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Inc



Presentation Booklet 2009

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By Nick Bernath & Toby Hooker

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Presented by Mike Bernath

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Presented by Colleen Hooker

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Presented by Jason Noye

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Presented by Sandra Haberley

Closing Address

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Miranda Bombers President's Report

With the 2009 season at its end I would like to congratulate all coaches, managers, parents and the players for representing Miranda AFC with the true spirit of the game. The main focus was the children having fun. We were not the frontrunners of all the clubs, we did not win any grand finals but we are held in high regard by the other clubs for our sportsmanship and loyalty. We all wear the Black and Red with pride.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Michael Bernath, as he will be stepping down from the role of Vice President at the season end. Since arriving at the Bombers, Mike has coached for at least five years, two seasons as a Representative Coach and three years as VP. He was also the registrar in 2009, as we did not have one. He was also the sponsorship officer for two years. His advice and knowledge in and around the club will be missed. Thank you Mike!

Whilst thanking people, I would like to thank our very hard working committee. You should all give yourself a pat on the back. Through your efforts the year ran smoothly. To our very hard working canteen manager, Marie, you are the main link in the way the club is run. To Frank, our football manager you make my job so much easier. Thank you to all these volunteers who have given their time and effort to the club for the kids.

I would also like to thank the Tradies our major sponsor and all of our other sponsors as we all know their financial contribution allows the club to keep our fees low, allows us to keep upgrading our equipment and make improvements to the clubhouse - a few items will be noticed on your return next season.

Congratulations to Wayne Marshall - Auskick co-coordinator of the year, well done.

This year there was no points in our under 10s but that did not stop these boys and girls from winning the minor premiership (if there was one) and finishing on top at the under 10's gala day, well done. Thank you to the under 10s parents for the excellent job in running this year's social night. The total money raise was close to four thousand dollars.

To all of our junior coaches, you now know what your coaches feel like. Keep going and I hope to see you next year.

We were also well represented within the umpire's ranks with a number coming from Miranda. These boys (for those that think umpires should learn the rules) trained exceptionally hard on Monday nights 7 to 8.30pm at Olds Park. Hopefully we will see some more Miranda boys and girls there next season.

Congratulations to all the boys who made representative teams this year.

This season we were able to field an under 16 side and as such some of the players have finished their playing careers with Miranda. I thank you for your loyalty and service to Miranda. Good luck in whatever path you take, you are always welcome at Miranda.

To next season, it looks to be one our strongest across the whole club. A good number of Auskick will be moving to under 10s. This year's 10s going to 11s with a great record, our 12s and 13s will have good numbers and the one I am happy to announce this year's 13s will become one team next season in the under 14s with good numbers. Lastly our 14s and 16s will finally link up to have our strongest 16s in 5 years.

In closing thank you, be safe and watch your email for information about pre-season.

Yours in AFL,

Jason Noye
President - Miranda AFC

2009 Club Co-Captain Report – Nick Bernath

It's unfortunate to think that this is my last duty as club captain. Although it has been a very fun year, anyone would be saddened at this time. 2009 has had its ups and downs. The biggest down I can think of is not having any Bombers in the Grand Final this year, that's something that I haven't seen for a long time. This just means that our year must be coming. Apart from this, I'm sure that all the boys enjoyed their year.

I have enjoyed being club captain role this year, whether it be setting up a field before a game at home, helping out around the ground, or simply cheering on the Bombers wherever they're playing. All year, every week, and every single day, I always look forward to Saturdays, so I can put on my Bombers shirt, and wherever I go, I'll always see a Miranda Bombers team playing their hardest whoever they're playing. And that's what makes me so proud to wear this outfit.

Although this is my last day on the job, I'm not upset because today isn't my last presentation day. With one more year left with the Bombers, I am pleased to say that I don't have to look for a different club yet. I'm fortunate to be part of such a wonderful footy club, a club that I will never forget.

In reflecting back over the year, I'd like to identify some of the highlights for me around the club:

- ✓ The mighty U10's side who went within a whisker of going through the season undefeated, losing only 1 game but winning the end of season gala day.
- ✓ The two U13's sides that battled hard in difficult circumstances all year but were able to hold their heads proudly in the end for an outstanding effort.
- ✓ The growth in registration numbers throughout the club making us the biggest club in the Sydney South competition.
- ✓ The U16's who didn't win a game all year but who battled on regardless and never ever gave up.
- ✓ The U12 Blacks and the U14's who proudly represented our club in this year's finals series.
- ✓ The U10 parents who organized a great and successful social evening, raising loads of money for our club.
- ✓ To our committee who worked tirelessly all year to ensure we were able to play footy each and every week.
- ✓ And finally to every player who competed for the mighty Bombers throughout the year. Well done and I hope you all enjoyed the season as much as I did.

In closing, I would like to thank the Miranda Bombers committee for appointing me Co-Club Captain for the 2009 season. I have enjoyed the experience and will treasure the memories for the rest of my life.

Go the mighty Bombers.

Nick Bernath
Club Co-Captain 2009

2009 Club Co-Captain Report – Toby Hooker

The 2009 footy season has gone so quick. It seems just like yesterday that I was named the Co-Club Captain for 2009, along side my Under 16's teammate Nick Benarth. I was surprised by my appointment and I was excited about the challenge ahead.

Along with being the Co-Club Captain, I was also the Co-Captain of the Under 16's team. I enjoyed the being the Captain as I could share my knowledge of the game to help the team and the younger and inexperienced players. I found myself talking more on the field and leading by example, this improved my own game and I had one of my best years for the Club.

At home games at the mighty Waratah oval, I found myself down at the ground helping around the clubhouse, whether it was interrupting people during a game to sell meat raffle tickets, helping put out or bring in goal posts, picking up cones from the boundary, winding in rope, or cooking on the BBQ, I enjoyed every minute.

One of my biggest highlights for the year as Co-Club Captain was helping the Auskickers. It was the day after a downpour and Waratah had puddles and mud everywhere yet the kid still wanted to play. I was amazed at how many kids were there in various ages from 4-9 years olds and how much energy they had at 8 in the morning.

Next year I hope to be more involved in the club, maybe coaching AusKick, as my youngest brother will return to play with the club.

Our Football Club has a strong future, with many good players in various age groups, and the passion to have fun at each training session and Saturday game day.

I have enjoyed my role this year as Co-Club Captain and hope to continue the role next year. See you all next year in 2010 for my 9th and final year with the Bombers.

GO THE BOMBERS.

**Toby Hooker.
Club Co-Captain 2009**



Playing Milestones

Congratulations to the players who played in their 100th game this season with Miranda Bombers

Harrison Brown

Luke Donnelly

Timothy Tegg

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

Conor Ballard

Nicholas Chamberlain

Daniel Lamb

Patrick Noakes

Vaughan Barnes

Baeden Clark

Aidan Martin

Noah Park

Harry Beardsley

Alexander Clark

Brett McLaughlin

Alex Phillips

Jack Beardsley

Macauley Crossan

Matthew McPherson

Thomas Potter

Paylen Brodbeck

Saxon Dare

Ryan Mitchell

Sam Reed

Liam Cashman

Mitchell Johnson

Tristen Muscat

Conor Soffe

Macauley Crossan

Benjamin Lamb

Joshua Muscat

Adam White

Representative Football

Sydney South Representative Players 2009

12's

Ryan Catbagan

Luke Donnelly

Mitchell Johnson

Justin Maldigri

Ballard Mitchell

Macauley Crossan

Timothy Tegg

13's

Liam Cashman

William Coombe

Daniel Cooper

Simon McGrillen

Alex Phillips

14's

Paylen Brodbank

Nick Chamberlian

Yianni Haniotis

16's

Tim Cashman



FRONT ROW:(L to R) Blake Kendrick, Adrian Zapata, Jed Robin, James Hatton, Samuel Croucher, Nathan Phillis, Matthew Shelton, Finn Fristad
 SECOND ROW: Mitchell Everitt, Carl Bishop, Ethan James, Tom Brown, Annie Tegg, Aidan Mason-Alexander, Zac Cogle, Mitchell Goyen, Nathan Murphy, Harrison Parker, Cameron James
 THIRD ROW: Brayden Jackson, Luke Marshall, Zach Raabe, Tim Everitt, Dylan Murphy, James Malley, Liam Stokes, Tom Miller, Mitchell Kensitt, Sebastian Zapata, Samuel Shelton, Lenny Robin, Sean Nener
 FOURTH ROW: Jordan Walsh, Luke Kendrick, Nathan Little, Lachlan Murphy, Cameron Creighton, Brett Cartner, Stuart Hatton, Sandy Stewart, Luke Raymond

Auskick/Under 9

Coach: Stuart Kensitt

Manager: Wayne Marshall

End Of Year Team Report

Well this year we saw an increase in auskick/under 9 numbers by about 27%, which is extremely encouraging for the future of the club. Firstly to all the children that participated during the year, well done, you showed throughout the course of the season that your skills, improved remarkably. From the very youngest at the age of 3 to those who celebrated their 9th birthday this year, you all showed a continual improvement of personal and motor skill development through the interaction with others, not only with your teammates but also with those you played against.

