



# CRONULLA CARINGBAH SHARKS JRLFC



## 2022 BLACKBOOK

# CRONULLA CARINGBAH SHARKS

## U/10 SILVER PREMIERS 2022



Tradies

Back Row: Sonny Barlow, Quinten Heaney  
Middle Row: Darrin Forster (Coach), Dane Sherman, Kai'ryn Vella, Hugh Matheson, Archie James, Paul Cavallaro (Trainer)  
Front Row: Taj Forster, Marcus Bottle, Caleb Hoekstra, Chase Spradbrow, Zac Maguire, Lucas Cavallaro, Koby Hyde  
Absent: Dempsey Hughes-Nichols, Nat Barlow (Manager)

TEAM PHOTOS  
— SYDNEY —

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## U/10 GOLD 1 PREMIERS 2022



Tradies

Back Row: Levi Bateman, Ryder Tepania, Koah Stanley  
Middle Row: Cain Best (Coach), Lewis Puckeridge, Marley Wilson, Flynn Tolman, Roman Vula, Scott Wilson (Trainer), Justin Puckeridge (Assistant Coach)  
Front Row: Zach Wilson, Noah Kelly, Nolan Grantham, Ohio Pure, Nixon Rye, Jackson Best, Taj Morris

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## U/13 GOLD PREMIERS 2022



Tradies

Back Row: Reuben Pale Eli, William Webber, Logan Longbottom  
 Middle Row: David Cody (Trainer), Josh Bateup (Coach), Joshua Cody, Cash Walker, Jordi Elkin, Chase Junior Stanley, Cooper Rye, Kahurangi Cherrington, Trevor Taylor (Manager), Jeff Potauaine (Trainer)  
 Front Row: Hudhaifa Diab, Jayden Best, Jimmy Potauaine, Charlie Bateup, Ashton Taylor, Ethan Dauroff, Nash Caine

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## U/14 SILVER PREMIERS 2022



Tradies

Back Row: Yamin Heidari, Jai Flynn, Nixon Pure, Kody Moon, Panayiotis Karabasis, Aaron Carroll  
 Middle Row: Andy Mathews (Trainer), Cameron Johnston (Trainer), Blake McConnell, Koby Pickering, Kurt Fing, Cortez Mathews, Kade Wicks, Brady Tomkins, Melisa McConnell (Manager), Nathan Garner (Coach)  
 Front Row: Declan Garner, Logan Gardiner, Patrick Zhong, Cruz Parkin, Caleb Richardson, Rizal Peters, Cooper Collins

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# CRONULLA CARINGBAH SHARKS

U/16(2) GOLD GIRLS LEAGUE TAG PREMIERS 2022



**Tradies**

Back Row: Keilana Finau, Kobe Maher  
Middle Row: Brett Kimmorley (Coach), Abbey Bishop, Sienna Davey, Ava Kimmorley, Leah Tinning-Salib (Manager)  
Front Row: Bianca Feros, Mia Frearson, Jasmyn Garrety, Sienna Greck, Scarlett Salib, Eliza Feros

**TEAM PHOTOS**  
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## 2022 CLUB AWARDS



JUNIOR PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Hudson Small

SENIOR PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Callum Grantham

WOMENS TACKLE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Charlotte Hall

GIRLS LEAGUE TAG PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Kiara Faddy

ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD

Kynan McClelland

COACH OF THE YEAR

Josh Bateup

MANAGER OF THE YEAR

Jarrad Simpson

TRAINER OF THE YEAR

Wes Waiwai

CLUBPERSON OF THE YEAR

Danielle Gleeson

CHARLIE BATES AWARD

U10A



# 2022 COMMITTEE



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| Secretary               | Daryl Gleeson                     |
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| Junior Vice President   | Daryl Gleeson                     |
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| WWC Officer             | Pam Dean                          |
| Sponsorship Officer     | Nick James                        |
| Gear Steward            | Celeste Johnston / Todd Ganderton |
| Caretaker               | Charlie Bate                      |
| School Liaison Officers | Cameron Johnston                  |



# PRESIDENTS REPORT

Rain, Rain and more Rain.

After 2 challenging years of covid restrictions. We were looking forward to a full season of footy. However, the weather had other ideas. This season was heavily disturbed with weeks of consistent rain. Grounds were closed, training was limited and games were often moved or cancelled with very late notice.

To our players, thank you. Every game was played in great spirit and you all gave 100%. Win, lose or draw. We hope you had a great season and look forward to having you all return next season.

This year we fielded 39 sides. Consisting of 26 tackle sides, three women's tackle sides, seven girls league tag teams, two over 35s league tag teams and the Mojo Homes Cup side. 18 sides made the finals, with 14 making the grand final; tackle teams, 9a, 10a, 10b, 13 gold, 13 silver, 14 silver, 15 gold, 16 silver, and 17 silver. Our women tackle teams, U/14 gold, U/18 gold. Our girls league tag U/16 (2) gold, U/16(3) silver, and men's over 35 (1) league tag.

Congratulations to our 10a, 13 gold, 14 silver, GLT u/16 (2) gold for winning their grand finals, and a special congratulation to the 10b team for winning the grand final as well as being awarded the most improved team in the Cronulla JRL competition.

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To all the parents, and family members who supported the players and volunteered your time doing canteen/ bbq duties, field set up and pack away during the season, thank you.

Thanks to our major sponsor Tradies, along with all our other sponsors. All of the money goes directly back to the players; helping to keep rego costs down, players uniform's, training equipment and trophies for presentation day.

A massive thanks to our hard-working executives & committee. Pam, Daryl, Camo, Janelle, Juicy, Danielle, Charlie, Celeste, Matt B, Kris, Nick and co..., with all the hard work that goes on behind the scene, this season wouldn't be possible without you guys.

Thanks to Kaz Frazer for assisting with the Blackbook again.

Highlights of the season include:

Scott Sorensen, revealing the new Scott Sorensen scoreboard as he played for Penrith Panthers who won the NRL grand final. Telstra gave each winning player's junior club \$5k which went to our new scoreboard.

Our teams were able to play exhibition games at Shark Park. Aiden Tolman and Mawene Hiroti visited our u/10 sides for the Cronulla Sharks blitz.

Great to have our club's major fundraiser Black n White night back at Rydges Cronulla. Much needed money was raised and a good time was had by all, thank you to all that donated prizes and to DJC events for spinning the tunes.

Former player and life member Dean Gillard stopped by on his walk from Terrigal to Mt Kosciusko raising money for headspace.

There was a great turnout for our sponsors and life members / past executive day few old yarns were told while watching our mojo homes cup game.

Enjoy the off-season and looking forward to ripping in again next season.

Thanks, Gando



# SECRETARYS REPORT

Whilst the past 2 years did have us concerned with what could have been for 2022, despite the rain delays, footy was back with a vengeance. After the last 2 years of disruptions, it was great to see kids playing footy and even better “sometimes” in the mud.

Our “Come and Try “ Pre-Season Event for 2022 saw our biggest ever attendance for young kids wanting to try footy out. This then pushed our registrations early on and we were able to keep our teams above the 40 mark. This is our second consecutive year in having more than 40 teams in the competition.

Our Club continued with our Community Partnership with Cronulla RSL Sub-branch with attending and laying a wreath on Anzac Day 2022. We would like to thank President – Cory Rinaldi for his invitation. Continued with the Community approach, we teamed up with Men of League for a weekly raffle for our members.

One of the most pleasing returns for 2022 was seeing our Local Juniors again play exhibition matches at “Shark Park”. We had 3 Under 8 teams and our Under 14 Girls Tackle play exhibition games before/half time of the NRL Matches. Our Under 12’s celebrated the last 2022 home game with a lap of honour for the 2022 year.

Round one kicked off on the 30th April 2022 and by the completion of the fixtures, CC Sharks had 14 Teams in the Grand Final for which is a club record. By the conclusion of the Final Series, CC Sharks celebrated 5 Grand Final Wins.

Our Premiership Winners were - Under 10A, Under 10B, Under 13 Gold, Under 14 Silver and Under 16 GLT Gold. Well done to these Players, Coaches, Managers and Trainers on reaching the big dance and coming away with the trophy.

What was extremely pleasing, and satisfying was the start of the success we are seeing with our strategic growth plan with the first our Junior Teams that being the Under 9 Bronze and Under 9 Gold reaching the Elimination Finals and Grand Finals, respectively. Our vision over the past 4 years has been to develop and focus on our “nursery” not only with the players but ensuring the coaches, trainers and managers have support within the club. This will continue in 2023 and we look forward to seeing this years Under 9’s develop in the Under 10’s and then this years Under 8’s then develop in to the Under 9’s to start competing for Premierships. On the subject of our Under 8’ .....

Post Season and the return of the Tommy Bishop Shield was attended by our Under 8 Dream Team on the 3rd September 2022. These young CC Sharks reached the Semi Finals and lost in dramatic scenes in the last 20 seconds against Willoughby. This result was one of the best results we have seen in most recent club history.

Overall, the 2022 has been an enormous success for Cronulla Caringbah and was a return to how life was pre-2020/2021. As the saying goes..... how good!!!!!!

The executive would like to thank all our Sponsors, Volunteers and Families of all Players for 2022 and we look forward to continued success in the 2023 season.

Daryl Gleeson

# TREASURERS REPORT

Although we had a disrupted season with all the wet weather and cancelled games the Profit & Loss is looking healthier than last year. We have a profit of just over \$40,000.

