

## 2017 Yearbook















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## president's report



Tim Kearney

What an honour it was to accept on behalf of the Bosco Bulldogs the 2017 Club of the Year trophy at the Cronulla Junior Rugby League Awards night held at Cronulla Sharks Leagues Club. This award is a reflection of the hard work that everyone puts in at our great club. From the Executive Committee, the General Committee, Coaches, Managers, Trainers, players, parents, sponsors and volunteers you have all played your part in the club winning this award. It's the 4th time Bosco has won this award since the awards inception in 1982. What a great reward for a club without a proper clubhouse or canteen. Congratulations to everyone - well done!!

In 2017 we fielded 12 Junior Bosco Bulldogs teams from U6 through to U12's which were played on Saturdays. Well done to all teams for playing the game in the right spirit at all times. Once again our registered number of players increased on the previous season which was great to see.

Congratulations to our two premiership winning sides, our U13 Gold and U15 Gold. Both teams won very tight Grand Finals, U13 beating Engadine Dragons 6-0 and U15 beating Aquinas 12-10. The U18's unfortunately lost their Grand Final in the Illawarra comp to Collegians 22-16.

I would like to thank the Committees of Yarrawarrah Tigers (U13 & U15) and Engadine Dragons (U15 & U18) for their support of our Senior merged sides.

This year we fielded 6 Girls Touch League teams which was up from only 1 team in 2016. It was great to see the Girls Touch league bring in so many new families to our Club and it was fantastic to see all of the girls out on the field on Sunday mornings proudly wearing the Blue and White of the Bosco Bulldogs. The girls touch league will only get bigger in years to come. Well done to everyone involved with the Girls Touch League. Congratulations to our U7 girls winning their Grand Final 30-12 over Como.

I'd like to congratulate our Junior Player of the year Justin Letton and Senior Player of the year Monty Raper. Two fine players who both had fantastic seasons - Well done Justin and Monty.

To our Executive Committee of Paul Gilbert, Dave Sheargold, Adam Wrightson and Mel Bryant – Thank you for the long hours and hard work you each put in for this club and also the support you have given me this year, I really appreciate it.

Thank you to everyone that holds a position on our General Committee, the club would not survive without your help. A few special mentions are deserved, Chris Bryant for setting up and marking the fields every Saturday morning and Simon Gilroy for organising the Bosco Jackets. Once again the canteen was a major source of revenue for the Club, thanks Toby Sammut for your efforts and everyone else who helped during the year. Once again thanks to Nicole Wrightson for putting this yearbook together.

Congratulations to Michelle Price for winning Club Person of the Year. Michelle took on the role of Registrar this season, she submitted our successful government application for our new trailer, was on our Social Committee and is Chairperson of the Clubhouse committee. Great work Michelle. Our winner of the Club Woman of the Year was Kylie Stewart for her outstanding work getting all of our Girls Touch League teams up and running. Well done Kylie.

Off the field 2017 was a very successful season. We held our 21st Annual Sportsman's Lunch at Club Heathcote with over 280 guests attending. Once again it was a huge success and a big thankyou to the Luncheon Committee of Brad Wardrobe, Grant Raper, Chris Bryant, Darren Price and Greg Edwards for all of their hard work making this day happen. Since the very first Sportsman Luncheon in 1997 this event has generated over \$470,000 of revenue to the club – truly amazing!

Our Social Committee as always were very busy organising a number of social events that are a lot of fun. This year we had the Meet and Greet, Encouragement Awards and Disco, Trivia and Band night, Ladies night out, Women in League Round, and flowers for each mum on Mother's Day. We also sold over 200 beanies which raised over \$4000 for the Mark Hughes Foundation. To our Social Committee of Kelly Sheargold, Natalie Sammut, Michelle Price and Mel Bryant thank you for all of your hard work this season. Also a special thanks to Kelly Sheargold and Jody Ryan for baking the lovely cupcakes for Women in League Round.

To our major sponsors Club Heathcote, Holden, Surelinc, Yellow Brick Road Sutherland, All About Meat, FBH Maintenance and all individual team sponsors – thank you, the players and Club appreciate your support.

I have held numerous roles on the Executive Committee including Secretary and President and it is now time for me to step aside and let someone else come in and run the Club. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time on the Executive Committee and I have met some truly great people and made some lifelong friends. Good luck to the mighty Bosco Bulldogs for 2018 and beyond.



## secretary's report



**Dave Sheargold** 

What a great year 2017 has been for the Bosco Bulldogs. Firstly I'd like to give a big thanks the executive and extended committee members; the time given up before, during and after the season helps the club run as smoothly as it does, and is greatly appreciated by everyone.

We had a top season on the field this year, with 3 of our Girls Touch league teams (under7s, 9s and 11s) and 3 of our Rugby League teams (under 13s, 15s and 18s) making the final series .. with some lucky enough to taste Grand Final glory. We also hosted some great games this season and it's a pleasure to watch the kids enjoying their footy, win lose or draw there was always plenty of smiling faces after the games.

The club hosted some great events this year with one of the biggest mid-season encouragement awards nights ever (it was "organised chaos" all those kids in one room seemed like a good idea at the time), as well as our annual trivia night, ladies dinner and sports luncheon. Big thanks to our social committee, Nat, Michelle, Mel and the Kel's and the sportsman luncheon team Brad, Greg, Daz and Grant as well all the other helpers who make these events a success every year.

Kylie Stewart was our "Woman in League" this year as her passion for the Girls Touch league was second to none, helping Bosco to field teams in almost every age group. Kylie was instrumental in making the comp such a success this year and I'm sure this will continue into the future as numbers grow.

We also had plenty of new things on this season, many driven by our Club Person of the year Michelle Price who came up with some of great ideas from our Mother's Day flower campaign to fund raising on the Women In League round just to name a few. Michelle has also been instrumental in helping to secure grants for some exciting projects for next season.

It was a fantastic year for sponsorship, with continuing support from our major sponsors Club Heathcote, Holden and a new Girls sponsor FBH Maintenance, as well as our sponsorship committee securing individual team sponsors from our other supporters, with every child coach trainer and manager receiving club jackets. Another great effort by Gav, Simon and Adam.

We finished the season on a high this year taking out the CSJRL Club of the Year, and this is a testament to everyone involved with the club from the committee and volunteers to the parents and players, who if we didn't enjoy what we all do the club wouldn't have had the success we've had this season.

Lastly, a few final thanks for a few of the behind the scenes people that do a lot that often goes unnoticed; Chris Bryant for being up at Bosco oval marking the fields every week in the freezing cold sometimes even in the dark. Simon Gilroy, who spent time running games and giving a lot of weekends to keep things running smoothly for us. Nicole Wrightson and Adam Brien looking after playing gear, it is a big job and quite often gets overlooked as something that just happens.

Kel Kearney, keeping on top of our social media sometimes feels like a full time job but everyone has loved the photos and stories popping up each week. Toby Sammut for all the work you do each week sorting and preparing the canteen.

Big thanks to my wife Kelly, for putting up with me spending so much time at my second home Boystown oval looking after my other family the Bulldogs.... And a huge thanks to everyone else who helped through out the year. TK, Bluey, Adam and Mel it's been a pleasure working with you all this season the club wouldn't be where it is today if it wasn't for your passion, thanks for letting me be part of it all.

Bring on 2018. Dave #FIML





## under 6 silver / red



Coach Todd Vickery

Manager: Simon MacKenzie

#### **Award winners**

Best & Fairest: Travis Holborow
Coaches Award: Riley MacKenzie
Most Improved: Lachlan Doherty

The change in these young boys has been amazing. This was the first time most of these boys had played football and the skills learned over the course of the year have been inspiring to watch. From the first game where they were not sure where to stand, to now where they are playing as a team, passing and scoring tries! We started with 8 highly enthusiastic boys and have ended with 8 football stars.

Coach Todd and Manager Simon have also enjoyed the learning curve. From the first training sessions wondering if we would ever know what we were doing to now a well-run team. With the help and support of each of the parents this team has been a pleasure to be part of.

Coach Todd has shown great passion and patience, understanding and commitment to teaching the players all the little steps involved in developing themselves as football players and he has done this in such a way to make every training session and game day a fun and memorable event (kids enjoying a special treat for their great efforts after each match).



#### **ASHTON HAYES-CONWAY**

Mr Consistent, a polished all-rounder with a natural ability for the game, making tackles and scoring tries.

#### **COOPER MARTIN**

Mr Cool, he shows calmness under pressure and his fast running and assistance with tackling makes him an integral part of the team.

#### JAKE BECKET

Mr Fearless, he is brave in attack and defence and his ability to carry the ball with 2 hands is a skill that some adults find hard to master.

#### **KADE VICKERY**

Mr Strong, he shows complete intensity each week at training, which then assists him as he runs hard and fast through the opposition and keeps the defence at bay.

#### LACHLAN DOHERTY

Mr Powerful, although he took a few weeks to gain his confidence, once he did he showed great skills in both attack and defence with his key strength being the ability to make ground while carrying defenders.

#### RILEY MACKENZIE

Mr Flash, he shows amazing balance and poise when carrying the ball and weaving through the opposition defence and is determined to get across the try line with every run.

#### TALAN KIELLOR

Mr Happy, his temperament and easy-going nature make him a great team player, he is always providing encouragement and support to his team.

#### TRAVIS HOLBOROW

Mr Tough, his tackling technique allows him to bring down much larger players and his ability to read the game in attack and defence will see him go far in rugby league.









# BOSCO BULLDOGS 2017 | $\infty$

### under 6 bronze / green



Coach Rich Fogarty

Trainer: Corey Wishart

Managers: Adam & Clair Helmrich

#### **Award winners**

#### **"Sean Ryan" Perpetual** Corey Duggan

Best & Fairest: Joel Kearney

Coaches Award: Connor Gavin

Most Improved: Taj Helmrich

Without doubt the cutest and toughest side in the Shire. What an amazing year with the mighty U/6's. With six 4 year olds this could've been a tough year, however, our boys decided otherwise and this was lead by 3 older boys. Our boys thrived and just got better with every game notching up 6 wins, a draw to much older and bigger opposition.

The boys are very well behaved, listened and learned. By the end of the season all of them were contributing with great defence and all were making great runs with every player scoring a try on their own.

Thanks so much to the boys and the parents of this team. It's not only been an enjoyable year for the boys but for the parents as well. Special mention to Clair, Adam, Corey and Matt for helping throughout the year. We couldn't do it without them.



#### **JOEL KEARNEY**

One of our team leaders, Joel always lead from the front and was a pleasure to coach. He always listened and did everything that was asked of him. With some great defence and weaving runs leading to 31 tries. Joel had a fantastic season and next year I can only see him getting better.

#### **COREY DUGGAN**

This boy is one to watch. Our other leader Corey gave all our young footballers confidence to compete. Corey is a natural footballer and plays beyond his age. Corey dominated every side he played against leading to 68 tries from 14 games. Running with speed and strength and possessing a great fend. He was amazing to watch. Defensively, Corey locked up one side of the field and then he would chase and cover the other side of the field. Good luck in the future our little champion.

#### **NASH WHITE**

I believe Nash will be our Corey next year - Big and fast. It's hard to believe he played the whole year as a 4-year-old scoring 14 tries along the way. He possesses speed to burn and Nash was able to outsprint boys 2 years older than him. Nash was also able to hold his own in defence. A great start to your football career Nash.

#### **CONNOR GAVIN**

Sometimes courage isn't measured on tries and tackles but also about showing up and having a go against some pretty impressive opposition. In each game, Connor gave everything he had. His attitude towards football and never giving up lead the way for Connor scoring his first try. Well done a great season Connor.

#### **HENDRIX JACQUES**

A big and strong 4-year-old Hendrix had a quiet start to the year but as his confidence grew he realised that his size could be to his advantage. He started to make some great long runs as the opposition thought twice about tackling him. His defence picked up as well. Hendrix made some great tackles. Well done Hendrix. Next year is going to be a good one for you.

#### HARRY FOGARTY

One of our fearless 4 year olds who made his coach very proud. Turning into a midseason tackling machine and scoring 5 tries with his step. Harry had a great season and next year with his love for the game will be bigger and better.

#### JACKSON WISHART

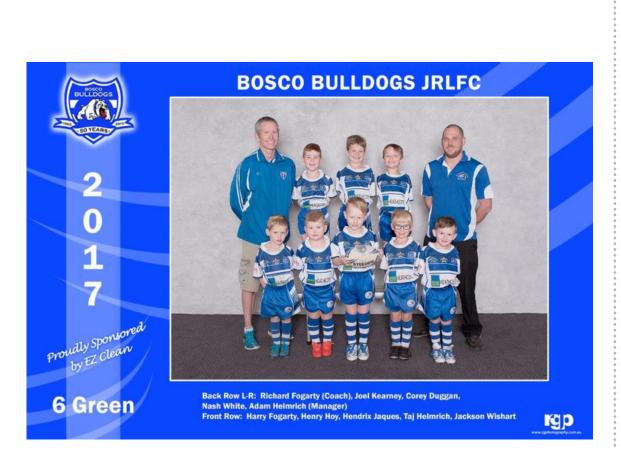
Is our real surprise package with a great step and vision for a whole in defence. He found his way to the line 6 times. In defence, he showed no fear bringing down bigger boys and was our first 4 year old to score. Showing our boys age wasn't going to be a problem. Great start Jackson.

#### TAJ HELMRICH

Taj is always eager to get involved. He had no fear in defence and he just kept getting better and better. He made some great one on one tackles including some great cover tackles later in the season. In attack, he grew. Taj made some great runs and scored 3 tries. He didn't mind a bit of niggle. Next year will be a great one for you Taj.

#### **HENRY HOY**

Henry is a born entertainer who loves to run with the ball. He is a big strong boy whose improving with each game. Henry scored 3 great tries by the end of the year. He was chipping in with some very good one on one tackles and strong runs with the ball. Can't wait to see Henry next year even bigger and stronger.