This year there were a few 7 year olds that were given the opportunity to play under 9's on various occasions and they embraced the experience. Also during the season the club was represented by 18 children who participated in games at half time of the Swans vs Kangaroos match. This event, for which we thank Sandra Haberley (AFL South Sydney regional coordinator) for the opportunity, was a chance for the parents to enjoy watching their children participate on the big stage in front of a large crowd. Hopefully everyone that attended enjoyed the experience.

We would like to thank all the parents for their tireless efforts for being at games early on Saturdays to watch the kids kick the dew of the grass and also to be at training on time. Hopefully you all got much enjoyment out of seeing your child's continual development of personal and sporting skills throughout the season.

A big thank you must go to the following people, who without their tireless efforts the season would not run smoothly. Our coach Stuart Kensitt, who was there at training every Thursday and was in charge of onfield activities for our home games. He was ably assisted by Nathan Phillis, Peter Shelton, Adam Parker, Alan Bishop, Mark Creighton and Robert Harvey. Thank you to our parents in charge of the bibs, Adrian Jackson and Alonso Zapata who made it easier at our home games to have things finish punctually.

A special thank you must go to Karen and Neil Everitt, who not only helped me out, but also took on the registrar's job. Not bad for a family who were in their first year at the club. Also I would like to thank all those other parents that either assisted in umpiring, putting out ropes, handing out awards or by helping me, doing the managerial tasks when I was unavailable, without any of this our children would not have had the opportunity to experience the game of AFL.

To all those under 9's that leave us this season to go to under 10's, we wish you all the best for future seasons to come, may you play with the same commitment you showed in under 9's. To everyone else in Auskick, we wish you all the very best with your summer sports and hopefully we will see you all again for the 2010 AFL season with the mighty Miranda Bombers.



FRONT ROW:(L to R) Jack Woolmer, Anthony Markos, Che Taylor, William Cadden, Liam Bognar, Paddy Tegg, Harry Challen
 SECOND ROW: Michael Green, Ben Donnelly, Riley Tracey, Julian Scott, David Welch, Joel Cashman, Finn Durston, Dominic Soffe
 ABSENTEES: Alexander Duffy

Under 10

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Coach: Nick Bernath

Manager: Tony Welch

End Of Year Team Report

At the beginning of the year, 16 boys showed up for their first game of the season at home, without knowing what to expect. The parents and coaching staff of the Miranda Bombers Under 10s were looking forward to a fun and successful year. With no competition, finals or ladder, the score at the end of the day didn't matter but week in, week out, the Bomber boys tried their hardest and managed to defeat every team at least once. Every quarter, of every game, of every week, all the boys had a smile on their faces, and were always going hard for the ball. Well done on an outstanding season.

Players:

Dominic Soffe who always seemed to be attracted to the ball, wherever it was. Dominic will definitely be a successful midfielder next year.

Paddy Tegg who would never say never and always ran hard to be first to the ball.

Liam Bognar who could always be seen bursting through the pack and sprinting up the boundary line.

Che Taylor would always be seen from 50 meters away when he jumped.

Finn Durston was a quiet achiever. Finn was definitely the quietest person on the field, but when he got the ball in his hand, Finn would always use it well.

Riley Tracey, a likely forward, would often be seen either kicking a goal, or helping with a goal assist when down forward.

Joel Cashman, a fantastic footy fanatic. Joel had the best footy mind on the field, reading the play and positioning himself well so he could always grab a kick of the footy. **Julian Scott** was one of the first year players, but proved a vital part of the backline when he played down there. Another terrific player.

Benjamin Donnelly being one of the more experienced players, Ben would run with and follow the ball whenever he could. Ben was continuously willing to go and win the hard ball gets.

David Welch being the tall player, would often be the main target down forward and back because he could mark the ball over his head, and more importantly, over the opposition.

Anthony Markos has had an impressive season. Being one of the loudest on the field, Anthony was the second target, behind Dave, because he could always be heard.

Alexander Duffy was definitely the smallest on the ground in every game, but he was never scared to go and get the ball by diving over the top of the ball and knocking it free. Well done Alex.

Michael Green was a bit nervous to go and get the ball at the start of the year, but as the year progressed, Michael gained in confidence and started to go and retrieve the footy.

Jack Woolmer being the smallest defender on the field, Jack never hesitated to have a bounce up the ground, or take a contested mark against a player taller than he was. Well done Jack.

Harry Challen, along with William, would always be talking whenever I turned around, and could always be heard on the field. A great trait to have.

William Cadden was always a great talker, on and off the field, but always backed up this talk with great on field play.

I'd like to say a special thank you to Brian who was at every training session and every game, doing his best to help the team with what he knew about the game and for supporting me in my first year of coaching. Thank you also to Tony who did all the hard work throughout the year putting together a team roster, or a duty day roster, or an end of season picnic. The team wouldn't have gone very far without him. And to the parents, who helped get the boys to every training session, and every game, and every sociable outing – a big thank you to all. Finally, to all the boys - congratulations on a fantastic season. You all did your club and yourselves proud, whatever the result was. Have an enjoyable off season, and Tony, Brian and I look forward to seeing you again next year.

Nick Bernath (Coach)



FRONT ROW:(L to R) Kyle Sier, Adam Stephanou, Ben Lamb, Jayden Carter, Lachlan Fitzpatrick, Ben Challen, Justin Khaw
 SECOND ROW: Mike Ray, Harry Beardsley, Ryan Greer, Ben Fuller, Nathan Walsh
 ABSENTEES: Nathan Harvey, Trainer: Jack Beardsley (absent)

Under 11 Black

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Coach: Phil Beardsley/Tim Cashman

Manager: Madeleine Challen

End Of Year Team Report

What a wonderful year the 11 Blacks had this year. We had 4 new recruits, Ben Fuller, Justin Khaw, Kyle Sier and Adam Stephanou. Each of these players slotted easily in to the side and quickly developed their skills. After a lot of first year players from 2008 returning again for the 2009 season, the team really developed into a very competitive team. We had some very good wins along the way and some close losses too but one thing is for sure, we will be back bigger and better for the 2010 season. I am hoping that we can retain all of our players for next year and pick some more up on the way to make us a very competitive side once again.

For this year though I have to thank each and every player for their efforts and making it such a pleasure to coach them. You can all hold your heads up high and be proud of the way you performed this season. Thank you once again Madeleine. We would all be lost without you. Thanks to Tim and Jack. They were brilliant with the support they provided. Thanks to Mat too for his efforts and to all the parents for helping out where needed.

A quick word about each of our players in alphabetical order...

Harry Beardsley- Harry was once again an integral part of our team structure. He has amazing strength and ability to take strong marks in a pack. He is a beautiful kick of the footy and generally finds his target. Harry will be there in the running for best and fairest and deservedly so. Great year Harry.

Jayden Carter- Another great year by Jayden. He has probably the longest kick in the side and continually got us out of trouble from our danger zone. Jayden was also our hardest hitting tackler and in every game pulled off a screamer to scare the opposition. Jayden took out runner up best and fairest last year and will be in the running to go one better this year. Well done Jayden.

Ben Challen - Ben absolutely loves his footy and it shows on the field. Ben too is a hard hitter (although his timing might be out on occasion). Ben is not one of our bigger kids but he's not afraid to get in amongst it when needed. He can run all day so it doesn't matter where his position is as he can cover the entire ground anyway. Ben's skills have developed and will continue to do so for us next year. Good on you Ben.

Ben Fuller- Ben is one of our first year players who took to the game quite easily. He relished the challenge in the backs and continually took high flying marks. He too possesses a huge kick which was always useful to get out of our danger zone. Ben is a real team player and he was always there even when he was sick to support his team. I hope Ben returns next year as he had a fantastic year.