Gear (\$35,213.75), insurances (\$31,785.91) and canteen supplies (\$44,029.39) were our largest expenses as usual.

I would like to thank all sponsors that were able to support us this year. It is greatly appreciated! Thanks to;

- Clearview Retractable Screens
- McGrath Real Estate
- Nulla Nulla
- On Que Electrical
- Rhino Mouthguards
- Runnulla
- Southside Physio
- The Careers Guy
- The Tool Store
- Websters Locksmith

Thanks again to the Tradies who are still on board supporting the club again this year.

Janelle Ganderton  
Treasurer



# SENIOR VICE-PRESIDENT/SCHOOL LIAISON OFFICER

Well after 2 years of Covid and La Niña it was great to be back to an almost full season.

We are strong through all grades in tackle, womens tackle and league tag and it showed with how many teams we had in the finals and Grand Finals.

During the season some of our Junior and Senior members represented us well in school rugby league.

In the U11 PSSA Sydney East primary school team was Henrick Bateup, Hudson Small and Hunter Stanley. This team won the State Cup.

In High School we had Kaden Garner and Harlem Peters selected for CHS (Combined High Schools) along with Callum Grantham and Jack Ennis selected for CIS (Combined Independent Schools) these boys played in the Australian Schoolboys championships. Both these teams made the GF in the tournament with CIS getting the win over CHS.

It's been a great year with volunteering. Our President Gando, Secretary Daryl along with the executive committee have worked tirelessly to keep the year on track for all our members so well done team.

Thanks to all Coaches, Trainers, Managers and parents helping with ground managing and team duties on game day.

Special thanks to Celeste our gear steward and social secretary. Along with a few mums helping, Celeste works countless hours behind the scenes to make sure everyone has gear and organising the Black and White Night to raise funds for our end of year presentation day.

Many hands make light work so please if you are able to help it will be greatly appreciated. We always need more helpers on the committee.

2022 has been another great year for Cronulla Caringbah Sharks #WeAreSharks #CCsharks

See you all next season;

Cameron Johnston



# BLACK & WHITE NIGHT



# U6 ORANGE

Coach: Emanuele Placuzzi

Trainer: Clint Crothers

Manager: Danielle Keane



This season 2021-2022 was the first for most of the players and for the coach as well! A truly positive experience for the kids and the parents, thanks to everyone's commitment, enthusiasm, and smile. Looking back, we had really defining moments and memories we'll always carry. The look of the kids' faces when they did something special, mirrored by their parent reactions, their eyes full of joy and pride. Fantastic gems of a season!

Personally, I was both excited for new experience as coach but also nervous for the lack of practise in the game. Luckily the experienced trainer Clint was always there at every training, gaining the boys attention, helping to coordinate the session. Great thanks to Danielle and Lozzy as managers, always proactively communicate and organise – they all made everything nice and easy – very enjoyable.

Unfortunately, the rainy weather forced too many games to be cancelled (I think there were more games last year with lockdown!) and it is a real pity as you could see the boys getting more confident, resilient, and happier every game.

Last game, we ended with the apotheosis – Carter is about to get tackled, before the referee call "Held" he passes to Malikye which is fervently asking for the ball, he gets it and run free to the try line. Fantastic closing of the season!

Here is the players' score card in alphabetical order:

**Ariki:** always present at every training and game, missed one only one game! Always finding out-of-the-box ways to enjoy his time. Best day was to see Ariki scoring his first try in front of mum, dad and sis! What a game!

**Bohdi:** He comes with experience from the previous year, and he is a column of the Team. He could run, dummy half, look for hole in defence. In the last game Bohdi broke the ice and went for a massive tackle, chasing from the back and saving the result. It was a big moment, for him, the coach and of course daddy. Happy ending to a solid season.

**Carter:** A super strong presence that we could only enjoy in the last few games after he returned from overseas. Equipped with superpower Carter could motor thru any defence and was a great support for the whole team. He blended immediately in the team as his parents did with the others.

**Malikye:** fantastic to see Malikye growing thru the season, getting the confidence increasing (mum says too much!) at every new try. Sealed the season with a stunner.

**Parker:** Ready for the next rugby level, running from side to side, side stepping, changing direction, scoring at every opportunity. Chasing from left to right anyone with the ball and tackle him. Parker has been a column in this year team.

**Riccardo:** The younger of the team had a real go at the game. He wasn't scared, he tackled, he ran some zig zag and scored some great tries. One more year in the U/6 will see him thrive!

**Sebastian:** from day one, Master of tackles! During and outside the game. A constant presence in defence, running around and stopping any adversary, giving courage to the whole team in difficult moments. As the season progressed Sebastian stunned everyone with some strong and smart runs, scoring very exiting tries.

Parents: Great bunch of grown-ups, positive, supportive, generous: a fundamental ingredient for an inspiring season.

Thanks to everyone. We all look forward to next season: it is going to be fun!

# U6 BRONZE – YELLOW

Coach: James Johnston & Jared Chandler

Manager: Jessica Finlan

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Wow – who would have thought this bunch of maniacs could gel so well into a team that became the unstoppable force of the competition. Whilst they did lose to one other team (Engadine) they can sleep well at night knowing that at least they have more to look forward to than people who wake up in Engadine! The team is basically a bunch of first timers who were just keen as mustard to play footy. Thankfully this shone through in the form of competing to the end and putting the opposition to the sword!

The team showed up each week (mostly because our Manager Jess Finlan and co-coach Jared Chandler were both right on top of the organisation of the team) but also because the commitment the parents showed. I know the boys loved playing and weren't just there to get their sugar fix at the end of each game.

I personally had more fun than I could have imagined coaching these boys and was always supported by their parents who trusted me to get the most out of them. My own personal goal was to make sure each kid kept loving the game and wanted to turn up each week and then again next year. Following such a successful season I know every Shark got the taste of blood and is ready to come back next year to slay (Engadine) Dragons!

## 1 – Lachlan Chandler

You can't teach speed, if it was a subject at School Lachlan would be a Juris Doctor. Don't be fooled by this single trait into thinking Lachy was just a Lamborghini... unlike most wingers he didn't just bludge out on the wing worried about his hair, he was in the middle in defence, using line speed or running cover defence to stifle the opposition. Lachlan was a true custom built Baja 1000 car, just doing everything as fast and as tough as he could. You would never know he was the smallest (and youngest) kid on the team, and the opposition always respected him at full time.

## 2 – Maximus Johnston

Drawing on his namesake for inspiration, Maximus scored the opening try of the season "Are you not Entertained?" he roared at the Mothers on the sideline who were clutching lattes and huddled under their golf umbrellas. From then on Maximus concentrated on the shortest path to the try line (through the middle) which may not have been the best strategy for his size. However like a true gladiator Maximus ran the ball for death or glory and never shed a tear on the field or showed pain. It's important to note Maximus carried the burden of the only Mullet (technically a sharky mullet) and was let down by his teammates in this department. Hopefully the other parents can correct this ahead of next year.

## 3 – Jaxon Hahn

Jax is the kid that wants the footy and once he has it will take on anything to score. If he gets tackled the first time, he just tries harder and something different the next time to get through and get to the line – this ability to learn and adapt made him the KITT (Pontiac Firebird Trans Am). He must be one of the happiest kids in the club and this rubs off on the team when he can't stop smiling about playing.

Just like KITT, Jax was always keen to have a chat with the opposition, especially letting them know when they were playing badly or got tackled into touch. I'm sure he's already ready for next season.

#### 4 – Reef Franks

Reef was our greatest barrier in defence turning defence into an attacking weapon. The opposition would have to run to Antarctica to escape this Hobart Class Destroyer of a kid, otherwise they'd get washed up quicker than the SS Gothenburg. He also loved contact in attack and running through the middle, once he mastered the palm off his try scoring prowess came to the front almost out shining his defence. Reef's best attribute was his ability to stick to a plan and listen, he improved every week and by the end was starting to realise how big he actually was, can't wait to see him next year.

#### 5 – Manaia Emery

Ka mate! Ka mate! Ka ora! Ka ora! (I live! I live! I die! I Die!) Channelling the passion of his Māori heritage and developing the deep seeded anger that only comes from supporting the NZ Warriors, Manaia vented like Rotorua around the ruck to score long range tries from anywhere on the field. Having a natural talent to side step and accelerate into space that only comes from having three brothers to compete with made him an absolute X factor and as agile as Possum Bourne's WRX. I'm certain he will have a big off season training with his brothers for a big 2023.

#### 6 – Riley Finlan

Best on ground, Riley was not only the standout player in our team, but likely the competition. Throughout the season, Riley was the oppositions worst nightmare and I'm certain the rugby league boogey man was checking under his bed at night for Riley! At training Riley still turned up every week to learn, listen and pick up new skills. On the field he never stopped competing or trying to defend to help the team. Riley was the highly modified SWAT vehicle that could defend against anything and full of attacking weapons that would devastate an opponents structure and defence.

#### 8 – Harrison Golar

Harry is the personification of the Party Bus. No one wanted to stand in front of him, no one wanted to run into him and no one really knew where he was going. With ball in hand they just held on for dear life hoping he would stop. If Harry had an ounce of malice in defence we'd have enough ambulances at each match to compete with the light show at Vivid. Like a trooper Harry shrugged off illness to play with his mates and was always happy, smiling and just glad to be with the team. Harry's never in a rush, never worried and never angry – but always happy and ready to party!



