



# Pittwater Tigers Junior AFL Club Annual Report 2022

## OUR SPONSORS IN 2022



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## President's Report

After two seasons being significantly impacted by COVID we had hoped that 2022 would be back to normal for a full season of AFL. But then it rained and then it rained again. The wet weather impacted our season with a number of early rounds abandoned. But compared to the last two years we were happy to get most rounds completed. I know many teams were also challenged with team numbers with some kids getting sick and some families taking well deserved holidays. Regardless of the weather it was great to see Tigerland come to life again with plenty of kids running around in yellow and black.

Firstly, thank you to everyone involved at the Tigers. It has been an honor and a pleasure being involved with the club as President and on behalf of the committee we sincerely hope you all enjoyed the season. While it's been a challenging year, we have had some great success on and off the field including 3 teams making finals in 2022 and bringing home 2 Premiership flags!

What a year for our wonderful Tigers, overall everybody should be hugely proud of our family friendly club.

In 2022 we had 301 registered players in the junior club making up a total 17 Tigers Teams. This is up on 2021 by 23 player. In addition to the junior club registrations we also had 48 Auskickers in 2022.

This year we continued to pay for Ground Manager duties, Medics and Canteen Manager. This is possible only due to the amazing support and sponsorship we receive from local businesses.

Teams in 2022:

1 x U8's	Youth Girls U10's
2 x U9's	Youth Girls U14's
2 x U10's	Youth Girls U16's
3 x U11's	
2 x U12's	
1 x U13's	
2 x U14	
1 x U15	

I would also like to thank all of our wonderful players, parents, committee members, coaches, managers, runners, water carriers and anyone else who put their hands up to assist with running and administering the club whether you turned a snag on our BBQ, helped in the canteen or waved the goal flags, our club couldn't do it without you.

The Pittwater Tigers club is in great shape to build a long, sustainable and successful future. Go Tigers!

**Simon.**

**Simon Smith**

**President**

**Pittwater Junior AFL Club**

### **Notable Achievements:**

#### **2022 Premiership Flags:**

Congratulations to our two Under 12 teams: Dusty & Rioli for winning their Grand Finals

Congratulations to our Under 15 Boys for being runners up in this years Grand Final

### **Sydney Juniors AFL Kieran Jack Medal Winners**

Congratulations to our Tigers who were recognised at the Kieran Jack Medal night which celebrates players from all teams across the Sydney Harbour competition.

Under 14's Youth Girls Div 3 Best & Fairest winner - Mia Greves

Under 15's Div 3 Best & Fairest Winner - Lewis Whiley

Under 15's Div 3 Second Runner up - Myles Nicholas

Most Improved Umpire - North Shore - CJ Ward

### **Players who reached 100 games:**

Olivia Byrne      Myles Nicholas      Jackson Smith

### **Players who reached 50 games**

Tommy Griffiths	Jack Rovere	Aden Rovere
Callum Fitzsimmons	Mannix Flower	Archie Lane
Jack Munro	Jake Burns	Arno Scamps
Cooper Medwin	Dash Osborn	Jaden Dee
Ben Hajdu	Wil Duncan	CJ Ward
Ashlea Armstrong	Macy Beuzeville	Ruby Gruber
Zoe Shirdon	Leila McDougall	

Congratulations to all Pittwater Tigers who also represented our club with Sydney Norths, Sydney Swans Academy and NSW state representative teams.

### **Club Perpetual Awards**

**Club Champion - Male Best and Fairest - Dash Osborn**

**Liz Williams Female Player of the Year - Olivia Byrne**

**Chris Hanavan Award Tigers Spirit Award - Myles Nicholas**

### **Notable Achievements:**

#### **SPONSORSHIP 2022:**

In 2022 we continued our efforts in attracting sponsors to our club. This sponsorship revenue helps us to pay for gear and clothing but also helps contribute the funding of key roles including 3 coaches from the Manly Wolves senior AFL Club, Canteen Manager, Ground Managers and our Medic. The more paid roles we have, helps reduce the reliance on parent volunteers.

In 2022 we had 3 Major sponsors who have all agreed to multi year commitments to support our club for years to come.

A Huge thanks to : Johnson Bros Mitre 10, Cozens Recycling and The Mahony Group.

In addition we have had continued support from Abloom Landscapes and we were thrilled to have Adept Installations join us as a sponsor in 2022. This year we also had Mike Pawley donate hundreds of footballs to the club which helps move us towards our ambition that every child on the northern beaches needs their own footy! Also thanks to Bakers Delight for supplying bread for our BBQ each week and to Engaging IO for continuing to manage our club website.

This year our sponsors generously brought in close to \$20,000 in cash plus in-kind support saving us thousands of dollars in footballs, services and canteen supplies.

I encourage all of our members to recognise our sponsors and to please support the local businesses who support the Tigers.

### **Tigers Development Squad:**

This year we introduced, for the first time, our own Pittwater Tigers Development Squad. This 8 week program was designed and run by Ben Carlyon. Ben's professionalism and experience as a Swans Academy Coach delivered an exceptional program for 40 kids which was a huge success in our first year. Based on the popularity and success this year we will certainly look to hold this again in 2023.

## **Treasurer's Report Summary**

As club Treasurer I just want to let members know that the club is in good financial shape.

We have a total of \$106,702 in the bank for future investment and for the year we had a trading profit of \$1,861. During the year we invested in the development of our players with paid coaches and we subsidised costs for our first ever Development Squad program with Ben Carlyon . This was done at various age levels and is proving to be a real benefit to the club.

With Covid restrictions easing we had increased costs year on year with full payment of Tigerland space from the Northern Beaches Council plus affiliation fees from the AFL went back to pre covid levels with no rebate for shortened seasons. We continued to invest in Tigers Merchandise with new hoodies, training shirts, polo shirts and playing jumpers plus this year had unexpected costs to repair and upgrade the scoreboard and replacement of the Canteen roller door.

I want to thank all our sponsors for their continued support – it really is much appreciated and makes a meaningful contribution to our bottom line. Also big thanks to everyone involved in the club from the parents, coaches & right through to our committee in particular our President Simon Smith for the endless amount of work he does for the club.

Stephen Rose – Club Treasurer

## Balance Sheet

### Pittwater Tigers Junior AFL Club As at 31 August 2022

	31 AUG 2022	31 AUG 2021
<b>Assets</b>		
<b>Bank</b>		
NAB - Trading Account #7080	78,718.12	89,052.49
<b>Total Bank</b>	<b>78,718.12</b>	<b>89,052.49</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Inventory - Merchandise	10,180.00	-
Rabobank HISA	27,984.99	27,968.70
Trade Debtors	2,000.00	-
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>40,164.99</b>	<b>27,968.70</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>118,883.11</b>	<b>117,021.19</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>118,883.11</b>	<b>117,021.19</b>
<b>Equity</b>		
Current Year Earnings	1,861.92	34,964.80
Retained Earnings	117,021.19	82,056.39
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>118,883.11</b>	<b>117,021.19</b>

# Pittwater Tigers Junior AFL Club

## For the year ended 31 August 2022

	2022	2021
<b>Trading Income</b>		
Canteen & Merchandise - Sales	27,173.06	22,744.83
Grant Income - AFL/Govt	1,000.00	-
Interest Income	16.29	20.39
Registration - Player	40,272.63	34,416.46
Registration - Service NSW	17,100.00	19,020.00
Sponsorship	17,863.00	15,363.00
<b>Total Trading Income</b>	<b>103,424.98</b>	<b>91,564.68</b>
<b>Cost of Sales</b>		
Clothing Merchandise Costs	19,840.98	14,442.07
<b>Total Cost of Sales</b>	<b>19,840.98</b>	<b>14,442.07</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>83,584.00</b>	<b>77,122.61</b>
<b>Operating Expenses</b>		
Advertising	3,681.25	1,408.42
Affiliation Fees	12,766.28	10,800.00
Bank Fees	193.00	343.80
Canteen Expenses	12,765.80	9,965.65
Coaching Expenses	22,637.90	4,012.00
Equipment Expenses	8,981.79	-
General Expenses	866.64	2,542.24
Ground Exps - Line Marking	2,596.00	1,155.00
Insurance	55.97	55.97
Light, Power, Heating	2,409.24	1,157.20
Medic Expenses	2,531.95	600.00
Printing & Stationery	88.26	-
Rent - Nth Beaches Council	8,532.69	-
Repairs and Maintenance	371.16	-
Social Expenses	-	931.68
Subscriptions	646.00	612.00
Trophy Expenses	2,513.15	4,693.85
Umpire Expenses	85.00	3,880.00
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>81,722.08</b>	<b>42,157.81</b>
<b>Net Profit</b>	<b>1,861.92</b>	<b>34,964.80</b>

## **Canteen Report:**

In 2022, Sandy Cozens took on the role as Canteen Manager and did an amazing job. She brought her friendly smile as well as her delicious Cheese Toasties, which were a hit!

Throughout the 2022 season the canteen transacted over \$25,000 in food and merchandise.

This included:

1,300 Sausages

1,215 Bacon & Egg rolls

160 Pies

135 Sausage Rolls.

292 Ring Pops,

770 Killer Pythons

Over 2,700 red frogs! - Now that's a lot of Sugar!

Tigers merchandise like Hoodies, shorts and socks generated over \$5,000

We paid out \$6,785.00 to Umpires in 2022.

Thanks to all the volunteers who helped in the canteen and BBQ throughout the season.





## Auskick & U8's 2022

### Season Report

Auskick numbers were at 48 this season - still experiencing a drop from previous years due to COVID. We had 1 team participate in the U8's competition this year. The shining light this year was a greater number of parents volunteering to help drive the Wednesday and Sunday sessions effectively. Compared to previous years, we now have a record number of parents who contribute to the drills and games that we host. This should continue into 2023 as we build a great sense of confidence from the parents to participate.

The highlights of the Auskick season were:

- 18 Tigers played during the halftime interval of the Swans v Hawthorn AFL match at the SCG. We also had a Tigers representative at the first game of the season - Swans v Giants played out at Homebush.
- Kids v parent's games. We ran this on our last Sunday of the season and the kids didn't want to stop. It helps that they won the game.
- End of Season Award Evening - this will be organised for a Friday and will see all the Auckickers receive a medal. Am sure this is going to make their season and give them a great talking point with family and friends.

A huge thank you to the coaches throughout the season who make Wednesday and Sunday fun for kids and adults alike. Thank you Sam, Nick, Jamie, Jeremy, Sam, Chris, Dan and Kiel who formed the main coaching group through the year. A big thank you to Kiel who helped out considerably as one of the under 8 coaches. All the kids improved through the season and got better at their skills. The under 8s improvement was considerable with the team starting to play some great footy - moving the ball with a few kicks down the field, some great marks and plenty of goals. A big thank you to those parents who assisted with the BBQ and canteen throughout the year - it makes a big difference to the club and we need your continued support.

For the 2023 season, David will move up to work with under 9s and Matt will take on the under 8s we expect. We will be looking for continued support to run a successful Auskick programme. If you would like to be a part of the team in any way you can, please get in contact with either of us so we can plan out for the season. Please don't be turned off from volunteering if you are not an AFL expert or can't commit to every session - this will not exclude you from being a valuable member of our team - we always appreciate any help we can get.

Many thanks, David and Matt - Auskick Coordinator's

# Under 9's Dusty Season Report

Coach - Michael Donnelly / Team Manager - Leonie Chapman

Under 9's is such a special year for the players as they transition from Auskick and start to tackle! And tackle they did! Team Dusty early in the season established themselves as a defensive-minded team with ferocious tackling quickly becoming a team strength which would inevitably lead to turnovers and opportunities on goal.

Throughout the year, as individuals the boys worked on winning the ground ball, ensuring their eyes were up and the fundamentals of kicking straight and hand passing. Later in the season we encouraged the boys to focus on making the right decision between running, handballing and kicking in offense. As a team we focused on **Bravery** around the ball, Getting the ball forward and **Teamwork**.

Each individual player showed significant development in skill level throughout the year which later in the season translated into our boys starting to work off the ball as well as string handballs and kicks together. The final game of the season at a muddy Weldon Oval against the bombers saw the boys produce our most attractive passage of play of the season. After forcing a turnover in the backline they worked the ball up the field with two handballs, two consecutive marks and a kick on goal. As parents this was a clear indication of how far the boys skill level and team work had come throughout the year. Congratulations to the team for an awesome year, can't wait to see the boys take their games even further in U10's! Hats off to Leonie, our awesome Team Manager. All over it every week running a well oiled machine. Thank you, we couldn't have done it without you.

## Player Profiles

**Owen Bodill:** Although we lost Owen mid-season to an around the country caravan adventure this was not before producing a number of standout performances. This was Owen's first year in AFL but you wouldn't have known. With a natural athletic ability, Owen would consistently win the ground ball before taking off on a penetrating run down the flanks. We hope to welcome Owen back next year on his return, unless one of the big Melbourne Club's poach him when he visits Victoria!