Ryan Greer- Ryan had a much improved season this year. He was absolutely fantastic when he went into the ruck. He used his height to his advantage and won the majority of restarts. Ryan showed more aggression this year and was rewarded with a cracker of a goal in round 12 much to the delight of the goal umpire. (His dad). Ryan's skills continue to improve and he will be a big part of our quest for a premiership next year.

Nathan Harvey- What a top year Nathan had. His accuracy on goal was 2nd to none and he was always on the move looking to lead. Nathan was very confident this year and often took on the defense with a shimmy and a dummy that was pretty to watch. He is a natural goal kicker with a beautiful kick. Nathan will have plenty of votes at the end count.

Justin Khaw- Justin is small in stature but huge in heart. Justin is another first year player who took to the task all guns a blazing. Before his first game I was concerned for his safety due to his height. I should have been more worried about the opposition as he tore into them. He tackled hard, covered well in his centre half back position, took great marks and kicked well. You couldn't ask for a better start to your AFL career. Well done Justin.

Lachlan Fitzpatrick- We nearly didn't have Lachlan back this year as he was going to pursue his soccer career. Great choice Latch to return back to AFL footy. You showed plenty of commitment to the team and the task at hand. One of your strengths was to stick to your player and restrict their involvement. That is the role of a fullback and you did that well.

Ben Lamb- What do you say about a player who never stops, gives his all, week in and week out and has all the skills. Well you can say a lot but I only have a couple of paragraphs. Ben is the heart beat of this side and when he's not there we can do it tough. Ben got the best and fairest award last year and has improved even more this year in every facet of the game.

Mike Ray- Mike was a real surprise package this year. He came out from game 1 to play. He grew in confidence with each game as he discovered just what he was capable of. His ability to kick off his preferred or non preferred foot was for me a highlight. Mike scored goals off both feet, depending on what side of the field he was on. His marking ability was also apparent which made him a wonderful choice in the forwards.

Kyle Sier- Kyle is another first year player that bolstered our team. Kyle is one of our smaller players that played well above his weight. Kyle's strength was in his roving work waiting for the loose ball and clearing it up to the forward pocket. Kyle was a great defensive player too with some good hard tackles. On a few occasions kyle collected some pretty hard knocks and had to be taken from the field. But true grit and determination always got him back on there. A courageous effort Kyle for your first year.

Adam Stephanou- Adam is another player who had his first year this year. Adam played both in the forwards and the backs and showed he was more than capable in either position. Adam improved with every game as he became more aware of positional play and the rules in general. His shearing became a feature of his game towards the end of the season and will continue to improve with this year's experience under his belt.

Nathan Walsh- Nathan had an absolute cracker of a year. He was always in the mix around the halves and his running game was exceptional. A lot of our play this year evolved around Nathan's ability to clear out of the ruck and get the ball forward. Nathan is another one that can go all day. You would always see him helping out in the backs if needed as well as get through a mountain of work in the halves. Over all Nathan was one of our best each and every week. Another great year Nath.

So I hope to see each and every one of you back next year with renewed vitality. It has been a pleasure coaching you all and I know we can go even better next year.

Go Bombers!!!



FRONT ROW:(L to R) Jesse Raabe, Isabella Markos, April Fallon, Jackson Hughes, Paddy Noakes, Robert Brown, Joshua Smith
 SECOND ROW: Lachlan Hill, Hastings Christopherson, Jack Foyle, Aidan Martin, Baeden Clark
 ABSENTEES: Tristen Muscat

Under 11 Red

Sponsored By: Hans Fristad & Winning Appliances

Coach: Raymond Martin

Manager: Michael & Sandy Noakes

End Of Year Team Report

The year commenced with all players from the 2008 Under 10 Miranda Bombers returning for another year of AFL. They were Hastings Christopherson, Baeden Clark, April Fallon, Jack Foyle, Isabella Markos, Aidan Martin, Tristen Muscat, Patrick Noakes, Jesse Raabe and Robbie Brown. The team also gained new recruits in Joshua Smith, Jackson Hughes and Lachlan Hill.

This is a wonderful team to be associated with due to the enthusiasm and passion of each player. The effort put forth by the boys and girls, the frequent display of sportsmanship, and the team spirit that existed made it a pleasure to be associated with the team. Although we only had victories against Bankstown and Bangor and a draw with Heathcote everybody turned up each week with plenty of energy ready to do battle with the next opponent. The most exciting game had to be against Cronulla in the pouring rain and the thick boggy mud. A number of parents suggested players were making great tackles or diving on the loose ball as a way of getting fully immersed in that mud.

Congratulations to all players for improving their AFL skills and becoming better players.

A special mention to Hastings, April, Robbie and Jack on becoming great defensive players and to Isabella, Baeden, Tristen and Jesse for their forward play. Our award winners for 2009 are: Aidan Martin – Best & Fairest, Jackson Hughes – Runner Up Best & Fairest, Paddy Noakes – Best Utility, Isabella Markos – Best Team Player and Lachlan Hill – Most Improved.

Finally, thank you to all the parents for their support throughout the season.



FRONT ROW:(L to R) Alex Slater, Harley Hill, Vaughan Barnes, Max Simmer, Luke Murfitt, Ethan Turney, Ryan Catbagan
 SECOND ROW: Alex Cartner, Lachlan Hess, Mitchell Johnson, Matthew McPherson, Marcus Mansour, Luke Donnelly

Under 12 Black

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Coach: Paul Donnelly

Assistant Coach: Mark Murfitt

Manager: Les Mansour

End Of Year Team Report

Well, another season of footy has just flown by. It seems like yesterday that the boys were gearing up for their Round 1 clash. For Miranda Black the season was a strong one for the team that revealed significant improvement in all of the players from start to finish. Unfortunately, the season ended disappointingly with a defeat in the preliminary final to Bankstown who was just too physically strong and committed on the day. It just wasn't the boys' day as the team did not play to the capacity that we've all seen during the season. Not to worry, that's how AFL footy goes sometimes. The smiles returned to the boys' faces not long after the match as it was a season that had many highlights and was enjoyed by all. The most important thing is that we had a group of boys who loved their footy and were committed to each other as a team. Their skills improved significantly throughout the season and we saw the rapid development of four players in their first season of AFL. The boys were quickly accepted and became an integral part of a team that worked hard for each other on the field and on the training track. This is a feature of the culture of the Bombers' club, the willingness to accept and support team mates who are prepared to have go.

The parents were wonderful during the season. I was amazed at the attendance at training on both the dedicated and optional training nights. It's often difficult to juggle all the after school commitments and running the household. The kids will always improve quickly if they train often and enjoy it, so I appreciate the commitment from the boys, mums and dads, even on cold and wet nights!

Thanks to Mark Murfitt, Assistant Coach. Mark is a keen supporter of the boys and put in a huge effort especially through the pre training skills sessions. Mark also organised a couple of training sessions with the Western Suburbs 1st grade AFL coach, Craig Tognolini and one of his top midfielders, Dwaine which was great value to the boys and helped them learn about different aspects of AFL. Craig was also there to support the boys on preliminary final day, so a big thanks to Craig and Dwaine as well.

Thank you to super manager Les Mansour. Les organised everything and made all our jobs a lot easier. Most importantly, he did it with a smile and always saw the lighter side of things. Les did run around and train with the boys and it all ended up with operations to his knees and ankles and that's just to prepare himself for next season! A special mentioned must go Brigit, Les's young daughter. She was a quiet achiever in the background, helping out as Team Manager while Les was on

crutches and helping out at team BBQs and many other ways. Thanks to Ron Maldigri, Bill Johnson, Tony Hess and Phil Beardsley, who all spent time as the Team Runner. Ron also spent a lot of time helping out at training. Also thanks to Anne McPherson, our reliable water carrier and Noli Catbagan who must take the goal umpires flags to bed, he loves it so much! We also had no problems getting parents to boundary umpire and they all seemed to enjoy it and oranges were always in abundance at the half time break. Roll on 2010!

#1 Justin Hess - Justin had an interrupted season. He dislocated his knee in the team's second clash with Ramsgate and missed a few games but returned to be a key contributor mainly on the half back line. He played a superb match across the half back line in Round 13 against Ramsgate to help set up one of the Bombers' best victories for the season. Justin is very versatile and sometimes was sent forward to become a key target. He is an excellent judge of the flight of the footy and a deadly accurate kick for goal. He has the ability to read the game well knowing when to leave his man in the backline to take possession of the footy. He also spent some early matches in the ruck but after his knee injury he was spared that duty to help protect him from any future troubles. We expect to see Justin continue to improve and remain one of the team's key versatile players.