# U6 GOLD - BLUE

Coach: Ant Beare  
Trainer: Dave Barnett  
Manager: Kristen Beare

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Over the past few years at the club I've always just helped out here and there so when I was asked to coach I was reluctant but I'm so glad I did. It was such a rewarding and enjoyable experience to watch these boys improve so much from the beginning of the year. They took on the drills from training and applied them in the games. Their tackling, passing and agility improved from even the simplest of drills. Don't get me wrong, some of those tackling sessions were pretty wild but they must have taken something from them.

We got moved into the Golds after regrading which to be honest I was hesitant about only having 6 players and sometimes only having 4 on a field at once but they proved me wrong. Not only did they hold their own, but it was so good to watch them beat other teams convincingly. We absolutely belonged in Gold winning the majority of games and narrowly going down in the last round to Kurnell. Thank you to all the boys - you were such a pleasure to coach, the happiest bunch of little legends going around, so many different characters and personalities but all gelled really well and I'm so proud of you all. I hope to see all your faces for years to come as I know how much you guys love your footy and play for each other.

A huge thank you to my trainer Dave. No way I could have done it without you. To get through some of those training sessions alone I wouldn't be here writing this. Sometimes we had to just sit back and laugh... crazy fun times thanks mate.

To the best looking manager in town, thank you for your help. All the time spent behind the scenes on admin work that I can't do doesn't go unnoticed and thanks for always confusing everyone with training times. Thank you Kristen.

**Billy** - On his day with just the right amount of sugar and after he shakes off the first tackle tears there's not many that can stop him. A fantastic runner of the ball, piling on the tries as the year went on. With his tackling improving as well - a successful year for sure. Well done son!

**Brady** - Our first and last line of defence, you would never guess this was his first year of footy, scoring 7 tries in his first game and even more during the season. Some great cover tackles and always kept us in the game, must come from some good stock (didn't know mum was so good at football) Congrats on a great year ledge!

**Dennis** - the strongest kid in the U6's... many times taking the whole team to stop him. Always putting his hand up for a run and even in the toughest conditions barging over for some great front row tries couldn't wipe that smile off his face. Pleasure to coach.

**Hudson** - The little all rounder scoring some brilliant tries, stepping and weaving through opposition teams with breeze. Huddy really came out of his shell this year, tackling everything he could get a hold of. A natural and talented player (he must get it from his mum too) He never took a backwards step no matter how big the opposition. A great year for you Huddy.

**Levi** - We all learnt not to get on the bad side of Levi. It didn't matter who they were - fast, small or big, Levi would compete, always giving his all. If he wasn't putting on shots or scoring tries for fun, he would be giving it to the other team. He is someone who you love on your team and hate playing against - a great little fella to coach.

**Nixon** - the most improved player to ever strap on a boot. From not wanting to have a run last year to scoring length of the field tries. He has a side step that you see in the NRL. Still having another year in the U6's, Nixon proves that it doesn't matter how small or young you are you can mix with the best. Well done bud!



# U7 SILVER - RED

Coach: Chris Scanlon  
Trainer: Nathan Eldridge  
Manager: Allira Wade

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What a great little team of players and lovely families we had in our team this year. I would firstly like to thank the parents and grandparents who helped get the boys to training and games throughout the season. It makes a huge difference having a great group of families who are eager to see their boys have fun and learn some new skills.

The season started a little slow for the boys with wet weather causing havoc in the preseason and leading to a delay in the start to the season. However the boys never complained about training and playing in the rain. In fact, one of the best sessions we had, was the preseason 'mud footy' training session at Wanda. The sheer joy on the boys faces as they tackled each other into huge puddles was priceless, and memories that they will take with them into adulthood.

On the field we had a really good start to the year. The boys have definitely progressed well this year and knocked up a few good wins along the way. The cheers from the sidelines from the mums when the boys made some good defensive plays, or when we offloaded in play to score was great to hear, and the boys loved it.

This group of young kids showed some great resilience in some of the games after regrading. We were unaware that the coach was no longer on the field, however the boys took it in their stride and took some ownership over directing play.

Overall it was a great season for our little team this year. The bigger field and more structured play of U/8's next year is going to bring out the best in this team.

Player report:

**Angus:** Thanks to the recruitment gods this year. Gussy was a great find, and for a boy who didn't know any of the rules on day one, picked up rugby league super quickly. He was absolutely brilliant in attack and defence, and often put his body on the line. It was so great to see him cross for plenty of tries, and equally nice to see him make some great little friendships with his team mates.

**Archie:** Archie really took ownership of the dummy half roll this year when we had him in that position, and enjoyed his time there. Archie also made some huge improvements in his ball running throughout the season and was close to crossing the white line on a few occasions. The sheer joy on Archie's face on the field is priceless.

**Blake:** Every team needs a Blake in their team. Blake has plenty of natural ability in attack and defence, and that little bit of mongrel that means he is often first man into tackles. Blake has a great understanding of the game and he can often find gaps in defence to break through and score. Blake has an absolute ball at training and on game day, and is always happy to be with his mates.

**Flynn:** Flynn was a great all rounder for us this year. He would always put his hand up to take some tough carry's out of our end, and would often break tackles when doing some. He had a quick play the ball which got our team on a roll. Flynn was also one of the better offloader's this year. He created some good second phase play that lead to some great tries.

**Jenson:** Jenson improved out of sight this year. We saw him pull off a few good one on one tackles in defence as well as make some strong runs out of our own end. He enjoyed his time at dummy half and made sure each of the boys got a run. Jenson's energy at training was infectious and the boys all love having him around.

**Harrison:** Harrison was another new recruit this year, and we saw him improve week after week as he learnt all of the new skills. His sheer size meant that he could bring down his opponent on his own in defence, and made some beautiful one on one tackles. Harrison seemed to love training and game days and his team mates were always happy to have him around.

**Hudson:** If we were keeping NRL grade stats this year, Hudson would have won the 'most post contact metres' by a long shot. Hudson never stopped driving those big legs trying to inch away at some extra yards with the ball in his hand, often with a few players in tow. Hudson's cover defence was a highlight this year. Hudson had lots of fun at on game days and was one of the best listeners at training.

**Isaiah:** To say that Issy 'lives and breathes' footy is an understatement, and his ability matches his ambition. Issy was the rock of our team this year. He was always keen for a carry, and his pure speed and agility meant that he crossed the line ALOT! Issy's cover defence was great this year and he pulled off a couple of great try savers.

**Johnny:** Johnny had another great season. I was most impressed by Johnny's leadership in directing the boys around the park when the coaches were no longer on the field. He was constantly talking and barking orders to his team mates to ensure he got the best out of each of them. His pre and post try celebrations became his trademark this year, and his extra aggression in defence at times was amazing to watch.

**Max:** I will never forget the (almost) length of the field try Max scored this year and the look on his face when all of the boys raced towards him to help him celebrate. This is what footy is about, and Max lived it up. Max's line speed off the defensive line this year was amazing, and it showed with some great ball and all tackles.

**Maxwell:** We must thank the head of recruitment this year for finding Maxwell and bringing him to our team. An absolute natural runner of the ball, Maxwell would step and swerve the defensive line with his signature one hand carry. Maxwell crossed for plenty of tries this year, and his cover defence and tackling style was textbook.

# U7 BRONZE - GREEN

Coach: Mark Winder

Trainer: Hayden Vink, Jess Gibson

Manager: Dave Johnson

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Report not supplied

# U7 BLUE

Coach: Caroline Agius  
Trainer: Mel Saunders  
Manager: Steph McMullen

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This was our first year as a team playing together, we had a large and wonderful mix of boys and girls some who had played football before and some being their first season, but this didn't deter them from giving 100% each week and playing with plenty of enthusiasm.

The U/7 Blue team showed plenty of improvement throughout the season, bonding as a team and creating plenty of memories. Whilst coming up against some hard teams the kids always put in their best efforts and came away with a smile.

It was wonderful to see the kids scoring tries and improving their tackling by putting into the play what had been learnt at training.

We came away with one win this year and scoring 81 tries throughout the season. It was a wonderful season for U/7 Blue, the team should be very proud of all their efforts.

Thank you to all the parents/carers for bringing the kids to training and the games each week. Helping out when needed on and off the field, cheering on our team and making it such a great year for U/7 Blue team.

It wouldn't of been possible without our wonderful coach Aaron our unofficial trainer Kyle, Giving up their time each week. The amount of patience that was shown at both training and game days giving our kids the best possible season of football, and our amazing manager Steph, making sure everything ran smoothly for our team.

**London Ferguson #1-** This was London's first season of football. He grew with confidence as soon as he was on the field. He was the youngest on the team but that never determined his efforts. London never shied away from a try making a few tries throughout the season.

**Beau Crowther #2-** This was Beau's second season of football, He has a wonderful understanding of the game. He never shy's away from a tackle and never fearful of other players. Wonderful enthusiasm in any position and a great team player.

**Benji Richards #3-** This was Benji's third season of football, Benji was always willing to help in any position. He loves a tackle and is an amazing dummy half with delegating the ball between the team.

**Marley Alcott #5-** This was Marley's first season of football and WOW what an amazing player. Marley loved a challenge and was always up for scoring a try every game. He made everything look effortless making some amazing try saving tackles.