**Hudson Butterworth:** With a high footy IQ and a tenacity for winning the ball Hudson proved to be a consistent performer throughout the season at both ends of the ground. Throughout the season Hudson's decision making became a real hallmark of his game. Growing up with his older brother Brodie has held Hudson in good stead in terms of tackling much larger players, a task he never shied away from. Highlight of the year was a run down tackle followed by a goal on the siren to win the game. Highlighted his footy smarts and ability to execute skills.

**Farley Chapman:** Always brave and never far from the ball, Farley's kicking skills were his trademarks. As the season progressed Farley improved his tackle pressure as well as game focus and grew into one of the team's most consistent and trusted performers. I am led to believe Farley and his brothers practice banana kicks from the pocket for hours on end. So against Balgowlah, under lights and deep in the front pocket with an open goal, Farley let his inner Eddie-Betts instincts take over as he effortlessly slotted a check-side banana kick home for a goal. A clear highlight of his season.

**Maxon Donnelly:** Hard running, hard tackling and ever competitive, Maxon was always up for the physical challenge of the game. Whilst defense and effort were his trademarks, his kicking skills, hand passing and

decision making improved out of sight throughout the year, making him a true all-rounder on the field. A highlight for me was his fearless approach to footy, willingness to take on a defender and break tackles. Watch out Under 10's, Maxon is planning a big off season!

**Brodie Gamson:** Brodie had a great season, becoming more and more comfortable in the tackle and with his skills throughout the season. With his height and size, Brodie was an intimidating presence anywhere on the ground. A pleasure to coach and not afraid of a little showmanship, one game I recall he kicked a goal then ran behind the goals and waved the flags! Highlight for me was witnessing his protective skills in full force. During one particular game, one of his team mates was getting a little 'roughed up'. In a moment's notice, Brodie was on the spot standing between them protecting his team mate. Congrats Brodie.

**Edward 'Eddie' Gee:** Don't be fooled by his quiet and polite nature, Eddie was a force to be reckoned with on the field. Always roving around the ball, Eddie had a habit of knowing where to be to win the ball. If we needed to win a centre clearance and push the ball forward, Eddie would often be the one to do it. With a good feel for the game, I see his game going to the next level next year as he improves his kicking and hand passing skills even further. Highlight for me was Eddie's running game.

**Baxter Gibson:** Another one of the quieter boys off the field, once the whistle blew Baxter's silky skills were on full show. Highly coachable and an eye for goal, on numerous occasions Baxter showcased his array of kicking skills with banana kicks, grubbers and across the body kicks at goal. Another one with a good footy IQ, Baxter was always looking for space and looking to hold his shape in the forward line and not crowd the ball. Highlight was his 5 goal haul at Tigerland where he turned the game on its head in 2 Qtrs. Expect big things from Baxter.

**Charlie Jones:** Charlie would have to be one of the hardest working players on the team. Charlie's early season tentativeness towards contact slowly but surely disappeared and was replaced with a desire to tackle hard, take on defenders and be brave at ground level. The kid who always has a footy in hand (if you see him walking to school you will know what I mean), Charlie worked hard on his game all season and the results showed. The highlight was undoubtedly his final game performance, on the back of multiple second and third efforts in defence Charlie was awarded the season 'Bravery' award.

**Luke Lindell:** Luke was a strong all-rounder all season. At home in any position on the field, his willingness to look up, run the ball and look for a team mate was a pleasure to watch and coach. As the season progressed Luke's decision making and focus saw huge improvements and expect that to continue as he keeps playing. Always keen for a joke and a laugh, Luke was fun to have in the team and a player others enjoy being around. Look forward to seeing you next year Luke.

**Ollie Baum:** Ollie was another consistent performer throughout the year. Tackling for the first year can be intimidating for many players but Ollie worked hard on his bravery and pushed himself outside of his comfort zone and into contact situations to win the ball. Ollie's love of the game is infectious and he is a pleasure to coach. Highlight for me was the final game of the season. Ollie found himself in the backline with two Bombers players and an open goal. Manly were odds on to kick a goal but Ollie managed to hold up the ball long enough for his team mates to arrive. A turning point in the game that didn't go unnoticed. Congrats on a great season Ollie.

**Shep Kerr:** The always smiling, ever social Shep! A pleasure to coach, I am sure Shep hasn't worked out how good he can be just yet, but when he does watch out! Throughout the season he worked hard on his skills, team work and focus and improved out of sight. This culminated in a breakout performance towards the

back end of the year. Forming a lethal combination with team mate Maxon, Shep won centre clearance after centre clearance and delivered the ball to teammates in the goal square. When asked after the game the secret to his amazing performance, he said ' Coach, you didn't put me with my friends so I didn't have anyone to talk to!' Nice work legend.

**Charlie McDermott:** A strong body with quality skills and a high footy IQ. Charlie is a great all-round sportsman and AFL is no different. Bringing his unrelenting tackling techniques from Rugby to the AFL field, Charlie on numerous occasions would shape the outcome of a game with a strong run, booming kick or ferocious defensive effort. Unfortunately injury interrupted his season but the highlight for me was his return game after a broken arm where he showed zero fear and tackled just as hard as he always does. Mental strength in bucket loads. Congrats Charlie.

**Zach Meurer:** With an unmatched passion for the game of AFL, Zach's energy combined with his skill level at ground level made him a force, especially in the mid field. A combination of strength and balance coupled with a fearlessness around contact, Zach was often a difference maker on the field. His ability to make the right decision and find his team mates led to great team goals on several occasions. Highlight for me was a one handed pick up at ground level in traffic followed by a 'spin' before finding a team mate with a kick. A great teammate and all-round player, congrats on a successful season Zach.

**Archie Hooper:** Archie was another player who consistently improved throughout the season. Working hard on his game, he was a great trainer and the results showed as the season progressed. A strong kick of the ball, his defensive effort and decision making saw Archie improve into one of the team's most consistent performers week in and out. A great attitude and temperament for the game, his final game of the season showcased how far he had improved with a standout performance in both defence and with ball in hand. This willingness to be brave in and around the ruck was a highlight for me. Well done.

**Harley Porter:** One of the silent assassins of Team Dusty! Harley would fly under the radar often and pop up just at the right time on the field to make a tackle or make a hand pass. Harley's team first mentality saw him play with an unselfish attitude, always looking for a teammate in a better position. Highly coachable and a solid footy IQ, I am confident Harley's confidence and skills will elevate even further next year. A great season Harley, congratulations.

A special shout out to Jones Donnelly (Maxon's brother) who at 7 years old filled in a couple of times when we were short. Misleadingly diminutive in stature, a highlight for me was a game he started in the mid field. The other coach told his players to 'take it easy on the small kid'. Jones smiled and went on to make 5 tackles, 2 marks and a goal. They changed their tactic in the second quarter!

## **Under 9's Rioli Season Report**

Coach - Jonny Peters / Team Manager - Dimity McKinnon

### **Player Profiles:**

**Charlie Antil** - Running out of back pocket Charlie has great attack for the footy and excellent pressure on the ball carrier. He has a great intercept mark, always creating an option for his team mates to work the ball into the midfield.

**Ned Chandler** - The drive from the back line Ned is amazing at the hard ball always get involved if the ball is nearby, his ability to read the play with the way he goes in and gets the ball off the ground running through the pack is unbelievable to watch.

**Ollie Dodwell** - All rounder Ollie is excellent in any situation for his excellent support, he has a very strong kick, great grab and even better attack which makes it great for hard-to-get balls.

**Edsel Good** - Forward pocket attack is very impressive; he is great at pouncing on the lost ball and getting some great goals. He has a great straight kick which puts him in the forward line.

**Cooper Lytham** - Our Ruck Rover, being a target for the back line Cooper has a great mark and is excellent at being an option for the back line to kick to as he has a great kick to deliver into the forward line.

**Oscar Manassen** - Forward pocket Oscar is great at understanding the play and gets involved when he is needed. He has a great kick and is awesome at hanging just off the pack for the lost ball to grab the goal.

**Hamish McKinnon** - Centreman Hamish is a strong director in the middle to get the ball into the forward line. He has a great mark, excellent kick and great attack on the footy which is awesome to watch.

**Louie Murphy** - Reading the play and getting to the fall of the ball Louie is extremely talented in making something out of nothing, a very strong player with a great kick and grab excellent at sneaking a goal.

**Harry Nosworthy** - Full forward Harry has a laser guided kick for the goals. Some of Harry's snaps are next level and he is clearly one of the best players in the competition this year. Harry's attack on the footy is next to none absolutely amazing to watch .

**Taj Trout** - All rounder Taj has a strong attack on the footy, excellent at getting the ball off the ground and great grab. He has amazing speed which stands him out in front of everyone else.

**Jack L Wilson** - Supportive Ruck Jack is great at feeding the ball exactly to his teammates. He is an excellent target to knock the ball in front for his teammates to keep the run of play moving forward.

**Jack George Wilson** - Has a great presence around the ball going in hard and getting the hard ball gets, with great tackles and driving kicks Jacks involvement in the play is excellent.

**Kaiden Hein** - The hit man of the back line with his fearless attack on the footy and the opposition players by his tackles is very impressive, also a great intercept mark and Left foot which supports the back line.

**James Beaton** - The Ruck - James has an amazing reach for the ball, massive long kicks which always give his team mates a great target to look for. He has a really good footy brain so he knows how the game is evolving and where the play will be next.

**Sullivan Good** - Sully is always at the fall of the ball and is amazing at how he gets to the ball first running away with it to the forward lines. He has a great kick and seems to dominate in the centre which is amazing considering his stature.

**Archie Baker Peters** - Running from the centre to the forward pocket Archie has the great ability to read the ball knowing where it will fall so he can use his lightning speed to pick up the crumbs and hit his target with his great kick.

## **Under 10's Dusty Season Report**

Coach - Aaron Berthelot / Team Manager - Sara Archer

We welcomed three new faces to the team that carried over from U9's which was pleasing to see. It wasn't long before it was evident that we had a very special group of players. Although the players were hard at it and won lots of games (and in some cases dominated their opponents), the highlight was seeing the players all have genuine care for each other and strong mate ships were formed. As parents and coaches, we couldn't be prouder of how the team interacted and developed their skills during the season. The key moment that cemented their friendships was the "road trip" via mini-bus to Balgowlah Suns home ground on a Friday night. It was a buzz on the bus with music, lots of chat and the Tigers song being sung a number of times. The night ended with pizza and an amazing spread of platters at the club rooms after the bus ride back. Special memories they'll never forget.

A big thanks to Iain, Travis, Sam and Ben for helping coach the kids throughout the season either during training or at games. Shout-out to the various goal umpires we had and to the parents for ensuring we had oranges at half-time. All these things help with the experience we give the kids. And to our team manager, Sara Archer, she was the glue that held us all together and was the driver of creating a culture that saw the parents interact socially and have fun at the games. But most importantly, the organizer of the girl's night out late in the season. Aaron Berthelot - Coach

### **Player Profiles:**

**Lachlan Archer** - Big right boot and reads the play extremely well. Very dependable player who works hard to improve his fitness and skills outside of training. Great footy IQ and has a tendency to celebrate after kicking goals.

**Jaxon Barbat** – First year player in AFL and what an introduction he was to the team. Strong and hard at the ball, bursts through would-be tackles with good skills and has an ability to predict where the ball is going to be.

**Will Berthelot** – Fast on the field and loves to break-away. Solid left footer with skills that are improving every week. Late in the season he kicked 5 goals in a qtr. His teammates loved it just as much as he did.

**Charlie Carlyon** – Very reliable player that looks for targets to kick to and is a "second effort" specialist. Extremely fit and can run all day. Doesn't matter which position he plays, always makes a strong contribution.

**Taylor Costello** – Has taken his own game to a new level growing in confidence throughout the season. Strong team player and can get on a roll with defensive pressure. Always willing to learn and be part of the team.

**Oscar Dewhurst** – No job too big or small for Oscar as he made excellent contributions to the team on game day ensuring no matter what position he was put into, he applied himself for the job at hand and included his teammates with a quick handball to someone in a better position.

**Patrick Grant** – Very quick and makes an effort to get to the ground ball of a contest. Has improved every game this year. Covers the ground really well and keeps his eyes on the ball which helps him read the play nicely.

**Harley Forster** – First year player in the team and brought a good intensity to the game. Valued member of the team and with a bit more fitness training over the pre-season, he will be a player that is hard for the opposition to stop.

**Ryan Johnson** – First year player in the team and has shown a significant improvement throughout the season. Has a very good understanding of the game and makes it into the right spots on field regularly.

**Landon Kesby** – Big step up this year from the previous year. Very calm and confident player with good skills and is able to find the right targets at key moments in the game. Sad for us as Landon is moving to the Central Coast. He will be missed, and we wish him all the best.

**Jasper Kingsell** – Excellent teammate and does what is asked of him each game. Knows where he needs to be on the field to attack the ball at the right time.

**Timofey Linev** – He's a ball of energy that loves being in the contest. Very regularly finds himself in the right place at the right time to kick a few sneaky goals when the opponents are least expecting it.