#5 Justin Maldigri - Our team captain, Justin is respected for his fierce attack on the footy. He matches this with blistering pace and we know the team is playing well when Justin splits the pack in the midfield, swoops on the loose ball, picks it up in one hand, weaves his way through opponents and delivers the ball into the forward line. Justin also has a big leap and you would often see him use his speed to jump and float in front of opponents to take high flying marks. Justin was also one of the team's representative players and played well in the rep carnival. Justin has a huge future in AFL as he continues to develop.

#6 Alex Slater - Alex has come along in leaps and bounds this season. We saw rapid improvement late last season and he carried that into this year. Alex found his best footy in the back line. He played an inspirational game against Bankstown in Round 12 when he put his slight frame on the line in a number of occasions to win free kicks, take marks and turn defence into attack. Alex also spent time in the forward pocket and occasionally on the wing. Most importantly, Alex's confidence has grown to the extent that he now demands the footy. He has quite a bit of pace and we might see him out in the open on the big grounds next year running and bouncing and taking on opponents.

#7 Luke Donnelly - One of our two vice captains, Luke is highly skilled and can comfortably kick long and accurately off both feet. Luke initially started on the half back line but once Max Simmer got the hang of playing in that position, Luke was moved to the midfield to help out the Bombers running brigade. Luke loves to break tackles and run with the footy. One of his highlights was in Round 14 against Cronulla. He made up ground from behind his opponent, bumped him in the side and knocked him off his feet, ran and gathered the ball, had a couple of bounces before delivering the ball into the goal square from a tight angle. Luke also made the Sydney South Rep team.

#8 Elliot Heeney - Elliot has continued to improve in his second full season of AFL. He's one of the boys who is happy to kick off his non preferred side during a match which is a great sign. Elliot spent most of the season in the ruck. He's not one of the tallest boys but he has a big leap and loves the physicality of the midfield and ruck contests. He would often jump over the top of bigger ruckmen and thump the ball to his team's advantage. Thanks to Rugby, Elliot loves physical contact and he has the ability to win hard fought contested possessions around the ground. Elliot also spent some time on the back line where usually beat his opponent.

#9 Harley Hill - One of our four first year players, Harley took to the game like a duck to water. Initially, Harley was tentative but he soon picked up the pace of the game to become an effective contributor to the team. Harley mainly played on the wing where he had the freedom to find the footy in space and use his speed, although he also spent some time up forward where he would swoop on the loose footy and have a shot for goal. Harley has already mastered the art of overhead marking and he has developed the ability to drop punt the ball accurately over a decent distance. One of the highlights of the season was seeing Harley kick his first goal. He had a look of disbelief followed by the biggest grin that did not leave his face for the rest of the day! Harley has huge potential and he could become one of the best players going around.

#10 Lachlan Hess - Like his brother, Lachlan is Mr Versatile and can play in various positions. However, this year he played much time at centre half forward. Lachlan has a huge kick and is deadly accurate kick for goal from all angles. He also has the ability to kick off both feet, an important attribute for a centre half forward who has to twist and turn both ways after receiving the footy. When Lachlan was playing well the whole team played well as he would be converting every opportunity. Lachlan is a very good overhead mark of the footy and we would often see him take some fine contested marks. Lachlan occasionally played at centre half back and in the ruck to fill in for his team mates when they were away or needed a break. We hope to see Lachlan continue develop his fine skills next year.

#12 Max Simmer - Max's first year of footy was fantastic. Max seemed to love the physicality of the game and would have eyes only for the footy. He mainly played on the half back line where he would usually beat his opponent through his physical attack on the ball. Max is also a smart player and he observes how his opponent is playing and works out ways to beat him. He often played on some of the best small opposition forwards and always did a fantastic job. Max sometimes played in the midfield and he won a lot of contested footy. We hope to see Max play some more footy in the midfield next season once he develops his footy skills further.

#13 Matthew McPherson - Matthew continued to develop into a fine footballer this season. He usually played up forward as one of the Bombers' attacking weapons where his new found ability to take overhead marks was a feature to watch. He came to the fore in one of the early rounds against Cronulla and he dominated the centre half forward area setting up a number of the Bombers' goals. Matthew could also play effectively in the backline and often beat opponents to turn

defence into attack with his long left foot kick. Confidence is a big thing and when Matt was up and firing he could do no wrong and even surprised himself on many occasions!

#14 Vaughan Barnes - Vaughan is a very skilful footballer and he played forward, midfield and back during the season, although he spent most of his time on the forward flank or wing where he could use his long kick to great effect. If he gained possession anywhere near goals you could guarantee a thumping long kick towards goal. Like many of the players in the team, confidence and self belief is a big thing for Vaughan. When he gets going and his confidence is up he is a very damaging footballer in the air and on the ground as he's deceptively quick. If he can work on his fitness over the off season we might see him produce some exciting runs through the midfield next season.

#16 Alex Cartner - Another of our 1st year players Alex started as a shy footballer but as the season progressed you could see his determination and confidence grow, week by week. Alex played in the forward pocket and the feature of his game was to set up goals by gaining possession and selflessly give off the quick handball to one of his other running forwards. Alex's highlight was his first AFL goal when he pounced on the loose ball and slotted the perfect drop punt through the big sticks against the Reds early in the season. Over the last few weeks we could see Alex's skills go to another level when he started to mark the ball comfortably above his head, a big difference to the boy who first turned up.

#17 Ryan Catbagan - Ryan had another strong season in the midfield. Ryan is your classic "in and under" player who loves getting the footy out of the tight contests. He is deceptively strong and frequently breaks tackles and this can be very damaging to the opposition as he clears the ball quickly from the centre of the ground. Ryan has added some more dimensions to his game this year by using handball more often in tight situations. He also has strong hands and very rarely does the ball slip through his grip when he goes for the overhead marks. Ryan's highlight was his Round 12 game against Bankstown where he dominated in the midfield. Ryan's improvement and ability also secured him a spot in the Sydney South rep team this year.

#18 Ethan Turney - Ethan's first season was one to remember. His previous experience as a soccer goal keeper was completely different to AFL although it helped him with marking the footy. Ethan did not take long to pick up the other skills and it wasn't long before he was kicking both right and left foot. He amazed himself and Bomber supporters in the middle of the year when he centred the ball with his non preferred foot from the left forward flank straight onto the chest of a leading team mate. It was text book AFL that Jason Akermanis would have been proud of! If Ethan can get some more fitness under his belt we'd like to see him play a bit more in the midfield next year.

#19 Luke Murfitt - Luke had an interrupted season with a couple of injuries. However, Luke played some strong football towards the end of the season and had a cracker of a match against Ramsgate in Round 13 where he turned defence into attack off the half back line. Luke played most of his footy in the backs between half back and full back. After Marcus injured himself in the finals, Luke had to take the full back responsibilities and he did that very well. He would've liked to play forward more often but was always keen to put the team first and work hard in the backs. If he's injury free next season he'll be a useful asset up the ground as he has quite a bit of pace.

#20 Mitch Johnson - Last year Mitch was the quiet achiever of the team. This year he took that to another level. He won the respect of his team mates as they selected him as one of the vice captains and he did not let them down. He also gained selection as a Rep player. In most matches he was the team's rock in defence at centre half back where very few balls in the air would escape his grasp. He took a number of fine contested marks at crucial moments in a number of matches to halt the opposition's attack and he usually disposed of the footy perfectly to a team mate up field. Mitch also played in the ruck and was very effective, a position that he is very suited to due his size and strength but all too often he was needed at centre half back. During the finals, Mitch played a couple of quarters at centre half forward a position that he could dominate in the future once he realises how much strength, speed and agility he has.

#22 Marcus Mansour - Marcus is the team's strong man at full back. He usually played the position to perfection, not letting his opponent mark the footy and he often read the play well, knowing when stay with his opponent and when to float back to the goal square. Marcus is also very vocal and always encourages his team mates to play and train harder. On occasions Marcus was released to play full forward and he always led well and demanded the footy. More often than not he would be rewarded with a couple of goals for his efforts. Unfortunately, Marcus injured his knee in the first final and the team desperately missed his services.

U11's who played up in the U12 Blacks

Harry Beardsley - Harry played a number of matches in the U12's, usually as a strong target at full forward or filling in at full back. Harry has strong hands and has an excellent long kick, very much needed attributes for those positions. He kicked a bag of goals for the team in a match at Olds Park when there were a number U12's on holiday or sick.