**Koa Miller #6-** This was Koa's second season of football, Koa is an outstanding football player in both defence and ability in try scoring. He is a pocket rocket and loves a sneaky side step. He has a natural skill for attack and defence.

**Harlo Ferguson #7-** This was Harlo's second season of football, he is a natural born footy star. Harlo's runs were strong and he scored multiple tries throughout the season, his smile never left his face throughout the season.

**Aysha Salmon #8-** This was Aysha's first season of football being, being one of the only girls on our team Aysha became more confident as the season went on. Aysha was great in her tackling skills. She was a great team player.

**Ernest McMullen #9-** This was Ernie's first season of football, Earnie learnt the foundations of football and put them into play on the field. He makes a great team player. He never shied away from a run nor a tackle.

**Rayne Stanley #10-** This was Rayne's second season of football, Rayne is dynamic with the ball and can score a try from anywhere on the field. Rayne has a mean palm, using his palm to defend opponents making his way to the try line from any position scoring many tries throughout the season.

**Georgie Saunders #10-** This was Georgie's first season of football, she was nervous within the beginning of the season, however she showed improvements that were great to see her building confidence within the game.

Hope to see you all in 2023, for another great year!

Caroline



# U8 GREEN -1

Coach: Daryl Gleeson

Trainers: Wesley Waiwai & Will Russell

Manager: Ashlie Olson



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Third year of this team being together and despite all the concerns about past years, the boys were able to get a year of footy under the belt. I described the 2022 season at the conclusion of the season as the best season yet.

The team started their pre-season in late February 2022 and it felt like an extremely long pre-season. The issues with rain impacted all preparations and at times it felt like that we were simply training and that was it. The boys were hungry very early on with their pre-season training and we went to a 2 day training schedule that had us focus on offensive on a Tuesday and defence on a Friday. Most Tuesdays the team could be found close to the CC Shark Shipping Container getting their work completed and away from the other scheduled teams.

The growth between Under 7 and Under 8 was quite apparent and it was clear that the team wanted additional drills/tasks that involved FR wraps, inclusion of X plays towards the later half of the season and focused defensive drills.

We also saw the inclusion of the goal kicking in the Under 8's and members of the team were often found before/after training getting their overs in. By luck would have it, we received some great training from Mojo Cup Winger – Will Russell.

Will has perhaps one of the best goal kicks you will see, so week by week Will's presence would increase with Will assisting the team with their training. Will was a great addition to the team, and I would like to sincerely thank Will Russell for everything that Will put into this team and the Tommy Bishop Under 8 side for 2022. Besides being great a great mentor for the kids, Will assisted both myself with my Coaching and Wes with his Trainer responsibilities. In the end and during the Tommy Bishop Shield training/tournament, it was a case of 3 Coaching Staff working with the team.

The question still has not been answered..... where did Will come from and end up with the kids?

Early stages of trials highlighted what a great year we were going to have. We started Round One in Silver Competition on the 30th April 2022 and had an early win against a stacked Gynea Gorilla Team. The momentum continued to grow and by the end of the first 7 rounds and were only beaten by 4 points against a De La Team that we have faced since Under 6's & another De La Team.

Following the Round 7 clash, we received the news that due to our performance that 8 Green were being promoted into the Gold Competition. Despite early anxiety by the management team, we knew this was one of goals for the year and we needed to change our training slightly to bring something extra to the dance. This is where our set plays with FR Wraps and X formations started and something we believe was extremely hard to defend against.

Round One of the Gold Competition and we faced (again) another De La Team that has been unbeaten, we thought we had all the prep done and what occurs on game day? They start doing block plays and have their own system. This was a loss and was to become a massive lesson for the team on what is required to perform at the Gold Level.

Fast forward onto the end of the year and that was the only loss we had in the Gold Comp. The rest of the matches resulted in Wins that started and never ended the streak. One win in the rain and mud on that fateful Saturday that no one will ever forget.

During the year, the boys had the opportunity to play and experience an exhibition match at Shark Park before/during the Sharks v Manly NRL Clash. It was a return to the way we knew Junior Footy prior to Covid 19.

The excitement, smiles and nervous energy to perform in front of a sold-out Shark Park was something that can never be duplicated. Our game was even showed briefly on Channel 9 and some commentary from the 8th Immortal about a certain Red Flammin Mullet.

Another highlight was some of the boys – Luke Gleeson, Kai Baxter, Marley Waiwai, Jesse Webber and Charlie Beare assisting their brothers in the Under 9 Bronze Team that was consistently under manned. It was so pleasing to see these Under 8 boys fit into a Under 9 Bronze Team and not look out of place at all. Most of the boys also scored in the 9's and also converted.

It does need to be mentioned that 2 of the boys – Jesse Webber and Luke Gleeson were asked to join the team in the finals for training and were able to play in the elimination final. Experience that can only aid them coming into the Under 9 Comp in 2022.

So, to Jax Barnett, Kai Baxter, Charlie Beare, Toby Edwards, Luke Gleeson, Boston Karauria - Henry, Rahiri Pirini, Charlie Saunders, Marley Waiwai and Jesse Webber, I would like to thank each of you young talented footy players for best season I have ever had the pleasure in Coaching. I have known each of you for close to half your life so far and it has been an absolute brilliant experience in coaching all of you. I wish you best for the 2023 season and your future growth.

I'm hoping what we have build over the past 3 years will follow on in the first year that you will all play for your first premiership.

To, Ashlie thanks for all your input and management experience for the 2022 season. The success of these boys is built up on hours of work that we all put into them and the team. What works well if everyone pulling together and by you doing the Managers role has allowed us to focus on the development of the team.

To Wes, as I have said for before, I don't call you our Trainer anymore, the work and effort you have put in twice a week since February is something cannot be taught. Your passion for this bunch of young footy players has allowed them to grow and success this year. So, Co-Coach, got one more year in you?



Cheers  
Daryl – Co- Coach  
Under 8 Green

# U8 SILVER – RED 1

Coach: Jamie Small

Trainer: Oliver Pentzoldt, Luke Dauroff

Manager: Sharon Thompson

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Great season by the boys this year, a few new players joined our team this year and were eager to learn. The boys got to play out the full season except for a few rained out games. They trained and played together to build some lasting friendships throughout the season, they learnt to support each other and the importance of teamwork. Thank you to Jamie Small who took on the Coaching Role this year, also Luke Dauroff for helping out with the boys at the start of the season, also to Oliver Pentzoldt for all his help in becoming the Trainer for the season.

Our Team:

## **Parker Pentzoldt #1**

Parker had a great season this year his goal kicking was exceptional, never missing a goal. Parker's defence this year was outstanding with some bone crunching tackles and some dummy half tries close to the try line, he reads the play like any first grade footy player, lives and breathes Rugby League.

## **Lennox Hosick #2**

New to our team this year, loved training and playing with the boys, improved every week, kicking a lot of goals this year for the team. Lennox started out a little nervous however he improved week after week and was great to see him build in confidence over the season.

## **Asher Small :#3**

Another great season by Asher, the toughest tackler in our game. Most of Asher's runs this year left mayhem around him with defensive players falling off him. Some great tries scored this year. Great goal kicking as well, played a lot of First Receiver and got the boys organised in defence & attack.

## **Hudson Dauroff #4**

Great season by Hudson this year, great in defence & attack. Strong runner with the ball. Improving each week, also had a great year in goal kicking, great team player.

## **River Holdsworth #5**

Great season this year, great passion for his footy. Runs fast and hard, scored plenty of tries and kicked lots of goals this year. Always new the score and loved his team mates also celebrating after every win the boys had this year.

## **Zander Ngaika #6**

New to our team this year wanted to play with his school mates, Wow what a player Zander is, can step on both feet and see the tryline every time he touches the ball, defence is his middle name no one gets past this kid, Wow can he tackle so impressive watching Zander play every week ! Player of the season.

### **River Stanley #7**

New to our team this year, helped us out in 2021 and wanted to play up a year with our boys. Great player loves scoring tries and is a tackling machine. Loved playing with the older boys, looked dangerous every time he had the ball in his hands. Great season River !

### **Jaxon Wong #9**

First year with the team, enjoyed training every week and learning the game of Rugby League. Jax's development in his skill level and eagerness to be involved was great to watch this season, loved playing with his mates this year.

### **Hunter Lawson #10**

Great season by Hunter, improved every week, great team player. Loved playing with all his mates this year. Kicked some great goals this year, had some busting runs up the middle and tackled hard. Well done Hunter.

### **Phoenix Bateup #11**

Great season by Phoenix this year, runs hard and straight with the ball. Great team player, improved every week pulled off some great tackles. Well done Phoenix.

Thankyou to all the parents that helped out this year !

Great Season!

Bring on 2023 !!

Manager: Sharon Thompson



# U8 BRONZE - RED

Coach: Graham Matheson

Trainer: Nicholas James

Manager: Jen Hay

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After 2 years of COVID interruptions we finally had a full season of footy!

We had a great bunch of boys and parents and the season was fun and put on some enjoyable footy to watch. We focussed this year on getting every player to improve their teamwork and getting time with ball in hand. Our defence wasn't our strong suit but fortunately we got pretty good at scoring tries and scored plenty to put on a good show for the crowd.

## Our Team

**Beau Allen** was always enthusiastic to get a run and continuously improved through the season, and by the end of the season was near the top of the tackle counts for the team.

**Grayson Chandler** tackled well all year, always made ground when he ran and proved a very useful utility half with good clean passes.