**Tom McDermott** – The lovable "Tommy the Tank" as nicknamed by his teammates. His attitude towards the game, improving his skills and care for his teammates is something to be admired. Solid performer all year and gets stuck into it every game.

**Oscar Rich** – Every team needs a big fella, and ours is Oscar Rich. Whether its leading from full-forward, taking the ruck tap or defending down back, he is always involved in the play. Very good foot-skills and loves to hand to teammates in better positions.

**Kobie Thiele** – Fierce competitor who takes pride in defending our backline and applies tackle pressure when we need it most. Good skills and reads the play well to predict where the ball may end up, and most of the time, he makes a good decision.

**Pearce Tierney** – A player that has improved throughout the year and is a great supportive teammate at training and games. Handballs to others in better positions and goes for the tackles at the right time.

**Aaron Berthelot** – Aaron is a calm and supportive coach to all the boys on his Under 10's Team Dusty. He will accept all challenges with a smile (and let me tell you, there have been a few). There is a lot of time and effort put into each game set up every week. The boys look up to him and he has a way to bring out the best in each and every player. - from Sara, Team Manager

## **Under 10's Rioli Season Report:**

Coach - Paul Rovere / Team Manager - Louise Smith

The Mighty U10 Riolis were 'Tiger Tough' by the end of the 2022 season. Despite the previous seasons being cut short due to a pandemic, the boys consolidated their fundamental Australian football skills, applied a team-first approach and had plenty of fun at training and when representing the Pittwater Australian Football Club on Sundays. They even enjoyed the running sessions when Tigerland was closed due to heavy La Nina rainfall. The Riolis opened the season with an outstanding performance (led by Asher and Charlie) against St Ives in atrocious conditions before some extremely tough games against the Suns and Bombers. It is said that *success is not the absence of failure, it's the persistence through failure* and our tiger cubs used the heavy losses to double down on the game plan, improve their skills and attack the back end of the season with ferocity. The boys were encouraged to continue treating the ball like it was the last lolly on Earth but added tackling/ripping pressure, exploding out of the contest, going for their marks and taking their opponent on at all times. The boys began to believe (Ted Lasso style) and finished the season with some wins and an AFLX Gala Day title in addition to narrowing the gap between the losses. This was highly evident in the Round 14 win against St Ives game where our previously unbeaten opponents were kept to 3 goals, the tackle count was off the chart, our pressure acts were Collingwood-esque, we had a high percentage of effective kicks, a large number of contested marks and numerous players selflessly passing to a teammate in a better position.

Special thanks to the best parent group ever for chauffeuring, hydrating, feeding, goal umpiring and encouraging the team in such a positive manner.

Thank you also to Lou Smith who has redefined the Team Management role with her relentless positivity and initiative. I would also like to extend great appreciation to Coach Sienna for passing on her passion for AFL and skill knowledge to our future stars. We wish her all the best with her AFL career and are blessed for her instrumental role in transforming our boys into better footballers and even better men. Thanks again everyone for a great season and Go the Mighty Riolis! - Coach Paul Rovere

### **Player Profiles:**

**James** - One of the most improved footballers in the club, James attacked the ball like it was the last lolly on Earth – this was highlighted by a Ferocious Tiger Medal game against the Suns in Round 12. Keep an eye on this promising Tiger in 2023.

**Art** - Art became an inside-mid beast as the season developed and led many games for stoppage and center clearances. Was used as a pinch-hitting ruckman to great effect in the AFLX Gala Day where he put the ball down his midfielders throats Brodie Grundy-like. Art trained hard and played harder leaving nothing in the tank at the conclusion of each game. One to watch in 2023!

**Jackson** - It has been a pleasure to coach Jackson who grew in confidence as his first season progressed. His defensive pressure improved with each game and more often than not involved himself in the contest. We look forward to watching his prodigious kicking for years to come. Well done, Jackson!

**George** - Wearing number 35 on your back comes with great expectations for Collingwood supporters but I'm glad to say George was able to emulate his hero Nick Daicos with his run and carry out of defense, accurate field kicking and high possession game. Great season, George!

**Charlie** - 2022 was a breakout year for this future star who embraced the 'see ball-get ball-explode out' game plan. Charlie could find space in a phone booth and used this skill to lead the team for inside 50 marks. His willingness to take on his opponents and ability to pass to teammates in a better position made him particularly damaging in the forward half. Was also named Man of the Match at the AFLX Gala Day. Congratulations, Charlie!



**Henry** - Henry has modeled his game on Brayden Maynard, making the Fullback position his own. His efforts on the last line of defense against the Lions in Round 16 were game saving and his increasing game awareness, team first approach and happy disposition make him a popular character in the group. Bring on 2023, Henry!

**Finn** - What a season for this future champ. Finn quickly picked up the new game plan required to play with the Riolis and was able to utilise his speed and skill to weave through many opposition defenses. Finn led the team for disposals in the game against the Wildcats with his raking right foot leaving Sydney Swans scouts salivating. Go Finn!

**Jacko** - Jacko led the competition for hit outs to advantage and is better known for teaching Coach Sienna everything she knows about football. He was dynamic as a mobile ruckman, was Darcy Cameron-esque in the forward half and enjoyed his best season of footy since joining the Tigers in 2019. Bring on 2023, Jacko!

**Kai** - Kai secured the Goal of the Year Award with his Jordan De Goey-esque 20-metre snap from the boundary against the Wildcats. Kai relished the running sessions when Tigerland was closed due to La Nina and his marking in the forward 50 became an asset for the Riolis. Awesome season, Kai!

**Mitchell** - Mitch could very well be Tigerland's most improved footballer with an approach to training that is second to none. He transferred the mad skills practised at our training sessions to his vote-winning games against the Bombers and Saints. Mitch defended like his life depended on it and his selflessness in the forward half knows no bounds. Congratulations, Mitch!

**Oliver** - It has been a pleasure to coach Oliver who grew in confidence as the season advanced. His football awareness improved with each game and more often than not he was able to inject himself into the play. We look forward to him moving onward and upward in 2023. Well done, Oliver!

**Asher** - Asher's confidence to attack the ball with ferocity, take risks and apply his daring 'run and carry' led to many attacking forays. He was particularly damaging in the forward half where his defensive pressure trapped the ball in our F50 for long periods of time. Go Asher!

**Paris** - This Rookie of the Year finalist provided two of the highlights of the season when he 'soccered' in for his first ever goal in the opening match against St Ives and his spectacular 'running back with the flight' mark against the Bombers. Paris is fast and agile and utilised his extensive communication skills to effect at training and on the field where he readily made links between his DJing and AFL. If your first season is anything to go by, the Tigers are in very safe hands. Go Paris!

**Max** - Max has elite hand-eye coordination and often broke the game up by finding a team mate through his 'hard ball gets', ground ball pick ups and quick hand balls. Max increasingly put his head over the ball and led the team for pressure acts and asking the most questions at training. A massive 2023 season beckons. You've got this, Maxy!

**Hunter** - Hunter adopted the Rioli mantras of being aggressive, tackling or ripping and exploding out of the contests particularly when playing in the midfield. This quiet achiever worked tirelessly to improve his skills as the season progressed and his ability to find and utilise space borders on elite. Hunter always put pressure on the opposition midfielders and his chase down tackle on an unsuspecting Wildcat was mesmeric. Tiger for life!

**Eddie** - Eddie's third season of Australian footy was easily his best. He hit the scoreboard more often with his penetrating kicks, tackled like his life depended on it and collaborated with his teammates with devastating effect in the forward half. Eddie dominated the AFLX Gala Day with his "Koutoufides-esque" one handed clearances. One of the hardest trainers on the track and his unwavering positivity is infectious. Exciting to think about Eddie's 2023 season!

## **UNDER 10 Youth Girls Season Report**

Coach : Mel Johnson & Hamish Turner

Our little team of 9 girls had a fantastic season. The girls were undefeated all season, with an average winning margin of 50 points.

The team consists of 6 girls that have played AFL since Auskick and 3 girls new to AFL. The girls have formed a wonderful bond that manifests on and off the field. It has been a pleasure to watch how they have all become friends. The girls all improved tremendously over the season. They have worked hard to improve their skills in kicking on the run, moving the ball quickly to each other with great handball skills, tackling, sharing of the ball and we have even seen some one-handed bounces! Their cartwheels skills have also improved!

The girls have worked hard over the season as a team and they achieved great results. They run onto the field every game with determination but also with respect for the opposition and umpires and play a great game of AFL. A big thank you to Hamish Turner, who runs on every week and coaches the girls on the field.

### **Player Profiles**

**Zara Lynch** - Zara has really developed her football acumen with her read of the play, attacking on the ball and kicking skills coming on in leaps and bounds, Zara is gaining confidence on the field and thrives when given freedom to play freely in the midfield. Zara has focused on improving her handball skills and it has paid off.

**Lucy Turner** - Lucy is a great team player, with a no fuss attitude and always gives 100%. It is clear that Lucy loves her footy and her focus is always on the ball. Lucy's handball skills and tackling have really developed this year and her ability to deliver the ball via foot to teammates. She is quick to the ball and her small forward crumbing skills made her a key forward player. Well done Lucy

**Mae Maker** - Mae is our most ferrous tiger! It has been wonderful to watch Mae improve so much over this season. Mae was new to AFL this year and she has put in the work all season to become a key player in the team. Mae uses her height effectively, always dominating the ruck contest. She is a key defender, and I can't wait to see how she develops over the years.

**Claudine Scamps** - I think most of the time Claudine teaches me AFL skills! Claudine has fantastic ball skills, making her a very effective player. She has excellent hand & foot skills. Claudine is a key player across the ground and will thrive even further once the zones are removed! Claudine loves her AFL and her passion is always evident both on and off the field..

**Emily Cunningham** - Emily is an unstoppable team player and is a solid contributor no matter what position she plays, she is a great mentor to the younger girls showing them the way. Emily loves AFL and her passion

for the sport is wonderful to see. Emily has a strong skill set in all aspects of the game and developed her football IQ with her ability to read the game.

**Emily Clark (Clarky)** - I have had the pleasure to watch Emily play football over the years and she has developed into a great AFL player. Emily is always contesting the ball, and loves to tackle and get in on all the action. Emily has taken some great marks over the season and is always there to support her teammates.

**Billy Inglis** - Billy is new to the game this year, but her skills quickly developed over the season. Billy is great at defending, and she doesn't shy away from tackling. Billy plays the game with great enthusiasm, and I can't wait to see her skills further develop next year. Well done Billy

**Sofia Crescenzi** - Sofia is a pleasure to coach, she always listens and participates in all the activities with enthusiasm. Although Sofia was new to AFL this year, shas a strong natural sporting ability and shows great sportsmanship. Sofia's marking and kicking skills were refined over the season and she is a strong player that contributes across the field.

**Maddison Longo** - Maddy is developing into a very strong AFL player. She has a great side-step and uses her fast acceleration to clear the contest. Maddy always plays at 100% and is a respectful team player. Maddy is a great asset to our team and thrives playing on the ball. I look forward to watching Maddie continue to develop into a fantastic AFL player over the years. We also have to mention Maddy's amazing one-handed ball bounce, whilst on the run. Well done Maddy!

## **UNDER 11 - Rioli season report**

Coach - Andrew Crough / Team Manager - Tremayne Raper

What a great bunch of kids we had in Team Rioli! Such a joy to coach them all. We focused on developing their skills and having fun which resulted in the team improving enormously across the year. While we didn't manage to win a game for the season, I could not be happier with the way the team stuck together, displaying true Tiger Grit and Spirit in giving their all in every game and never giving up. Despite the challenges we all faced with the weather, sickness, and being short of players most games, the boys just kept at it which was terrific. Most importantly, it was particularly pleasing to see new friendships form and the boys playing for one another. I'm really hopeful they all come back to the club next year, there was huge potential across the team. Well done Team Rioli!!

A big thankyou to Tim Banks who assisted in coaching at both training and on game day. Great fun. And a huge thank you to Tremayne Raper, the Team Manager, who bore the brunt of dealing with the ever changing fixture, rustling up extra players when we were short (most weeks) and providing valuable weekly weather and ground closure updates all the while maintaining a sense of humour through all the chaos. Thank you!

### **Player Profiles**

**Jack Banks** – Jack was one of the team's great improvers across the season with a real hunger to learn. A utility who could play either end of the ground and provide a great contest when the ball was in his vicinity.

**Lachlan Clark** – Loves his footy and a goal! Lachie provided great versatility for the team be it in the ruck, in defense or in attack. A great target who loves to clunk them all over the field.

**Jack Crough** – As the season progressed Jack learned to use his speed to break away from the contest. A great team player who used his beautiful left foot kick to find a team mate.

**Kit Ferguson** – Kit was another of our players new to AFL and he took to the physical side with little encouragement. Loves to tackle and pressure the opposition with energy.

**Alex Gee** – Another big improver in the team. A great close checking player who ensured his opponent was taken care of, even if it was his little brother at training!