Ben Lamb - Ben always put his hand up to play up after his U11's footy match even if was just to sit on the bench to fill in if one of the boys got injured. He is a very dedicated young footballer as he would train with both the U11's and U12's. His skills have come a long way this season and whenever he was on the field for the U12's he gave his absolute best. He was often asked to play on players much quicker than him but he read the play so well he would often beat them to the ball. Ben has a big future with the club and I wouldn't be surprised to see him wearing the club champion's medal at some stage.

Paddy Noakes, Aiden Martin & Nathan Walsh - Paddy and Aiden filled in for one game against Peshurst when the team had a number of players away. They both played off the half back line and did a super job beating their opponents and pumped the ball forward on a number of occasions. They are both ones to watch for the future. Nathan Walsh also had a go for the U12's in one match and looked impressive with his run and speed off the back line.

GO BOMBERS! Paul Donnelly



FRONT ROW:(L to R) Patrick Heptinstall, Patrick Agius, Conor Soffe, Mitchell Ballard, Cameron Andrew, Tim Tegg, Zach Holdsworth
 SECOND ROW: Ian McLaughlin, Harry Bundy, Lachlan Walsh, Adam White, James Farquhar, Brendon Johnson, Jai Thomas, Macauley Crossan
 ABSENTEES: Joshua Nancarrow

Under 12 Red

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Coach: Dave Tegg

Manager: Paul Andrew

End Of Year Team Report

After an impressive start to the season that found us kicking 33 goals in our opening 4 games, we succumbed to a 7 game losing streak against all four ultimate finalists, yet finished the season on a four game winning streak to end up 5th on the ladder, three games ahead of our nearest rival yet 4 games short of a finals berth.

Highlights of the season included the continued strong camaraderie and friendship among this tight knit group of players, welcoming our three new first year players who quickly integrated into the Bombers culture and playing style to become an integral part of the team from the outset; our player milestones with four 50 gamers and our first 100 game celebration; our four representative players; our ability to finish the final 4 games on a winning streak; our bevy of willing helpers and volunteers for the various duties and roles, and our end of season BBQ.

Patrick Agius: What a delight it was to have you join the team this year Patrick. It was quite evident that you've got the makings of a tough and rugged Aussie rules footy player after the many consistent performances you gave all season with your barging and bustling ground work. It really didn't take you long to find your feet and make a nuisance of yourself against many an opponent and your understanding and reading of the play, together with your teamwork and ability to help out teammates was really impressive. Thanks for a great effort.

Cameron Andrew: A really smart thinking player who continued to develop his skills and abilities this year as the mainstay of a solid team backline where his consistent and reliable defensive efforts and considered use of each disposal provided the foundation upon which many an attacking raid was mounted. One who really enjoyed his footy, displaying immense dedication, valuable direction and critical teamwork. Great year Cam.

Mitchell Ballard: After playing 28 games for the year, eight of which were in the U13's and four representative efforts, Mitch has somehow managed to fit almost 2 seasons into one. A reliable, strong and fearless flanker who many a game put the fear into his opponent with his tenacity and sheer will to win the ball, retain possession and/or provide effective forward ball deliveries. We couldn't do it without you Mitch. Congratulations on reaching your 50 AFL game milestone with the Bombers.

Harry Bundy: One who really enjoyed his footy again this year, roaming around the centre field region to provide valuable input into many a contest with his handballing and tapping assistance to team mates. Harry delighted the crowd game after game with his ability to pop up in a situation to mark or goal when least expected. A wonderful contribution again Harry.

Macauley Crossan: Our consistently skilful centre man had yet another stellar season and stepped up a notch to deservedly be selected to play representative footy for the first time. Macca's consistent ability to win the loose or contested ball against the toughest opponents remains one of the team's most valuable attributes. Your skills are a pleasure to watch Mac and congratulations on reaching your 50 AFL game milestone during the year.

James Farquhar: Every team needs a James; a tall skilful ruckman with the agility and skill to gather possessions at will and convert into many a scoring shot. There weren't many games in the season in which James didn't score at least one goal, coming away with 2, 3, or 4 on a number of occasions, many of which were at crucial times in the game. Thanks again for a good hard effort James.

Patrick Heptinstall: Another prolific game player with many a double header playing up for the U13's and trying out for representative selection, Paddy epitomizes the dedicated Aussie rules footballer with his sheer enjoyment, effort and feeling he put into every physical moment of every game. A prolific vote winner with his standout ability to gather, run and tackle from start to finish. Great year again Paddy and we look forward to more next season.

Zach Holdsworth: Well what can we say about this sensation in his first AFL season.....a footballer who seems destined to change the way the game is played with his scintillating pace and ball gathering skills apparently a notch or two above every opponent he played against. Zach, your confidence and ability to read the play will develop further with another season which is really exciting stuff. We hope you enjoyed your season because we certainly did having you with us on the team.

Brendon Johnson: A leader in waiting. Brendon's dedication to the team, his awesome rucking work, his marking and strength and direction and ability to fire up the team were priceless throughout the season. Thanks Brendon for a huge effort all year, you're a credit to your team and club with your cheerful and friendly outlook.

Ian McLaughlin: We never cease to be amazed at the ability of Ian to get the job done with the minimum of fuss with his tough, dogged and uncompromising defensive abilities consistently flying under the radar. Another one of our regular U13 players who is now only 7 games short of a brilliant 100 game AFL career to date. You're the rock of our team's defensive structure Ian and we couldn't have had the successes we enjoyed this year without you.

Josh Nancarrow: After playing just a handful of games when re-joining the team mid-season, Josh returned to the fold in the final game after a short illness to provide valuable rucking support with his strength and determined mindset to help win one of our most memorable encounters for the year. Thanks Josh, we can see massive potential improvements with a full season under your belt.

Conor Soffe: When we watch Conor at full flight, taking on multiple opponents in and around the centre wing area, game after game, we see a well rounded senior AFL player in waiting. Conor's well developed muscle and strength, and sheer determination to win the contest have taken him and the team a long way this year. Another player who reached the 50 AFL game milestone during the year, Conor has massive potential to go a long way in this league and we have no doubt that he will do his team and his club proud in the years ahead. Thanks Conor and congratulations on your 50 game contributions to the club.

Tim Tegg: The first of our talented crop of players to reach the 100 AFL game milestone, Tim played almost as many under 13 games as regular 12's games as well as representative team selection for the 3rd straight year, providing an indication of the comprehensive dedication and skill that Tim has developed in his junior footy. A mainstay of our team's success who continued on from previous seasons with his uncanny ability to influence the direction of the game at any moment using his vast array of skills and ability to read the play. Thanks again Tim for a fantastic effort.

Jai Thomas: In his first season of AFL footy, Jai displayed plenty of potential as a future champion, roaming around the centre region and generally making life difficult for his opponents. Jai's height, agility and superior athleticism will be enhanced with more experience, and future prospects are exciting for this talented player. Great work Jai and we can tell you enjoyed your season.

Lachlan Walsh: Our hard working centre half backman and regular under 13 contributor had yet another fine season and continues to develop as a champion in the making as he approaches his 50 AFL game milestone. Lachlan's support at centre half back provided the focus upon which our backline rotated, using his menacing strength and knowledge of the game to deter many an attacking opponent and provide a valuable anchor for the team. You're a pleasure to have playing Lachlan and thanks for your efforts all year.

Adam White: A versatile player who contributed in a number of roles throughout the season, Adam really shone when taking advantage of many a loose ball in the forward line and provided valuable linkages in numerous attacking forays to impress on the crowd and his teammates the importance of teamwork in a successful outfit. Adam's achievement in reaching his 50 AFL game milestone was another highlight of the year for this popular and valuable team member. Thanks Adam and a great effort in reaching your 50.

Our occasional U10/11 players: The valuable contributions from Paddy Tegg, Dominic Soffe, Aiden Martin, Baeden Clark, Tristan Muscat and Paddy Noakes at various stages throughout the season were very much appreciated by the team, providing crucial support while building their experience against bigger opposition on a larger ground.

Coach Dave Tegg: There is no doubt amongst all concerned, parents and players alike, that the most valuable and important benefit that the boys are getting from playing Aussie rules with the Bombers U12's is the mentoring that they receive from a person held in such high esteem as our Coach, Dave Tegg. The personal experience, dedication, discipline, patience, fun, and overall principled approach that Dave brings to the role is second to none, providing valuable lessons in life and footy to all who have the fortune of being involved with the team. Thanks Dave.

