers through watching his modelling of skills in games and at training. I hope to watch this outstanding player and leader in the future for many seasons to come as I have always felt from the first time I saw his game style in the under 11's " here is a guy who plays footy like very few I have ever seen".

Our pre-season started before Christmas and once registrations happened we trained two nights per week, a huge amount of time for Chook and I to spend with the players and many funny things occurred. Here is just a small amount of what 13, 14 and 15 year olds get up to.

Joel drills his first kick of the preseason right onto the top of the coaches pinky, result dislocated finger, chook nearly relocated, visit to emergency, Hand specialist, no work for four weeks. Next time I will be more careful with Joel's first kick of the year... Obviously a lot of passion in those boots.

The stretching circle was much better this year? we must have moved some guys good at maths into the team??? Lachlan? Jaxon? Joe? Chris? Tyler?

Actually Jaxon was a bit disruptive in the circle till he was asked to lead then there was no stopping him with many a word of help for the poor leader. " that's not long enough" ,"You can't stretch Quads before groin", etc. etc.

A favourite leader of the stretch was Dom, his calf stretch always met with a sigh and Ethan always watched by all to see if he could keep up with the changes. Ethan seemed to go into a meditative yogi like state...., we might need to give him the nick name of GURU next season.

Tyler's warm ups.... Roosting drop punts and torpedoes from outside 50 through the uprights. Way to make the coaches feel inadequate.

Matts words at the last training session . " hey this is fun "(sounding like it was the first time we did the drill). Note to coach, start with this drill next year. Note to readers. We did this drill nearly every week.

Ball throwing, kicking at turned heads while getting drinks etc. Everyone copped at least one ball to the head through the season and Jack copped a bloody nose but Nicks kick on Riley was the best. A low drop punt hard at Riley's legs took him out like he had been shot by a 303.

Anthony's move from the nick name Benji to becoming Inglis then....Axe... Anthony is a great creator of fun through a season some of his best work being the last time we played Bangor. Or as Chook and the boys like to call it Heathcote. Anthony turned up to play and I asked him how he felt. He exclaimed, " I feel great, there is no pain anywhere". Also famous is his reply to Paul asking boys to play up in the 17's. Paul said "I promise to put you guys somewhere safe". The Axe Replied shouting " Are you kidding, there is no where safe out there ".....

With puberty at its heights at this age there were many mentions of deep and high voices especially in the circle. There has to be a tie between Joel, David and Braydon for the John Laws award (parents might need to explain this) but it was the high voices that got the ribbing. Harry probably wore the brunt of jokes but the best was Hunters impressions of high voices that wins him the tweety bird award as I know he was not doing impressions at all, just diverting attention.

Under 15 con't.....

A great bunch of young men were the Under15's bombers this year, a credit to themselves, Parents, Families and the Club. I thank them all for their hard work at training and games and feel very honoured to have been able to coach such a fun team of talented footballers.

Thank you to all our supporters, It was great to see so many at our games and the boys revelled in the support they received from week to week. A special thanks to Brian our team sponsor for his words of advice and opening his wallet for best on ground awards.

Thank you parents for getting players to training and games and for your support of my coaching through the year. There have been many kind, thoughtful and helpful words of advice by all.

Assisting when available we had Nick Bernath back for another year with the boys. Thanks Nick for making yourself available and adding continuity for the playing group.

The season could not have run so smoothly without a great manager and Madeleine cannot be thanked enough for her hard work organising the team from week to week. Its a huge job and can be very stressful. Thanks M.

Assisting in name but very much more like a partner Coach was Brian "Chook" Woolmer. Our team are so lucky to have a parent as knowledgeable and passionate about footy as Chook yet caring and understanding of youth players' abilities. Thanks mate for another great season.

A final note to players, I wish you all great futures with your football exploits, I hope you can look back on this year with great memories and take what you have learnt to enjoy footy further down the track. Those of you going on to summer sports, best of luck and I hope to see you all back for the 2015 campaign.

Go Bombers
Cameron Gregory
Coach Under 15's Miranda Bombers 2014



Under 17

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The U17's competition was a very enjoyable one this season as all the teams were fairly evenly matched and any team could, on their day, beat any other team in the competition. This made for some hard fought matches throughout the season for all teams with score blow outs being rare.