#### **AGM Notice**

AGM ON Tuesday 21 November 2017 at Club Heathcote.

NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICE BEARERS & COMMITTEE MEMBERS MUST BE GIVEN IN WRITING OR BY EMAIL TO THE SECRETARY DAVE SHEARGOLD (secretaryboscojrl.gmail.com) AT LEAST 7 DAYS PRIOR TO THE AGM.

Club Constitution Clause 13. Notice of any other business for consideration at the AGM except for matters arising under clauses 34-37 (Alteration of constitution), shall be given in writing to the Secretary at least seven (7) days prior to the day of the meeting. Such notice shall state the specific business proposed shall be signed by the proposer and the seconder and the Secretary shall include such business in the notice of the meeting.

#### **EXECUTIVE POSITIONS**

Club Constitution Clause 22. All members must serve at least two years on the General Committee before they can be nominated for any Executive positions.

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### **Coaching applications**

St JOHN BOSCO JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE SEASON 2018

Applications are open for Coaches for the 2018 season.

Closing date 30 November 2017. Coaches are required from the Under 6's right through to Seniors. All applicants must hold a current coaching certificate or be willing to undertake the appropriate course at your earliest convenience.

Nominations will only be accepted on the coaching form available by emailing the club secretary at: secretaryboscojrl@gmail.com

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The Executive









## under 7 silver / blue



#### Coach Aaron Nunn

Assistant Coach: Brett McDonald Manager: Liz McDonald

#### **Award winners**

Best & Fairest: William McDonald

Coaches Award: Jye Henry

Most Improved: William Janssen

What a good season of football to watch. These boys kept getting better as the season wore on after what was a pretty demoralising first round shellacking, the boys pulled it together and took in what they were being taught at training which resulted in an undefeated run of 8 games from round 4.

A few closer losses at the end of the season but all in all a very talented and skilful team this was to coach. I expect big things by all these boys in the future.

I look forward to hopefully coaching these boys again next season



#### DASH FERGUSON

Started the season showing excellent pace to run around teams to score tries at will. Worked tirelessly on his defence throughout the season which resulted in some crucial tackles in the later games.

#### WILLIAM GILROY

"Gilroy", "Flash" or "Whippet" as he became affectionately known started the season rather slow but learnt to inject himself in to games at the right times. For a little bloke he has a big heart and never took a backwards step in defence.

#### JYE HENRY

A hard kid to tackle showed a great will to continue to learn and showed each week why he was a hard kid to tackle. Always ran hard and made countless line breaks through sheer determination and an aggressive will to win. He will be sorely missed by the team next season.

#### WILLAIM JANSSEN

"Big Will" was our strength through the middle. When he ran straight and hard he was hard to stop. Got better each week and worked hard at training to improve his whole game.

#### WILLIAM MCDONALD

"Billy" was everywhere on the field. He would wait for the opposition to make a line break and try to make the covering tackle and was probably 90% effective in saving the try. Was a constant threat with ball in hand as well and was always willing to put his hand up to take a hit up.

#### **COOPER NUNN**

Started the season a bit shaky as it was his first season but once he got his confidence up made some strong runs. Wash always hard to tackle and hardly ever ended up on the ground which lead to quick play the balls. Start to really find his feet in defence as the season wore on.

#### **DYLAN SAMMUT**

Was one of our best in all aspects of the game. Was involved in some quality football combinations with the other boys and will develop in to a strong leader on the field. Always gave 110% in every game.















### under 7 bronze / green



Coach Heath Bowling

Trainer: Ron Stanmore Manager: Belinda Stanmore

#### **Award winners**

Best & Fairest: Mitch Bowling

Coaches Award: Jaxson West

Most Improved: Zeplin Sauvan

Our under 7's team this year provided a number of highlights, beautiful front on tackles, classic "Jonny Raper" cover tackles, length of the field tries and great team work on the playing field as well as the training field. However, as a coach the improvement we all showed each week right through to the end was very pleasing. This year saw the boys on the field without the coach for the 1st time and the organising was left up to them. It took a little while, but once they got a hold on it and started listening to the referee, they really looked like a little rugby league team out there.

The season started off with a lot of tough games against boys who were much bigger than us, but that didn't worry us. We all just pulled on the Bulldogs jersey, went out there did our best and most of all had fun each week.

The results never mattered, however we all knew when we got that victory. Although at times it seemed the boys had more fun eating oranges and lollies at half time, then playing footy. But that's all part of playing footy at 7 years of age.



#### **JACK FOGARTY**

He never missed a training session and never missed a game. Jack continued to improve on his rugby league ability this year each week. Jack was always ready to take a run, he was in at dummy half directing the play or was there to help out in defense. It was a pleasure having Jack in our team again this year. Congratulations on a good season.

#### ZEPLIN SAUVAN

A big improver this year. Zeplin used his size and strength to his advantage. Crunching tackles, and huge runs. There wasn't a game this year that Zeplin didn't score a try in and it wasn't uncommon for him to get 3 or 4 try's a game. Well done on a great season Zep, keep up the good work.

#### **BAILEY STANMORE**

110% effort from Bailey this year. And his football ability grew every week. Once Bailey realised the other teams found it hard to tackle him, he was unstoppable. Big runs in every set. I enjoyed seeing Bailey grow each week into a more confident player. Well done on a well played season.

#### **ZANE CLAPP**

Zane was one of those boys that listened to his coach. If I told him to run straight and hard he did. Zane was also strong in defence. It was nice to see Zane's confidence grow throughout the season both on the field and at training. Congratulations on a well-played season Zane.

#### MAX PRETTY

Forget the bruise brothers, it was a case of the bruise cousins in our team. Max (part 1) of the bruise cousin band, he was many times throughout the season the "go-to" man when we needed a big play. Max grew into a real rugby league player this year. Strong all over the field. When Max had his mind on the job, he was unstoppable. Great season Max.

#### MITCH BOWLING

The other member of the "bruise cousin" band. Mitch week after week surprised his coach and the supporters on the sideline. Strong runs, strong tackles all done without fear. Mitch also took on a more organizing role this year with the coach not being on the field, which was nice to see. A great season from a little boy who is turning into a real rugby league player.

#### **JAXSON WEST**

Big runs, Big tackles, & big smiles. Jaxson really enjoyed the tough stuff this year. For one of the smallest on the field Jaxon never took a backwards step, a little blood from his month wasn't going to stop Jaxson, at times he was feared by the opposition with his front on tackles. Well done on a great season.

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Ron, Belinda and I would like to thank all the mums, dads, big sisters and little brothers for their help each week, you all made the year so enjoyable. I would like to especially thank Belinda and Ron, without you guys I don't know what I would've done.

Thank you all for a great fun filled 2017 footy season & I look forward to seeing you all next year.





## under 7 bronze / red



#### Coach Andrew Perry

Trainer: Pat De Luca Manager: Jason Coburn

#### **Award winners**

#### "Trevor Laurence" Perpetual Mason De Luca

Best & Fairest: Will Lambert

Coaches Award: Nathan Coburn

Most Improved: Jordan Perry

What a great year we had boys. The coaching staff are very proud of all of you. It started off a little slow but as the year went on we showed the other teams what we we're capable of. The boys gave there all week in and week out no matter what the result.

Big thanks to Pat, Andrew and Jason for all their time and effort throughout the season. Also to the parents who came to the games every week and supported the boys not only in person but supplied the boys with fruit for there quarter breaks which they looked forward to and ate every bit.

Look forward to seeing you all next season.

#### NATHAN COBURN

It was Nathan's first year of football and WOW didn't he excel through the year. Starting off a little nervous with attack, but as the season went on he learnt his speed and foot work would lead to tries. GREAT WORK NATHAN. Cannot wait to see what you can do next season.

#### **JASPER DARLOW**

Keen to get the ball and have a run each game. As the season went on he showed more enthusiasm and made us all cheer when he scored a hat trick! He ended the year strong. GREAT WORK.

#### MASON DE LUCA

Well what can we say about Mason. He is Mr Consistence. Does 100 tackles a game and 50 hit up's a game as well as scoring several tries. Mason was our go to man, when we needed a big play or to lift the rest of the team. THANKS FOR AN OUTSTANDING YEAR.

#### WILL LAMBERT

For someone's first year at football it looked like Will had been playing for years. Will is a natural football player he reads the game well and knows where he has to be. Will ran the ball hard and tackled hard all year, as well as scoring a lot of tries. GREAT WORK WILL.

#### **JORDAN PERRY**

Jordan (MR PALM) he might not be the quickest player in the team but WOW he got through the defence line with his big runs and palms. Jordan was solid all year, whether he was hitting the ball up or tackling, you could always count on him to get the job done. GREAT YEAR considering Jordan is playing up a year.

#### **CALLUM POGSON**

A first time footballer that came ready to play every week. Cal was always in there looking for the ball. He played fearlessly and showed a lot of determination. GREAT EFFORT Callum, you are a valuable team member.











### under 8 silver



Coach Scott Brown

Trainer / Manager: Mark Bergin

#### **Award winners**

### **"Ryan Hartley" Perpetual** Dax Helmrich

Best & Fairest: Fletcher Brown

Coaches Award: Will Bergin

Most Improved: James Gapps

We started out as the U8's Blue. After 5 rounds, we only dropped 1 game, the boys were flying along, playing as a team together with some individual brilliance. Having played well, we were regraded to U8's Silver. Although we ran in to touch a few times, lucky the other teams did also.

The boys had some tight games and a few solid wins. It wouldn't be a close competition without a few losses along the way. We adjusted well to the better competition in the Silver Comp and everyone improved as a footballer. We scored heaps of tries and all the boys had many shots a goal, which is a highlight for them.

The boys picked up a few little injuries along the way but showed how brave they were by returning to the field and playing on. We played all the boys in all positions in order to give equal playing time.



#### WILL BERGIN

After a bit of a slow start to the year, Will turned things around after we were regraded to Silver. Will lead the way in Defence, played with energy and didn't miss a goal all year.

#### FLETCHER BROWN

In his third season at Bosco, Fletch dominated the competition again. He missed a few games due to an overseas trip but returned where he left off, scoring tries, saving tries and also playing a second game with the U9's.

#### SAM DUNNE

Another player to have a great overseas trip at the start of the season, Sam returned full of energy, got stuck in to the games and proved to be a handy dummy half organising the boys in attack.

#### **JAMES GAPPS**

James continues to improve year by year. Playing with lots of energy and intent to put in some great games. James' running and tackling continue to improve each week and he also trains hard which shows on game day.

#### **CONNOR GLEESON**

Connor came up with some great try saving tackles this year and tackled hard. Battling some bouts of asthma in some games, Connor showed how brave he was by playing on in those games. Another good year from Connor.

#### **BLAKE HILL**

In his first year in rugby league, Blake showed some great skills, like he'd been playing for years. Blake was keen for training and game day and it shows how much he loves the game. Blake handled all positions we gave him and will only get better next year.

#### **DAX HELMRICH**

In his third year at Bosco, Dax displayed high level skills again. Dax is hungry for the ball, scores heaps of tries, reads the game well and makes plenty of try saving tackles. Dax also played heaps of games with the U9's.

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#### SETH HOLBOROW

In his first year, Seth started out a bit cautious. When his fitness improved, he stream rolled the competition and showed plenty of ball skills. His defence was solid and showed he had some good offloads in his game. Great first year.

#### RITCHIE LAWLER

Ritchie had another good year. He has all the skills for the game and when he turns up ready, he plays very well. Ritchie also organised the team at times and scored some good tries.

#### **EDWARD MEAGHER**

In his first year in rugby league, Edward ran the ball very hard with energy. He learnt and trained well at training and that showed on the field. His defence improved as the season went on, great first year.

#### **CALLUM MOAR**

Also in his first year, Callum started really well. Learning from scratch, he proved the effort is there and also stayed back at training to practise his goal kicking. Callum improved as the season went on and I expect that will continue again next year.

#### **BLAKE MOFFITT**

Although Blake is the smallest in the team, he has speed to burn. He scored some great long range tries and played with lots of energy. Blake gets injured a bit but shows bravery and returns to the field.







### under 9a



Coach Anthony Ryan

Trainers: Troy Brown

**Brad Edwards** 

Manager: Jody Ryan

#### **Award winners**

#### **"Gavin Clinch" Perpetual** Harley Brown

Best & Fairest: Kaylem Burge

Coaches Award: Chase Edwards

Most Improved: Cooper Wilburs

It was a big step up this year for the boys changing from mini to mod league rules and playing on the bigger field. They were also playing in a graded comp for the first time and they soon realised how tough A grade can be.

Although we lost more than we won the margins were always tight and we were only a whisker away from the top sides. I have coached most of these boys for a few years now and it is very pleasing to see the development in their football.

Well done boys and I'm sure you will continue to improve and the semi finals are a real possibility next year.

Thanks to all the parents from our side, we are never short for assistance in relation to home game duties and helping out at training.

Special thanks to Troy and Brad for assisting me all year and to Jody for managing the side.



#### **ARCHIE DONNELLY**

This kid is as tough as nails. Didn't matter how hard he got hit or how many were tackling him he would always get straight back up without blinking an eye. Always puts his hand up for a hit up and gets himself involved in defence. In only his second year of footy Archie continues to improve and gives his best every week. Well done Arch.

#### **CHASE EDWARDS**

Chase is a natural sportsman who has all the skills. He played a lot of first receiver and fullback for us this year and was often our safety net at the back making try saving tackles and handling some difficult kicks. Chase loves a good post try celebration.

#### **COOPER WILBERS**

Our big man in the middle. Cooper was our best middle defender all year not letting anyone get past him. He also runs the ball strongly and is very difficult to stop. He is a natural footballer who has the talent to be a very good player in the future.

#### HARLEE HAMILTON

Harlee is a great kid to coach as he always listens to you and tries his best to do what is asked of him. Was thrown into the dummy half role in a game late in the season and handled it really well with some good runs and strong defence. Harlee will continue to develop into a very good footy player.