**Archer Gertler** – Every team needs some grunt and Archer provided this in spades. He loves his footy and brings his best every week. A terrific player with a lot of potential. A joy to coach.

**Jagger Haymes** – one of our smaller brigade, Jagger has genuine AFL ability, with an uncanny knack of reading the play. Super useful at both ends and on his day was unstoppable.

**Morgan Lose** – A coach's dream, Morgan is an absolute beauty. A terrific listener and willingness to learn, Morgan turned up to just about every training session and gave his all at every game.

**Luke Osborne** – A massively improved player who just got better and better as the year progressed. Luke has great potential in the sport with his ability to read the play, putting him ahead of those around him.

**Patrick Patterson** – You wouldn't have thought this was Patrick's first year in the game. His natural ability saw him become a pivotal part of the team's performance. Hope he sticks with it.

**Jonah Raper** – Just about our most skilled player with a beautiful kick, Jonah provided great value at both ends of the ground. Instrumental in setting up some of our best passages of play throughout the season.

**Braxton Rouse** – one of our code hoppers from Rugby League who loved to showcase his goose step around the opposition. Brax played some great footy throughout the year.

**Toby Stevens** – Another of our rookies playing AFL for the first time. Toby had an instant impact with his ability to get stuck in and win the ball. Provided great run and carry to move the ball forward.

**Fred Tickle** – Highly skilled, tough and talented who plays a lot taller than his smaller frame would suggest. Delighted in watching the opposition thinking they could brush past him only to be tackled to the ground.

**Charles Woolley** – Another new to the game, Charlie was a delight to coach. He developed his skills enormously throughout the year and used his size to great effect.

**Julian Wood** – Joined the team half way through the season. Loved the way he got stuck in and picked up the fundamentals really quickly with a willingness to learn.

Andrew Crough - Coach

## **UNDER 11 Dusty Season Report**

Coach - Ben Mahony / Team Manager Pip Heighes

### **Player Profiles:**

**Ashton Crosby** – Not even a pre-season broken foot could stop this budding star. Ashton had another fantastic season, patrolling the midfield and using his voice on the ground to lead and direct other players. His relentless attack on both the ball and the man was fearless and greatly valued by his teammates.

**Benji Paradine** – A smooth moving footballer in the mold of Scott Pendlebury, Benji is always composed and seems to have loads of time with ball in hand. He was an important addition to our defense with the ability to lock down on an opponent yet still provide plenty of rebound off half back.

**Brodie Butterworth** – The ultimate swingman, Brodie spent time between playing full forward and kicking bags of goals, to locking down the oppositions best defender and patrolling our backline. His elite, long kicking, whether that be out from full back or a shot on goal, was simply delightful to watch.

**Bryce Chapman** – Built really nicely into his season, Bryce locked down a forward line role providing an attacking target both in the air and on the ground. With really clean skills and a love of a goal, Bryce added immense value to the Dusty's.

**Chase Roughly** – With Usain Bolt like speed and the best side step we have ever seen, it was impossible for the opposition to tackle Chase. It was a delight to watch him take on the game and provide plenty of run and carry throughout the ground.

**Connor Heighes** – Fearless, courageous, tough. Connor had an amazing year, has shown incredible improvement and fully deserved his 'most ferocious Tiger' award. His tackling was elite and the ability to win the ball out of congestion was a sight to behold. Brilliant year Connor!

**Harrison Mahony** – Owing the role of midfield general, Harri was able to use his speed and run to consistently drive the ball forward and use his football smarts and toughness to lock it in our forward line. A natural run and carry player, Harri loves nothing better than a bounce and to take on the opposition.

**Harry Carlyon** – An important part of the Dusty backline, Harry provided countless drive off half back and used his silky skills to set up many an attacking foray. His quick hands are elite and ability to tackle and beat larger players was a credit to his courage.

**Isaac Du Rieu** – Isaac became an important component of the Dusty forward line. His commitment to the contest and solid use of his body always has Isaac coming out of congestion with the ball in hand. Defensive pressure and repeat efforts are key features in Isaac's repertoire, which make him a committed and extremely valuable player within the Dusty's.

**James Moriarty** – An elusive player who was always able to create opportunity for himself when the footy was in range. Playing between the forward and backlines, James fulfilled his role for the Dusty's every time. His defense was ruthless and persistent and he was always reliable when in front of goal with the ball in hand. A player to watch as he grows into his football career.

**Jett Porter** – A key midfielder who shows great leadership and has an impressive palette of skill. With the ability to hit a team mate on the chest when delivering the footy, Jett was an important component of the Dusty midfield makeup. Showing a great knowledge of shepherding which started making 'Body Work' a key component of his game, he is always reliable in clearing the road ahead for his fellow midfielders.

**Judah King** – A budding key position player who is an impossible match up for opposition sides. Judah flew for his marks, was never afraid to put his body on the line and has first class foot skills. We will miss Judah next year and wish him all the best in Queensland.

**Jude Dougherty** – A superstar in the making, Jude played the valuable and relentless role of ruck rover and was Dusty's notable ball winner. Always being first to the contest and completing numerous second effort

plays makes Jude an irreplaceable part of Dusty's DNA. A most suitable recipient of Best and Fairest Runner up.

**Kurtley Rose** – As a deserving winner of the Best and Fairest, Kurtley is always a noticeable standout when on the field. An impressive array of skills which are backed by speed and a complete commitment to the contest, Kurtley is the complete player and one that is impactful and reliable wherever he was placed on the ground.

**Lachlan Brown** - Providing a dominant target within the forward line for the Dusty midfield and with a solid ball winning ratio, Lachlan was able to convert contested ball into possession time after time. As an emerging and improving player, he will be one that will continue to impress in years to come.

**Louis Stephen** – When you saw opposition players hitting the ground you knew that Louis had the ball in hand. As a rampaging ball carrier, Louis was always looking to take the opposition on and drive the ball out of wherever he was on the ground. As a utility he was played all across the park and was always destructive. Whether it be kicking or defending goals, Louis was always making a huge impact and setting a platform for his teammates to work off.

**Xander Scott** – Starting the year as a midfielder, Xander soon found his home as the dominant small forward for the Dusty's. With an impressive set of hands and his ability to take clean leads, Xander was able to kick numerous 'Bags' and convert from any part of the forward pocket. Possessing the skills of a great snap and with one of the best check-side kicks going round, you knew that when Xander was 'on', a win was just around the corner.

## **Under 11 Rance Season Report**

Coach - Steve Norman / Team Managers - Lionel Minter & Cassandra Mow

Under 11 Rance had a season of great progress and promise for the future. Most of our team started off the season not knowing each other but by the end had built some great connection and camaraderie. Some of our team had never played AFL before but by the end could hold their own with the experienced players. Many of our team had only basic football skills but ended the season with much improved kicking, handball, tackling and match awareness. The team faced many challenges throughout the season with bad weather, illnesses and coming up against strong teams, but they kept bouncing back with enthusiasm. Training was a highlight of the week for me, the team always came with energy and commitment, and absolutely loved the in-house games at the end of our sessions, they were as intense as any match we played. When we had consecutive weeks of training we could see everyone stepping up another level which was so satisfying and gives me confidence that, with some continuity, there is a lot of potential for the group. It's been a real privilege for me to lead the team in 2022 and hope to see you all next season.

### **Player Profiles**

**Mason Lynch** - Mason developed into our lead ruckman for the season, he was fearless in getting the ball at the bounce and won much more than his fair share of tap outs. Not only was he a great tall man for our team he never stopped running, chasing and tackling, competing for the ball all over the field.

**Owen O'Donohue** - Owen showed fantastic improvement in his skills throughout the season. Owen wants to be in the thick of the action and relished playing in the midfield where he competed intensely and won a good share of the ball.

**Lucas Norman** - Lucas established himself in the backline as a goal stopper and executed several key last gasp tackles to frustrate the opposition. His accurate kicking and handballs to team mates set up many attacks for the Tigers.

**Joshua Halpin** - Enthusiasm and positivity come to mind when thinking of Josh in Season 2022. No matter the circumstance Josh threw himself into every game and every training session, he was always to be found at the bottom of packs and chasing non-stop. He was happy to play in many positions around the field and even took on a tagging role which he executed flawlessly.

**Flynn Walters** - Silky skills and great reading of the game come to mind when thinking of Flynn. His improvement through the season and his commitment to working on his game was really impressive. Flynn established himself in our midfield as a keen ball getter who regularly got the ball forward into attacking positions.

**Cassius Bullen** - Just a fantastic competitor for the Tigers in 2022. Aggressive and brave in the pack, Cassius has eyes only for the ball and was a major ball-winner for the team. A big talent and huge commitment every week, we couldn't have asked for more.

**Darcy Spencer** - Darcy gave his all during training and match days, he made massive improvements to his skills throughout the season. We look forward to seeing Darcy build on this foundation going forward.

**Dylan Humphrey** - Able to impact the game from everywhere on the field with his constant running, tackling and great reading of the game, Dylan established himself as our key stopper in defence. Dylan cut off many opposition attacks, taking key marks up back and bouncing the Tigers back into attack through the midfield. Great season Dylan.

**Edwin Minter** - With a talent as big as his booming kick Edwin had a great 2022 season. When he sets his mind to it Edwin can be unstoppable, winning the ball at contests, taking the knockout, frustrating the opposition from defence and setting up attacks for his team. Well done Edwin.

**Karley Baum** - Karley was a welcome addition to the team part way through the season, always willing to learn and do her part for the team. We look forward to seeing Karley progress again in 2023.

**Lachlan Davison** - A great example of the Tiger spirit, Lachlan threw himself into every game with aggressive tackling and fighting for the ball on the ground. His reading of the play set him up to intercept the ball frequently across the back line and in the midfield, well done on a great 2022 season Lachlan.

**Harry Egan** - Harry showed a great willingness to learn and improve his skills in 2022, his kicking improved immensely and he proved himself a strong marker of the ball. We hope to see Harry take another leap forward again in 2023.

**Henry Creighton** - Henry loves his footy and he shows it every minute he is on the training track or in the game. A strong mark and a great straight goal kicking boot made Henry our key forward for the season, contributing many important goals for the team. Henry also shined when playing in other positions, a top team player.

**Louis Gillespie** - Louis had some blindingly good games for the Tigers in 2022, his ability to keep running and aggressively seek the ball constantly made a massive contribution to the team. Louis often played on when injured showing tremendous courage. Louis has a big AFL future.

**Hamish Cozens** - Hamish 'The Hammer' is famous for his intense tackling, he never gives the opposition a break. He stopped so many attacks and goals through the season that I lost count. His team mates all recognised his incredible contribution in our key win of the season where he was chaired off and awarded man of the match. Well done for a great 2022 Hamish.

## **Under 12 Dusty Season Report**

Coach - Mick Kennedy / Team Manager Alex Flower

Season 2021 fizzled for Dusty like it did for everyone else. 10 rounds in, undefeated, playing very good footy then BOOM, seasons over. When Rounds 1 and 2 of the 2022 season were washed out, we thought "Oh no! Here we go again."

Thankfully we got to play the season and this year's Dusty team continued the fantastic work of 2021. Whilst not undefeated this year, the boys rallied in four tough games, controlling the last quarter, coming from behind, to win by less than a goal. It was these games, when the teamwork, commitment for the ball and an unrelenting drive to succeed made me, the team staff, and I'm sure the parents, most proud.

Dusty finished the season as Minor Premiers and won a hard-fought Qualifying Final to get in the Grand Final. As I write this, the Grand Final is yet to be played. I wish the boys the best of luck, and if they bring that steely determination that won those tight games, they will be very competitive.

Thanks to Chris Davison, my co-conspirator. Chris brought the passion to the team. Like Goose was to Maverick, or Buzz Lightyear was to Woodie, Chris played such a big role in developing the team. A big thankyou to Alex Flower, team manager. She was instrumental in keeping the team operating, organising volunteers, confirming numbers, and helping ensure the team abided by the long list of by-laws. Special mention to Jess Robertson who was key to getting our season started. - Coach Mick Kennedy

### **Player Profiles:**

**Mannix Flower** – Mannix started the season with a foot injury, but despite the discomfort, there was nothing stopping him from playing. As the season went on, his foot healed, and Mannix, a natural attacking player, got more involved. Always wanting the ball, he constantly pushed the team forward. But most pleasing was his defensive development through the year, stifling many opposition plays.

**Louis Corcoran** – After the first game of the year, I said to Louis "You have been working on your skills over summer!" To which, in typically Louis style, he just shyly smiled and said yeah. That work continued all year. Louis, a strong leader, gave 100% to every game, every situation. He played every role asked of him to the best of his ability and is very highly regarded amongst his teammates.

**Louis Scamps** – Louis started the season with Rioli and transferred to Dusty after 5 games. After a tentative start with Dusty, Louis developed into a great team player, tackling well, hand passing effectively and never afraid to chase and work hard. Louis would listen to instruction and try to the very best of his ability to carry them out. By season's end, Louis was an important team player.