As for the Bombers, they played a solid season of football finishing 4th and playing some strong football throughout the season against most of their opponents. Their final match, the semi final, demonstrated their passion and effort in a close fought match against the Maroubra Saints in the mud. They were slightly outclassed that day but the all the boys threw themselves into every contest until the final siren and they all walked off the field knowing that they gave it their best shot but just fell short on the scoreboard. For most of the boys it was their last match for the Bombers and they wanted to go out holding their heads high. Many of the boys have played at the club for a long time and you could see the emotion and passion come to the fore realising that there would be no next week running out in the Bombers' jumper.

Thank you to all the people who helped out during the season:

- Chris Lienert was there to help at every training session and was the runner for most of the matches.
- Paul Andrew as Manager since the year dot.
- Mick Davis & Dave Crutchett – extraordinarily proficient boundary umpires.
- Darlene Andrew as occasional goal umpire, and Eion Crossan occasionally running the water.
- “Stretch” Maher for many roles and all the positive encouragement the boys on game day.
- Ian Toll the reliable “flag man” behind the goals.
- Jenny O’Leary for timekeeping duties at every home game throughout the season.
- Bill Johnson, enforcing good behaviour as Ground Manager through the season.
- Sarah Cassidy and Madeleine Challen for outstanding first aid duties.
- Justin Maldigri and Tim Tegg who were often Runners or Water Carriers.
- All of the parents who volunteered for canteen and BBQ duty at home games.
- And most importantly, Paul Donnelly for mentoring and coaching the boys throughout their junior football careers.

U17's in Jumper Order

#1 Patrick Heptinstall (Club Captain) - Paddy had an interrupted season. He missed most of the early part of the season through injury. When he came back his confidence grew in every match, culminating in a fantastic 150th match celebration against Drummoyne, kicking a miracle goal (non preferred foot) from the left forward flank/pocket. Paddy played most of the season in the forward pocket, half forward flank or wing where his reading of the play and ability to find space served the team well. Paddy would never shirk responsibility and would always put his body on the line when it was his turn to the go for the footy. Eight seasons dedicated to the team and the club, and a player the club should never forget.

#2 Ben Challen - Ben's highlights came early in the season, bagging two tight angled perfect drop punt goals from the forward pocket in torrential rain that set up a remarkable win against Cronulla in round 1. In the end it was that win, against the eventual grand finalist, that ensured the Bombers played in the finals. Ben was targeted by an opponent in a subsequent match that saw him out for several weeks. It knocked his confidence a fair bit but he came back and played some good footy. Memorably, one fantastic leap and contested mark on the Miranda members' wing that had the crowd in raptures and Ben in disbelief that he actually had the ball in his hands! Just goes to show how far a bit of confidence and focus can go.

Under 17 con't.....

#3 Tim Tegg - Tim spent most of the season playing senior footy for St George and could not play for the Bombers too often. Restricted by Swans Academy rules (permitted to play only one match per weekend) meant that he could not double up for the Bombers. However, when there was a St George bye, Tim was there in his Bombers' gear ready to play. His run and carry and sublime skills were on display and appreciated by the team. His ability to pick the right options and hit targets is second to none. Tim is also a long serving Bomber playing in his 10th and final season for the club. His room is littered with awards and honours from the club and representative football.

#4 Justin Khaw - One of the U16's in the team, Justin had no problem taking on his bigger opponents. Justin mostly played in the back pocket or on the half back flank where his fierce attack on the ball or an opponent with the ball would set up the Bombers downfield. Justin would rarely be beaten for the footy especially on the ground. We would all hold our breath as he would charge in usually surfacing unscathed with the ball. His skills improved quickly during the season often unleashing bullet passes from the backline to his midfield or forward teammates. Hopefully Justin continues with the club next year as he would be a force to be reckoned with surrounded by players his own age.

#5 Justin Maldigri - Like Tim Tegg, Justin also spent most of the season playing senior footy for St George and could not play for the Bombers too often. However, he made an impact in the few matches he played slotting back into a midfield role or half forward/half back flank with ease. Justin always leads by example and inspires team mates with his hunger for the footy, skills and relentless efforts to win the footy and stop opponents. Justin is another long serving Bomber and will continue rise through the football grades and who knows how far he could go, after already making an impact playing for St George Premier division senior team.

#6 Brendan Davis - Brendan joined the Bombers this year, coming from the Illawarra. Brendan is one of the most skilful players in the team. You would not know his preferred kicking foot, he's that precise on either. Brendan played mostly on the wing where he could find space to execute his fine delivery skills. He also played half forward flank and occasionally deeper in the forward line where he would find space, mark and kick accurately for goal. Brendan is also dedicated to training and improving. He travelled up the coast on the train for almost every training session throughout the year.