#### HARLEY BROWN

Harley was our standout player this year. Only small in stature, but one of our best defenders showing everyone else how to tackle. He was also our top try-scorer using his blistering pace and evasive running style to burn defences. Never had a bad game. Great season Harley.

#### **KAYLEM BURGE**

Kaylem is a very talented player. He has the size and skills to worry the opposition. Due to this he is very closely watched and defended by opposition teams. Kaylem struggled with this extra attention on him earlier in the season, however found his form mid season and carried it through to the end of the year with some great games. Well done Kaylem.

#### LACHLAN PSAILA

Lachy is blessed with a great combination of speed and strength and can rip defences apart. He is like a mini Jason Taumalolo. Saved his best for the last game where he absolutely terrorised the opposition with his hard hitting in defence and hard running. We are a big chance of winning any game when Lachy is playing well. I look forward to seeing you play next year Lachy.

#### LIAM HENRY

Fast, agile and a good defender make Liam a very handy player. Played a bit of dummy half through the year and was really strong in that role picking up plenty of metres from dummy half. Unfortunately we have lost Liam in the player market to the Milton-Ulladulla Bulldogs for next year. It's a shame to see you go Liam, you will be missed by all the boys and the coaching staff. All the best in your new kennel.

#### **LUCAS LENARDUZZI**

Also known as 'SOS' (son of Steve). Lucas is one of our fastest players and always led our kick chase down field. He just needs to use his speed more when he has the football in hand. Lucas played a few games at first receiver through the year and always did a good job in organising the side. Well done Lucas.

#### **NATE RYAN**

Nate played a lot of first receiver and fullback. A good organiser who is elusive in attack and a strong defender. Nate's relationship with the coach can at times be volatile, a lot like Jarryd Haynes relationship with Neil Henry.

#### TOM FOGARTY

Fittest player in our side who can run all day. You may see him in the Olympics one day representing Australia in the 5000m. His quiet nature and small stature belies his aggressive attitude in defence. Always keen to cart the football up and do his share of defence. Had a couple of games at dummy half and did an excellent job. Great year Tommy.

#### **ZAC DIXON**

One of the characters of our side. When Zac concentrates and has his mind on the game he is a very handy player. He is a good defender with a good tackling technique. In attack his pace makes him a dangerous ball runner. Good season Zac.



### under 9c



Coach Tim Kearney

Trainer: James Frost

Manager: Will Carroll

Kelly Kearney

#### **Award winners**

Best & Fairest: Jett Frost

Coaches Award: Axel Portlock

Most Improved: James Devaney

Firstly I'd like to say how proud I am to be the coach of these boys. We began the season with 11 players (no reserves) and lost Byron very early in the season so that left us with only 10 players, so we were short every week. We had a few big losses early on, but the boys didn't give up and we started to train better, did plenty of work on defence and started to show signs of improvement each week. By the end of the season we were competitive against all of the top sides including the undefeated Yarra/St Pats team. A few highlights of the season included our huge comeback win against Como. We only had 7 players when the game kicked off and were down 22-6 at half time. We got 3 more players at halftime and managed to pull off a last second 34 - 32 victory.

Another highlight was our game against 2nd placed Cronulla Caringbah in the second last round. We played them early in the season and lost 42-4, so you could say we were huge underdogs when we played them again. The boys played their hearts out and came away with a 30 all draw.



#### **OLLIE BERGIN**

After having a year off it was good to see Ollie back playing footy again. Ollie was one of our First Receivers and did a good job organising the team. He has a great kicking game which got us out of trouble in a few games and lead to some great team tries. Next year Ollie back yourself more and take a few more runs, down at Como you absolutely blitzed them when you ran straight and hard. Well done mate on a great season.

#### THOMAS CARROLL

Tommy got better as the season went on, improving every week and was unlucky not to win the Most Improved award. When he puts his mind to it he's a real handful for the opposition to bring down. He pulled off some good tackles during the season. Congratulations Tom on a good season of footy and hope to see you back next year. Well done Tommy.

#### JAMES DEVANEY

Jimmy had his first season of footy and didn't he love it. Coming from soccer it took him a few weeks to learn positional play but once it clicked there was no stopping him. One of the better defenders in the team, Jimmy showed no fear when tackling some big boys from the other teams. Jimmy is a great competitor, a hard runner of the ball and a great guy to have in your team. Good stuff buddy.

#### JETT FROST

A very deserving winner of the Best & Fairest Award. In attack he could pretty much score from anywhere on the field, he's got speed to burn and scored some fantastic long range tries. If he's not scoring tries at one end then he's stopping them at the other end. Often the other team would make a break and Jett would make a great cover tackle. Congratulations on a huge season Jett, well played mate.

#### **COOPER HAYES-CONWAY**

Coops is the everywhere man, whether it be marker, first receiver, dummy half or taking drop outs or taps, Coops is first there. I love his passion for the game. Coops had a good year, he made some strong runs and pulled off some great one on one tackles when we needed him to. He scored a good try when he chased hard on a kick and got the ball down. Good on you Coops, you had a great season mate.

#### **BRODY KEARNEY**

Brodes had his best season this year, getting more involved and doing some good tackles during the season. Brodes found his spot at Dummy Half and did a great job knowing when to run and when to pass. He scored 6 tries out of dummy half (I know this because he counted them), including his memorable try right in front of the canteen at Boystown. Good stuff Brodes.

#### **BILLY LAWS**

Another boy who improved out of sight this year. Billy would have been our straightest runner all season, he tucks that ball under his arm and made good metres each time he ran the ball. His ball security was great and rarely lost the ball all season. Billy pulled off some good tackles during the year. Billy tries his hardest each week and that's all a coach can ask for. Well done Billy Boy.

#### LIAM OGLE

Liam is a strong boy and is a real handful for the opposition to pull down especially when he's running at full pace. He possesses probably the best palm off in the competition. I just don't think Liam knows how good he could be and how strong he is. He made some big runs and it often took 3 or 4 defenders to bring him down. This is the best season I've seen Liam have and he will only go even better again next year. Well done buddy.

#### **REECE POOL**

Reece had his first year of Rugby League and went really well. He's a pleasure to coach and was a deserving winner of the mid-season Encouragement Award. Reece made some great runs up the middle which helped the team go forward. His tackling got better as the season went on and was making some good one on one tackles towards the end of the season. Top first season of Rugby League Reece, well played mate.

#### **AXEL PORTLOCK**

Axe had his first year of Rugby League and what a year it was. With speed to burn Axe would ping the ears back and score from anywhere on the field. He got us out of trouble numerous times by scoring tries when we needed them. Axe is as tough as they come, he's a great defender never scared to tackle the big boys in the competition. Well done Axel on a fantastic first season of footy. Good stuff mate.

At the end of the season we ended up equal 5th on the ladder so I think the boys should look back on very good season. Well played boys!!

A big thankyou goes out to a few boys from other teams in the club that helped us out due to us only having 10 players. Firstly thanks to Harlee Hamilton the tackling machine who helped us out numerous times, thanks Harlee. Our under 8's supported us through the whole season and showed us what the Bosco club spirit is all about. Dax Helmrich and Fletcher Brown stepped up when asked and led the way, these two boys are fine footballers and will excel even more next year when they go into the U9's on the bigger field. Thanks Dax and Fletch. Other boys who also helped are Archie Donnelly, Will Bergin, Blake Hill and Seth Holborow - thanks boys!

A big thankyou to Frosty for being the team Trainer - cheers mate! Also thanks to Will Carroll and Kelly Kearney for helping me manage the team doing the scoring and game sheets.

Thanks to all the dads that helped out at training and all the parents who did canteen and BBQ duty.

I really enjoyed coaching this great group of boys and meeting some new families and I hope to see all the boys come back and play for the mighty Bulldogs again next year.



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### under 10a



Coach Paul Dawson

Trainers: Toby Sammut

Paul Duggan

Manager: Nicole Monckton

#### **Award winners**

"Troy Brown" Perpetual" Isaac Dawson

Best & Fairest: Beau Duggan

Coaches Award: Jake Monckton

Most Improved: Lachlan Harvey

2017 has been a successful year for the 10A's with all the boys showing improvement. They took on advice and direction from training sessions and focused on a game plan which ultimately lead them to gel as a team. With just the bare numbers it was great to see the boys get three wins and be competitive with narrow loses in 5-6 other games. Even when the boys did suffer a defeat they always encouraged each other and backed up week after week, a testament to their character. As the season evolved quite a few of the boys stepped up and became leaders within the team. A big thank you to the passionate and supportive parents of the mighty 10A's. Each week we had an overwhelming number of parents who were willing to do duties and help in any way they could.

Each family supported the coaching staff and made sure the boys were at training sessions and made sure the boys were ready for game day. Your support was much appreciated. A massive shout out to our awesome training team. It's a big commitment to put your hand up to volunteer for these jobs and we have three of the best.



#### LINCOLN COOPER

Lincoln had a good year. Linc's best games were when he got involved and backed himself. He made some darting runs with speed to burn throughout the season. Linc played centre and wing during the year with his cover defence being reliable. Linc is to be commended for his attitude and sportsmanship. Looking forward to another great season in 2018.

#### ISAAC DAWSON

A sensational year for Isaac this season. He developed his game each week. His improvement in defence allowed him to be a complete player. Isaac could read the play and his attack was second to none. He used his speed, strength and big fend to tear through the opposition each week. Isaac is a valuable and talented player and is to be congratulated for being top point scorer for the 10A's.

#### WILL DONNELLY

Big bad Will one of the forward leaders of the team. His strong barging runs gained many metres each week gaining good field position for the boys. During the year Will developed an effective offload which became a valuable weapon. When Will was in the zone he was unstoppable. Congratulations Will on a solid season – well done!

#### **BEAU DUGGAN**

What can you say about this complete player. Beau is an integral part of the team, his passion and determination each week inspired his team mates. His reading and knowledge of the game along with his crunching tackles makes him a tremendous asset to 10A's. Beau relished captaining the team and as a coach I enjoyed watching and listening to his leadership qualities. Congratulations on a standout year mate, a coach's dream.

#### SAMUEL GILROY

Each week Samuel's steely determination and will to win made him a valuable team member. He is a versatile player with solid skills that have allowed him to play well in different positions this year. As the season progressed Samuel played in the centres which suited his strong running, good side step and defence which allowed him to excel. Samuel's never die attitude must be commended. Well done Samuel.

#### LACHLAN HARVEY

What a season!!! Lachie was put in the fullback position and boy did he make the most of this opportunity. His lightning speed and cover defence put the team on the front foot each game. As the season evolve Lachie made this position his own. It was good to see Lachie grow as a player this season. He is to be congratulated for always playing above his weight.

#### **FLYNN IMPEY**

Another solid season for Flynn this year. One of our little guys but tough as they come. Flynn's tackling was one of his strong points and his positive attitude makes him a valuable member of the team. Flynn enjoyed being in the action and played consistently well in his positions at dummy half and on the wing. A boy who showed up each game ready to play. Congratulations Flynn.

#### LENY LEGROS

What an addition to our team this season! Leny's first ever go at footy was a standout year. Having received the Mid-Season Encouragement Award showed how well Leny picked up the game. He played an important role in the team with consistent games always being solid in defence and attack. I look forward to next year watching him continue to evolve as a rugby league player. Amazing season Leney.

#### JAKE MONCKTON

Jake the forward leader of the team. The 'metre eater' - Mr Go Forward each week. Jake strong runs and defence were inspiring. Jake's improvement and understanding of his position made him a pleasure to coach and an important team member. Jake is to be commended for his attitude towards his team mates. A sensational year Jake well done mate.

#### WILL PRICE

Congratulations on a successful first year in A grade mate. Will played in three different positions throughout the season. His game was best when he was close to the action. Each week Will showed a determination to improve his game and I look forward to a big season in 2018.

#### **FYNN SAMMUT**

Mr Reliable. Each week Fynn gave 100%. His gusty determination and ability to read the play makes him a respected member of the 10A's. Fynn played in three different positions this year and excelled. Towards the end of the season he played first receiver which allowed his attacking skills and accurate passing to be show cased. Well Done Fynn.

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To our trainers Toby and Duggo, thanks for being so generous with your time each week and for being so supportive of the team. Loved how you could pump the boys up on game day. To our Super Coach Paul Dawson in his rookie year as coach - what a fantastic job you did.

A sincere thank you for your commitment, passion, knowledge and ability to encourage and direct each player to do their very best. We are so lucky to have an unbelievable manager in Nicole who was so organised keeping everyone informed. I couldn't have survived this season without her, she helped me tremendously – cheers to you.

### under 10c



Coach Judd O'Shea

Trainer: Paul Brown Manager: Andrew Martin

#### ward winners

Best & Fairest: Ashton Brown

Coaches Award: Danny Kearney

Most Improved: Henning O'Shea

Firstly thank you to all the parents of these boys and girl. This year again was a pleasure to coach and be part of. It was frustrating towards the end of the year when it didn't seem like we were progressing but every boy and girl was smiling, enjoying training and playing and personally I think that that means more than winning or progressing.

Each and every child that I coached this year gave me something, I learned from them so for that, I won. All of the players this year tried their best and went out there each week and gave it their all and I am extremely proud of them.

Thanks to Paul and Andrew again for helping and also Miss for standing in as manager and scorekeeper. Also Bluey, Steve and Dean for helping out at training this team is nothing without all of your support and help every week.

I will start by saying to each and every player it was a pleasure to coach you this year and I enjoyed every minute of it. Lastly thanks to TK and the Exec at Bosco for letting me coach again this year, you guys do a great job every week for us and it doesn't go un-noticed. All the best over the Summer and Christmas and see you all next year.

Judd, Andrew and Paul.



#### **DOMINIC ELIAS**

Big Dom played some of his best footy this year notably the game against De La where he dominated that game. Dom progressed by the years end with a bit of fitness backed by some self-confidence. Dom has the potential to be our best player. Good year mate well done.