**Ollie Kennedy** – Ollie chose to own the most technical of positions on the field. He worked hard to develop his craft, to become one of the best jump-and-tap ruckmen in the league, often beating taller opposition players. His leads from forward were amongst the best all year too.

**Aden Rovere** – I think I'll dub Aden "The Magician", because when he weaved and dodged through a crowded field, dropping the footy onto his silky right boot, the opposition was left spellbound. I was impressed by Aden's self-driven determination to improve, trying to lift all aspects of his game. Keep working hard Aden, the sky's the limit if you want it.

**Tommy Griffiths** – Tommy was always a handful for the opposition. Long kicks from defence or for goal left the opposition in no-mans-land. Ferocious tackling consistently stopped opposition stars having much impact on the game. A strong mark and fully committed, Tommy was essential to the team's success.

**Josh Brown** – With only a little encouragement, Josh would lift his game and get heavily involved. Possessing strong skills, Josh was an excellent ball mover. He has the potential to become a very good player, so keep at it Josh, I'm looking forward to seeing you develop even further.

**Nico Lucas** – Nico loved being in the thick of it, at the bottom of packs, running hard, strong tackles and getting shots for goal. As the season progressed, Nico found himself in the mix often. He is developing a good game sense and has the potential to be a very elusive player. Awesome stuff.

**Max McDermott** – Max moved into Dusty from Rioli at the start of the year and found the going a little tough for starters. By season's end Max was getting kicks, laying tackles, running very hard and showing great determination. A huge improver throughout the year, well done Max.

**Luke Munro** – Luke's season can be summed up in one sentence. "It's my ball and no-one else is gonna get it!" Luke's attack on the loose ball, his determination to stop the opposition, and his unrivaled competitive spirit made him a regular example for the other boys to follow.

**Ben Davison** – Quiet and controlled, Ben would do the little things that helped his teammates get the space they needed, handpasses, shepherds, tap-on's. Ben took quality marks throughout the season and was an accurate kick. A strong player across the field, Ben filled many roles well.

**Dom Pudney** – Dom improved his contribution throughout the season, gaining more touches and having a bigger impact each week. A good mark and kick, Dom had his best game of the season in the Qualifying Final by locking down Full Back and restricting the oppositions scoring opportunities.

**Jack Rovere** – Jack was a standout player. If Jack was fighting for the footy in a pack, you could almost guarantee that within seconds, he would be running clear, using his trusty left boot, kicking the ball down field. Exceptionally skilled, Jack would often draw the physical attention of the opposition, trying to slow him down. The harder they tried, the harder he went.

**Hamish Robertson** – If I could spread Hamish's endeavor across the team, the team would be invincible. Hamish regularly intercepted the opposition, drove the ball forward, and worked hard to give his teammates space. If he got knocked down, he'd jump back up and go again.

**Campbell Ward** – Campbell reminded me of Eddie Betts. If he got enough time up forward to get a boot to the ball, his goal radar was lethal. He played strongly in the mids and really developed his defensive work, playing an instrumental role in helping the team gain a Grand Final berth.

**Harry Thornthwaite** – Harry started a promising season but a broken arm saw him miss most of the year. He returned to the game as soon as he could and has done exceptionally well to develop into a solid performer in a very short time. Well done, Harry, your persistence has impressed me.

**Cal McLean** – If Ollie was the ruckman Ying, Cal was the Yang. Regularly used as ruck, Cal had a great knack of holding his ground and protecting the drop-zone, palming the ball off to a teammate. Strong in the forward line, Cal liked nothing more than having a ping at goals. Keep working on your pack marks Cal, and you'll become a very potent full forward.

**Cal Fitzsimmons** – Every team needs a Cal Fitz. Every game, every position, every contest, Cal gave his all. With sure hands taking many marks, accurate kicking, and determined to win all contests, Cal was instrumental in propelling the team forward on many occasions. I love watching you play Cal.

**Ethan Thomas** – If the team needed a job done, ET was the player to do it. Lock down defence, attack through the mids, blast open forward, he did it all. Committed and reliable, never took a backwards step, and no matter how tough the opposition played, ET would play tougher.

## **Under 12 Rioli Season Report**

Coach - Ben Gibson / Team Manager Lauren Sciacca

The season was well under way before the weather finally held for the Rioli's to hold a training session. Despite the challenging start with Covid and weather cancellations the Rioli's went all the way to the Grand Final this year and finished the regular season as Minor Premiers. The team was made up of a mix of new, returning and experienced players, with some international recruits helping add some flair to the team.

After a slow start, losing the opening game the Rioli's got on a run and would go on to win the next 10 games in a row. The Rioli's showed an amazing team spirit all year, as we rotated the boys through different positions to give everyone a go and find out each other's strengths and weaknesses. Our game was built around winning the centre clearances and showing good forward craft to score plenty of goals and then defensively to keep the ball in our attacking 50m and always work hard as a team. This was displayed in the preliminary final win against the Demons, the boys showed the tiger tenacity that held them in good stead all year, with lots of second efforts, shepherding and tackling pressure to contain the Demons to a solitary 2 points. As a community sport we rely heavily on the parents and this Tiger team showed outstanding parent support and help. A special mention to Nick Kelly, Dan Hine, Ken Burnes who always put their hand up to Goal Umpire and Suzy & Gav Reed who ran the water. A shout out to Peter Gledhill and Tony Griffiths who stepped in to coach when the need arose. Thanks to Beau Quarry for being the Runner when needed.

### **Player Profiles**

**Will Burnes**- Will stayed focused throughout the games ready to defend the goals and shepherd the ball as soon as the need arose. A quiet player with a knack for getting in the opposition's way.

**Daniel Gereaux**- Daniel has a strong kick which he used to help move the ball down the field. We were pleased he had played just enough games to play in the finals series when he returned from a long holiday and didn't miss a beat with a strong showing in the prelim final.

**Oliver Gibson-** Oliver has improved throughout the season and can now be seen all over the field tackling, passing and helping his teammates, often drifting forward to find a mark and kick a goal or two.

**Daniel Gledhill-** Daniel is a terrific team player who gives it his all every game. Daniel often identified an opposing player who needed to be shut down and would put his hand up to play that role. A tireless work ethic in midfield.

**Ryan Gough** - Ryan showed outstanding forward craft and would love to slip away from his opponent as the ball entered the forward line and would then line up and kick a goal or do the team thing and pass to the full forward. An awesome season, resulting in leading the goal kicking for the competition.

**Harper Hine** – Harper was very disciplined as our full forward for much of the year, staying deep in the goal square and was fantastic at marking the high deep ball kicked into the forward line and converting for plenty of goals.

**Jack Kelly** – Was a great team player that played deep forward or defence and put his hand up for a run through midfield. Showed a good pair of hands with some nice overhead marks and a very trusty left boot.

**Lucas Nuttal** - A great late addition to the team. Lucas embodied the Tigers spirit and would get to as many contests as possible, often shepherding for teammates or taking marks and kicking long balls into the forward line. Did the lion's share of the ruck duties and rarely lost a tap.

**Jaxon Page-** It was Jaxon's first season of AFL and it's clear he was born to be a Tiger. He learnt quickly and enjoyed tucking the ball under his arm and taking players on with his quick side step.

**Noah Quarry-** Noah is a great team player who never missed a game, would rarely get stung holding the ball despite almost every possession coming from an intercept under pressure. A real rock in the backline.

**Henry Reed** - Henry played his first season as a Tiger this year having moved from our nemesis, the Manly Bombers. He is a passionate player who puts his heart and soul into footy, developed a nice drop punt and would always be first to the ball in a contest.

**Angus Sciacca** – Has a great footy brain and is often instrumental in some great passages of link up play, being a reliable mark and being the best in the team at taking his time to find another Tiger with an accurate drop punt.

**Ollie Smith** – Enjoyed the physicality of midfield and half-forward often being rewarded with good tackles resulting in a free kick and a forward entry, ran hard all day and was a real asset to the team.

**Bodhi Spinks** - Bodhi plays a passionate game of footy and can be seen running up, down and across the field to follow the ball and is often found covered in mud at the bottom of the pack. A good leader that inspired his teammates to work harder.

**Logan Sturrock** – Logan had a great season, playing across a number of positions. His best game for the season came against the Bombers where he was very courageous and curtailed the influence of one of the better players in the competition by marking him tightly and sticking his tackles.

**Toby Tancred-** Toby came to watch a game with horizontal rain, that the boys called hail, no visibility and an aggressive opposition. He must have seen something though as he turned up to the next training and joined the team. It's hard to believe he wasn't always in the team.

**Ben Wagner** – Ben had a great season, starting in the ruck and finishing as our key marking forward at Centre Half Forward. Ben wore his heart on his sleeve and was a great team player always looking out for a team mate and showing good marking and kicking skills.

## **Under 13 Season Report**

Coach - Ryan Stubbs / Team Manager - Ben Drew

Crazy year for the 13 boys with a small list and our fair share of injuries resulting in a handful of forfeits, didn't dampen our boys spirits at all. Our very tight knit group worked very closely on working on our specific skills and how we play best as a team. We took a huge step from last year but still have room to take another step for next season.

As the season progressed we realised that we played our best footy when we played with adventure and with a smile, rather than sticking to the footy basics. With that said we also realised that defending sometimes might help win more games!!

Highlight of our year would of been finally knocking over the manly bombers on what seemed to be our 10th encounter against them, which came of the back of our forward pressure, our relentless mids and our fearless backline.

Looking forward to seeing what our group can do in the coming years, fingers crossed all the boys can stay together and create something special. Go Tiges

### **Player Profiles:**

**Arlo Johnston** (The Sausage Roll Specialist)

Arlo has great skills around the ball and excellent balance. Particularly useful playing the toughest role in the modern game - the damaging small forward. He uses his smaller frame to buzz around the contest and evade the tackler, providing great support on the outside, often the one to clear the ball from congestion. He also has a wicked over-the-shoulder shot on goal.

**Ethan Hall** (He who talks loud, says plenty)

Team ethic comes naturally to Ethan. He sees the game well and uses his voice to support and motivate his teammates on and off the field. He has no qualms going for the ball when it is his time but also has a better sense of structure than most - often needed. His chase-down for the loose ball, whether forward or back, is rarely beaten and his quick handball and kicking to advantage have really improved.

**Hugh Chandler** (The Saviour)

Hugh is a coach's dream at full back. His vision and timing are impeccable. Over the past two seasons he has really developed the backman's magic - he knows where to be, and when to go. Has formed a great connection with Kai too. More than once Hugh saved goals and then saved some more, sometimes single-handedly keeping us in games. Great under pressure. Has started to push up and pinch-hit in the midfield too. Hugh has been very consistent and is regularly in the coaches votes.

**Isaac Healy** (The Spin-Doctor)

No one has moves like Issac. James Brown could learn a thing or two here. He makes space where there isn't any and opponents are often left wondering 'where'd he go?'. Beyond the fancy footwork Isaac has become a pivotal player for moving the ball from the back half, breaking one or two tackles and offloading to

get us moving through the midfield and forward. His handball in close has really improved this season and his defensive work as well. A key link in our chain.

#### **Jake Lamb** (The Pillar)

This year's Coleman Medalist 'Jake-eee' has been a rock in centre-half forward. He loves a goal and is willing to earn them, often breaking tackles or carrying one or two opponents on his strong frame. This season has really seen him develop his team awareness, getting the ball out to advantage when the time is right, and positioning himself well defensively when the opposition win the ball. Has a great set shot which has made the difference on the scoreboard more than once. Was very very brave when badly injured in the last game.

#### **Jed Kalazich** (The Shimmering Wall)

Jed grounded our defensive unit early in the season. Has really been developing his back half craft and was often the one to stop an opposition thrust in its tracks. Was injured early and out for much of the season but was sorely missed. A real structural asset for us and hopefully he'll be back better than ever next year.

#### **Jem Fairfax** (The Wizard)

Jem makes the ball appear from thin air. He has great foot skills, evading tackles easily. And an excellent quick kick. But it is his game smarts and timing that has the biggest impact. So often on the sideline we will hear the question asked 'Wow, who was that?'. The answer is invariably - 'Jem', 'again'. So dangerous around contested packs. And so often the reader of the play, to be on the end of the rushed handball, the loose kick, the spilled pill. Right place, right time. A real team player and great player for our team.

#### **Kai Simpson-Smith** (The Connector)

Kai is the link in the chain. He is pivotal to our defence and an enormous support to our midfield. Many would get torn between those worlds but Kai connects them. He is always willing to go for the loose ball or be there to support when his team mates are one out. He is a huge help to Hugh at full back but also able to use his excellent kicking skills to find a connection, and get us out of the danger area.

#### **Lachlan Chapman** (The Tall Man)

Lachie plays tall, and stands tall when it matters. A natural leader on the field, he takes responsibility at key moments. Not the tallest on our team, but in the ruck he hits to advantage, and in the marking contest he flies high with sure hands. Mark of the Year is his. He has developed great chemistry with Oli and Jem coming out of the midfield, runs to space beautifully, and is nearly always in our chains of possession moving forward. He has a great kick which has been rewarded on the scoreboard too. A massive year for Lachlan.