#7 Luke Donnelly (Captain) - Luke mainly played on the ball in the midfield. Often injected into the side at quarter time after umpiring a previous match, Luke was the engine room of the Bombers winning a number of contested possessions and pumping the ball forward skilfully with his left or right boot. He also used his strong body to break tackles and get the arms free to handball the footy to a team mate in space. Occasionally Luke played on the half back line where he would win possession and hit a teammate up field with his trusty left boot. Luke is another stalwart of the Bombers, playing in his 11th season and managing to reach 200 games with the club in his final game.

#8 Darcy Walder-Toll - Speed and aggression at the footy describes Darcy. He was a delight to watch playing his favoured position on the half back flank where he would swoop like a magpie and disappear with the footy down the ground followed up by an accurate drop punt on the run to a leading team mate in the forwards. Fantastic skills for a player in only his second year of AFL. Occasionally Darcy would play in the midfield and shock his opponents with his fierce attack on the footy, virtually running through them to win the footy. A great couple of seasons with the Bombers and hopefully he continues in senior footy.

#9 Harley Hill - Harley is in his element on the footy field. As soon as he arrived at training or to the match, the pearly white grin would appear from sheer delight and anticipation of playing. Unfortunately Harley had an interrupted season missing quite a few matches or playing with injury. At full flight Harley is one of the most skilful players. His trademark running and bouncing followed by accurate kicks to teammates or at goal, high leap and contested marking skills is a pleasure to watch. Although he played on the ball on occasions, Harley's most suited positions were the wing and half forward flank where the space and ability to win one on one contests set up many goals for the Bombers. No doubt Harley will be a star in senior footy.

Under 17 con't.....

#10 Brodie Gillespie - His mild mannered appearance would deceive Brodie's opponents as he is a fierce competitor. His tackling is text book. Hard driving and pinning the arms, Brodie would bring opponents down sideways, never riding them into the ground for a 'push in the back'. In only his second year of AFL, Brodie almost made the representative team demonstrating his capacity to learn and improve. He played in a number of positions on the ground including midfield, wing, half forward flank and half bank flank demonstrating his versatility. He also has an uncanny ability to read the flight of the footy in the air and out mark taller opponents.

#11 Jesse Price - Jesse's another player from the Illawarra. He only played one game for the Bombers due to his commitments to the Swans Academy and St George AFL club. He certainly demonstrated his strength and skill in this match and it was unfortunate that he did not play for the Bombers more often.

#13 Kale Foster - Kale would often jokingly mention the word 'accountability' at training. It certainly meant something because he developed into the most consummate defender, never giving his opponent space or time when the ball came into the backline. He would often out mark his opponent and run off with the footy delivering the ball down field to a teammate but it was his spoiling, tackling and never-say-die attitude that made him so effective down back. He would rarely give away free kicks, making him the most valuable defender at fullback, centre half back or on the half back flank. Kale also had a few runs in the midfield where his competitive spirit served the team well.

#14 Tyler Hogan - Tyler is a quiet lad, but like many of his teammates, another fierce competitor on the footy field. Tyler usually played in the back pocket on quality opponents. When the ball went to his position we would often see a flurry of arms and legs and then Tyler would somehow emerge with the ball. He occasionally played in the forwards where his ability to compete and win the ball assisted the Bombers' attack. Unfortunately, Tyler missed many matches with a broken finger so he did not reach his full potential for the season. However, his kicking skills improved throughout season and he should shine in his final season with the Bombers next year.

#16 Seb Lienert - Seb mainly played in the forwards on the half forward flank, forward pocked or full forward. Seb has a keen sense of where the goals are. He sometimes played as the key forward taking some strong marks on the lead or picking up the ground ball and handballing off to teammates running past. Seb's kicking improved during the season developing length to his already accurate and efficient technique, sometimes kicking the ball around the 50m mark. Seb will be a dominant player in next year's U17 team.

#17 Jesse Raabe - Jesse has a knack of finding the footy. When the Bombers were playing well, Jesse would float into the right spaces and either mark the footy or snap for goal from the forward pocket, Eddie Betts style. Jesse also played on the wing where he demonstrated a fine ability to find the right space to transition the ball from the backline effectively into the forwards. Jesse will certainly enjoy playing next year, when he'll be able to match up against boys similar in size.