#### SEAN TYNAN

Sean Tynan pretty much replicated last season, he starts out slow and gets better every game. By the end of the season he was one of our better runners. He just runs straight there is no messing about just straight. Another great season Sean well done.

#### TRAVIS PARKER

Travis is possibly our biggest player. He joined us late in the year from another club and boy was I glad he did, some of his runs were inspirational. He uses his size and weight well on the field. I hope you come back next year with your mate Owen buddy it was great having you in our team.

#### **OWEN ANDERSON**

Owen started with us this year, also from another team. At times I am not sure where Owen is here on planet Owen (mind you he has plenty of visitors) LOL. However I will make this early prediction, when Owen finally knuckles down, concentrates and plays Rugby League and not the air guitar he will be the player that plays for the Sharks mark my words. Don't grow Owen stay young forever mate great year well done.

#### **TOBY HYLAND**

Toby is another one of our big kids he returned to Bosco after a few years playing Rugby. He just gets the game he knows where to stand and when to move up, you can structure your team around kids like Toby, we really missed you when you went away for that month mate see you next year great season.

#### **ALEX GILBERT**

Alex came down to us from the A team this year. Alex is a natural born footballer comes from a footy family and when he switched on he was one of our best players. Alex played at 5/8 for us most of the season and throws a great ball, he organised kids all over the park and was one of the go to kids. Probably unlucky not to get one of the awards this year he had a great year.

#### SAM BRYANT

Sam is what Rugby League is, he eats drinks and sleeps the game second only to his brother Jack in knowledge of the game. Sam's enthusiasm is addictive and he is extremely competitive. He is his own harshest critic. We moved Sam to marker late in the season and that turned out to be a master stoke he was wasted at fullback. Sam ranked 3rd on the points this year he had a great year. As usual he was a pleasure to be around and to coach.

#### RODIE BARLOW-MILLEVOI

Thanks for coming this year mate. Brodie tried his hardest to make training and the games, this doesn't come as easy for him as it does the other boys and girls but to his credit he showed up and tried his best. Brodie you need to back yourself mate you can do it and you are as good as any of these kids you just need to believe in yourself buddy. Great year see you next year.

#### **MIA FOGERTY**

Mia was the first Lady I have ever coached I will never forget the first time the boys heard she was coming to play for us Danny fist pumped the air and said "yes we might win now" good times... I will be proud to say I coached this future Jillaroo one day, she was amazing every week. Her smile was the highlight of the games she would come of smiling from ear to ear and knowing she just belted about 5 boys all over the paddock.

#### **COOPER MARTIN**

Cooper Martin finished equal second in the points for Best and Fairest. He is such a quite kid you never hear a peep out of him but when he gets angry look out team he takes no prisoners. We switched him to fullback this year late in the season and he pulled off some of the best tackles of the season. I think he topped the try scoring for the season he is just such a good kid to coach. Cooper well deserved to keep the game day trophy for the second year running.

#### **DANNY KEARNEY**

Where do I start, this kid cracks me up every training session. He has the sharpest wit in the team so quick with comebacks and sledges. I have chosen Danny for the Coaches Award this year because he along with Henning were the most improved players from last year. Danny gave me the best moment in Junior Rugby League History when he emulated Forest Gump up at Bosco. You had to be there I can't do this story justice but needless to say he misjudged the try line and scored on Anzac Avenue! Absolute stand out for me it made my season. Great Year Danny well done.

#### HENNING O'SHEA

It's hard coaching your own son you tend to have higher expectations of them. We have a 3,2,1 each game and Henning and Cooper seem to get 1 maybe 2 consistently. Hendog plays DH and when he does the team just flows better he picks his runs well and throws a great ball. Great year Hendog. He reached equal second on the Best and Fairest points and may not have been the best player each week but he was the most consistent and by the years end the Most Improved. Well done mate keep it up. Oh Yeah, he scored more tries than Max boom take that older brother!!

#### **ASHTON BROWN**

Ashton from last year to this year was a different kid. Week in and week out he was our best player. He polled by far the most points and deserves the Best and Fairest award. Ashton was everywhere in defence and our best runner of the ball straight and hard with the traditional Maori side step. Great year Ashton you thoroughly deserve this award. We had to convince Paul each week to give him the points. As I said before it is hard coaching your son. Ashton what a great year mate I look forward to coaching you again next year but I fear we may lose you to the A team mate. Just don't play in the trials LOL.



### under 11a



Coach Wally Hall

Trainers: Dave Stewart

**Brad Wardrobe** 

Manager: Dave Sheargold

#### **Award winners**

#### **"Barry Brown " Perpetual"** Zane Walker

Best & Fairest: Blake Wardrobe

Coaches Award: Ryan Snudden

Most Improved: Harrison Jones

First of all, I would like to thank Dave Sheargold, Dave Stewart and Brad Wardrobe for all of their time and effort that was put into the team this season, without the help from you guys, my job coaching, would be a far different job. The competition in 2017 and now at the age of Under 11's, has definitely tightened and to get the points this year, you had to be on your game. Any team, on any given day can beat you in this comp. We had a bit of a mixed season with results. Whilst we had a couple of forgettable defeats, we had some really close tough wins and even three draws against some quality opposition. So the boys should be aware that we have it in us to beat good sides, we just need to learn to focus on our own game and not who we are playing.

Apart from the results, we had three new converts from soccer to rugby league, Harry, Lachlan and Ryan. It was great to see all three improve throughout the season and appeared to have really enjoyed the change of codes. Some of our veterans improved in parts of their games this year and guided the side.



#### LACHLAN BURNETT

Lach's first year of footy. It was great to see him progress in the first half of the year before unfortunately a hip injury saw Lachlan's season cut short. Get the hip right Lach and hope to see you next year ready to learn more.

#### **KOBY ENRIGHT**

Koby is a naturally gifted runner of the ball. When Kobe's realises his potential and just how strong he is, he is going to be a damaging player. Can't wait for the day when the light goes on in Koby's head on the football field, I think he's almost there. One to watch.

#### **RILEY GENTLE**

Riley always amazes us with some outstanding matches. He has the ability to lift the team with his strong defense. Always good in defense, it was Moeys running game that impressed this season though. Always making metres, top year Moe.

#### **JEREMY HALL**

Jeremy got back to the old Jeremy in the second half of the season, with his tough, aggressive tackling. Always crafty from dummy half and services the team well. He has a strong work ethic on the park and loves getting into his defense, well done mate.

#### HARRISON JONES

Harry's first season of footy was a cracker. Harry improved every weekend and loved every minute of training and playing. Harry is such a great kid and a pleasure to have around. When he realises how big and strong he is, he will be a handy footballer.

#### BEN LENARDUZZI

Benny had a good season. Ben does all the small important parts of the game well and is a real team player. Benny trains and listens well. Every team needs a Benny Leno, someone who gets his job done.

#### DYLAN O'RIORDAN

Always tough, he plays the game hard. Dyl loves his footy and tries his heart out in every match and you can't ask for more than that. Dyl tries to pump the boys up during most games and he had another consistently good season. Well done.

#### **DYLAN OSMAND**

Dylan is a pleasure to coach and is capable of anything when his mind is on the task. Dylan is a workhorse in defense during the games when his confidence is high and I love watching him when he is on fire. Thanks for your season Dyl.

#### JYE RYAN

It was great to have Jye back in the team for the full season after an injury in 2016. Jye gives the team some muscle up the middle of the park and understands his role in the team. Another boy who, when he realises how strong he is, will be a real weapon of a player and an important part of the team.

#### RYDER SHEARGOLD

Ryder missed part of the season due to injury unfortunately. When we got him back in the side, he stiffened our defensive line up out wide and Ryder's tackling really helped the side with saving plenty of possible tries from opposition teams.

#### RYAN SNUDDEN

Ryan's first season of league was amazing. Made to play rugby league, he has the controlled aggression and skillset to really become a very handy footballer. Always enthusiastic at training and on gameday, Ryan has a bright future in football. Congratulations on a great year.

#### **JACK STEWART**

Jack has a load of potential and is a natural athlete. When he learns to play with confidence weekly, he will be a sight to watch. Jack made some very important one on one tackles in some of our close, tough matches that proves to himself that he can do it. Look forward to watching Jack in 2018.

#### PATRICK TOGHER

Patty is one tough kid. Gets through a lot of defense in every game. Pat puts his body on the line and gives his all weekly. Improves every year and works hard for his team. After a few heavy knocks this season, Pat never shirks the hard stuff and is invaluable to this side.

#### ZANE WALKER

Zane had an unbelievable 2017 season. Tough, hard and fast is the way Zane plays the game. Saved so many possible tries at fullback with his bone crunching defense. Zane's ball skills improved out of site this year and that allowed his running game to blossom. Starting to read the game well and is one to watch in the future.

#### **BLAKE WARDROBE**

Blake progressed to State trials for school footy this year and with that brought a different side to Blakes game from previous seasons. His is a leader in attack and defense now and he has a toughness to his style of play. A very smart, skilful player, Blake always gives his all in every game. Great season Blake.

Football does get tougher and more physical the older you are and the boys had a year of realisation that you have to prepare and walk out on to the field ready for a hard match every week.

Lastly, I would like to thank the parents for making my job easy and allowing the coaching group to just train the boys and do our best in developing the boys skills and approach to rugby league.

I hope all the boys enjoyed the season and are as keen for 2018 as I am!

Thank you for the season, Wal.





### under 12b



Coach Mick Kelso

Trainers: Adam Schulz

Harry Hughes Jack Bryant

Manager: Nicole Wrightson

#### **Award winners**

**"Wade Forrester " Perpetual"** Will Rule

Best & Fairest: Will Wrightson

Coaches Award: Kade Brien

Most Improved: Ethan Wallace

We started the 2017 season on the back foot with only 13 registered players, making the season a difficult one any time we encountered injuries and absences, having no reserves to call upon.

We also had 4 new players either playing their first season of footy or coming back to the game after several years. We got a new young player mid season which did assist but there were on several occasions throughout the year we played with only 11 players taking the field. However, despite all the against us, the boys only narrowly missed a semi-finals spot by 1 point. It was a great credit to the boys to hang in and coming into the final months of the competition there was more cohesion and structure to their efforts.

This team has great potential to improve and the coaching team have know doubt should their commitment and attitude at training continue to improve, we will be semi final bound next year.



#### SHAUN ALCHI

Shaun plays in the forwards and never backs down. He's always in the thick of the action and a very strong and determined player. He has developed his lines to run in attack, which set up some great metre gains and took us over the advantage line. He held the ruck tight in defence and will keep improving in the coming years.

#### **JACK BERGIN**

Jack played in the forwards this year and improved every week. His defence this year was very pleasing to see and he was always busy and involved on the field whenever we needed him to be. Jack always put his hand up to take the ball straight and direct which takes a lot of courage. It was great to see how far Jack came along this year as a player and he'll be even better next year.

#### **KADE BRIEN**

Kade is our co-captain and one of the toughest for size front rowers you'd watch in junior footy. Kade every week played at front row for us and always played with 100% effort and commitment week in, week out. He never backed down in any game and his running game and defence against every side never changed regardless of the opponent.

#### **JACK BRYANT**

Our assistant coach, tee runner and trainer! It's terrific to have Jack helping us at training and on game days. It's always great to get Jack's input and insight on what the team should be doing. Plays as hard on the sideline as the boys do on the field. Jack's not shy in giving his opinion, which I rate .. and loves a chat. It was terrific having Jack help myself and the boys this year. Good on ya Jacko!

#### **COREY CAVANAGH**

Corey joined the team in Round 5 having never played Rugby league before and slowly gained in confidence as he began to understand the game. Corey is a quiet boy both on and off the field but has great potential as a player as his skills develop. As the season progressed, Corey's defence improved week to week and it was great to see him involved in more and more tackles

#### COOPER DONNELLY

Coops is the gentle giant of the team. He definitely lacks more confidence than he does skill and has great potential as a player. With size on his side, Cooper was a great asset to the team defence, providing solid back-up in tackles. Cooper is solid at training and will definitely grow as a player in the coming years.

#### **JESSE GOLLER**

Jesse was the other co-captain for the side this year and for his size he always tried his best to take it to any forward back he came up against. As the season progressed his abilities playing as a middle forward for us got better each week which will definitely benefit Jesse and the team in the years to come.

#### **JOEY HARRISON**

First season in the game and it was so pleasing to see him developing into a player with great potential as a centre. It was incredible to see how quickly Joey adapted to the game, crossing the try line on numerous occasions and saving plenty of tries as well. Joey was a well deserved recipient of the Encouragement award early in the year and only kept improving as the year went on – an outstanding season for his first.

#### **MAX HOWARD**

Played in the halves this year and always provided the team with consistent footy which really helped the side this year. Max's running game when he backed himself broke the opposition defence, this, along with his long kicking game made him a valuable player in the team. Always gave it his best each week and was always a hard worker at training.

#### DANIEL JOHNSON

Is a very strong and versatile player and was used in the forwards, centres and finally ended the season at fullback. Daniel has great potential as a player and when his game is "on", he's unstoppable in both attack and defence. He only just needs to grow more in confidence in himself and will be an outstanding player in coming years.

#### WILL KELSO

One of the smaller guys in the team, but that never stops him from bringing a lot of energy and tough attitude to the middle of the park playing at dummy half. If Will continues to keep working on his game at dummy half or in the halves his performances on the field will get better, especially coming into international rules.



The boys on game days never gave up and tried their best and to see the two teams that came in third and forth respectively ahead of us we all agreed we were just as good if not better with most of our wins throughout the year against both sides.

The boys also were fortunate to have both Adam Schulz and Harry Hughes assist with coaching in all training sessions and as game day trainers and I would like to thank both of these young fine men for their input, patience, eagerness, skills and their genuine feelings towards the boys and I have no question that they have developed these boys and team tremendously.

I personally would like to thank you both from team, parents and myself for a awesome effort.