#### **Lucas Fenton** (The Challenger)

Lucas (fingers) Fenton has been one of the big improvers in 2022. He had a flying start, and a forced break with a broken finger only made him hungrier to get involved. He seems to relish the contested ball and is one of our best at challenging the opposition, pressuring the ball, holding them up and helping us. Valuable back or forward, his skills, his tackling, and support of team mates on field noticeably jumped this year. We can't wait to see how far Lucas can take his game next year.

#### **Mitchell Wiley** (The Big Piece)

Mitchell was a new recruit this year but slotted in to the team so easily, with such a positive attitude, and with such a big impact he was like the puzzle piece we didn't know we were missing. Playing mostly off half back he quickly became the key post back there, often defending the biggest forward. He picked up the rhythm of the game super quickly and in the back half of the season was really starting to get his own ball and help us rebound.

### **Morgan Tierney (Soul Man)**

Big frame, big heart. As ruck or key position, we rely on him in the thick of the action and he wears a lot. This game values 'Best *and* Fairest', not just best, and Morgan defines fair. Quick to apologise if he's clumsy, feels it when he perceives poor sportsmanship, affected deeply when we're on the wrong side of the ump's call. Huge value to us all. His footy is improving all the time on the back of his increased fitness. Often seen dashing back late in games to help the defence. And had a couple of eye-catching moments up forward this year too with good skill on the loose ball.

### **Oliver Drew (Storm-eye)**

When things get wild and woolly, the opposition storm is coming, and it's all looking a bit ragged, Oli has a plan. Oli goes and gets the ball. A break-out season for Oliver this year, consistently helping extract the ball from traffic and get it moving. The tackling and pressure were there last year. This year has seen Oli develop his handball and more importantly his kicking – often finding a good target and a few goals too. Started developing a nice wing role late in the season. Super consistent year.

### **Oscar Clarke (The Deft Avenger)**

A contender for most improved for some. Whereas in past years he hasn't always known how best to get in the game, this season he has gone and found it. Oscar has a great attitude at training and enjoys the game. This year he has started seeing rewards on the field. Often when we needed that last touch or the one piece of pressure to stymie the opposition and give ourselves a shot at winning the ball back, it was Oscar who provided. Started linking well by hand late in the season. Expecting big things next season.

### **Raleigh Bryant (The Smooth Mover)**

Raleigh is another big improver this year. First came the skills, then came the confidence. Really improved his kicking since last year and has great movement around the ground. He has started being a great link-man, receiving the ball from contests and distributing by hand and foot effectively. His willingness to get into the contest jumped this year too which was a big help to the team. He likes a goal and I suspect there's more of those coming his way next year.

### **Sam Blows (Agent of Change)**

The power and the passion. Sam has had a terrific season and made the half-forward flank his own. Like Kai in the backline he is the bridge between worlds – on a mission to link the midfield and forwards. Sam plays with passion and his tackling pressure this year has been key, often locking the ball in our forward half when it would otherwise leave. He's like a midfielder up front. Sam's handball skills have really improved this year too. His kicking to dangerous spots toward goal has also been on the improve and he is looking likely to be very damaging for us next year.

### **Xander Montgomery-Smith (Moonraker)**

That raking left foot! It's a thing of beauty. Such a weapon from the midfield or wing to send the ball low and long into our forward line. Xander has really been working on his wing craft this year too, traveling far and wide on-field, working up and back, using the wings, spoiling the marking contest more, pressuring the ball. In attack he is a wonderful asset on the outside of the contest with his silky skills and great decision-making. Often shows the way with his footy smarts.

## **U14 Dusty Season Report:**

Coaches: Todd McPhee, Tony Griffiths, Dean Gardiner / Team Manager - Olivia Lane

Big thanks to the coaching group and Liv for making everything run smoothly this year. We would also like to thank the players and player's families for their commitment throughout the season. A season in which the players learnt more about team structure, team defense and team rules.

After three seasons of hardly losing a game in Div 2 and one Premiership (should have been two if not for the 2021 season being canceled), this year was an interesting year with a jump to Div 1. We had a wide variety of talent, from brand new through to Academy and Representative caliber. I really hope the boys enjoyed it and that they return to the Tigers in 2023!

All we asked from the boys was to give their all and believe that anyone could be the best at giving effort. The way we finished out the year was a real credit to the boys as we played some really good footy against some very good teams.

### **Player Profiles:**

**Jake Burns** – Despite a few injury setbacks, Jake gave his all. His commitment to the contest and determination to beat his opponent led to some really great footy from Jake. Another great year Jake, well done.

**Patrick Byrne** - Patrick is one of our more reliable players with great skills and an excellent overhead mark. He really stepped up for us in the ruck and played his heart out all season.

**Oscar Fairfax** - The hardest small man in the game! Oscar had another great year and shows no fear on the footy field. I always really enjoy watching Oscar play and hope he sticks at his footy. Well done Oscar.

**Max Gardiner** - Max had an excellent year. He's fast, just gets footy and we could always count on him working hard wherever we put him on the ground, which was usually wherever we needed help! Well done Max!

**Pearce Gardiner** - Pearce carried a huge load for us this year, mostly in the midfield. He sets a very high standard, is fearless and gives his all every week. Whether that be to get the ball or tackle an opponent! He is great to watch and we enjoyed coaching him this year.

**Lucas Geraux** - Lucas missed a bit of footy this year but really competed well when he did play and is a very reliable player. Another coach's dream who you give a job to, and he does it every week.

**Ollie Griffiths** - Ollie is, in my opinion, one of the better players in the competition. He is clean overhead, has great skill execution and had an outstanding year as Captain. A real competitor who has a bright future in footy.

**Will Johnson** - Will isn't new to the Tigers, but he is new to the Dustys. I hope you enjoyed your first year with us. Will worked his way into our starting midfield, is really strong around the footy and backs that up with nice great decision making and skill execution. A great year by Will and hopefully he returns to the Tigers in 2023.

**Kai Johnston** - This was Kai's first year with the Dustys and we worked out quickly that he is good overhead and reads the play well. Once Kai found his confidence, he did a great job this season of finding himself in the right position at the right time and being a real solid contributor to our team.

**Archie Lane** - Archie is great to coach. He's fun to be around and tries his heart out each week in one of the less glamorous positions on the field. I don't think any coach could ask for much more than that. He did a great job in the ruck when called upon and I really hope Archie enjoyed his AFL this year.

**Jude McPhee** - Jude had another great year for the team, covering numerous important roles all over the field. He continues to improve and has really stood up as one of the leaders within the group, both at training and also on game day.

**Luca Merry** - Luca had a great year, really improving his attack at the ball and his overhead marking. He was very consistent this year, regardless of where he played and that consistency was very much appreciated by the coaches.

**Jack Munro** - A coach's favourite as you always know Jack will give 110%. Jack found some really good form late in the year, running hard and winning plenty of the ball, and executing exactly how we wanted to in training. Well done Jack.

**Luke Osborne** - Unfortunately Luke missed a bit of footy due to a foot injury. He did give his all when he did play and has a really good sense of the game and always seems to read the play better than his opponent.

**Kai Penney** - Kai really improved this season as his confidence grew. Kai is a better player than he believes he is and shows plenty of potential when he gives 100% effort. He is very committed to the team, always attending training and at most games. Well done on a great year Kai.

**Harley Potiuch** - Harley was keen to challenge himself this season in Div 1 and looked like he was really enjoying himself. He is a very selfless player and usually does something good when he has the footy. He really threw himself at everything and should be very proud of his efforts.

**Arno Scamps** - Arno showed great commitment to the team this year. He has a great ability to read the play and had a solid season. We have played him behind the ball a lot this year and he was a real general of the backline for us when we needed it.

**Byron Sergeant** - Byron really improved his footy this year. He is a keen listener and seemed to develop a good understanding of how we wanted to play. He ran hard, either to take the ball forward, or to help out in defence. Well done on a great season.

**Cooper Webb** - Cooper had a great season, swinging into defence and doing a great job there. Cooper's foot skills were outstanding this year and he rarely misses a target. He was great at Full Back and worked really hard in a tough position under enormous pressure.

## **U14 Rioli Season Report:**

Coach - Geoff Medwin / Team Manager - Catherine Wyles

To say it was a tough season would be an understatement. We struggled for players from the start of the season, and even though we had our challenges, the 16 Rioli gladiators that we had on the list, stuck together, and gave their best week in, week out. Most games we would be missing at least 2 or 3 and on one occasion we were missing 5 and had to forfeit. Needless to say, there was no bench time for any of the boys. Turn up to the game, tell me where you wanted to play, if that spot was available, it was yours, give the boys some pearls of wisdom, and away we went. The ball spent most of the time in our defensive half, so Jack and



Cooper always wanted to play in the forward line. We stuck at this formula for the entire season and when the final siren sounded in our last game, we had not won a game, but we had a good time just the same.

I want to personally thank Cath, the best team manager a coach could have, Brian, the best goal umpire ever, Bevan, runner and fill-in coach, and Ross, the human megaphone and occasional boundary umpire. Without these people we could never have taken the field. I was the team manager in 2018 and coached the boys for the last 4 years. I have watched this group of boys develop from little boys to young men. They are a fantastic group and I have loved every minute of the journey.

### **Player Profiles:**

**Aiden Barnwell** – Aiden gives his all every game. Whether playing forward, in the mids, or on the ball, you know Aiden is giving you 100%. Could do with a growth spurt, an extra 10 kilograms, some upper body strength, and a summer of running.

**Sebastian Conole** – Seb's second year with the Tigers and his improvement throughout the season was a credit to him. Seb is tenacious and is always determined to get the ball. Had some exceptional games. Trains hard, plays hard. With a bit of kicking practice over the summer, Seb can look forward to 2023 with confidence.

**Jack Eastburn** – Jack, the gentle big man played out the season predominantly in the forward line with some time on the ball. Not a great fan of running, but then again, who is? Jack's parents (Cath and Brian) made him play out the whole season. Highlight of the year was Jack kicking a goal against Balgowlah to the end that his father was goal umpiring. A truly memorable moment.

**Shae Johnson** – Shae had a very short season. Played the first couple of games and a couple at the end. The Rioli's are a much better team with Shae getting the hard ball and executing long clearing kicks.

**Will Kelly** – Will is your meat and two veg type of footballer. Played mainly in defense with a simple mantra – go hard for the ball, get the ball, and kick it. Not a lot of finesse about it, but extremely reliable. Tried adjusting Will's kicking style to no avail. Will and the flat punt kick will be out there in 2023.

**Riley Love** – Riley has had another good season. He has so much natural ability and he is improving his skills every game. Contests hard for the ball, a good mark and kick player. Likes to go for a run and is one of the few that endeavors to bounce the ball.

**Cooper Medwin** – Played forward for most of the season with the occasional run on the ball. Tackles hard and commits to every contest. The final game of the season was Cooper's 50<sup>th</sup> game and his swansong. As both his Dad and coach I have loved every one of those 50 games which culminated with Coops kicking a goal with his final kick.

**Owen Murone** – Mr Consistent. Plays the same way every game. Runs all game and contests. He is so lightly framed and yet goes in to get the hard ball. If only we could find a way to put some weight on him.

**Oscar Nuttall** – Oscar is a great team player. He never complains and is comfortable playing forward or defense. A natural left foot kick with a wide turning arc and the best hair in the entire competition.

**Ben Park** – A tough and gritty defender that gave his all every week. He is hard at the ball and gets involved in every contest.

**Austin Price** – Another year where Austin never failed to get his kick no matter how many opponents were tackling him. What Austin lacks in size he makes up in attitude.

**Liam Raper** – Liam played both forward and defence and I believe that Liam is made for defence. With his size he is imposing to opposition forwards. Liam always gives his all, Well done Liam.

**Lincoln Ryan** – Lincoln was probably our most consistent for the year. Since arriving at the club in 2021, Lincoln has developed into a hard running on-baller. He never gives up on any contest. Lincoln would be our best tackler and has been a pleasure to coach.

**Remi Tyacke** – The big man at full back that runs like a freight train and kicks the ball a country mile. Opposition players quickly worked out to not get in the way of the raging bull. Suffered a hand injury and missed several games and was sorely missed. I predict big things for Remi as he has both pace and size which is a rare commodity.

**Oliver Wood** – Oliver stepped up to be our ruckman for the season and did a fantastic job. Has the ability to run for the whole game and is a strong kick and tenacious tackler.

**Jack Thomas** – A first season player that only managed to play a few games and I hope he sticks with it in 2023.

## **Under 14 Youth Girls Season Report:**

Coach Lachy Hunt / Team Manager Andy Greves:

The girls started the year a bit tough with low numbers and some games against good opposition. They didn't let this get them down and continued giving 100% and notching up a few wins. At the halfway point of the year some unbelievable recruiting happened picking us up and extra 4 players and boosting our numbers enough to have a bench every Sunday. The girls closed out the season with some unbelievable efforts and really showed that everything we worked towards throughout the year paid off. Hopefully all the girls stick at it next year. The Youth girls teams at the tigers are in very good hands with some of the players coming through and the development they are making.