Our Support Personnel - Gary Ballard, Andy Soffe & Simon White: The quality and dedication of our team support personnel, from Dave through Andy, Simon and Gary, is exceptional, going a long way in assisting with our success and providing critical alternative external role models and support structures for our boys as they grow. Gary, your willingness to assist around the boundary every week was really appreciated and you did well not to take a few possessions while you were out there. Andy, your banter during the game was a weekly highlight and your water running and delivery of coach's messages with the required passion was instrumental in keeping communication lines open (and saved my legs). Simon, there is not a more professional and dedicated goal umpire in the league, we just need to persuade you to wear the lab coat next year to complete the picture.....I couldn't help but throw in this replay from round 1: *".....run into attack, repossession of the footy, and long shot on goal resulted in the poor old goal umpire running backwards and tripping over himself to the loud cheers of the Waratah crowd."* What a priceless memory. Thanks also go to Jason McLaughlin and Mathew White for their help on the boundary.

Parents, Family, Friends & Helpers: Thanks again for your efforts in organising the boys, cooking the BBQ, serving in the canteen, preparing the ground, making the banners, attending the big night out fundraiser, casting votes, timekeeping, buying the raffle tickets etc, etc, all while looking after siblings and attending other sporting codes to do the same thing. It goes to show you that the whole arrangement really is a team effort from everyone involved, and your boys will appreciate and benefit from your involvement for years to come. And a big thank you to Maree Walsh for taking charge of the canteen for the entire day at every home game throughout the season.





FRONT ROW:(L to R) James Stephanou, Joel Fuller, Sam Reed (Vice Captain), Liam Cashman (Captain), Ben O'Farrell, Cameron Johnson
 SECOND ROW: Daniel Cooper, Nick Smith, Joshua Dowling, Aaron Hooker, Oscar Brown, James Garvan
 ABSENTEES: Joshua Muscat, Clive Muscat (Coach)

Under 13 Black

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Coach: Clive Muscat / Frank Cashman

Manager: Ian Reed

End Of Year Team Report

The team started the year with a lot of hurdles to jump not to mention a hard draw. To their credit they rose to the occasion with a grit and determination that taught the boys much more than enhancing their skills of football. They learned what loyalty to the club, to their team, sportsman ship and most importantly they challenged themselves to places they thought not possible on a personal level. This team is true champions in every sense of the word. They never gave up and always played with dignity and a sense of mate ship. The highlights were many but what comes to mind is how constant these highlights were. They would go into a game knowing that there was a slim chance, but went into the games always giving their best. To highlight this they constantly gave all the top teams a scare in the first to second quarters, by being in front or within a couple of goals. This proved they are a team to be recon with but alas always fell away in the second to final quarters. This was due to a lack of depth that the side had as they depended on the lower grades that had previously played a game earlier or was dependant on where they were playing if they were to get any players at all. Not to mention a lack of experience by myself in coaching them which I believe did not do them any justice. At every match every team member did something spectacular at some point. To say a man of the match was something I wished I could give every one of them for what they achieved at their own level and as a team every match. Yes they are a team of champions as not once did they complain or give up. Thanks boys for what you gave me!

We thank the U12 reds and black teams for supplying players to fill our ranks and for giving us hope. They truly were part of our team. Thank you to the players, parents Frank Cashman and Ian Reed for the support they have shown to make this a truly enriching experience for all.

SAM REED was a constant standout in defense and attack. He really came to the fore this year with his skills, flare and stamina that provided the team with a sense of stability.

LIAM CASHMAN never stopped running. With his speed and skills he continually opened up the opposition. He gave the team many an opportunity to strike back and provided great entertaining footy.

JOSHUA DOWLING surprised everyone. Match after match he just got better and better. JD is one that next year will be one to look out for as his skills and ball play makes him one very tuff player.

DANIEL COOPER is a great utility player. Constantly contesting and backing up the ball he has shown great agility and individual flare in his play.

JIMMY STEPHANOU has the Lazarus factor. Constantly playing against bigger opponents he has constantly come out looking the bigger player. His dedication and guts constantly inspired the whole team.

BEN O'FARRELL just gets better with time. His commitment and contesting of the ball makes him a hard opponent to get past. He has skills that are just getting better and is a great team player as well.

AARON HOOKER is a great utility player who always gives more than is expected of him. He is always contesting and rucking for the ball that has the respect of all his team mates.

NICK SMITH first year in AFL will be one to remember. The rest of the team has helped and encouraged his development. To his credit he showed great plays that earned him a lot of respect with the team. He has a great future ahead.

OSCAR BROWN this season has really challenged himself. He stepped up to the mark by pushing his own boundaries which has earned him the respect of his team mates. He has been an inspiration to all. Congratulations Oscar.

JOSHUA MUSCAT has the heart of a lion. Contesting, shepparding and passing of the ball makes him a great team player who is never afraid of mixing it up with the opposition or protecting his team mates.

JOEL FULLER has provided great passages of play. He has given his all every game and is an asset to the team. His great all round ability never waned as his skills just keeps on getting better.

CAMERON JOHNSON has constantly amazed every time. His size and speed has made his bigger opponents look insignificant as he out maneuvered them constantly. This is one player who really enjoyed his footy.

JAMES GARVAN has a lot to be proud about. He has pushed his own boundaries for his team mates and himself. In the process he has contested a lot more and displayed great footy. Great team player! We are all proud of you James.



FRONT ROW:(L to R) Sema Ismen, Nicholas Fox, Thomas Potter, Simon McGrillen, William Combe, Alex Macuart, Tim Ghali
 SECOND ROW: Cameron Moore, Ryan Mitchell, Brett McLaughlin, Alex Phillips, William Stratford, Ryan McLennan
 ABSENTEES: Nick Jones

Under 13 Reds

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Coach: Rob Combe

Manager: Mic and Glynis McLaughlin

End Of Year Team Report

After a tough start to the season we built towards making the finals but unfortunately just missed out. Our overall improvement as a team was excellent and we have had wonderful support from both U12 teams.

William Combe – Will has been unstoppable across half back this year. His intent at the ball, tackling and marking have been outstanding. His ability to turn defense into attack with run through the mid-field has been inspiring.

Nicolas Fox – Nick has had a terrific first year in AFL. He reads the play very well and puts himself in great position to counter any attack. He is hard at the ball and consistently finds a team mate with an accurate kick or clever handball.

Tim Ghali – It was great to see Tim really enjoying his footy this year. He provided excellent run in the mid-field for us with his smart reading of the play and ability to find space. His effort in-and-under and front-and-centre positioning won us many contests.

Sema Ismen – Sema’s determination and ability to win the ball are a trademark of her play but this year she has developed her kicking and marking to make her a vital part of our backline. Sema sets the standard for never-say-die footy.

Nicolas Jones – Nick has used his ability to drift off his man to find space well again this year. He has played a lot of the season on the wing where he has enjoyed the extra space and has linked up well with sharp hand skills to team mates on the run.

Simon McGrillen – Watching Simon play footy is a real pleasure. He is gritty and determined, has great kicking, marking and handball skills and will run all day. He has linked up superbly with the other midfielders and become our top goal scorer.

Brett McLaughlin – Brett has been our “Mr Fixit” this year, playing a variety of positions when asked. His attack on the ball is excellent and he is rarely beaten at ground level. His marking, handballing and tackling have all improved this year.

Ryan McLennan – Ryan has been involved in some excellent passages of play this year where he has linked up with other running players to display real running AFL. His long kicking, marking and tackling have all improved greatly.

Alex McQuart – “Sparkles” has worked at getting more involved in the play this year and has been rewarded for being first to the ball with several free kicks. He has taken some good marks and laid several memorable tackles with improved determination.

Ryan Mitchell – Ryan has played his best footy in the forward line and the Ruck this year and has been a big factor in our late improvement. His contesting, chasing, tackling and shepherding have been a great example to his team mates.

Cameron Moore – With his great speed, Cam started his first season on the wing where he acquitted himself well but a move into the forwards saw him kick three goals in one game. His reading of the game has improved and I’m predicting big things in 2010.

Alex Phillips – Alex has been a real leader in his ruck role this year. He is at his best when he is in full flight running through the centre and has kicked several goals when rotating in the forwards. His overhead marking and long kicking have been excellent.