To our manager Nicole, who has managed other teams I've coached int he past, I couldn't do this job without you - not only keeping all the families updated weekly on all matters, but in keeping the coach up to speed also! Fantastic you're the best.

I'd like to thank all the families for having the boys at training and their on game times.

Lastly, thanks boys for the season and as coaching staff we hope we hope to see you all back in the 2018 season and keep helping you develop your skills at Rugby League.

#### FLETCHER PERRY

One of the new boys in the team, Fletcher came from being on the wing to transitioning into the second row where he really found his place in the side this year. His skills and confidence in attack and defence got better each week the more involved he got at training which led to more consistent footy from him.

#### WILL RULE

Had a very consistent and outstanding year and was basically our go to player on many occasions. Will played in the centres this year and was always dangerous with ball in hand. His defence was as solid as his attack. Will is one of the best players in the competition and is a deserving winner of the Perpetual trophy for this season.

#### ETHAN WALLACE

Hadn't played for 4 years but to see where he came from at the start of the season to end was extremely pleasing. Strong forward with bullocking runs and knock em down defence. Ethan will be a lot better for the year under him and when he grows confidence in himself will just keep on improving. Definitely deserving of most improved player of the year.

#### WILL WRIGHTSON

Will is one of the smallest guys in the comp, but he plays like one of the biggest. Will this season played every position in the spine and did not disappoint or under perform in any of them. His speed and natural ability to read the game makes him one of the most dangerous ball runners in the comp. Great season!





### **Encouragement Award Winners 2017**

Under 6 Silver / Red Ashton Hayes-Conway Under 6 Bronze / Green Nash White Under 7 Silver / Blue Callum Pogson Under 7 Bronze / Red William Gilroy Under 7 Bronze / Green Bailey Stanmore Under 8 Silver Callum Moar Under 9A's Zac Dixon Under 9C's Reece Pool

Under 10A's
Under 10C's
Under 11A's
Under 11B's
Under 12B's
Under 12B's
Under 10C's
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#### **Milestones**

Congratulations to the following players who achieved playing milestones during the 2017 season.

#### **50 Games**

Will Bergin	Under 8 Silver
Dax Helmrich	Under 8 Silver
Ritchie Lawler	Under 8 Silver
Blake Moffitt	Under 8 Silver
Zac Dixon	Under 9a's
Tom Fogarty	Under 9a's
Liam Henry	Under 9a's
Jett Frost	Under 9c's
Will Donnelly	Under 10a's
Lachlan Harvey	Under 10a's
Jake Monckton	Under 10a's
Cooper Martin	Under 10c's
Pat Togher	Under 11a's
Shaun Alchi	Under 12b's
Max Howard	Under 12b's
Daniel Johnson	Under 12b's
Brayden Richardson	Under 15 Gold

#### 100 Games

Jack Stewart	Under 11a's
Blake Wardrobe	Under 11a's
Jack Bergin	Under 12b"s
Will Wrightson	Under 12b's
Keegan Darby-Notley	Under 13 Gold
Lachlan Howard	Under 13 Gold
Joel Patton	Under 13 Gold

#### 150 Games

James Gair	Under 15 Gold
Jack Gorry	Under 18 Div 1
Ben Taylor	Under 18 Div 1
Jay Shearman	Under 18 Div 1

# 780SCO BULLDOGS 2017

### under 13a

#### **2017 Premiers**



Coaches Gavin Clinch Adam Westwood



Trainers: Glen Brailey

Brad Mitchell

Managers: Leigh Gair

Maree Gair

U13A-WOW! What a season! Minor Premiers and Premiers for 2017. Absolutely outstanding win for the boys winning 14 games and only loosing 2. 21 players registered and all playing a major part in winning the comp for the under 13A's. To win the Minor Premiership, then to reach the Grand Final for the first time for a lot of the boys was a magnificent achievement. The Grand Final was as tough as you will see for an U13 team with defence being the main focus on a very hot sunny Sunday. The boys deserve everything they achieved this year as they worked hard at every training session and on game day they delivered against big opposition on many occasions. It has been a pleasure to coach these boys and to finally see them hold the trophy up on Grand Final day is a credit to all you boys and the parents that have created a great environment for these boys to learn and become the footy players they are today.

Massive thanks to Maree and Leigh who have been with this team for so long and deserve a Grand Final win. Also, big thanks to Adam, Brad and Glenn for all their hard work in getting this team to where they are today and Congratulations from all the boys as they appreciate all your efforts.



#### KEEGAN DARBY-NOTLEY

Another great year from Keegan playing on the wing. His running game is one of the best in the comp and catching under the high ball is now one of his strengths due to the amount of work he has put into it. Outstanding season mate with some great defence in the GF.

#### **BRODIE O'RIORDAN**

Played wing and rarely makes a mistake. His defence has again been great this year, but the best part of his game is his running and step bringing the ball back from kicks or dummy half. Saved the day in the GF late in the game when dragons tried to go around us.

#### LOGAN CLINCH

Played halfback and guided the team around the park. His kicking game close to the line resulted in many repeat sets allowing the team to dominate field position. His defence has also improved as the year went on with his defence in the GF a standout.

#### JASPER WALKER

New to the club this season and what a pick-up he was. Played in the middle of the field this year going pound for pound against bigger opposition. Made some great hits in defence and also used his dummy and step to beat the opposition during the season. Played 4 positions in the GF and loved every minute.

#### LACHLAN HOWARD

Edge back rower that caused trouble for the opposition when running the ball. His defence was outstanding this year holding our right side together. Worked so hard in the GF making a huge amount of tackles.

#### **MAX DEMEIO**

Outstanding year for Max scoring tries, kicking goals and saving tries with the last line of defence. Huge effort to get on the field in the GF and play through the pain barrier having a cracker of a game.

#### **JOEY GAIR**

The Captain of the team and lead by example all season. His defence and running game is the best in the comp. Again on GF day tackled anything that moved and had the honour of holding the trophy after the win.

#### **KODY BURGE**

Played in the middle this year and really stood up to the bigger opposition. Kody has all the skills and perfect technique in defence. As the season went on so did Kody's form to be a leader of the pack. Done his job on GF day and played a big part in the season.

#### TYSON MITCHELL

As the season went on Tyson's form went on in leaps and bounds. He dominated the right side of the field setting up many tries and saving plenty also. His kicking game in the GF was outstanding and turned Engadine around many times.

#### LUKE MAIER-SOTIROPOULOS

The silent assassin. Doesn't say much just let's his actions speak for him as his defence is sensational - the bigger they are the more he likes to cut them in half. Played the full game in the GF and saved many raids from Engadine with his defence.

#### LACHLAN GOODWIN

Great year for Lachlan playing in the middle and doing the tough stuff that people miss sometimes. Made one massive carry in the GF that got us good field position to close the game out.

#### HAYDEN WESTWOOD

Again injuries ruled Hayden out through the year and he was missed. As he got back to fitness the team improved also. His performance in the GF was a major part of why we got the trophy with some sensational carries getting the team field position.

#### JOEL PATTON

Played the majority of the year with a busted shoulder. Not once did he complain, just got on with the job scoring tries and stopping the attack at ease. Late in the GF his arm was gone but still managed to come up with some try saving tackles.

#### **FLYNN DANTE**

Tough start to the season due to a few injuries. Once he got to full fitness his performance in his new position was great. Not many players get Man of the Match in a GF on the wing, but Flynn did with an absolute blinder of a game.

#### **ZAC FIELD**

Made the centre spot his with bone crunching defence and massive dummy half runs sending opposition defence to the ground. Pushed himself to the limit in the GF and deserved all he got through hard work off the field.

#### **TAJ BRAILEY**

Outstanding season for a hooker that played almost every minute of the year keeping the middle tight. His service from dummy half is brilliant and running game in the GF got the boys into a position to create attacking raids.

#### **LUKE ALEWOOD**

Didn't get on the field this year after a terrible ankle and foot injury. Was much a part of the team as anyone and never missed many games. Was on the bench GF day missed on the field during the year.

#### **JUSTIN LETTON**

New to the team and had a season that is hard to describe. Scoring 25 tries playing front row with many of these tries deciding the game. His presence on the field lifted this team to become Premiers. His effort in the GF was outstanding, capping it off with the winning try to claim the Premiership.

#### NATHAN CONNOLLY

New to the team and what a pick-up he was. His running game was one of the best in the comp with his defence on GF day saving many tries. Has all the talent and strength to continue with footy.

#### HARRY STRANGE

New to the team this year and only played minimal amounts due to Union. When Harry did play his defence was outstanding making some try saving tackles at crucial times.

#### **OISIN RYAN**

Another new player and played both Union and League through the season. When Oisin played and trained he was great for the team helping out in many positions and always playing good footy.



### **Perpetual Trophy Winners**

"Sean Ryan"	Under 6	Corey Duggan
"Trevor Laurence"	Under 7	Mason DeLuca
"Ryan Hartley"	Under 8	Dax Helmrich
"Gavin Clinch"	Under 9	Harley Brown
"Troy Brown"	Under 10	Isaac Dawson
"Barry Brown"	Under 11	Zane Walker
"Wade Forrester"	Under 12	Will Rule
"Wayne Russell"	Under 15	Josh Finnau
"Greg Edwards"	Under 18	Cooper Bowen

### **Highest Try Scorers**

Team	Top Total Point Scorer	Top Try Scorer	Top Goal Kicker
Under 9A's	Harley Brown & Kaylem Burge	Harley Brown	Cooper Wilbers
Under 9C's	Jett Frost	Jett Frost	Jett Frost
Under 10A's	Isaac Dawson	Beau Duggan	Isaac Dawson
Under 10C's	Alex Gilbert	Alex Gilbert	Alex Gilbert, Henning O'Shea & Danny Kearney
Under 11A's	Zane Walker	Ryan Snudden & Zane Walker	Blake Wardrobe
Under 12B's	Will Wrightson	Will Wrightson	Will Kelso
Under 13 Gold	Justin Letton	Justin Letton	Max DeMeio
Under 15 Gold	Dane Courtney	Dane Courtney	Dane Courtney
Under 18 Div 1	Cooper Bowen	Jonah Ngaronoa	Cooper Bowen
Under 9C's Under 10A's Under 10C's Under 11A's Under 12B's Under 13 Gold Under 15 Gold	Kaylem Burge Jett Frost Isaac Dawson Alex Gilbert Zane Walker  Will Wrightson Justin Letton Dane Courtney	Jett Frost Beau Duggan Alex Gilbert Ryan Snudden & Zane Walker Will Wrightson Justin Letton Dane Courtney	Jett Frost Isaac Dawson Alex Gilbert, Henning O'Shea & Danny Kearney Blake Wardrobe  Will Kelso Max DeMeio Dane Courtney

### **Highest Try Scorers**

Team	<b>Top Total Point Scorer</b>	<b>Top Try Scorer</b>	Top Goal Kicker
Under 7's	Eden Sharpe	Eden Sharpe	-
Under 9's	Emily Gavin	Emily Gavin	Millie Cowie
Under 11-1	Mia Fogerty	Mia Fogerty	Mia Fogerty
Under 11-2	Eva Perenara	Eva Perenara	Eva Perenara
Under 13's	Ava Williams	Ava Williams	Thalia McAlister
Under 15's	Taylah Evans	Isabella Maddison	Taylah Evans

# BOSCO BULLDOGS 2017

# under 15 gold

### **Bosco / Engadine / Yarra 2017 Premiers**



Coach Mick Hughes



Tony Dawson Trainers:

Damien Cox



Head Trainer/

Tee Boy: Jack Bryant Manager: Sharyn Field

#### **Award winners**

### "Wayne Russell" Perpetual

Josh Finnau

Best Back: **Jacob Masters** 

**Best Forward:** Lome Saukuru

Most Improved: Blake Barden

15A Premiers in 2017 cant be any happier, what a performance from a team that looked in danger of not having the numbers to get on the field in February then battled through with long term injuries and having to call on the Div 2 boys to help us out most weeks.

We finished the regular season level with minor premiers Aquinas but behind on for and against. Only two losses in the regular season and we were understrength both times. I can't commend the boys enough on their resiliance and committment to each other on the field. We knew exactly what we would get from them every week, always at the opposition in attack and defence and never beaten until the siren went. This was proven in the final series. Aguinas beat us 14 -8 in the first semi but we went toe to toe with them despite having 15 players available and two of those (Blake and Ethan W returning from long term injuries and thrust straight into a major semi).



#### HARRISON COX

Coxy was great for us played mainly fullback and was a constant threat at the back. His positive talk and maturity around the team had a real impact on our performance especially during the finals. Has played his heart out for years and never made a GF and to win one on his first attempt is a great result for all his hard work.

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#### **JACK PARSONS**

Jack played right wing for us and did a sterling job all year. Who will forget his spectacular try in the GF a result of all the hard work and extras with Mitch at training, just goes to show the value of training. Well done Jack.

#### TYLER FIELD

Tyler followed up his form from last year with another great season, faultless in defence and carried the ball strongly every time. Stood in as Captain when Blake got injured and led the way not only with his footy but his talk at training and game day.

#### **BLAKE BARDEN**

Bardo was a revelation played Bs last year and made the jump to As this year and what a great decision. His defence under pressure was top notch scored many tries and was unselfish with his wingers and can kick goals. Most Improved in 2017 and there is more to come I'm sure

#### **BRAYDEN RICHARDSON**

Bear moved to the left wing mid year and made solid fist of it. Found the tryline a few times and his kick returns gained us valuable metres coming off our line. Has speed and strength so he is tailor made for the spot.

#### **JACOB MASTERS**

The side needed a 6 and Cobby was happy to do the job and what a job he did. Very hard position to learn overnight but this boy is a footballer. Very dangerous with ball in hand but more dangerous cutting down opposition ball carriers, who can forget that performance against De La in the Final. Best Back in 2017 and well deserved

#### **DANE COURTNEY**

Dano moved up to 7 mid year and unselfishly did the job for his team. Very dangerous running game, 40-20 specialist and his defence is faultless. Kicked some vital goals especially in the GF and the fact he played the last few games with injury adds merit to his performance.