#18 Ben Lamb - 'Chop' is another of the team's utility players. Ben excels at any position on the ground. He often played in the back pocket or on the half back flank where his reading of the play served him well, often taking intercept marks and pumping the ball downfield. Whenever he played midfield his manic attack on the footy would ensure the Bombers won possession or free kicks from opponents infringing in their efforts to try to stop him from winning the ball. Ben is also effective up forward knowing how to find space, marking the ball well and a reliable shot for goal. Ben will be another U16 who will dominate in next year's U17 team.

#19 Jack Williamson - Jack would go about his business with a minimum of fuss, a trait exhibited by all the Illawarra boys. Happy to play any position on the ground at any time, Jack found himself as the team's centre halfback for most of the season but spent more time at fullback later in the season. His height gave him a distinct advantage overhead. If the ball hit the ground Jack's uncanny ability to get his hands on the footy and handball it off was a huge asset to the team. He was rarely beaten in a one on one contest and rarely infringed to give away free kicks around goal. However, the most memorable moment was Jack's lead and mark from full forward and then goal from 35m out in windy conditions at Waratah. It was text book AFL stuff.

Under 17 con't.....

#20 Mitch Johnson (Vice Captain) - Mitch Johnson had an interrupted season with a couple of injuries slowing him down. As in the past he proved to be one of the most versatile footballers in the team in his 9th season with the club. He spent time at centre half forward, centre half back, midfield and in the ruck. He played all these positions to a high level and when he was firing the team was firing. Mitch has the speed and the ability to win the ball in the air and on the ground. He knows how to transition from an attacking mindset to defensive mindset from position to position and also during different times during a game. Mitch will go on to become a very good senior footballer and an asset to any team he chooses to play in.

#21 Tim Maher - In only his second year of AFL, Tim shouldered most of the rucking duties. His height and ability to leap suited him well to the position. He often gave his midfielders first use of the ball with his deft taps to advantage. Although quiet in nature, Tim is committed on the field, no better demonstrated than his willingness to compete hard for contested marks in the final round after receiving a hard hip and shoulder to the ribs that were exposed after a rucking contest. Tim also has speed to burn that saw him beat many opponents to marking contests or footy on the ground.

#22 Luke Essenstam - 'Big Luke' was often the team's focal point at centre half forward. He's very tall and this combined with his ability to take overhead marks makes him difficult for any opposition to match up on. Many of the season's highlights featured Luke leaping over opponents to take the big grabs but he also has a fine ability to pick up the loose ball and snap for goal or feed it off to team mates running past. Luke also spent time in the ruck where his taps to his midfield were often the envy of the opposition. He's another of the quiet Illawarra travellers who have fit into the team like a hand in a glove.

#23 Macauley (Macca) Crossan (Vice Captain) - Macca had a stop start season, usually playing with an injury. This did not stop him from playing some high class football. When he played in the forwards he was often the 'go to' man because of his ability to take contested marks followed up by accurate kicking for goal. However, his versatility meant that he also sometime played a defensive role in the backs. He played a memorable game against Penshurst when he was moved forward and outclassed his opponents before being moved to the backline to halt the opposition's come back with the wind. Overall, Macca is a high class footballer, who has played for the club for 10 years with super skills that will see him perform well at senior level.

#24 Brandon Crutchett (BJ) - In his second year of AFL, BJ was a dominant player for the Bombers. He mainly played at full back, half back flank or centre half back where he could use his thumping kick to greatest effect. BJ would often kick the ball from a kick-in beyond the 50m line to set up the Bombers next attack. This matched with his speed off the mark makes him quite a weapon for turning defence into attack. BJ occasionally played in the midfield and forwards where his strength over the footy and speed off the mark served the team well. A great season of footy to back up and improve on his first solid year.

#29 Brendon Johnson - Brendon dropped in from the United States again this season for a couple of matches during his holiday break. His height and physicality made a big difference to the team. Brendon is never afraid to go in hard for the footy, tackle or hip and shoulder, often making his opponent think twice about going for the footy. A pity the Bombers could not have him playing full time.

#25 Conor Soffe - Conor is 'Mr Reliable'. Playing much of the season in the back line, Conor's ability to read the play better than his opponent and keep the ball in front and have the skills to clear to his team mates made him one of the key players in the team. So many times the ball was heading towards for the opposition's goal and Conor would pop out of nowhere to clear it out of danger. Conor also played on the wing, half forward flank and forward pocket where he could use his running, marking and accurate kicking to great effect. Conor is another of the long term 10th year players finishing up with the club.