**Kobi Srougi** and **Ned James** were our starting halves partners that steered the team each week, making sure that we had a great platform to run off and backing up with lots of tackles in the middle. Both Kobi and Ned continuously improved their attacking skills and by the end of the season they were running over the top of defenders.

**Zac Bateman** was our wrecking ball runner that could run around, through or over the opposition to score, and is a crunching tackler.

**Dax De Haan** was solid all round in both defence and attack, with good training attitude, reliably making meters with the ball and stopping the opposition in their tracks.

**Leo Cooper** was our tackling machine, chopping the legs out of anyone that ran near him, and in attack was our anchor runner that set up the platform of our attack.

**Archie Baden** did everything with aggression and pace, hitting the opposition with hard tackles behind the gain line and running around them to score.

**Flynn Matheson** had the fast fancy feet to get through, around or between the defence to find the try line, and the fast soft hands to set up his teammates.

**Jackson Hay** had the pace, balance and tackling to set a great example at training and on the field, with a positive attitude and great teamwork to be picked to captain our last games and is worthy of the Coaches Award for the season.



# U8 BRONZE - BLUE

Coach: Brendan Mullaly  
Trainer: Adam Sutherland  
Manager: Sarah Phillips

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Great season all round. Such an awesome group of kids. It was a pleasure to watch the boys grow as a team throughout the year. Big thanks to all the parents that helped out throughout the season. Looking forward to next year!

**Ashton** was quick off the mark and left everyone behind him when he ran the ball. He did a great job playing dummy half and helping to set up his team.

**Banjo** ran hard and didn't back down. Always in there taking a hit for the team. Great, reliable tackler, especially when he was angry!

**Harry** gained more and more confidence throughout the season and got some great runs. Big improvements and a great team player.

**Jack S** did a great job of getting the ball over the line on that last tackle. Loves a corner try.

**Jack B** is a great all-rounder. He did an awesome job in defence stopping some tries and a great job running the ball.

**Leo** is a little trouper. He takes on players twice the size of him and still gets up and keeps going. Kind, passionate team player.

**Dax** did a great job in first receiver when he got the hang of it. Was good at talking to his team and did some awesome goal kicks.

**Xavier** had some cracker runs and tackles towards the end of the season. He gained confidence with his passing and catching and always has a great attitude on the field.

**Lockie** is a great addition to the team. He has more energy and enthusiasm than anyone else on the field. Loves the game and always involved in play.

**Jaxon** is a great winger and has the speed to score the tries. Has a great kick on him too.

# U9 GOLD

Coach: Pete Cohen  
Trainer: Andrew Meagher  
Manager: Darryl Melvin

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Well, what a year, and what a determined, talented bunch of kids! This year brought with it a lot of challenges for the boys; wet weather, covid and broken bones being just some of them. To watch these boys grow as players and mates throughout the year has been really great to watch.

A big turning point for the boys this year was The Steve Folkes Gala Day. Played in horrendous conditions, it really brought the boys together and showed just how strong-minded they are as a playing group. Defensively they are some of the best bunch of 9 year olds I've seen. The amount of try-saving tackles on, or near our try line, had to be seen to be believed. So many of these boys never stop trying, and tackle way above their weight. Our attack will improve in the years to come, with the bigger field next year suiting a lot of our players. One of the strongest assets of this team is that we don't rely on one or two players to win us games week in, week out. Each week the tries are usually spread across a few, and so many step up in defence, which is testament to the grit, skill and adaptability of the entire team.

There were so many highlights this year, including:-

- The 12-12 draw against Gynea in RD 3 (which we should've won)
- The Steve Folkes Gala Day (the effort and determination was unbelievable)
- The 26-24 win against Aquinas RD 13 (2nd best win of the year)
- The 22-16 semi-final win against De La (the experience of playing at Shark Park)
- The 22-4 semi-final win over Aquinas (arguably our best win of the year)
- The Grand Final (not the result we wanted, but the boys never stopped trying, even though things were against us from the first whistle)

Don't underestimate what a massive achievement it was for our boys to make the Gold Division Grand Final in what was their first year of finals footy. With 3 new players, games without reserves, broken bones, covid, dreadful weather and missed training sessions, it really shows the character and skill level of these boys to accomplish what they did, and it was an honour to be their Coach for 2022.

A big thank you to Darryl and Andrew for their efforts throughout the year, a lot of stuff goes on behind the scenes to make the season work. Also a massive thanks to all the parents for turning up to training and game days, working the canteen and BBQ and cheering on the team in great spirits in what was a very wet, challenging year.

We're starting to build momentum as a great team with awesome team spirit, so hopefully we'll see you all back here next year, where we can go one better!

Thanks, Pete

### **Luka Abinja**

Another outstanding year by Luka; reads the game like not many kids his age can. Lethal in attack and defends like a kid twice his size. Really talented kid who is a natural footballer. Always listens at training as well as on game day. Played DH this year and his speed and ability to sniff out a try made him very dangerous for the opposition to handle. Special mention of his performance on the Gala Day where he tore the opposition to shreds. Plays like Harry Grant but could make a very good half back in years to come.

### **Ryan Cohen**

Once again another solid year by Ryan; has speed to burn and once in open space is hard to catch. Leads by example at training and on the field. Lives and breathes footy and loves training just as much as playing. Played FR and fullback, very good under the high ball and chases hard in defence. Ryan's game improved once he straightened up his attack and the wet weather cleared. Plays like James Tedesco and will excel on the bigger field next year.

### **Leon Hinton**

A new addition to the team this year who brought some much-needed talk and energy to the team. Leon plays with his heart on his sleeve and doesn't shirk his task in attack or defence, Really stepped up against the harder teams and it was no surprise that one of his best games was against Gynea Gorillas. Leon's a strong runner of the ball and is up in their face in defence. Devastatingly broke his wrist a week before finals and was a massive loss to the team at the pointy end of the season. The team really missed him in the Grand Final. Played FR during the year but could also make a good Lock in years to come. Plays like Cameron Munster and I can't wait to have him back on the field fit and ready for next year.

### **Koah Matthews**

Came across with Leon, and fit into the team straight away. Koah is a great team player who really looks out for his team mates at training and on the field. Koah to me is an old school centre, He's a great runner of the ball who will excel on the larger field next year. Koah scored many long distance tries this year and made many strong runs, but one of his best assets is his defence. Doesn't miss many and hits them hard! Plays like Justin Olam.

### **Lawson Meagher**

Another strong year from Law, who got us back in the game on many occasions with his damaging sideline runs ending in tries. I was really impressed by Law's defence this year where he showed greater urgency and aggression, saving as many as he scored. Law is also a great team player who looks after his teammates at training and on the field. Law doesn't realise his own strength but once he does, he will be unstoppable! Plays like David Fifita.

### **Cooper Melvin**

A great kid to have in your team, Cooper has been one of our best defenders since U/6's and nothing changed this year, consistently putting on big ball and all tackles against kids double his body weight. Cooper moved into the DH role half way through the year and he really excelled in this position, making really good yards in every set. Once he realises how to use his speed properly, he's going to be very dangerous. Could be a future lock/backrower, and plays like Victor Radley.

### **Campbell Sellick**

Cam is the youngest in our team but he's also one of our toughest, and will be our team's enforcer for many years to come. I love the aggression Cam shows in defence; he is really starting to use his shoulder and drives hard into the opposition. Cam's attack really improved as the year went on as he started to straighten his runs, being rewarded with a great try up the middle at Shark Park in the semifinal against De La Salle. Cam is a crucial part of this team and I can't wait to watch him develop a partnership with Ziggy over the next few years. Always the first to say thank you after training and game day, Cam plays like Jared Waerea-Hargreaves.

### **Ziggy Tautai**

Wow what a year! Ziggy started the year not knowing anyone in our team. By the end of the season, he became one of our leaders. I think the Gala Day was the making of Ziggy. He improved out of sight in the second half of the year, becoming a very strong runner of the ball as the year went on, scoring many tries through sheer strength. He also became one of our best defenders, with a great tackling style and the ability to intimidate the opposition. Ziggy's not too serious off the field but very passionate on it, which is a great quality to have. Plays like James Fisher Harris.

### **Hugh Teasel**

Once again Hughie played well above his weight this season, having absolutely no fear in defence, and often tackling boys two to three times his body weight. Hughie started the season off as DH but with a mid-season switch to a roving role up the middle, he became much more valuable to the team. I gave Hughie the job of being a pest to the opposition, and he carried it out very well (he's also the team clown) bringing plenty of energy and laughs. Hughie is another of our youngest players and is also one of our toughest, finishing many a training session or game with a bloody nose or lip, but never any tears. Plays like Brandon Smith

Players' Player Award : Luka Abinja & Ryan Cohen (Tied Result)

Most Improved Award : Ziggy Tautai



# U9 BRONZE

Coach: Peter Campbell

Trainer: Darryn Maynard

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Well finally we got a full season in, after several interrupted seasons over the past two years. This year the under 9's boys were graded into two teams, meaning a number of the boys in our team had never played together before. It was an exciting challenge for us as we got stuck straight into preseason training in March. The boys did not take long to form great bonds and friendships, which was the backbone to a great season that lay ahead of us.