#### **JOSHUA FINNAU**

2017 was Josh's breakout year but it's no fluke as he has always tried hard especially at training. I can't underestimate how important his development has been to our success this year. He played long minutes due to our injury toll and that's a credit to his conditioning with Mitch. Well done Mate! Best and Fairest.

#### SAM HEALEY

Sam moved from 7 to 9 when we lost Max and he handled it like a natural. His smooth service to his runners and a strong kicking game from 9 was the difference in many wins for us. Great on field talker and came up with a play in the GF that stole the game in the last ten minutes. Great vision!

#### LOGAN MCKINLAY

I have to say it because people need to know that Logan is a year young and could play U14s. What a front row performance against some of the big 15's A Grade forward packs. Logans potential is enormous, he trains hard and is as tough as hardwood. He too played long minutes because of injuries and with Josh had to hold our middle together when numbers were skinny. Well done Gal!

#### TYRAN KEPU

Ty moved from wing to 2nd row and was keen to do so. This helped us as our forward stocks were low and for Ty his game especially in defence really came along. Shortened a few of his opposites up during the year leaving them looking for the bench. Keep working hard mate backrow is your future.

#### HARRY NOAKES

Harry is definitely not the biggest backrower in the comp but you can't question his courage. Copped a real nasty knock in the final against De La but showed no signs of not wanting to return to the field. His talk and personality around the team are invaluable and when he grows he will be a very good footballer.

#### BLAKE HOSKINGS

What a year our skipper has had. Club form has been outstanding, made the Australian Schoolboy U15 Merit side, broke a bone in his finger and needed surgery. He then missed about 8 weeks of footy came back early in the first semi against doctors orders and led his team to a GF win! His work ethic at training and on the field is exceptional but not only that his talk behind the posts to his teamates when the chips are down is a true indication of a leader.

We then met De La in the final and won 20-6 again coming from behind and grinding out a four tries to one victory. Will never forget some of the last ditch defence on our line under enormous pressure, that's how premierships are earned and celebrated on the back of the effort on display that day.

The Grand Final didnt let us down as far as being very close and very tough. On a slippery surface we struggled for momentum in the first half being too lateral at times and not controlling the ball as well as we could. We trailed 10-6 at half time and the talk from the boys remained positive at halftime, the coaching staff stressed to the team to make sure our defence kept us in the game. That they did till Sam put through a grubber into the in goal for a try which was converted by Bardo from the sideline. The final 10 minutes or so was nailbiting but we finished strong, dominating field position and almost scoring again through Lome.

Great moment when the fulltime siren went a well deserved Grand Final win! I would like to acknowledge a few people in my report, Assistant Coach Mitch Healey for his dedication and expertise which he offered up to this side and for having the boys very fit which was vital in a season where we had a very skinny bench most games.

Tony Dawson whose knowledge of the game is first rate and the new boys to the side will never forget their trainer in 2017. Damian Cox for his help again at training and game day, a perfect foil for the other water carrier provides balance to the stupidity.

To Shaz for again managing the team, I dont know where she finds the time to do as much as she does with four boys and a husband who works interstate. Great work Shaz.

Kaylene Cox, thankyou for your work in getting team shirts, organising the trip away and lugging that bag of jumpers all over the shire every week.

Ryan Schulz for your work from the Bosco side in pushing this three way merge along in 2016, you put your hand up to get it moving and saw it through. Also to Charlie Riccio from Yarrawarrah who rang me to ask me to nominate to coach the merged Bosco/Yarra side back in the U12s, Charlie could see the writing on the wall with this age group and was proactive in seeing it survive into the future.

To all the parents, grandparents and supporters thankyou for being there for the boys. They are very lucky to have such a great group of people behind them.

Lastly thanks to the Committees of all three Clubs for their support and to John Higgins the Div 2 Coach for always bending over backwards to help the Div 1 with players.

#### APISALOME SAUKURU

Great recruiting Hoskings! Lome was a revelation gave us size and skill at the line as well as being a great talker and forward leader. He really excelled once he went off the edge into the middle this gave us a real X factor around the ruck and defensively his technique was spot on. Unfortunately he broke his wrist in 2nd last round but bravely made it back for the GF and dominated the Aquinas forwards at the back end of the game.

#### **ETHAN PASTOR**

Like Noaksey he's not a big forward but has the knack of getting across the advantage line as well as being very tight in defence. Played out of his skin in the final not only that he never let us down wherever he played in the forwards throughout the year. Well done Bergs.

#### ETHAN WESTWOOD

Another long term injury story, Ethan broke his elbow in round 2 which required surgery but turned up to every game to support his team. Once he could run he got back into fitness work and then returned in the first semi. Despite having no match fitness his contribution in the second half of the GF helped turn the game. Sky is the limit with Ethan's strength and size hope to see you back again mate.

#### **MAX OSHEA**

If you didnt see it you wouldn't believe it. I'm talking about Max's fractured forehead then the major operation, the recuperation, coming back to training 10 weeks later then making himself available to play in the final. Then he was involved in a try assist in the final and then was vital in the GF bringing energy to the side. If ever a player deserved a good result at the end of season it was Max.

JAMES GAIR, KOBI PAYNTER, STEVE GREEN AND JACK TIPPING our boys from the Division 2 side. Thanks enormously for putting your hands up to help us out. As I have said many times we would have struggled to make the semis without you guys. Not only did you play whenever you could but you also trained with us most nights. That's a great show of commitment and it creates a good a solid base for the age group going forward.

#### JACK BRYANT HEAD TRAINER\TEE BOY

Can sniff out success this boy did a great job and ultimately brought a winning culture to the side









Senior Footballer of the Year MONTY RAPER - U18



Club Person of the Year MICHELLE PRICE



Junior Footballer of the Year JUSTIN LETTON - U13A's



Women in League KYLIE STEWART



# BOSCO BULLDOGS 2017 | A

### under 18

#### 2017 Grand-Finalists



Coach Mick Clinch



Trainer: Drew Forrester

Manager: Anthony Tripi

#### **Award winners**

#### "Greg Edwards" Perpetual Cooper Bowen

Best Back: Jonah Ngaronoa

Best Forward: Josh Studdon

Coaches Award: Taine Fleming

Managers Award: Brayden Colenso

Whilst we didn't take home the chocolates it was a thoroughly enjoyable season. With a few new faces this year it took a few weeks for the team to really hit their straps but when they did, they played a brand of rugby league which was great to watch. Some of the tries scored were better than you'd see in the NRL. The strength of this side apart from the talent is the camaraderie. They are mates on and off the field and it shows in the way they play the game. It's been a pleasure to be involved with such a great bunch of blokes. Thanks to the parents, families and friends for the support given to the team during the season. It was great to see so many turn up at the games.

> Special thanks to Max Hogan, Joel Raper, Ross Hogan and Grant Raper for helping out with the running of the water during the year. It took a lot of pressure off Drew. We can forgive Rapes (Grant) for forgetting to run the kicking tee out at times as he is not as young as he used to be.



#### MANAGER - ANTHONY "CAN'T BACK UP" TRIPI

Trip tried hard to keep the team organised this year. Often let the team down from failing to provide the address for the playing venue from week to week leaving many asking the question "where's Ross??". Cooper is still trying to find his way to Collegians Sports Complex.... Still thinks he is one of the boys even though he struggles to keep up these days. One day he will get over his mid-life crisis and realise he's 44 not 18. What was that?? Oh Sharon said she wants you home.

#### COACH - MICK "I ONLY DRINK LIGHT BEER" CLINCH

Managed to remain calm most of the season. Great Coach and great mentor and role model to these young men.......well sort of. Credit goes to Mick in being able to keep such a large squad of 23 interested for the whole season. Had the team playing fantastic rugby league that brought the crowds back, well done Mick and thanks for the year.

#### TRAINER - DREW "E=MC2" FORRESTER

A great sidekick to Mick. Is able to transfer his experience in playing rugby league across to trainer and contributed to a great culture within the team. The team enjoyed having him as trainer this year and he was always willing to give them a frank appraisal of their performance. Tough exterior, soft heart. Loved getting the boys to run a 1.2 but was first to back out of doing it himself. Well done Drew.

#### JONAH "ANNOUNCERS NIGHTMARE" NGARONOA

Whilst it took Jonah a while to get off the dreaded nudie run, no one could ever question his work ethic and unbelievable safety at the back. Jonah would top the hit up count weekly, always willing to do the hard yards when the big boys were blowing. Ended the season with a spree of tries and always would kick well when we needed him to. Top effort "Joe Nar Nara No A".

#### ANTHONY "ANTOS" MARIC

Antos has played a number of positions this year, excelling no matter the number on his back. His talent was never in question but he has taken his game to the next level this year, all but keeping up with Cooper's try scoring tally before falling just short in the final games. Predominantly played in the centres with a late season shift to wing. Anthony's ability to straighten up the attack has seen him carve up opposition defences on a number of occasions. Fantastic year Antos.

#### COOPER "WHITE HEADGEAR" BOWEN

The man in the white head gear became feared by all opposition teams. It was the first year in 14 years of rugby league his mum could finally relax, not having to remind him to get involved. Was the comps leading try scorer and nominated for the Illawarra player of the year, however he would often miss training because he needed to go out for dinner with his girlfriend. Top season Coops, bigger and better things lie ahead.

#### HARRY "H" MCKEON

Harry always gave 100% effort whenever he stepped foot on the field. Often playing injured, he would push through the pain and get plenty of work done no matter the position he played. Always complemented the hard work through the middle with moments of attacking flare outside. A move to the centres saw him provide plenty of line-break assists to his wing partner with his excellent catch and pass often getting them on the outside of their opponents. Well done Harry.

#### JOEL "ROIDS" KINGHAM

Joel always turned up to training with a positive attitude and the tightest jumper in his wardrobe. He formed a great left edge combination with Cooper and Rhys - constantly on the receiving end of a Rhys McGrath cut-out ball, never failing to finish off a try and then of course putting on a flex for the crowd. Great year Joel!

#### JACK "TRIP" TRIPI

Trip continued his good form from last year, using his pace and kicking game to his advantage. His combination with Rhys and running of the right edge saw Anthony and our back rowers score plenty of points this season. Always tackled well and led the team around the park with his quality talk. Good year Jack.

#### RHYS "BIG DEAL" MCGRATH

Rhys left us at the beginning of the year but it didn't take long for him to come crawling back. Rhys' running game is second to none, resulting in the half back crashing over for 9 tries in 9 games this year but his stamina is somewhat questionable. His passing game also provided the men outside him with plenty of time and space, majorly contributing to Cooper and Joel combining for 40 tries. Glad you came back Rhys!

#### JOSH "STUDDO" STUDDON

Continued this year where he left off last season. No nonsense, what you see is what you get. Always made the tough yards and more often than not, was able to get an off load. Lucky Studdo scored early in the season and got off the Nudie Run this year.....well lucky for the rest of the team. Awesome year Studdo.

#### TAINE "JOCK" FLEMING

Maybe one of the smallest guys in the team but plays with the heart of Phar Lap. Helped steer the team around the park from hooker and lead the tackle counts most games. Jock plays well above his weight. Constantly menacing oppositions with his darts out of dummy half. One of our best players week to week. His great season on the field however paled into insignificance when compared to his leading of the post game victory song. Suffered an ankle injury in the Grand final but that didn't stop him committing a murder on the dance floor on Sunday night. Great season Jock!

#### JACK "GOZ" GORRY

A traditional around the legs tackler, Goz's late footwork at the line in attack saw him make plenty of metres when it counted. His try against Collegians in round 9 was a classic and helped to seal the victory. Never stops smiling.....even when he is hitting the ball up. Good year Goz, keep smiling and keep doing them push ups.

#### MONTY "UNCLE LYALL" RAPER

Another big year from Monty, coming off the back of a strong SG Ball season, he was one of our best players every week. Monty has become known for his signature 'around the corner' offload to a flying Cooper Bowen, with the big second rower often dragging 4 or 5 blokes with him before still managing to get the arm free. His work rate has come under fire with opposition forwards calling him out for being lazy and running at the 'little blokes' but anyone who has seen Monty play would know of his freakish ability. Another great year Mont!

Thanks to Drew for his dedication at training and strapping the boys before the game. The boys enjoyed having you as trainer and will look at you in years to come as a mate.

Big thanks to Mick for coaching the team for the second year. The sign of a good coach is when the players turn up to training each week and want to play for him and that's exactly what the players did. Having a squad of 23 was always going to be tough but the boys are now playing U18's and its pretty physical. It took all 23 players to get us to the GF with each player contributing along the way. Well done Mick.

Finally, thanks to both Engadine Dragons & Bosco Bulldogs for supporting the team. I'm sure the team has done the area proud. The nucleus of the team has been together now for around 5 years and hopefully the team will stay together for many more years to come.

Thanks for the year. Trip.

#### JAY "JAYSON" SHEARMAN

If this bloke spent as much time in the gym as he does in Engadine Bowling Club he would re-secure his coveted number 12 jersey Cronulla have got waiting for him. A great captaincy partnership with Jock has led the boys to another Grand Final and Jay continues to stand up on the big stage. Great year Jayson!

#### JETT "SCHOWEE" SCHOFIELD

This bloke has no concept of self preservation. Whether setting the tone early in the match or lifting the intensity when coming off the bench, Jett always made an impact. Another one that plays well above his weight. Top year Jett!

#### BRAYDEN "BRUNO" COLENSO

'Bruno' joined us this year from the age group below and went from strength to strength as the year went on. Never shied away from the contact of the older boys and often found a way to get an offload out the back. His hard work was finally rewarded with a four pointer, backing-up through the middle in the semi final. Great year Bruno!