Under 17 con't.....

#12 Brayden Jamieson - Brayden is your no nonsense get the ball and kick it type of player. He usually played directly after having played a rugby league match. Brayden usually played on the wing, half back flank or back pocket where his strength and will to beat his opponents stood out. Brayden loves a physical contest and the harder his opponents went, the harder Brayden would go to match them and beat them. Brayden has a lot of potential and it was a pity that the team only had him part time.

#26 Dylan Sanderson - Dylan only played a couple of games this season due to his commitments at St George and the Swans Academy. In his games for the Bombers his strength and size was noticeable in the midfield and back line. Dylan is a very strong and skilful player who is already making his mark in the seniors at St George. We will be watching his progress in the coming seasons.

#28 Cameron Andrew - Another long serving player for the Bombers (10 seasons), Cameron was often "Mr Fix It". If the team needed to plug a hole down back he would go down back. If the team needed an injection of skill and smarts in the midfield he would jump in and perform. If the team needed a leading forward who could also take contested marks he would do the job. Cameron is a very smart footballer and fierce competitor on the ground. His voice could always be heard encouraging team mates and directing where play should go. He's a fine overhead mark and has quick hands around the tight contests. Hopefully Cameron continues to play at senior level because he has the skills and versatility to fit in well in any quality team.

#30 James O'Leary - Sometimes it looked as though James had the ball on a string. James would often run through packs and come out with the ball on his finger tips. He played mainly in the midfield but also spent time at centre half forward and half forward flank where his ability to win the ball and elude opponents set up a number of Bomber goals. Watching him play is a bit like watching Adam Goodes play. You don't know what's going to happen next but it's usually very good! James also spent some time on the half back flank where his ability to run and carry the footy stood out. James has huge potential and hopefully he continues to play AFL.

Go Bombers!



Games Played

Player Name		Games to End 2013	Club Games 2014	Rep Games 2014	Total Games 2014	Games to End 2014
Cameron	Andrew	121	14		14	135
Jasper	Arthur	57	15	4	19	76
Levi	Bastian	0	17		17	17
Noah	Bechara	0	17		17	17
Jake	Bennie	52	16		16	68
Liam	Bognar	14	12		12	26
Jack	Bramley	0	11		11	11
Thomas	Bramley	0	5		5	5
Ryan	Brew	39	17		17	56
Sebastian	Byrne	0	13	3	16	16
Joel	Cashman	144	17	4	21	165
Benjamin	Challen	63	13		13	76
Harry	Challen	88	13		13	101
Rory	Cole	0	14		14	14
Blake	Collier	18	17	3	20	38
Jackson	Cotterell	15	14		14	29
Macauley	Crossan	153	16	4	20	173
Brandon	Crutchett	14	16		16	30
Brendan	Davis	0	17		17	17
Xavier	de Domenico	58	15		15	73
Peter	De Leeuw	55	15		15	70
Joseph	De Sensi	0	14		14	14
Nathan	De Silva	0	6		6	6
Benjamin	Donnelly	100	2		2	102
Luke	Donnelly	187	13		13	200
Rhys	Duffield	0	12		12	12
Lachlan	Ellson	0	14		14	14
Luke	Essentam	0	15		15	15
Mitchell	Everitt	16	18		18	34
Tim	Everitt	48	9		9	57
Theo	Fluckiger	0	18		18	18
Kale	Foster	14	15		15	29
Ryan	Frearson	0	1		1	1
Brodie	Gillespie	11	16		16	27
Harrison	Gray	33	15		19	48
Noah	Gray	0	17	4	21	21
Hunter	Gregory	94	15		15	109
Nathan	Harris	0	13		13	13
Josh	Harrison	63	13	4	17	80
William	Harrison	20	14		14	34
Travis	Harvey	31	15	4	19	50
Patrick	Heptinstall	145	12		12	157
Harrison	Hewitt	0	13		13	13
Harley	Hill	83	15	4	19	102
Jaxon	Hill	0	15		15	15
Tyler	Hogan	44	8		8	52
Rafael	Hohle	0	16		16	16
Josh	Hollands	16	14		14	30
Nicholas	Hooker	53	15	4	19	72
Corey	Ivanovski	0	15		15	15