The boys shot out of the blocks winning our first game of the year against Como Crocs 64-4, in what would end up being our biggest win of the season. The boys backed it up in round two with another 40-point win against the second Como Crocs side. The boys continued to play out of their skin following this, with a few more solid wins on the trot. Few teams in the competition were able to match it with us, up until we faced Kurnell Stingrays in round six. This game shaped up as a grudge match of sorts due to the fact a number of former CC Sharks boys had switched clubs in the off season, and Kurnell were the only other undefeated team in the competition at that time. Having a team where nearly all of our players were struck down by illness, the boys showed great courage and bravery, however; it wasn't enough, succumbing to our first defeat of the season.

We quickly put this loss behind us, absolutely dominating for the majority of the remaining regular season games. The replay of the grudge match against Kurnell came in round 13, where the boys shot out of the gates and ran away with the game from the very first quarter, winning the match 42-22. This was probably our best performance of the year, against a team who, up until that point, had not lost a game.

We managed to finish the season in second place on the ladder, following a disappointing six-point loss in our final game to Joeys. Our for and against at the end of the season finished at +246, 58 points higher than our next best rival. This was a reflection of the dominance the boys displayed during the year.

As a result of our second-place finish, the boys earned a week off in what was our first taste of finals, and a trip straight to the Preliminary Finals, where we would come up against Aquinas. Unfortunately, it was not meant to be, with the boys going down in an absolute nail biter, 20-24, even though we crossed the try line eight times to four.

Overall, I couldn't be prouder of the effort put in by the boys this year. They gave it their absolute all at both training and on game day. Being able to experience first hand, the boys coming together as a new team at the start of the season, to where we ended up, was enjoyable to watch as a coach. The boys all developed their skills throughout the season and finished the year as better football players compared to when they started the season.

## **Individual commentary**

Elias – This year was Eli's first year playing league. At the start of the year Eli appeared a little timid and shy as he was finding his feet, but it didn't take him long to get going, with a massive game in round two, earning him the man of the match. Eli had massive improvements in his defensive game throughout the year, consistently jumping into marker and taking down attackers at will.

Tate – This was also Tate's first year in league. Being one of the smallest players in the team, Tate was constantly faced having to run at, and tackle players much bigger than him. Tate showed that he was fearless, putting his body on the line on many occasions throughout the year, and no matter how hard he was tackled, he would always bounce straight back up.

Lennix – Lenny showed throughout the year that he has some serious speed to burn once he gets in open space. Lenny scored a number of long-range tries throughout the year, leaving defenders in his wake. Lenny is always one of the first to training every week and is keen to learn and improve his game. I look forward to watching him develop as his confidence continues to grow.

Deveraux – Dev was our team's 'Most Improved Player' this year. I have been coaching Dev now for the past two seasons and watching his improvement throughout this year was one of my highlights. Dev has found an abundance of confidence and it has shown in both his attack and defence. Dev always turns up to training with a fantastic attitude, ready to listen and learn, and this shows in his performances and improvement on game day.

Cooper – Cooper is one of our team's most consistent players. Cooper's focus both at training and on game day is the reason for this. He is dedicated to improving himself as a player and puts in a lot of extra work outside of training, to ensure that this occurs. Cooper is another one of the smaller players on the team, however; matches it with the bigger boys every week. Cooper has speed to burn, on many occasions this year, scoring handfuls of long range tries, always ensuring he is one of our team's best performers every week.

Henry – Hen was voted by his peers as our team's 'Players Player' this year. Hen turns up to training and gameday every week with a big smile on his face. I think this might be because he has a few tricks up his sleeve that he is waiting to put on display. Hen is a very skilful little footy player. Working on his combinations every week at training with a few of the boys, he has the ability to set up some devastating plays in attack, to match his toughness in defence. His performance in that Preliminary Final was almost enough to single handedly win us that game.

Archie – Archie was our team's 'Player of the Year' this season. Archie was absolutely dominant in many of the games he played this year, causing opposition teams to shake in their boots every time he was near the ball, or near them when they had the ball. I have lost count of how many times I have seen Archie run over every player in the opposition team, on his way to the try line. I also don't think I will ever get the memory of Archie almost cutting that attacker in half in that Joey's game in defence, in the last game of the regular season.

Oliver – Ollie has continued to improve his game from year to year. His confidence levels are skyrocketing, and this is leading to him lifting his game in both attack and defence. Ollie was a dummy half specialist this year, scoring the majority of his 14 tries this season, by scooting out of dummy half, catching his opponents off guard. Ollie has also developed a mean fend which at times throughout this year, has left many bruises over not only his opponents, but all over me as well.

A special mention to Darryn, Danielle and Jayde who all helped out at times throughout the year with coaching and managing the team. I could not do what I do without your help, so thank you. Also, another thankyou to all of those who volunteered at times throughout the year in the canteen.

See you all next year. Go the Sharks!

Coach Pete



# U10 GOLD

Coach: Cain Best

Trainer: Justin Puckeridge

Manager: Nikki Puckeridge

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## 2022 Undefeated Premiers!!

The boys started the year as favourites with every team each week coming to get us and wanting to take our scalp each week. For 9/10-year-old kids to handle that pressure week in week out and then go on to win the grand final in wet conditions and keep the opposition to nil in a grand final is great testament to these kids as footballers/individuals and as a team. We have a special bunch of boys here and it has been a great pleasure to coach them this year and be a part of their footballing memories. To win a grand final in their 1st year they had an opportunity to do so is a lifelong memory they will have in their lives forever and now a bond as mates that no one ever can take away from them. We stuck together as a team all year and our premiership was underpinned by our defence, our will to win and our hunger to turn up and not let our mates down. It has been a special year and the most exciting part of it all is this is just the beginning, there is so much more to come.

I would like to thank Scott, Justin, and Nicki for all their help and assistance throughout the year which was a challenging year just to get on the training paddock let alone the footy field on the weekend, but we got there in the end and we couldn't have gotten there without all your efforts.

Thanks to Aiden and John for helping throughout the year and giving the boys a taste of the big time with your invaluable football expertise and knowledge. Also, thanks to the parents that helped on duty each week, football clubs are run on volunteers helping each week and it is greatly appreciated when everyone gives up some of their time to assist.

**Ohio Pure** – Ohio is our captain and leader, 2022 was an exceptional year for Ohio. He took his game to a level that gives me even shivers thinking about it how dominant he was all year. We saw the aggression come out of Ohio this year to compliment his silky skills and strong charges, but the most dominant part of his season for me this year was his defence in the middle, it was outstanding. Ohio and Marley are the two best middle forwards in the comp, and we are lucky to have them both in the same team.

**Levi Bateman** – Levi came into the team this year from the B2's last year on the back of only playing 7 games of rugby league. To make the gold team in basically his 1st year of football shows you the talent this kid has. He is an uncompromising rugged footballer with a great will to compete and get amongst the rough stuff. He had a great year improving every week and most importantly highlighted by his game changing play in the grand final to run down a regional runner in clear space in a crucial moment of the game.

**Jackson Best** – Jackson had an outstanding year and finished the comp off with the game sealing try in the grand final. He also was the leading try scorer in the team with 10 tries for the year. We hatched a plan with Jackson late in the season to put him into dummy half to get him more ball and it worked every week with him scoring crucial tries in every one of those games. He is a great competitor on the football field and often found himself the target of the opposition which is hard to deal with for a 9-year-old kid.

**Nolan Grantham** – Nolan had an outstanding year, his speed and poise under pressure is a pure joy to watch and he is an extremely gifted athlete as a kid but more importantly he is a wonderful person and a great kid to coach. With the make-up of the team on the field this year I struggled with where to put him to get his hands on the ball, his game is at his best when he has clear space in front of him down the left edge and we just sit back and watch him put on the afterburners and burn the oppositions. He scored 7 tries for the year and was great at fullback and on the left edge for us in defence. No team scored a try against us all year down either edge of the field and that is why we played Nolan on that left edge.

**Noah Kelly** – Noah came up to the gold team this year from the A2's last year and had a great year on the right edge of us. He is an unpredictable footballer player with an uncanny knack of finding some space and opportunities and scored some great individual tries for the team this year. I thought the best part of Noah's season was his defence at the end of the season especially highlighted by the try saver he made in the grand final on Engadine's dominant Dummy Half with the game in the balance he effortlessly took him over the sideline when he looked likely to score.

**Taj Morris** – Taj is our 5/8 of the team and had a great season directing our backline around the field and leading up our line speed in defence for our edges and making crucial tackles all year. He is a great kid to coach and the pure love he has for football and how he goes about his football is a pleasure to watch, he is the ultimate professional on and off the field and he is an integral part of our success this year.

**Lewis Puckeridge** – Lewis this year as compared to last year started the year off on the edges then worked his way into the First Receiver bib by the end of the year. His catch and pass is the best in the team and his kicking to space when we were in trouble really helped us late in the year stay in the grind and grind out wins. I thought his best game for us this year was the grand final and his calmness and creativity in the 2nd half led to us finishing over the top of Engadine and winning the game.

**Nixon Rye** – Nixon had an outstanding season for the year and picked up straight away where he left off from last year. His running game from dummy half this year and timing in taking those runs is unparalleled in the competition and then throw in he tackles everything that moves this kid is one seriously good footballer.

**Koah Stanley** – Koah was a new addition to the team this year and weren't we lucky to pick up such a wonderfully gifted & talented footballer. A big rugged and uncompromising edge forward who we had to move out to the centres later in the year I think it really helped him showcase his skills as a footballer and find his way in the team. He scored the 1st try in the GF and made some bone jarring tackles on the edge and I am positive that we haven't peeled back the best of him yet, 2023 look out!!