#### HUSSEIN "HUSS" AWADA

New to the team this year, but quickly became an important member of the squad. Added starch to the pack and left his mark on many opposition players whether in defence or attack. Great post contact metres. Strong year Huss!

#### LOGAN "LOGES" KEPU

Another one of the younger boys, Logan started the year on the wing and always got our sets off to a good start with his strong carries through the middle. A mid-season shift to the forwards really saw Logan excel with the increased work-rate never fazing him. Logan was often seen bumping off 2 or 3 tacklers, laying the platform for the rest of the team. Good work Logan.

#### JACKSON "JACKO" STANTON

Jacko's versatility saw him cover both in the halves and at hooker. Always enthusiastic, whether at training or on the field, Jacko made a significant contribution to the team although he thinks he's funnier than he really is. Good year Jacko!

#### BEN "TAILS" TAYLOR

Usually at home in the back row, Benny's versatility saw him fill in on the wing when required and more than held his own. Ben's deceptive pace was on show against Berkeley when he streaked away to score a 60m try. Well done Benny!

#### TOM "JOINED A RUNNING CLUB" SQUIRE

Described midseason as a potential secret weapon if we could get him fit. Unfortunately injuries during the season prevented him doing so and as a result his game time was limited. If Tom can manage to stay injury free and get his fitness up, he could return to his glory days when he terrorised oppositions. Tom did show glimpses of what he can do in his limited game time as shown by his barge over try against Gymea at Boystown. This also got Tom off the Nudie Run.....thank God!!

#### JOSH "ROSSY" MILROSS

Rossy's enthusiasm saw him "unfairly" targeted by the referees at times...... Played well above his weight and never took a backward step. Always gave 100% and left nothing in the tank. Ran hard, tackled harder. Great year Rossy.

#### JAMES "STUMPY" SHEEHAN

Unfortunately we didn't get to see the best from James as he had a bad run with injuries. Started to make some good runs in the back half of the season once he got over his injury run and was able to work on his fitness. Hope you enjoyed the year.

#### KAYNE "KIMMY" MICALLEF

Backup to Taine as hooker and filled in admirably on numerous occasions during the season. Constant talker on and off the field. Always gave 100% and never let anyone down. Thanks for the year Kayne.

#### JOSH "SPLINTERS" NOAKES

Although his esky lid drumming during the team song needs a little work, as does his dance moves during training, Noaksey always gave 100%. Despite his woeful haircut he managed to pull off a game sealing play in our semi final when he recovered an opposition kick off the scrum no one else saw coming (well so he claims). He also was Coach Clinch's pick for best listener and always staying focused at training. Josh proved untouchable in his only try of the season showcasing his supreme pace. Top season Josh.











# under 7 girls



#### Coach Clair Helmrich

#### **Award winners**

Best & Fairest: Sophie Roberts

Coaches Award: Eden Edwards

Most Improved: Ruby Walker

We had a great bunch of 12 very eager girls to play their first ever touch league season.

One of only two under 7s girls touch teams registered in the competition the girls were placed into the under 9s competition, which was going to make for a tough season.

The girls didn't let age or size bother them, approaching every game from start to finish with enthusiasm and excitement.

Each week the girls improved, as we started to play teams for the second time we could really see just how far they had come. Each girl scored through the season and we could not have imagined at the beginning of the season that we would make it to the dizzying heights of the grand final come season end.

With just the two u7s sides, the girls were set to take on Como in the first ever u7s girls touch league grand final. They turned up with the same enthusiasm and excitement they had shown all season and started the game better than any other, putting two quick unanswered tries on early in the game.

The Como girls were tough opponents but our girls ran away with the game to win 30-12 and become the premiers.



#### **EDEN EDWARDS**

Eden had a great season, often busting the line for some great metres. One of our go to 5th tackle option Eden placed some fantastic kicks to really put the pressure on our opposition through the season. Finishing the season with a hat trick performance scoring 3 quality tries

#### **LEAH FOWLER**

Leah was our pace on the wing in defense, covering any breaks and closing down gaps across the park all season. Enthusiastic in attack, Leah was key in controlling our game when in dummy half, making some great runs and scoring some solid solo tries through the season.

#### SOPHIE ROBERTS

Often the fastest on field for both sides, Sophie was invaluable in both our attack and defense. Sophie started the season strong scoring our first try of the year in our first game. Her confidence grew through the season and she proved to be a consistent workhorse for our team, at dummy half, on the wing in defense and making huge metres.

#### PAIGE SHEARGOLD

Paige has picked up the game really quickly and that played a huge role in getting the girls up to speed early on. At dummy half she was able to make quicker play the balls enabling us to make some good metres in attack. Her long stride saw her running down players the full length of the field all season.

#### **ELLIOT HELMRICH**

Elliot really improved from game the first game this season. As the game started to click, . As the season progressed her confidence and speed grew making her one of our great assets in defense. Elliot's movement to get back on the line quickly in and move up had us shutting down the opposition.

#### TIA SULLIVAN

Tia knew what to do the moment she hit the field the first game. She was solid in attack always making great metres; her eyes were on the try line whenever she had the ball. A consistent listener at training Tia's focus saw her one of our best all rounders this season.

#### **RUBY WALKER**

Ruby started the season with such enthusiasm, speed and running towards the opposition try line – she was not letting anyone touch her! So attentive at training that in no time we saw Ruby improve across both attack and defense. She knew which way we needed to run, and made metres every single time. She would come from nowhere in cover defense to help save some tries.

#### **RUBY STYLES**

Quiet off the field, but not so much on the field. Ruby got amongst it all. Hand up for dummy half, kicking, running she really injected herself into every game. Early on in the season we valued her speed on the wing in defense, and as her skills improved she proved invaluable in the ruck and the middle as well.

#### FRIN HARRISON

You wouldn't have even known Erin missed the first couple of games as she was overseas. She came into the team like she'd always been there and we quickly came to rely on her organisation and leadership in the middle of the field. Her speed and quick feet had her making breaks and side stepping the opposition in attack and her great positioning made her a force in defense.

#### PAYTON KENCH

Our pocket rocket; no one's legs moved faster than Payton's this season. She could go from zero to 100 in no time. Always keen to be in thick of the action, Payton's determination and never give up attitude made her a constant in our defense. By the end of the season her stepping game was on point gaining valuable field position for the girls in the back half of the season and most importantly in the Grand Final.

#### JORDYN HELM

Biggest smile on the field, and full of enthusiasm. You could tell that Jordyn loves the game, and would get the biggest thrill from playing. She instantly took a liking to the kicking option in the game and we relied on her for that 5th touch option a number of times, and she always delivered. Always listening and learning at training she was able to take that practice into our games and prove to be an asset up the middle in attack. Louisa Roche Lulu as we know her, was apprehensive at the start of the season. Always confirming where we were scoring and which way we were running. She was a little run shy to begin with, but once she found her confidence and backed herself she was a natural. Her speed was a huge asset in both attack and defense and we quickly knew she belonged on the wing where she chased down a number of tries and scored a couple too.







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# under 9 girls



Coach Kylie Stewart

#### **Award winners**

Best & Fairest: Emily Stewart

Coaches Award: Emily Gavin

Most Improved: Keira France

In 2017, we only had 4 girls who had played before, but you wouldn't know it. The girls came together from different schools, gave each other silly little nicknames and got on from day 1. It's a wonderful aspect of team sport to see friendships develop so quickly and the girls certainly impressed me in this regard. Not once throughout the season were there any dramas within the team, so thanks girls for being such an awesome bunch of young ladies and an absolute pleasure to coach.

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On the field, these girls also impressed.
They were always keen to listen and learn at training and our skill development and improvement was reflected in our results, which is always nice. In the first round of the competition, we only won 2 games (not to mention that these 2 wins were against Under 7s teams), but in the second round, we beat all the other teams, bar 1 and even that was a close game! Courtesy of our winning streak, we snuck into fourth

spot on the table and then won our Semi Final in fine form.
Unfortunately, we didn't play our best in the Final and lost the game, but in the true spirit of our season, the girls still had smiles on their faces. As we continue to develop our ability to concentrate 100% of the time we're on the field and our confidence grows, I think the girls will excel in the sport.



#### MILLIE COWRIE

Millie has speed to burn and used it well throughout the season. Whether she was scoring tries or making try saving touches, Millie loved the big moments in the game and was an extremely valuable player in our team. As she continues to develop her concentration and ability to pick the times to run, Millie will be a try scoring machine! Millie was also our top goal kicker. Awesome first season, Moo Moo!

#### STELLA DRIVER

Stella was another player that was an absolute pleasure to coach. Always listening, learning and keen to put training in to practice, Stella always led by example. With plenty of speed and always thinking, as Stella grows in confidence, she will certainly excel in the sport. Great first season, Stell. Top effort.

#### **HOLLY FARREL**

Holly is a quiet achiever in our team. Nicknamed "Monkey", Holly is always listening, improving and having fun. Elusive in attack and always working hard in defence, Holly quietly goes about making important contributions to the team and is a pleasure to have around. Holly's improved ability to run onto the ball was particularly pleasing to see. Great job, Holly.

#### KEIRA FRANCE

In her second season of Touch League, Keira came on in leaps and bounds. Resisting the temptation to run sideways, we could always rely on Keira to make great ground for us straight up the middle. Her defence also improved dramatically and she became super reliable and very determined to not let anyone run around her. Great team player. Well done, Keira.

#### **EMILY GAVIN**

Full of enthusiasm and always a footy in her hands, Emily G was a bundle of energy that always lifted our team. So keen to learn, Emily always gave 100% for our team and was our top try scorer. Her improved ability to run onto the ball in the later part of the season was a highlight for me. It would be remiss of me also, if I didn't mention Emily's awesome club spirit at such a young age. On the days that we hosted Touch League at Bosco, I'd arrive at 7.30am to set up the fields and Em would be there waiting to help and itching to get the games started. Thanks for a great season, Em G.

#### **BEL HARRISON**

Bel likes to take her time to work into the season, but as her confidence grows, so does her involvement in the game. The "fast legs" start to come out and suddenly, Bel makes plenty of touches and scores a few tries too. Amazing what you can do, Bel when you back yourself! Another good season - Keep it up, Bel Bel.

RYLEE HELM

In her first season of Touch League, as Rylee's confidence grew, so too did her involvement in the game. Pretty quiet early in the season, but a key player for us towards the end. All aspects of Rylee's game improved throughout the season, which was great to see and the smile never left her face. A pleasure to coach and I look forward to seeing her go from strength to strength. Well done, Rylee.

TALIA KENCH

Talia was our little ball of energy. Always full of enthusiasm and an endless smile, Talia seemed to enjoy every moment. Although her desire for the ball sometimes put her on top of other players, her willingness to work on this and improve her positioning was great to see. Talia never gave up, chased everything and did a lot of hard work for our team in the middle. Some of her darting runs up the middle were highlights of the season. Good job, Talia.

#### **EMILY STEWART**

In her second season of Touch League, Emily S often led the way and was particularly consistent this year, always giving 100%. She worked hard in defence making heaps of touches, developed a handy step to score plenty of tries and often was our kicker on the 5th touch. Some season highlights came from Emily's grubber and re-gather efforts, which always brought cheers from the crowd. Fantastic season, Em Bem.

Thanks to all the parents for helping out throughout the year and for bringing the girls to training and the games. The great group of girls I enjoyed coaching came with a great group of parents, so thanks so much.











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# under 11-1 girls



Coach Rich Fogarty

#### **Award winners**

Best & Fairest: Mia Fogarty

Coaches Award: Leah Moffitt

Most Improved: Ava Styles-Fleming

What started out as a tough season we had a few early loses. Learning the game became priority number 1. With a very young side often we were outplayed by older and faster girls. Every game the girls showed determination and they never gave up. I'm proud of the effort the girls put into training and games. This lead the way to a win and a draw for the season.

Later in the year resulting in us becoming competitive against the top sides. Improved fitness and working harder in defence we managed to stem the flow of tries against us. This lead to us being able to play more attacking football with better ball control and good kicking throughout our set of 6.

It's been a fun first year for our girls and I'm sure next year we'll see a much improved side and I'm sure playing finals football. Well done girls and I hope you enjoyed the year.



#### **ABBEY SHEARGOLD**

Abbey is an athletic girl whose enthusiasm is infectious. She is always willing to learn and got better with every game. Defensively, Abbey's worked very hard and her attack improved coming close to scoring on numerous occasions. In attack, she was making more metres in every run and started to step and swerve to trick the opposition.

#### **EMMA NICHOLLS**

Emma's season started with a bang, being named Man of the Match in the first game. Unfortunately for the team she missed most of the season. Being the team player she is, Emma turned up and cheered the girls on at every game. When she made it back onto the park she was able to give our team a much needed lift. One of our best attackers, with good vision, where to run she made some great runs and scored some amazing tries. Well done Emma- If only we had you for the whole year.

#### **MIA FOGARTY**

Throughout the year Mia looked most dangerous with the ball in her hand and ended the season as the top try scorer. She gave the opposition trouble with her speed and swerve. This season she learnt to kick and chase leading to tries or restarts for her side. In defence, Mia was rarely beaten and worked as hard as she could. With multiple opposition coaches telling her after the game she was being heavily marked in the game by several players.

#### **AVA STYLES-FLEMING**

Ava is one of the girls every coach loves to have in the team. Always listening and working hard for her side. This lead to a few good tries during the year and some amazing runs. In defence, she improved with every game. Her fitness improved and she was one of our best defenders. Our Most Improved Player. Well done Ava.

#### **LEAH MOFFITT**

Leah is our little terrier- always giving 100%. She is always prepared to work hard at training and on the field. During the year, I called on Leah to have some longer spells on the field to plug holes in our defence, which she did and would never stop chasing the opposition. In attack, she is one of our better ball runners and always willing to try one of our moves. This enabled Leah to score a few scintillating tries. A most deserving player of the Coaches Award.