Thomas Potter – Tom showed what he is capable of this year, kicking multiple goals in a game on two occasions. His reading of the play has improved as has his long kicking, marking and contesting at ground level.

William Stratford – Will has been asked to play three different positions in his first year of footy and has done a great job. His excellent positional play across half back and great leap and run in the ruck have been great assets for us.



FRONT ROW:(L to R) Yianni Haniotis, Rod Clark (C), Luke Cassidy, Ben Hallman, Joshua Noye, Zac Byrnes, Alex Williamson, Caroline Noye (M), Alex Clark
 SECOND ROW: Nicholas Welsh, Adam Cook, Noah Park, Paul McLachlan, Paylen Brodbeck, Nathan Wild, Jason McLaughlin
 ABSENTEES: Nicholas Chamberlain, Joshua Park

Under 14

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Coach: Rod Clark, Assistant Coach: Chris Davidson Trainer: Norm Brodbeck, Manager: Caroline Noye
End Of Year Team Report

To make the first weekend of the finals is says that the U14's had a good year, knowing how hard the road to the finals turned out to be, is testament to the true grit of the U14 playing group. After starting the season on high with a thumping win then to lose the next six in a row to every team in the competition, by Round 8 finals football was a distant reality. Serious injury, sickness and player availability meant that fielding a side became a week to week juggling act. Our player line-up change each week as we tried to find a winning combination. After a confidence boosting win in round 8 saw the momentum shifted as we settled on some key positional combinations, especially in the defense. By the end of the season we were able to post 5 wins which put us in the finals.

The highlights of the year were two games against Cronulla. First was the round 9 win on a day that surprised most that football actually went ahead as there was so much rain. With our 2 win from 8 game record, against the second placed Cronulla, our boys went out and played inspired wet weather football to win. The second highlight was our Round 13 score of 10 straight goals, no behinds to sneak a 9 point win. Two errant shot would have meant we lost the game.

Low light for the year would have to be the serious injuries suffered by Jason, Alex C and Nick W. Jason was able to make a come back by Round 15, while Alex and Nick are on the mend.

Due to space constraints I'm unable to list individual performances other than to say that as a playing group there were no passengers. Every boy played to their ability each week. Their commitment carried to training where most boys turned up each week, even those wet nights, we must have been mad. I would also like to recognised the U13 players who played up and became an essential part of the team. For the record Nick C, Paylan, Yianni and Benn all played rep football this year.

In closing I would like to thank Chris and Caroline as assistant coach and manager respectively, without you I would not have coped as a first year coach. Thanks also goes to the parent who assisted with the many jobs require ensuring that the boys are able to play each week. Finally thanks to the U14 playing group and their parents for their passion for AFL.





FRONT ROW:(L to R) Saxon Dare, Tim Cashman, Matthew Hay, Toby Hooker, Nicholas Bernath, Nicholas Hughes, Ben Gaydon
 SECOND ROW: Daniel Lamb, Matthew Walsh, Andrew Travers, Matthew White, Chris Doran, Harry Brown, Patrick Bird, Chris MacDougal

Under 16

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Coach : Chris MacDougal

Trainer : Frank Cashman

Manager : Anne Doran

End Of Year Team Report

With no under 16 side fielded in 2008, we all knew that 2009 was going to be a tough year for all involved in the under 16's. Fielding a team with only 4 second year 16's (all of whom were playing their first year of AFL) was never going to be easy against opposition who were visibly older, bigger, stronger, faster and who often had up to 8 players on the bench compared to our empty wooden bench with no one but a coach and a water/message runner.

However, to the teams credit, they never once said that it was too hard or boring or that they weren't good enough. They turned up to training two nights a week as well as on a Saturday afternoon and gave it their all week in and week out, only to find themselves on the wrong end of the scoreboard.

Although not winning a game throughout the year, the guys showed tremendous character, courage, and commitment all season. It's not easy to turn up to a game on the weekend knowing that you are unlikely to win, but the boys left every ounce of energy on the field and at the end of every game nobody could doubt their commitment to the cause.

This year gave the boys a taste of under 16 football and with the majority of the team still available next year, I hope that they all choose to return next season and get the rewards that they deserve from all the hard work they have put in over the last 6 months.

Jack Beardsley: Jack began to play his best footy towards the second half of the season. After being tried down back and up forward, I believe that Jack found his best position in the midfield. Whether it be in the ruck or as an on-baller, Jack showed great run and enough skill to prove that he will be a handy midfielder next season.

Nicholas Bernath: As joint captain, Nick led the team from the front all season. His passion for the game and the club saw him at the bottom of every pack and combining this with his high skill level, Nick showed he has the potential to be a quality player next year, and if he chooses, down the track in senior footy.

Patrick Bird: Pat was a member of one of the tallest forward lines to have been seen EVER in an under 16 competition, with the average height of the forward line just creeping over 4 foot tall. Pat showed tremendous skills around the flanks and inside 50, and with a few more opportunities could have added to his goal tally. Pat is another player available for next year and the experience against the older players will do nothing but benefit him for next year.

Harrison Brown: Harry proved himself throughout the year to be an important player in the team. His ability to run and carry the footy and deliver long into the forward line was a particular strength of his. Although troubled by injuries throughout the year, Harry showed that he has the ability to compete with some of the best opposition players and a big year should be in store for him next year.

Tim Cashman: Throughout the year, Tim showed that he has some of the best skills in the competition. Combined with his speed, Tim proved that he can be a destructive player coming off the half-back flank or through the midfield. Tim's efforts throughout the year were rewarded through his representative selection.

Saxon Dare: Although not sizing up to be the next Tony Lockett or Lance "Buddy" Franklin, Saxon played his heart out every time he took the field for the Miranda footy club. He may have been the smallest player on the field on several occasions but Saxon was certainly not the quietest, demanding the footy on regular occasions throughout a game. This effort was rewarded in numerous games with sneaky goals on a regular basis.

Chris Doran: Chris had a great season, but unfortunately had his season disrupted by regular injuries and his outstanding athleticism. His athletic ability allowed him to play many positions throughout the year. Predominantly in the ruck and on the ball, Chris used his run to tire out his opponents and then used his skill to dominate the opposition. A quality season, and hopefully another to come next year.

Ben Gaydon: Often playing in the backline on opposition with superior size to him, Ben more than held his own. With his skills and speed, Ben was often able to spread off his opponents and rebound out of the backline. Ben showed great improvement throughout the season and with another year will become a very good player.

Matthew Hay: Our full-back for the year often had plenty of traffic coming his way, but to his credit, he never once shirked the task and went about his business like a true professional. He showed terrific knowledge of the game and his ability to read the flight of the ball was one of his best assets.

Toby Hooker: Toby was our other joint captain and played the game with true professionalism, courage and commitment. Toby was a terrific player throughout the season and deserves every accolade that he has received this year. If Toby could spend more time on his feet next season instead of on his hands and knees, he will develop into a fine player and a big future could lie ahead for him.

Daniel Lamb: Daniel often played in positions that he may not have felt comfortable in throughout the season. However, he finally found his home in the midfield and began to show his true potential as a footballer. Daniel never let the scoreline get the better of him and played the game to the final siren every week.

Matthew Walsh: Along with the rest of the backline, Matthew often had to deal with a flood of opposition players into their forward line. He stopped numerous attacking raids and was rewarded for his efforts with a quarter up forward culminating in his first ever goal. With another year under his belt, Matthew has developed into a fine player and he should be looking forward to a big year next year.

Matthew White: Playing his first year of AFL footy, Matthew began to get into the swing of things by the end of the season. Unsure of his best position, Matthew was able to fill many holes for the team, whether it be in the backline, up forward or in the ruck. Matthew will be much better for this season, and will be a handful for any opposition side he faces next year.

Thomas Loder: In his debut year, no one could have expected the success that Tom had in a relatively new game to him. He filled a key position at centre half forward with great hand and foot skills, giving the team a focal point in attack. Although missing an entire month of the season, Tom was still able to win the best and fairest award along with the player's player award. A true indication of his promising future in AFL.

Ryan O' Hara: Ryan summed up the attitude of the whole team. He turned up to training every week and played his hardest every game with little complaint. Also playing his first year, Ryan was able to pick up the game very quickly and it is unfortunate that he doesn't have another year left in the under 16's as he was beginning to play his best footy.

Andrew Travers: Andrew was a terrific player for the club, and was another player who was playing their first year of AFL and picked up the game with ease. His ability to run for the entire match, allowed the rest of the team to rotate around him, often eventuating to him being exhausted by the end of the game. He played the game like a true professional and it would be a shame if he didn't continue on next season at senior level.