**Flynn Tolman** – Flynn also was a new addition to the team this year and fit in like a glove. He is such a beautifully natured boy and great human it was a pleasure to have him in the team this year. He is a ball running edge forward with an uncanny knack to find space and get a quick play the ball. Flynn's best game for us this year was against GyMEA where he looked dangerous every time he touched the ball and made some great incisive runs to get us out of trouble.

**Ryder Tepania** – Ryder had another strong season this year, he is a big and mobile edge forward and he did plenty of damage down the right edge of all our oppositions this year. The most pleasing part for me for Ryder this year was his game against GyMEA in the Semi-final where he took his defence to a new level and started rag dolling the opposition and using his dominant size. He is such a gentle giant as a kid and once he matures and understands how big and fast he is, he is going to be one to watch.

**Marley Wilson** – Marley had an exceptional year; they don't make many kids like Marley with his pure drive and want for contact and the hard stuff most kids shy away from. He never stops amazing me on the footy field, and he is a pure gift to coach. His best performance for us this year I thought was in the grand final, he was relentless in everything he did and never stopped tackling, but his running game was the best I have seen out of him and I thought he was one of our best in the GF.

**Zach Wilson** – Zach is our first receiver in the team and the quiet small kid in the team that leads us around the park and gets our attack in order. Zach's best game for us this year was against De La early in the year where he scored a great individual half back's try and outplayed his opponent and made some great tackles on larger opposition. I thought his game in the grand final was good leading us around the park but more importantly his defence was also good making a few important tackles where he helped drive back the opposition and slow their momentum which is never an easy task for a small kid.

**Roman Vula** – Roman had another strong season and never missed a beat all year. He is a pure footballer through and through. The best compliment I can give Roman this year is that he is that good a player I struggled with him on where to play him in the team as he ticks every box. He has the classy skills to play in the halves, the speed to play on an edge and the pure ruggedness in defence to play in the middle underpinned by his relentless defence all year bending back the opposition with huge hits. Another wonderful kid with a great personality to coach and a great team player he should be very proud of his 2022 season.



# U10 SILVER (1)

Coach: Darrin Forster

Trainer: Paul Cavallaro

Manager: Nat Barlow

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Wow, what a year this team has had. Not only did they come through the regular season as minor premiers but they backed it up through the finals and won the entire comp. Not only that, the boys were also rewarded for all their hard work and dedication with the "Most Improved Team" in the Cronulla JRL competition. I'm extremely proud of what these boys achieved this year as they put their heart and soul into getting these results. Whether it was our 7klm preseason run along the esplanade, the many beach training session on the nights when the fields were closed due to rain or the additional gruelling fitness sessions they did coming into the finals. They truly learnt this year that hard work certainly pays off.

All of this wouldn't be possible without the support and commitment from all our awesome parents. As coaches, it makes such a difference when they're all on board and support what we as a playing group set out to achieve no matter what was involved. It was really great to see how every family came together and enjoyed the excitement and exhilaration when all our sons played their hearts out and won the big Grand Final.

A big thank you to Paul and Nat for all your help this year with training, managing, scoring etc. You guys are legends and I appreciate all your help and support with the team.

Congratulations also to the Club and the committee in what must be an extremely successful year. I hope our success as a team this year is a small payback for the countless hours you all put into making this one of the best junior rugby league clubs.

**Chase Spadbrow (Captain)** Chase is and will be an amazing footballer and he is a pleasure to coach. He has so much skill across the park and showed this year that Fullback / Five-eight is going to be his ideal position. He formed a great partnership on the field with Taj and their famous inside ball play always paid off. Although we didn't keep count, I'm sure Chase was our leading try scorer for the year who scored at least 1 or 2 tried in every game.

**Hugh Matheson (Vice Captain)** Hugh was our Mr Consistent and proved he's vision, passing and allusive skills will make him a great leader and ball playing five eight in the future. Hugh always gave his all at training and this transitioned onto the field with always playing well no matter what position he was put in.

**Caleb Hoekstra** Caleb is a footballer through and through and is such an asset and role model for our team. I played him at Dummy half in most games due to his electric speed, change of direction and an ability to chop many players down in defence. He exemplifies toughness with a never give up mentality. We certainly missed him when he was out due to his knee injury but we were so glad when he was able to make it back in time for the finals.

**Marcus Bottle** Marcus gave his all in every game and at training. I played him in many positions and he was always up for the challenge. Marcus certainly punched above his weight and had the ability to bring forwards down no matter how big they were!

**Lucas Cavallaro** Starting the year Lucas strengths were his attacking skills with the ability to get our team going forward. As we progressed through the year one of the key areas he improved out of site was his tackling hence why he was named 'The Axe'. He is one player that punches way above his weight and once the tackling light was lite, he was taking down anyone and everyone. It was so good to see him put so much effort in this year and was rewarded with the first try in the GF.

**Taj Forster** Taj is our team ring leader and did a great job directing the team around the park. His skill level went to a new level this year and he proved that he can read the play well above his years. Another area he took to a new level was his kicking game whether it was clearing torpedoes out of our red zone or his pinpoint kicks for our outside backs to score. Taj is also known for sniffing out any possible penalty which most of the time he got hence why he got the nick name 'Hollywood'.

**Sonny Barlow** What a year Sonny Bull has had this year. He was certainly one of our best week in week out and was a feared opponent to all the teams we played this year especially when he was running the 'Bull run' down one of the edges. Sonny proved he's a big game player with his best game being saved to the grand final where he made huge metres, loads of bone crushing tackles and scored two important meat pies.

**Dane Sherman (Danger)** This was a breakout year for Danger. He was our Middle forward who put in many extra hours outside of footy to be the best he could. For a forward, I was so impressed with how fit this kid is and was in everything in every game he played. He was also feared by our opponents, not only with his strong runs which ate many metres but his ruthless tackling. Our backs can thank Dane for all his hard work as they wouldn't have the try scoring glory without the platform Dane laid for them.

**Zac Maquire** Zac is one player a coach loves to have in the side as you can play in many positions and he excelled in all. His defence this year improved with each game and his running game proved why he was nicknamed the Zip Zip man. His highlight for the year was his outstanding game in the big dance where he gained many metres with most of these coming out of our red zone. He was a worthy recipient of the coaches award in the GF.

**Dempsey Hughes – Nichols** Dempsey was our team wrecking ball who never took a back step in defence. As a coach it's always nice to hear your forwards say 'All I want to do is tackle' which Dempsey said and did in every game he played. I knew our defensive line was strong when Dempsey was on the field cause many opposing players didn't dare run at him.

**Quinten Heaney** Every football team needs a Quinten in their team and as the coach of this awesome team, I was so happy knowing I had one in ours. Q is such a tough player who showed every team we played who's boss with his strong defence. This toughness was demonstrated in the GF with Q making the most tackles for our team which played a big role in keeping Kurnell to only 1 try.

**Kai'ryn Vella** This is the second year I've coached Kai and another cracking year for him. He was one of our best players last year and it's been so good to see him take his game to a new level again this year. His calmness off the field certainly doesn't translate on the field with his strong ruthless defence. One of Kai's key strengths is his agile attacking skills which a key highlight for me was when we played Kurnell and he scored a great individual try where he went through their forwards with a lethal left foot right foot step. Next year we will work on adding an offload to his game which will take him to an even higher level.

**Koby Hyde** Every team needs speed and Koby has enough speed for 10 teams. Not only can he run like the wind but Koby backs this up with his great defence. I never had to worry that players will go around us when we have Koby on the field as he is as safe as houses. One of the rewarding aspects this year was trialling Koby at Dummy half who made the position his own and was rewarded with this position in the GF. His ability to use his speed and a lethal step out of Dummy half was an absolute asset for the team.

**Archie James** Don't let Archie's quietness fool you as he was nothing like that on the field. He was our work horse for the team who made many important hit up metres and many tackles. He is a pleasure to coach as he not only listens but goes out on the field and does it. He was outstanding in all year and had one of his best games in the GF.

It was an absolute pleasure to coach these young men this year and I look forward to building on this amazing year next year.

Darrin Forster



## U10 SILVER (2)

Coach: Kris McClelland

Trainers: Don Nash, Michael Srougi, Wiremu Peters, Will Russell

Manager: Erin McClelland

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Our season saw intermittent games and ability to train. We had 1 win from the 9 games we played, a lot of games were close yet so much development was evident from every player.

Our boys played their hearts and guts out this year. All coaching staff and parents were so proud of them all. How good was the game against your mates in the silver 1's & 2's once in a lifetime battle in those horrible, but so much fun muddy conditions- memory-making!

Thanks to all that made this year a great experience for the kids. Special thanks to Don and Erin, for all your efforts to support this team. Thanks to EVERY Mum & Dad for being a part of not just our team, but our whole club. I'm hopeful that all the boys will want to come back next year to play with your now lifelong mates.

We have so much to look forward to next year.

Hands in Sharks!!! Let's do it!!

# U10 BRONZE

Coach: Luke Dunne

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Great to see our boys finally get a full season despite a few rainy interruptions. Our team was made up of a mix of first season and veteran players. Regardless of their varied skill level they all had one thing in common... 'A love of footy!'