#### JAYDON BROWN

Jaydon had a great year and was a good team player. She found her position on the wing in defence and was often called on to stop the faster girls trying to run around us. Towards the end of the year she was very hard to beat. Jaydon gained confidence in running with the ball and I've got no doubt she is going to be lethal in attack next season. Look out in the future when Jaydon decides to back herself.

#### SHYLIA STANMORE

Our youngest player Shylia always tried her best and worked hard at learning the game. She improved her attack and by the end of the season Shylia was making more metres in every run. She improved with every game. In defence, she learnt to read the opposition and made some great touches to save tries. During the year she never game up and ended up scoring a well deserved try. Awesome work Shylia.

#### ANNALIESE DE GIOIA

Annaliese came with a love of the sport. She was a girl any coach is lucky to have. A great listener and willing to try new things. She always gave her best. Annaliese possesses a good pass and kicking game. She worked hard as first receiver. Her defence improved as the season went on and she made some try saving touches. Well done Annaliese.









# under 11-2



#### Coach Christian Eshman

Assistant Coach: Marcus Perenara Manager: Julie Fshman

#### **Award winners**

Best & Fairest: Skye Eshman

Coaches Award: Lily Hicks

Most Improved: Tace Edwards

Our first year together was a fantastic season full of new friendships, fun and laughter. Our girls bonded from the start and considering some didn't know anyone including the coach and manager, it was great to see each girl grow in confidence around their team mates as the season progressed. We have no doubt their friendships will grow even more over the next few years.

We had a very even side in terms of skill and experience and this was evident in that fact that with three games to go there were five girls equal in the Best and Fairest votes.

We made the semi-final this season and the girls tried to the very end. One of the most pleasuring things this season was every girl tried their best in every game.



#### **TACE EDWARDS**

This season Tace gets our Most Improved award. Once Tace started to run forward and use her weaving ability, she was outstanding. Tace was one of our quickest players and she used this speed to score six tries. Her development over the season is highlighted by the fact that in her last four games she was awarded player of the match three times and picked up two votes in the other game. Congratulations Tace on a great season and a brilliant second half of the season.

#### CHARLOTTE "Lottie" ESHMAN

Lottie tried hard all season and her dummy half runs or straight running was a highlight of Lottie's play and it was often exactly what the team needed. Lottie was also the first player in our team to understand the importance of the draw and pass. One particular highlight for Lottie was in the Semi Final when she chased on opposition player the length of the field. These little 1% plays is what make me proud of her play. Her mid-season Encouragement Award was well deserved.

#### SKYE "Skyezie" ESHMAN

Skyezie wins our Best & Fairest Award and she will go down as our most consistent performer this season. She received votes in seven games out of the ten she played. Her grubber kicks and cover defence was a highlight for Skyezie. There was one particular try that comes to mind where she did a grubber kick close to the opposition try line and then crawled on her hands and knees to score the try. Skyezie scored six tries and kicked three goals for 30 points. Well done on a great season and congratulations on your award.

#### CHELSEA "Chook" FOWLER

Chook was an energetic and enthusiastic player who was always in the thick of the action. Whether it be her evasive running or her defensive work of being in the face of the opposition players, Chook could always be relied on to get the job done. Chook started the season firing, scoring a try in her first four games and picking up two player of the match awards which was thoroughly deserved. Keep up the great work next season Chook

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#### LILY "Hicksie" HICKS

In her first season Hicksie has been a pleasure to coach as she was always willing to learn and ask questions. One of her games this season was an absolute stand out with her scoring 6 tries and kicking 2 goals for 28 points. Hicksie also was the only player to play every game and attend every training session and she thoroughly deserves our Coaches Award. I look forward to coaching Hicksie in the years to come. Congratulations Hicksie on a great first season.

#### **NELL PAYNE**

Nell was one of our most consistent players receiving votes in six games. Seeing Nell make plenty of metres for us running down the wing with always a game highlight. Nell scored six tries throughout the season which included a double in our very first game. One of those tries was the match winner which gave everyone a great thrill. Nell was a pleasure to coach and she will be a great asset to the Under 13's next season.

#### EVA "Cherry" PERENARA

Cherry was one of the competition's most graceful and skilful players. Whilst not text book, her one hand ball carrying was a unique part of her play. Cherry was our leading point scorer with 10 tries and 6 goals for 52 points. Kicking was definitely one of Cherry's major strengths as was her evasive running. Cherry is one of three players who go up to the 13's next season and I have no doubt she will continue to improve her already significant skill set.

#### TASMIN "Rappy" RAPP

Tas or Rappy to her footy mates was a player that tried hard all season. Unfortunately Rappy was hindered by a leg injury during the season but she never let it stop her from doing her best. Rappy's highlight would have been the pressure of kicking a goal in our semi-final. She was also one of our best players in our first round win when no-one really knew anyone. Rappy was always bubbly at training and was a pleasure to coach.









One of our proudest moments was in one particular game we had no reserves, it was hot and we were playing one of the better teams. We didn't win that game but their effort was amazing. We walked away like winners that day. We would like to thank Marcus Perenara for helping with training and on game day. Your assistance was a massive help.

We would also like to thank Stuart Hicks who was at every training session and always was willing to help.

Thanks also to Nerida Hicks for filling in on the score table for a few games as well as Vic Payne for her photography skills.

Also the assistance and support from every parent was very much appreciated. Whether it be bringing oranges, doing the 3-2-1 votes or just offering an encouraging word, every one of you was always there to help us and the girls.

We would also like to thank Rich Fogarty (other U11's coach) for his help during the year but a big thanks goes to Mia, Leah, Abbey & Ava for filling when we were short.

We would also like to thank Tim Kearney, Dave Sheargold and Kylie Stewart as well as all committee members for your support of the Girls League Touch.

Bosco is definitely one of the league leaders when it comes to supporting this new competition and we also were the best dressed in full uniform and jackets.

Our last thank you goes to the eight girls that played this year. You are all a credit to yourselves and your parents.

We were so very proud to be associated with this group of girls and we look forward to being part of their Rugby League journey in the years to come whether it be coach, manager or sideline supporter.

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# under 13 girls



Coaches Gerry Donnan David Gregory Corey Westwood

Manager: Michelle Donnan

#### **Award winners**

Best & Fairest: Ava Williams

Coaches Award: Monique Westwood

Most Improved: Lyla Smart

I couldn't be prouder of our team in their 1st year of touch. Most of the girls in the team had not played before so this was a whole new experience and steep learning curve. The first few weeks were spent learning the basics of defence, defence and defence. From there we migrated to catching, passing & running. It all sounds easy but as a new team it does take time to work out the positions and who should play where. We had some great opportunity to train with the U15 girls and a few practice games which really helped our girls improve (Thanks Andy!).

The team found out that game day was much harder than training and we did our best to adapt and learn from each game throughout the season. Our best game I thought was the last game where we almost beat Aquinas but they came home at the last couple of minutes of the game to beat us 18-16.



#### **AVA WILLIAMS**

Ava always had energy to burn, she gave 110% in every game and never stopped running! We moved her from Fullback to Wing where she demonstrated her excellent ball running and awareness of the game, with an uncanny ability to excelerate into uncontested space. Ava is a competitive, confident player and we have no doubt she be playing reps next year. Thanks for a great season Ava.

#### MONIQUE WESTWOOD

Monique joined us a little later in the season and she didnt waste time getting into the game once she started. Monique was always eager to listen, learn, input her own ideas and then execute. Monique always trained hard and she has a good understanding of football strategy. Monique took over from Ava at Fullback late in the season and done a fantastic job. Thanks Monique for all your effort.

#### TAMIEKA WESTWOOD

Tamieka was the quieter one of our team, but she gained confidence and gradually got more involved as the season progressed. She always worked hard in defence and attack and was always ready to help out her team. Tamieka was a pleasure to coach.

#### LYLA SMART

Lyla was a fantastic listener who worked hard all season, never complained and stayed focused. She improved immensely throughout the season with her running, defence and catching skills. As the season progressed her confidence grew and the competitive Lyla started to show. Great work Lyla.

#### ZOÈ DONNAN

Zoè learnt alot during the season, and you could see the improvement in her skills as the weeks went by. Zoe was great on the Wing with her defence and ran the ball when and where possible. She listened well to instructions then put all advice into play. Zoe had a great 1st season, well done.

#### MADDISON THOMAS

Maddie was always eager to be involoved in each game and gave her best efforts. She learnt alot throughout the season and her skills improved. Maddie done a great job at dummy half and also in defence. We look forward to seeing her progress further next season. Thanks for your hard work Maddie.

#### TIA WILLIAMS

Tia is an enthusiastic and spritied competitor. She is a talented dummy half runner with excellent evasive skills. She was a feisty player who always gave 100%, and was our 'G' up and 'go to' player. Tia was a key leader on the field and done brilliant job. Thanks for an awesome season Tia

#### THALIA MCALISTER

Thalia had a great season. Her passing skills and goal kicking, along with her ability to take high marks, were constantly impressive. She knows the game well and this is very aparent when she is on the field. Thalia can sprint faster than she thinks she can and this was evident in a few games. Thanks for a great season Thalia.

much better now than at the start and becoming more confident in their running and trust in each other. Their urgency in defence has greatly improved and we look forward to next season.

On behalf of the manager, Michelle, and Coaches, Dave, Corey & Gerry we

Throughout the season all our girls

have tried hard. Both at training and

game day. They are working together

On behalf of the manager, Michelle, and Coaches, Dave, Corey & Gerry we would like to thank Kylie Stewart and Dave Sheargold for assisting and guiding us through our 1st comp. It was a lot of fun.

Well done to our U13 girls (Zoè, Ava, Tia, Thalia, Monique, Lyla, Tamieka & Maddie).... A commendable 1st time effort this season













# under 15 girls



#### Coach Andrew Dante

Trainer: Matt Davidson Manager: Tric Davidson

#### **Award winners**

Best & Fairest: Isabella Maddison
Coaches Award: Remeny Kimber
Most Improved: Tiarn Clinch

"Team spirit is the feeling of pride and lovalty that exists among the members of a team and that makes them want their team to do well or try their best". This defines the girls and their attitude. The season was a struggle from the beginning, scratching around for numbers, injuries before the season started and further injuries during the season, but, they turned up for each other week after week. The positive to this was that they all got plenty of game time and cardio fitness! As it was all the girls first time playing touch league (and my first time coaching it), our aim was to learn the game, improve on ourselves and have fun. I believe we achieved all of this, irrespective of the results.

I would like to thank all the girls for their friendly, bubbly personalities and patience. It was a pleasure coaching you. Best of luck with the rest of 2017.

Thankyou to Tric Davidson for managing the team (and Megan Evans for filling in), and Matt Davidson for running the water and kicking tee.

A special mention must go to the u13's girls for providing us with players throughout the season (we would have had to forfeit many games without your help) and providing valuable opposition at training sessions.



#### TIARN CLINCH

Although we didn't have set positions, Tiarn took on the role of halfback most games. As the season progressed, she learnt how to direct the team around the field better, when to give the ball and when to hold and run. A good listener which resulted in her showing the most improvement over the season.

#### HAYLEY COLLINS

The larrikin – every team has one. Once it was kick-off she meant business, but given an opportunity she knew how to have a laugh. Hayley ran hard and straight and was good for some easy cheeky meters. Also had a good down field kick "Eagle is on"!

#### LEAH DANTE

One of a few on the injury list. Leah started the season well, with good hands at fullback, a good kick return and was the team's go-to goal kicker (would put a lot of 15yr old male kickers to shame). A highlight was she nailed a goal from the sideline with ease.

#### **BETH DAVIDSON**

Another one of our injured players. Unfortunately, Beth missed most of the season, but she worked hard in her own time to get herself right to get back on the field. Even though she wasn't back to full strength, she battled on like a trooper through the games and showed improvement from the beginning of the season.

#### TAYLAH EVANS

My final injured player. Taylah was a big loss to the team. She started the season strongly, was a great runner of the ball, good passing skills, kicks in general play and combined well with Isabella and Tiarn. Her season was cut short at the back end but continued to support the girls.

#### **ENJA FITZPATRICK**

Thankfully hair dye made telling Enja and her twin sister apart much easier. Enja liked to play on the edges and was our intercept queen. A dodgy hamstring stopped her short of running a near full length of the field try on one occasion. Worked tirelessly every game.

#### HOLLY FITZPATRICK

A quieter member of the team but was always listening and ready to have a go. Holly defended well, moving up off the line and sliding to cover the edges. Like her sister, a good runner of the ball with some nice footwork and hitting holes at the right time.

#### TARYN GANDER

Our pocket rocket. Given space, Taryn was hard to catch, scoring a couple of nice tries during the season. At times, I think she forgot it was touch footy, colliding heavily with the opposition, but that was just her determination coming through. Would have liked to see her take more goal kicks as I saw her in practice kicking plenty over the black dot.

#### REMENY KIMBER

Trained hard, played hard. One of the younger members of the team, Rem has speed to burn. Everytime the ball was kicked downfield, she chased hard. One of the unluckiest players for she was disallowed numerous tries off kick chases. Eventually she was rewarded for her efforts in a game towards the end of the season. Rem earnt my coaches award for her overall commitment, attitude and effort to training and game day.

#### ISABELLA MADDISON

An all-rounder and natural athlete. Isabella played in various positions. She is competitive and encouraged the girls when times were tough. A great running game, worked hard in defence – chasing down players who broke the line, and was always thinking of new plays to implement. Full of questions – I hope I answered them all!

A deserving winner of the best and fairest as voted by the parents.



Front row (L-R): Tia Williams (U13), Taryn Gander, Holly Fitzpatrick, Enja Fitzpatrick, Beth Davidson, Ava Williams (U13) Back row (L-R): Tric Davidson (manager), Tiarn Clinch, Taylah Evans, Leah Dante, Isabella Maddison, Remeny Kimber, Andrew Dante (coach)



































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2008	Mick Hughes	2015	Paul Gilbert
2008	Troy Brown	2015	Neil Skillcorn

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