**Stevey Crosby** - Stevey really grew as a footballer this year after getting thrown in the deep end playing as a ruck rotation in her first year of under 14s footy. She was happy to get involved and always enthusiastic to learn.

**Grace Crough** - Grace came a long way as a player this year by always having her head down and giving it her all, I could tell she was trying to get something out of every training session and every game.

**Polly Ferguson** - Polly had a great year for the tigers in what was her first of hopefully many seasons with the club. She took some time to get confident with the new club and team but towards the end she really started to open up and enjoy her footy.

**Sonia Lindell** - Sonia was straight into the ruck for us this season as well and had a great year of footy and grew so much as a player by being open to playing all positions and paying attention to the small things on the field.

**Mia Greves** - Mia had an outstanding year for the tigers yet again and she continues to grow not only as a footballer but also as a leader. She was our captain this year and really took the role on. It showed both on and off the field.

**Ruby Halpin** - Ruby had a great season for us very quickly becoming one of our most consistent players. You always know that she will give 100% regardless of the position she is playing or what the score is.

**Abigail Wilson** - Abi had her best season yet really finding her stride and playing so outstanding footy. As the winner of our teams best and fairest I think this shows. She was a massive part in this team's growth this year.

**Chloe Bosnjak** - Chloe showed her experience this year in being a consistent footy player week in week out. She tackles hard and does an unbelievable job at getting her head over the footy.

**Marley Bond** - For her first season of AFL Marley quickly became a crucial part of our back line reading the play really well and always being first in to get her head over the footy.

**Chloe Looker** - Chloe had an unbelievable season playing mostly in the midfield and continuing to grow as a player, as she plays more and more you can see her confidence grow. She never has a problem running with the ball and taking the game on.

**Keira Looker** - In her first year of AFL Keira had an outstanding year playing most positions and very quickly picking up the basics of the game.

**Jada Parker** - Jada very quickly became a big part of our backline this year by somehow always ending up where the footy was. She was great at positioning herself a kick away from contests and being in the right spots.

**Imogen Smith** - As one of our late additions to the team this season Imogen came in at the right time to help fill low numbers. She was very enthusiastic to learn and by the end of the season it seemed like she has been playing forever.

**Eliza Saunders** - As one of our late additions to the team this season Eliza came into the team ready to learn and take the game on. She was always playing head over the footy and ready to get in and get involved.

**Summer McMillan** - As one of our late additions to the team this season summer came in and took on the little this straight away. Always trying to do extra kicking at training and really better herself as a footy player

**Giovanna Vasconcellos** - As one of our late additions this season Giovanna came in and had an immediate impact on the team. Playing in the midfield in her first game, she was always ready learn but was able to show how much she was as improving on the field

## **U15 Season Report**

Coach - Craig Nicholas / Team Manager Phil Osborn

Assembling a mix of young men from different schools and sporting backgrounds the 15s united early in the season and were set the challenge of defining a goal for themselves and the team. In the same way a mountain climber's goal is to summit, the overwhelming goal for this team was to make the Grand Final. With a mix of AFL experience across the team we approached the season with incremental goals to develop each player. We agreed that if we increased the average skill level of the team we would be able to overcome any obstacle together. These young men set to work at training twice a week, and quickly developed our skills. We worked particularly hard on developing better decision making skills during game play while creating open play options. We also focused on moving players out of their usual positions so they could develop a better appreciation of the way the ball moves so they can be more effective in their normal positions.

This approach enabled our team to enjoy a lot of success through the season enabling us to enter the finals. We also learnt that when you climb a mountain you need three critical components, HOPE, ROPE and TRUST. We knew we would come up against our biggest challenge, Kellyville (who had dropped a division) who had won every game in our division convincingly. After going down in the Semi Final against them in a hard fought encounter, we rallied with excellent team work in a do or die encounter to overcome Macquarie and win our way to the Grand Final.

The GF was held at Blackman Park, Lane Cove. We created an experience for the boys around what a Grand Final should look like, organising a bus from Tigerland, getting well wishes from notables, Dane Rampe and Kurt Fearnley pre-match. We knew we ALL needed to HOLD THE ROPE & lift each other as we climbed.

We were caught by the fast starting Kellyville and were unable to claw our way back and managed to come out Runners Up for 2022. We achieved our goal of making the grand final<sup>1</sup> These young men represented Pittwater with pride, integrity and put in a tenacious effort and gave everything till the final siren. They did not give up – They kept grinding away and I'm extremely proud of their efforts to represent Pittwater Tigers by doing their best.

We could not have got this result without the immense support of Phil Osborn, Manager. His positivity, enthusiasm and wise council enables us to create this result while also developing exceptional young men. Thank you Phil – you are awesome! Important to also recognise the support of our President Simon Smith for his support for this team. His passion for the Tigers and getting all of our club around each other has been nothing short of exceptional. Kids playing footy with their friends is what this is all about and Simons' commitment to creating this environment has been realised in this team. Thank you.

**Great season men. . . . Always remember to HOLD THE ROPE**

**Player Profiles:**

**Jayden** - A tough start to the season following a shoulder reconstruction Jayden's toughness at the ball was welcomed toward the end of the season and in the finals. A healthy bag of goals during finals series demonstrated the strength he provided our forward line.

**Jacko** - Silky smooth skills and beautiful mark of the ball, Jacko served us in a variety of roles during the season and found the ball all the time when he was in the ruck.. His ability to finesse the ball to our midfielders was a precursor to a certain goal.

**Max** - As the season developed Max found his form on overhead marks from a lead. Max, hard to beat when he was on a lead, was rewarded with a few goals this season as well.

**Lochie** - For his first season in AFL Lochie's best game was during the finals services with a heap of possessions and disposals from his wing position . He is someone to watch in the future.

**Jaime** - Exceptional knowledge of field position what Jaime gives away in size he makes up for in his knowledge of holding position and reading the game. A reliable rover of throw ins with safe hands and accurate kicking always got us moving forward.

**Hugo** - Enthusiastic and passionate about getting the ball. Hugo's first season in AFL showed he has the ability to be a very good half forward.

**Ben** - Ferocious on the ball and damaging to rival players Ben was able to shut down the most dominant players of our opponents and create space. This was easily Ben's best season.

**Sticks** - Safe hands and accurate kicking Will was able to lead our midfield out of most tricky situations. Wils ability to read the game and synergy with Dash and Ryan in the midfield damaged most opponents.

**Zac** - First season of AFL and Zac astounded us with his blistering pace. His ability to shut down defenders and apply pressure was invaluable. Looking forward to seeing Zac's skills develop even more next year.

**Ryan** - The silent assassin, Ryan was able to create space and time in the mid-field that was lost when he came off for a rest. His ability to win the hard balls was a cornerstone of mid-field dominance.

**Harry** - Strong and safe hands Harry's skills developed during the season and his safe hands in wet conditions an absolute asset to us.

**Dash (CoCaptain)** - Hard working mid-fielder who had the ability to find himself in a ball winning position in just about every opportunity Dash was our best on Ground during the Grand Final.

**Sam** - With safe hands and strong leads Sam's mid filed work rate was exceptional. While developing his AFL skills even more Sam will be very dangerous in the future AFL seasons.

**Dan** - Speedy and safe hands, Dan's ability to win contested ball and come off the line in defence to win the ball impacted more and more games during the season and strengthened our back line. A huge asset to our team

**Kian** - Strong marks and safe hands saw Kian added into our back line and wing. Kians ability to attack with the ball from the wing and backline saw many goals originate from his hands.

**Myles (Co-Captain)** - Flamboyant and entertaining, Myles strong overhead marking ability saved us so many times during the season. His reliability an absolute asset and not shy of a torp or running with the ball, you always knew something was going to happen.

**Basti** - Our small forward who found the goals in the most unexpected times and outplayed opponents who were taller and stronger.

**Nick** - Versatile surprise package, Nick found the ball most games and took some great marks at critical times during games and was a ferocious terroir when it came to taking the ball away from our opponents.

**Snicko** - Dominating the wing Snicko had his best game against Manly racking up a heap of possessions against his school friends. Safe hands and as his confidence developed, he impacted every game.

**Dawso** - After a few seasons off Will came back to AFL and brought his fierce defence to our backline. Asserting his dominance during the final series Will had the ability to shut his opposition out of the game and get a few valuable possessions at moments we needed them.

**Kai** - The transition from Basketball to AFL was an easy one for Kai as he was strong over the ball all year, hard to play against in defence and almost snapped a bloke in one game at Tigerland.

**Jacob** - Coming off the line to attack the ball, as a defender, no opposition could compete with Jacobs ability to read the bounce and win the ball & clear it to the mid fielders. His experience is an absolute asset in the back line.

**Lewis** - Dominant in every position, Lewis ability to read the play and get the ball saw him awarded the Sydney Junior AFL Best & Fairest by a significant margin. Always impactful.

## Under 16 Youth Girls

Coach Roxy Beauziville / Team Manager Simon Cozens

### Player Profiles:

**Olivia Byrne** - Liv has shown her many years of skill and game experience this season. Her awareness of the game and initiative to lead the girls have been great to watch.

**Leila Mcdougall** - Leila is talented in many sports and brought that talent and speed to our game. She shined on the field as one of our best on

**Macy Beuzeville** - Macy is fast and furious on the AFL field. With her swimmer's lungs, she could run all day and tackle anyone and everything that comes her way.

**Charlotte Gee** - Great to see Charli return to AFL and give it 100% every game. She was a value to the team.

**Thalia Penny** - Thalia was coachable and gave her best when she played. We hope to see more of Thalia next season.

**Daisy Butler** - Daisy brought her fun spirit to every game which lifted the team. She gave her best efforts for the team which showed. Daisy had some great improvements by the end of the season.

**Mikaela Sparks** - Mikaela has shown massive improvements throughout the year. She could play any position she was given well and was one of our most aggressive and best on field.

**Chelsea Cousins** - Chelsea is another leader and experienced player with her powerful defending kick. Always a trusting player down the back.

**Ashlea Armstong** - Ash found her position up front and was always a quiet achiever. She was committed to the team and a great attribute. Well done, Ash!

**Amelia Thornwaite** - Milly has had an amazing season and was one of our best on the ground. She used her skill of running to her advantage charging through the play.

**Erin Shanahanv** - Erin was a spicy tiger who improved every game throughout the season. She was fast and feisty on the field despite her height.

**Lily Haplin** - Lily was a zippy little player running every on the field. She gave everything a go and improved immensely over the season.

**Darla Sturrock** - Darla had a great first year in U16s and isn't afraid of anything that comes her way.

**Marnie Hilton** - Marnie showed guts and determination on the field. She brought her strength and speed against every player from the opposition.

**Ruby Drew** - Ruby was a fierce competitor and loved to get amongst the action and with a smile.

**Charlotte Ward** - CJ has had an awesome season. Her attendance and commitment to the team were outstanding. She played the forward position very well.

**Ella Gwynne** - Despite Ella's young age, she stood out with her strong capabilities as a U16 tiger.

**Ruby Gwynne** - Every game Ruby played she gained more confidence in herself and the game.

**Lili Heather** - I saw a massive improvement in her confidence throughout her season as she brought her smiley face to the games.

**Ruby Gruber** - Gruber has shown her strength through congested packs around the whole ground. She contested for the ball many times and powered through the other teams' attempted tackles.

## **Appendix A: Code of Conduct**

### **Junior Australian Football Clubs**

Today's parents have an important role in the delivery and support of sporting activities for their own and other children. With it comes a clear responsibility to act in a constructive and encouraging manner at all times.

#### **Players**

***"Play by the rules and within the 'spirit of the game'"***

- Play for the 'fun of it' and not just to please parents, coaches and teachers
- Play by the rules and within the 'spirit of the game'. Shake hands with your opponent after the game.
- Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials or other players, deliberately fouling or provoking an opportunity and throwing equipment is neither acceptable nor permitted in any sport.
- Work equally hard for yourself and your team. Your team's performance will benefit and so will you.
- Be a good sport. Admire all good passages of play whether they be by your team or the other team.
- Treat all players as you would like to be treated. Do not interfere with, bully or take unfair advantage of another player.
- Cooperate with the umpires, your coach, teammates and opponents. Without them there would be no game.

#### **Parents, Caregivers and Spectators**



***“Remember children play sport for their enjoyment not yours”***

- Focus upon the child’s efforts and performance rather than the overall outcome of the event. This assists the child in setting realistic goals related to their ability by reducing the emphasis on winning.
- Encourage children to always participate according to the rules.
- Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a game.
- Remember children learn best by example.
- Applaud good play by all teams.
- Encourage children to participate, do not force them.
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.
- Respect official’s decisions and teach children to do likewise,
- Show appreciation of volunteer coaches, officials and administrators. Without them your child could not participate.
- If you disagree with an official, raise the issue through the appropriate channels rather than question the official’s judgment and honesty in public. Remember that most officials give their time and effort for your child’s involvement.
- Consumption of alcohol is inappropriate at all junior games.
- When umpires receive a small amount for out-of-pocket expenses, don’t adopt a ‘you are paid not to make mistakes’ attitude, we all do.