Player Name		Games to End 2013	Club Games 2014	Rep Games 2014	Total Games 2014	Games to End 2014
Brayden	Jackson	69	12		12	81
Brayden	Jamieson	8	11		11	19
Luke	Jarvis	0	13		13	13
Mitchell	Johnson	156	14		14	170
Peter	Karounis	17	16		16	33
Bailey	Kaye	0	13	4	17	17
Mitchell	Kensitt	42	12		12	54
Justin	Khaw	58	11		11	69
Mitchell	Kensitt	42	12		12	54
Justin	Khaw	58	11		11	69
Ethan	Kilham	78	16		16	94
Christopher	Krklinski	0	16		16	16
Benjamin	Lamb	156	16		16	172
Sebastian	Lienert	78	17		17	95
James	Lynch	0	18		18	18
Timothy	Maher	15	15		15	30
Justin	Maldigri	182	7		7	189
Nicholas	Manchester	37	10		10	47
Tim	Manchester	17	16		16	33
Anthony	Markos	99	14	3	17	116
Adrian	Martin	0	14		14	14
Aidan	Mason-Alexander	43	12		12	55
Kye	McSweeney	0	3		3	3
Ethan	Melton	0	4		4	4
Liam	Mernagh	0	17		17	17
Henry	Mitchell	13	11		11	24
Samuel	Mood	0	14		14	14
Blake	Nicholls	0	4		4	4
Joshua	Nicholls	0	18		18	18
Brandon	Norton	28	17	4	21	49
James	O'Leary	0	16	4	20	20
Ronan	O'Meara	20	12		12	32
Harrison	Parker	64	15	4	15	83
Jarrold	Parmenter	35	15		15	50
Sebastian	Parry	0	12		12	12
Corey	Philpott	0	3		3	3
Jesse	Price	0	2		2	2
Jet	Price	0	13		13	13
Jesse	Raabe	104	17		17	121
Flynn	Read	0	17		17	17
Franklin	Rowan	0	15		15	15
Dylan	Sanderson	67	5		5	72
Jay	Scarra	51	14		14	65
Julian	Scott	91	15		15	106
Aidan	Selcraig	0	16		16	16
Brayden	Shorten-Sherratt	0	16		16	16
Conor	Soffe	130	14		14	144
Dominic	Soffe	105	10		10	115
Darcy	Stevens	17	15		15	32
Matthew	Stokes	36	15		15	51
Logan	Stone	50	16	4	20	70

Player Name		Games to End 2013	Club Games 2014	Rep Games 2014	Total Games 2014	Games to End 2014
Che	Taylor	96	14		14	110
Patrick	Tegg	85	9	4	13	98
Timothy	Tegg	193	7	4	11	204
Tyler	Towns	0	9		9	9
Riley	Tracey	91	14		14	105
Hadrian	Vial	19	15		15	34
Darcy	Walder-Toll	14	15		15	29
Cooper	Wallis	0	16		16	16
Matthew	Webb	0	11		11	11
David	Welch	107	17		17	124
Sebastian	Wilbers	47	15	4	19	66
Jack	Williamson	0	12		12	12
Jordan	Willis	0	11		11	11
Jack	Woolmer	116	16		16	132

Recent Players with More than 150 Games.

Name	Final Year or Team	Games to End 2014
Timothy Tegg	2014	204
Luke Donnelly	2014	200
Justin Maldigri	2014	189
Macauley Crossan	2014	173
Benjamin Lamb	Under 17	172
Mitchell Johnson	2014	170
Joel Cashman	Under 15	165
Patrick Heptinstall	2014	157
Simon McGrillen	2012	153

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Notice of Annual General Meeting

To be held on

Thursday, 16th October 2014

8.00 pm at

***The Sutherland District Trade
Union Club, Gymea***

All welcome



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NOTICE OF 2014 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, 16th October 2013 at 8.00 pm.**

AGENDA

1. Present and apologies
2. Acceptance of 2013 Annual General Meeting Minutes
Matters arising from 2013 AGM
3. President's Report – Frank Cashman
4. Treasurer's Report – Jason Kilham
2014 Annual Financial Statements
5. Registrar's Report
(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. 2015 Nominations/Elections received by Returning Officer
8. 2015 Miranda AFC Committee announced
9. Close



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2015 Committee Nomination Form

I (name)(signature)
hereby nominate for the position of
at the Miranda Bombers Australian Rules Football Club. This nomination is seconded by
..... (name)(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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