Nicholas Hughes: After getting used to the game of AFL, Nicholas showed his natural sporting ability by his fierce competitive nature, raw speed and his ability to get rid of his opponents with ease. Nicholas proved to himself and the rest of the team that he was a quality player and that he had a big future in AFL if he decided to stick with it next season. Hopefully he does, and a senior club will be happy to have him.

I would just like to take this opportunity to thank Jason and Mike who gave me the opportunity to coach this season. I have thoroughly enjoyed my season and I hope the boys have too. Also a big thank you to Anne and Frank who helped on match day almost every week as there was no chance that I could have done it without them. And finally to the players, I have learnt a lot from a trying year and I hope that you all have too. I look forward to a much better season next year and I'm 100% confident there are many wins in store next season.

Chris MacDougal (Coach)

Games Played

Surname	Name	2009 Team	Total Games 2008	Club Games 2009	Rep Games 2009	Total Games 2009	Total Career Games
Agius	Patrick	U12R	0	15		15	15
Andrew	Cameron	U12R	17	15		15	65
Ballard	Mitchell	U12R	21	24	3	27	68
Barnes	Vaughan	U12B	16	16		16	59
Beardsley	Harry	U11B	29	22		22	51
Beardsley	Jack	U16	15	12		12	53
Bernath	Nicholas	U16	17	12		12	124
Bird	Patrick	U16	16	12		12	65
Bognar	Liam	U10	0	14		14	14
Brodbeck	Paylen	U14	23	16	2	18	66
Brown	Robert	U11R	18	12		12	30
Brown	Oscar	U13B	13	13		13	85
Brown	Harrison	U16	17	10		10	108
Bundy	Harrison	U12R	11	12		12	23
Byrnes	Justin	U14	0	9		9	9
Byrnes	Zac	U14	0	15		15	15
Cadden	William	U10	0	12		12	12
Carter	Jayden	U11B	27	14		14	55
Cartner	Alex	U12B	0	17		17	17
Cashman	Joel	U10	16	21		21	37
Cashman	Liam	U13B	26	21	2	23	71
Cashman	Timothy	U16	18	12	3	15	68
Cassidy	Luke	U14	16	15		15	31
Catbagan	Neil Ryan	U12B	16	24	3	27	84
Challen	Harry	U10	0	17		17	17
Challen	Benjamin	U11B	12	11		11	23
Chamberlain	Nicholas	U14	21	16	2	18	52
Christopherson	Hastings	U11R	16	13		13	43
Clark	Baeden	U11R	17	17		17	50
Clark	Alexander	U14	14	14		14	56
Combe	William	U13R	26	20	2	22	85
Cooke	Adam	U14	15	0		0	55
Cooper	Daniel	U13B	16	14	2	16	32
Crossan	Macauley	U12R	16	14	3	17	61
Dare	Saxon	U16	15	10		10	54
Donnelly	Benjamin	U10	9	13		13	22
Donnelly	Luke	U12B	33	24	3	27	126
Doran	Christopher	U16	19	8		8	39
Dowling	Joshua	U13B	14	16		16	30
Duffy	Alexander	U10	14	13		13	27

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Durston	Finn	U10	0	11		11	11
Fallon	April	U11R	13	11		11	24
Farquhar	James	U12R	13	12		12	25
Finucane	Daniel	U16	17	3		3	129
Fitzpatrick	Lachlan	U11B	11	9		9	20
Fox	Nicholas	U13R	0	18		18	18
Foyle	Jack	U11R	15	15		15	30
Fuller	Benjamin	U11B	0	14		14	14
Fuller	Joel	U13B	10	12		12	38
Garvan	James	U13B	12	12		12	24
Gaydon	Benjamin	U16	0	8		8	8
Ghali	Timothy	U13R	18	18		18	78
Green	Michael	U10	0	15		15	15
Greer	Ryan	U11B	16	14		14	30
Hallman	Benn	U14	22	15		15	72
Haniotis	Yianni	U14	19	14	2	16	80
Harvey	Nathan	U11B	15	13		13	45
Hay	Matthew	U16	17	12		12	77
Heeney	Elliot	U12B	14	17		17	41
Heptinstall	Patrick	U12R	29	20		20	72
Hess	Justin	U12B	26	18		18	70
Hess	Lachlan	U12B	28	25		25	80
Hill	Lachlan	U11R	0	15		15	15
Hill	Harley	U12B	0	17		17	17
Holdsworth	Zach	U12R	0	15		15	15
Hooker	Aaron	U13B	24	13		13	84
Hooker	Toby	U16	16	12		12	134
Hughes	Jackson	U11R	0	10		10	10
Hughes	Nicholas	U16	0	10		10	10
Ismen	Sema	U13R	16	13		13	29
Johnson	Mitchell	U12B	18	28	3	31	76
Johnson	Brendon	U12R	21	14		14	75
Johnson	Cameron	U13B	14	13		13	27
Jones	Nicholas	U13R	16	12		12	28
Khaw	Justin	U11B	0	10		10	10
Lamb	Benjamin	U11B	25	28		28	53
Lamb	Daniel	U16	16	12		12	55
Loder	Thomas	U16	0	11		11	11
Macquart	Alex	U13R	15	13		13	28
Maldigri	Justin	U12B	32	23	3	26	92

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Mansour	Marcus	U12B	16	25		25	78
Markos	Anthony	U10	5	19		19	24
Markos	Isabella	U11R	10	13		13	23
Martin	Aidan	U11R	28	20		20	65
McGrillen	Simon	U13R	19	19	2	21	99
McLachlan	Paul	U14	0	11		11	11
McLaughlin	Ian	U12R	24	23		23	93
McLaughlin	Brett	U13R	18	15		15	60
McLaughlin	Jason	U14	16	9		9	72
McLennan	Ryan	U13R	16	12		12	28
McPherson	Matthew	U12B	16	16		16	59
Mitchell	Ryan	U13R	14	12		12	50
Moore	Cameron	U13R	0	13		13	13
Murfitt	Luke	U12B	19	17		17	67
Muscat	Tristen	U11R	24	17		17	58
Muscat	Joshua	U13B	13	19		19	61
Nancarrow	Joshua	U12R	0	3		3	3
Noakes	Patrick	U11R	29	17		17	62
Noye	Joshua	U14	22	16		16	97
O'Farrell	Ben	U13B	13	12		12	62
O'Hara	Ryan	U16	0	12		12	12
Park	Noah	U14	15	16		16	53
Park	Joshua	U14	0	14		14	14
Phillips	Alex	U13R	24	18	2	20	61
Potter	Thomas	U13R	16	13		13	56
Raabe	Jesse	U11R	24	14		14	47
Ray	Michael	U11B	15	15		15	30
Reed	Samuel	U13B	23	21		21	65
Scott	Julian	U10	0	14		14	14
Sier	Kyle	U11B	0	13		13	13
Simmer	Max	U12B	0	16		16	16
Slater	Alexander	U12B	15	15		15	45
Smith	Joshua	U11R	0	10		10	10
Smith	Nick	U13B	0	12		12	12
Soffe	Dominic	U10	13	24		24	45
Soffe	Conor	U12R	16	16		16	58
Stephanou	Adam	U11B	0	14		14	14
Stephanou	James	U13B	15	14		14	41
Stratford	William	U13R	0	13		13	13

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Taylor	Che	U10	0	14		14	14
Tegg	Patrick	U10	0	24		24	24
Tegg	Timothy	U12R	29	28	3	31	105
Thomas	Jai	U12R	0	13		13	13
Tracey	Riley	U10	0	18		18	18
Travers	Andrew	U16	0	12		12	12
Turney	Ethan	U12B	0	14		14	14
Walsh	Nathan	U11B	15	14		14	29
Walsh	Lachlan	U12R	23	22		22	45
Walsh	Matthew	U16	16	12		12	28
Welch	David	U10	12	21		21	35
Welsh	Nicholas	U14	0	11		11	11
White	Adam	U12R	16	14		14	59
White	Mathew	U16	0	10		10	10
Wild	Nathan	U14	16	12		12	42
Williamson	Alexander	U14	13	12		12	38
Woolmer	Jack	U10	5	16		16	21

Miranda Australian Football Club Inc.

Notice of Annual General Meeting

To be held on

Thursday, 15th October 2009

7.30 pm at

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

All welcome