**Administration & Officials**

***“Ensure that equal opportunity for participation in sports is made available to all children”***

- Ensure that equal opportunity for participation in sports is made available to all children, regardless of ability, size, shape, sex, age, disability or ethnic origin.
- Ensure that rules, equipment, length of games and training schedules take into consideration the age, ability and maturity level of participating children.
- Ensure that adequate supervision is provided by qualified and competent coaches and officials capable of developing appropriate sports behaviour and skill technique.
- Remember that children participate for enjoyment and play down the importance of rewards.
- Provide clinics aimed at improving the standards of coaching and officiating, with an emphasis on appropriate behaviour and skill technique.
- Ensure that parents, coaches, sponsors, physicians and participants understand their responsibility regarding fair play.
- Modify rules and regulations to match the skill level of children and their needs.
- Condemn unsporting behaviour and promote respect for all opponents.
- Publicly encourage rule changes which will reinforce the principles of participants for fun and enjoyment.
- Ensure that your behaviour is consistent with the principles of good sporting behaviour.
- Make a personal commitment to keep yourself informed of sound officiating principles and the principles of growth and development of children.

## **Appendix B: PITTWATER TIGERS - ELECTED POSITIONS**

### **PRESIDENT**

#### **DESCRIPTION OF ROLE.**

The President of the Club is accountable to the Members for the overall good Governance of the Club including:

- Ensuring that there is a documented and published structure for the delivery of the Club Programs.
- That the structure is populated with appropriately skilled and committed volunteers.
- That the Club vision, mission and values are documented and appropriate to a junior sporting club and clearly communicated to all Members.
- That the Club is operated responsibly and professionally and that Natural Justice principles apply to all dealings.
- Act as an Ambassador, advocate and promoter of the Club.

- Ensure that the Club operates in a financially responsible and accountable manner. Ensure that the Club acts legally, morally and ethically in all its dealings.

#### ROLE TASKS:

Specific tasks that the President will discharge are as follows:

- Establish and review for appropriateness the structure of the Club for the delivery of Club Programs at least once annually.
- Chair all meetings of the Committee of the Club at which attendance is possible.
- Oversee the preparation and publication annually of a Club Strategic Plan that clearly sets out the key Club initiatives and directions for at least the forthcoming twelve month and preferably three year period.
- Represent the Club at key League and other appropriate forums to ensure that the interests of the Club and its members are properly and professionally put forward.
- Communicate openly with the Committee Members about issues that are affecting the Club.
- Make sure that true and accurate records of all Club proceedings are kept and published.
- Ensure that the club complies with policies of the committee, and rules of the GSJAFL.
- Strive to ensure that the club achieves the maximum possible amount of positive publicity, in the context of growth and developing the code of AFL. Actively build good and positive relationships between the Club and the wider Community.
- Ensure active and positive links with community stakeholders are developed and maintained as a conduit for the promoting of the code and club.

### **VICE PRESIDENT**

#### DESCRIPTION OF ROLE.

The Vice President is an important support role to the President of the Club. The Vice President will act as an Ambassador for the Club, act for the President in all official capacities in the absence of the President and support the President and Secretary in particular with the discharge of their official duties.

ROLE TASKS: Specific tasks that the Executive Vice President will discharge are as follows:

- Deputy for the Club President on all occasions that the President is unavailable or requests a substitute. (see president role description)
- Act as an Ambassador for the Club especially with the Council, including sports council representative, AFL (NSW/ACT, AFL Sydney Juniors, Regional Committee, sponsors of the Club and media)
- Assist support and mentor Club Board Members to help discharge their responsibilities.

- Deputy for the Club Secretary in the event of absence of the Secretary.
- Advise on quasi legal and administrative matters.

### **CLUB TREASURER**

#### DESCRIPTION OF ROLE.

The Treasurer is the Clubs' Chief Financial Officer and a member of the committee. The Treasurer is responsible for discharging the stewardship function over all Club funds, setting and maintaining the accounts of the Club to track financial activities, for reporting at least monthly to the Committee on Club financial performance, preparing the Club budget annually and for establishing and monitoring internal control mechanisms and procedures, as appropriate.

#### ROLE TASKS:

Specific tasks that the Club Treasurer will discharge are as follows:

- Prepare an annual budget for the funding of the Club operations.
- Assisting with the setting of annual registration fees based on projected costs and revenue streams.

- Reporting at least monthly to the Committee on the financial status and performance of the Club.
- Developing, implementing and monitoring internal control measures that are both practical and that protect the Club's asset base.
- Setting up, administering the club accounts.
- Acting as the principal point of contact between the Club and its Banker and managing the Banking relationship.
- Acting as one of the Club signatories to all Club accounts.
- Acting as the principal "payer" of accounts rendered to the Club for services and goods that it buys or consumes.
- Managing Club "liquid funds" so that returns on any surplus funds are maximised consistent with minimising the Club to exposures to loss.
- Preparing the Annual Accounts of the Club and presenting them for audit in a timely manner each year - ideally such that the Annual Accounts are audited before the end of September in each year.
- Present the audited financial statements each year to the Club community, as required at the club Annual General Meeting. Respond to any questions that may arise from within the Membership base.

## **CLUB REGISTRAR**

### DESCRIPTION OF ROLE.

This role is responsible to the Club Committee and the League Registrar for ensuring that the Club player records comply with League rules. This is a critical aspect as any lack of compliance in this regard could render the Club and any teams within the Club ineligible to compete in League finals. The Registrar reports to the Club Committee on the profile of our player community, assists with targeting our player recruitment efforts, planning for the introduction of new teams within the Club structure, applying on the Clubs' behalf with Board endorsement for any player exemptions, tracking individual players and advising on milestones. This role works closely with the Club Recruitment Co-ordinator to discharge the responsibilities.

**ROLE TASKS:** Specific tasks that the Club Registrar will discharge are as follows:

- Assist the Recruitment Co-ordinator to develop a recruitment strategy for the acquisition of new players for endorsement of the committee by no later than the middle of November in each year.
- In conjunction with the Recruitment Coordinator implement the elements of the approved plan.
- Ensure that all players complete the appropriate registration form at the commencement of each playing season. Ensure that the Club player registration records fully comply with the requirements of the AFLSJ (AFL Sydney Juniors).
- Maintain the Club player database in an up to date and accurate condition at all times.
- Report to the Community proactively on the profile of the Club player community, areas for targeting and issues to be addressed.
- Liaise with Team Managers and the Treasurer to ensure that all individual player records are complete and that all players have paid the appropriate registration fees for each playing year by no later than the end of June in that year. Track the achievement of individual player milestones to allow the Club to honor those achievements.
- Assist with the preparation of the annual player presentations.
- Keep the database of Life Members and friends of the Club up to date and clean.
- Liaise with the Communication – Website Co-ordinator regularly to ensure player milestones achieved are recognised on the club website.

## **CLUB SECRETARY**

### DESCRIPTION OF ROLE.

The Club Secretary plays an important organisation and co-ordination position within the Club. The Secretary is an important watchdog on Club Governance and compliance with all of the statutory requirements that apply to the Club and its operations including the notion of procedural fairness in all our dealings.

### ROLE TASKS:

Specific tasks that the Club Secretary will discharge are as follows:

- Ensure that The Club Governance arrangements are not in conflict with the Clubs Constitution, Articles of Association, Rules and the laws of Natural Justice.

- Ensure that the Club fully complies with all of its legal obligations in relation to the Constitution, Articles of Association and the Incorporated Clubs Legislation.
- Ensure that Committee meetings of the Club are regularly called, properly notified to all entitled to attend and are legal.
- Prepare and distribute the agenda for all meetings of the Club Committee.
- Prepare true and accurate records of all meetings of the Club Committee and promptly distribute them to all entitled to receive them.
- Ensure that the Club and its physical and notional assets are properly protected for Insurance purposes.
- Manage the Club records.
- Prepare and distribute official committee correspondence.
- Ensure that the Club mailbox is regularly monitored, cleared and that correspondence is promptly brought to the attention of the relevant Club official.
- Give notice of and convene the Club Annual General Meeting before the end of September in each year in consultation with the Club President.

## **GEAR STEWARD**

### DESCRIPTION OF ROLE.

The Equipment Managers' role is a very important support to the operations of the Club – particularly the on field operations. The Club has a significant investment in both short and medium term assets that it uses to support on and off field activities and these assets need to be ordered, despatched, maintained, tracked and replaced on a programmed basis. The Equipment Manager is the person responsible for carrying out that asset management role.

ROLE TASKS: Specific tasks that the Property Manager will discharge are as follows:

- Identify quantities and order all match and training footballs at the commencement of each season.

- Audit and refurbish all “team kits” at the commencement of each season to ensure that the kits contain the required:- Clothing. E.g. Goal umpire coats, runner T-shirt. Medical items, Match support materials. E.g. Goal flags, coaches team boards, boundary umpire whistles, ball pump, etc.
- Order Club clothing for resale to players including socks and shorts.
- Order new and replacement Club Jumpers to cater for projected demand and to replace worn jumpers.
- Source and buy other operational support equipment as agreed from time to time. E.g. White Boards, Coaches Team Boards, training equipment.
- Package Team jumpers for each team at the commencement of the season for hand over to the Team
- Manager for allocation to the players such that there are adequate numbers, of good quality and without any duplicate jumper numbers.
- Ensure that Team Managers keep track of the player to whom each jumper has been allocated.
- Collect all jumpers and other operational team equipment from the Team Managers at the conclusion of each season.
- Safely pack all clothing and stock items of equipment for safe and protected storage at the conclusion of the season.
- Undertake and lead stock inventory / stock take at the beginning and the end of season, ensure results of stock take are documented, from this exercise develop an investment or replacement scheme.

## **SOCIAL COORDINATOR**

### DESCRIPTION OF ROLE.

A key strategic direction for the Club is to build relationships within the Membership and sponsorship base to:

- Foster relationship strength within the players of the various teams.
- Foster relationships amongst the parents of the players within each Club team. The Social Co-ordinator is responsible for developing a social/events program for Committee approval that will achieve those objectives.



ROLE TASKS: Specific tasks that the Social Co-ordinator will discharge are as follows:

- To facilitate the growth and ongoing development of the club through establishing and managing a base of social interaction off the field. This will be reached through a number of planned and well communicated events, in conjunction with club sponsors that bring players and their families into regular contact with club officials in a relaxed environment.
- Prepare a social program for approval by the Committee each season
- Submit as required, information to the club Communication co-ordinator to inform the market and advise all members of forthcoming activities and to report on the outcome of activities already conducted.
- Make all of the arrangements with the relevant people/organisations for the successful conduct of the activities in the social program.
- Liaise with the Team Managers to ensure that they are aware of all social activities and assist with the promotion and management of.

## **CLUB SPONSORSHIP AND GRANTS COORDINATOR**

### DESCRIPTION OF ROLE.

To recruit and manage with committee approval the sponsorship portfolio that the Club uses to support Club finances and members of the Club community. The management of this function will be undertaken within Club policy guidelines which include:

That any available grants are researched and applied for to assist with club operations.

That in consideration for their sponsorship, sponsors receive a copy of each, receive an invitation to all Club social functions and to the Presentation functions that the Club conducts, receive a

certificate in recognition of their sponsorship and have their preferred presentation published graphically on the club Website with position determined by sponsorship class

**ROLE TASKS:** Specific tasks that the Club Sponsorship Co-ordinator will discharge are as follows:

- Develop a tiered suite of sponsorship products.
- Look after existing Club sponsors on a relationship basis and ensure that they are receiving the service from the Club that we committed to at the original point of contact in accordance with Club policy.
- Recruit new Club sponsors to the Club as required and available in accordance with Club policy
- Present presentations of the benefits of Club sponsorship to prospective new sponsors in accordance with the standard Club presentation pack.
- Work with sponsors to develop their preferred means of representation for the web site.
- Actively seek to continue to promote the products and services offered by Club sponsors to the Club community.
- In conjunction with the sponsors gather together a presentation pack of sponsor generated promotional material for handing out to all Club members at the commencement of each season.
- Research apply and progress to conclusion any available grants that may be on offer to assist with club operations, all grant applications to be approved by the committee prior to submission.
- Establish, in agreement with the club treasurer a sponsorship spreadsheet detailing all sponsorship income for the club.

### **Additional Committee Roles:**

#### **Coaching Coordinator:**

Working with all coaches to develop a consistent approach to coaching, training and Game day.

#### **Team Manager Coordinator**

Working to support all team managers to ensure consistent approach across all teams within the club. Ensure team managers have relevant information and training on PlayHQ and have clear understanding of the Team Manager role

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