My focus as coach this year was not so much about winning games but more so about strengthening confidence and developing their skill set. Each week we saw our boys improve and mesh as a team. It all came together in the last few games when they put the ladder leaders to the test and were unlucky in their first ever final appearance not to have advanced.



In photographic order:

**Cley** - A disciplined and respectful player who was always listening and working hard at training. His confidence grew throughout the season and we look forward to watching his skills unfold in the years to come.

**Mitch** - New to the club this season Mitch got straight down to business. A true footy natural that is more than happy to tackle kids twice his size at full flight. I always knew we were safe when opposition players ran his way. A born leader and would make a great full time captain in the future.

**Lawson** - A first season player that was very impressive and is developing a strong foundation of skills. He had an awesome start to footy and it will be exciting to see what he will achieve in years to come.

**Austin** - It took Austin a few games to warm up but once he got going he demonstrated great potential. Always keen to get the ball and attack with intent. Another first year player that will be one to watch.

**Joseph** - Being only his second year of footy Joey has made exceptional progress. Playing at first receiver, he guided the team perfectly in attack. He has a great kicking game and an awesome tackling technique. Joey has a calculated approach to his game and is very humble when receiving praise.

**Lachlan** - Wow! What a great season! Lachy carries amazing speed and has a knack of finding the try line more times than not. Another of our awesome defenders, who was quite happy to put his body on the line every Saturday to save a try for his team mates. He is a respectful player and worked hard at training he certainly has a bright future in the game

**Eli** - What an awesome first season! Opposition players were left wondering what day of the week it was when they met Eli. He loves to run hard with the ball and requires the majority of an opposing team to stop him. He had a huge try count for the season and was respected by both team mates and opposition players.

**Tyler** - A crafty player Tyler did an awesome job at Five-eight and Dummy Half. He loves tackling the first receiver from marker and is often seen doing this three or four times in the same set.

**Finley** - Fin had his best season yet! Also playing out of Dummy Half and Five Eight, Fin was relied upon to speed up our attack and get the ball moving through the back line. Always leading by example with his hard work ethic.

**Matt** - Always first at training, always first at game day and always had a smile on his face. Matty was a pleasure to coach. Mainly played at first receiver and at right centre but would excel in any position given.

**Maksim** - A massive improvement from Maksim this year both in confidence and in attack. He proved very dangerous with the ball with countless line breaks as middle forward. When moved to second row he also excelled in this position. I can't wait to see what Maksim will do with his new found confidence next year.

**Jack** - He is a no fuss kid with a strong love of footy. He loves to run hard and straight with the ball and provided the early metres for our backs to do their job. Always at training early and eager to play footy with his mates.

**Ruben** - A great season from Ruben this year being his first at the club. He soon became an important member of the team who has an aggressive style of play on the field that left many opposition players backing away.

It was a pleasure to coach the boys this season, watching them grow into a great little team. A large part of their progress can be credited to our awesome trainer Matt. Matt brought experience and insight to the team and has a knack of talking to the boys on their level, achieving respect and results from the playing group.

I would like to also express a huge thank you to our manager Llania from the parents and myself. Llania kept us all well informed and in line all season. Despite an already very busy schedule Llania still put her hand up when the need was there. This was very much appreciated.

Thank you as well to all our parents, grandparents and family members that helped out with duties and came along to cheer on the boys each Saturday.

Great work Under 10 Bronze! You can all be very proud of your achievements in the 2022 Season.

Luke Dunne, Coach

# U11 GOLD

Coach: Steven Holz

Trainer: Tyronne Matoka

Manager: Lloyd Bevan



**Brae** Brae is an outstanding competitor, a young footballer who never gives up a play, pushes for his teammates and is always will to do what is necessary. There is no difference between his first and last efforts in a game, he always works hard. Brae is at his best when playing in the dummy half role, organising those around him, positioning players and holding his teammates to account when defending in the middle of the field. Totally different to his personality off the field where you struggle to get boo from him. Another cracking year for a talented footballer.

**Brax** Brax is an enigmatic footballer. He is equipped with speed and endurance, not too many of his teammates looked forward to their fitness sessions and relished them the way Brax does. The challenge has been how to allow Brax the opportunity to use his strengths in a game and so his move to fullback was always inevitable. Allowing him the freedom to just do what comes naturally saw him thrive. Brax continues to improve each and looking forward to seeing that continue in 2023.

**Cameron** After scoring more tries than Brian Bevan (if you know, you know!) last season, Cameron forced his way into the Gold side this season. Cameron has always been genuinely quick, with a running style that may not be classical, but is highly effective and efficient. Couple this with a great swerve and the ability to hold his pace when changing direction sees him challenge defensive lines every game. But for all of that, the greatest achievement this year was Cameron's determination and work ethic to improve his tackling. Cameron took real pride in his tackling this year and the improvement was clear throughout the season. Looking forward to more early ball coming his way in 2023.

**Fletcher** Fletcher was another one to join the Gold side in 2022 following a stand out season last year. Whilst he is big, strong and quick, Fletcher hasn't quite worked how dominate he could be if he recognised those strengths within himself. There were times this year where he absolutely man-handled the opposition both in attack and defence. Fletcher also has a great long kicking game that needs to be exploited more in the upcoming season. Looking forward to Fletcher's continued improved next season and beyond.

**Henrick** Henrick is an extremely talented young footballer. He has excellent balance when running coupled with the ability to pass long and short. Where he continues to develop is understanding when to play short and when to play long. Having said that, there are plenty of players much older than Henrick who are yet to master that skill! Henrick is a great competitor who just loves playing footy. There will no doubt come a time where he moves back into his correct age-group, but let's hope that is some years off because he makes this team better.

**Hudson** Hudson is a quality young footballer equipped with toughness and grit. He can always be relied upon to lift the team with a tough carry or a dominate tackle. What has been most impressive this year has been Hudson's determination to improve his skill, in particular his passing. Whilst not the finished product, he has been working hard both at training and at home and that improvement showed through the year. Given his work ethic no doubt he'll turn up next season throwing cut-out passes and short offloads, and that's something that will make him all the more challenging for opposition players.

**Hunter** Hunter is strong on both sides of the ball, he is strong and hard to handle with the ball, his wide running on the edges this year was a real highlight for the team. Equally, he is strong defensively both in his front on defence but also his ability to scramble and shut down opposition breaks. The challenge for Hunter and his teammates is finding the opportunities to inject him into the game and ensuring that when those opportunities do arise, that he makes the most of them. Hunter leads through his actions both on and off the field and it has been great to see those leadership qualities develop throughout the season.

**Isaac** Isaac relishes the collision of rugby league, he is the consummate competitor. Passionate about the team and his teammates, Isaac leads by example in attack and defence. Isaac does not fear any opposition player and it is this approach that makes him a great on field leader. He has worked really hard this season to improve his passing game and whilst there is still room for development, his determination to add these essential skills will be realised due to his relentless work ethic. It is these areas of improvement that we're most looking forward to seeing come to fruition in the upcoming season.

**Jack** Jack was another new addition to the Gold side this season. Whilst all the players made improvements throughout the season, Jack's improvement was on another level. Before he could improve his tackling he first needed to embrace the collision in rugby league and he worked really hard in the early part of the season to get his body in front, then as the season progressed Jack worked equally hard on his tackle technique to the point where anyone watching those last 5 games of the season witnessed Jack save try after try, make tackle after tackle. No doubt the time spent with Brae really helped him in these areas. Looking forward to seeing Jack's continued improved next season and beyond.

**Kayden** Kayden proved once again what handful he can be for oppositions during the 2022 season. There were times this year where he was unstoppable, even scoring what seemed like 10 tries in one game! When he puts his mind to it, there is no more destructive runner in the competition, what

needs to work on is being willing and able to do it consistently both in attack and defence. He always plays with a smile on his face and seems almost apologetic to opposition players when he tramples over the top of them. Looking forward to Kayden's continued improvement in the seasons ahead.

**Lennox** Lennox is another in the team who enjoys the collision and competitive nature of rugby league. Whilst he always puts his body in front he worked really hard throughout the season to improve his tackle technique. Lennox did so by partnering with Isaac at every opportunity, the results of which showed on the field. A great talker on the field, Lennox leads our line speed and makes his teammates accountable for doing the same. Lennox is passionate about the team and his teammates and no doubt will arrive next season full of unbridled enthusiasm.

**Manny** Manny is an enthusiastic and energetic member of the team. He worked really hard through the season to improve his tackling and that was reflected in the quality of his defence, in particular, when playing in the middle of the field. Manny has one of, if not, the greatest head step in modern rugby league and whilst at times he is in danger of dislocating his neck, opposition players continue to fall for it and the team constantly benefitted from Manny's incisive runs from dummy half. Choosing when to run has been one of the great improvements in his game this year. Will be intriguing to see if opposition players can combat this in the seasons ahead.

**Max** Max demonstrated at different times this year his dominance with the football. There were a number of games this year where he proved himself to be too hard to handle for opposition players. The challenge for Max moving forward is making every effort his best effort so that opposition players are constantly under threat of another strong carry from Max. It was great to see the effort he put in at training to improve his technique when making tackles and also the work he put in to develop his passing. Playing in the middle of the field is a real challenge and it is one that Max continues to show improvement.



# U11 SILVER

Coach: David Griffin

Trainer: Dennis Gonzalez

Manager: Sue Mulhane

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Sadly, another season of rugby league has come to an end, Even though half of the team were new to rugby league, The team played some pretty good footy right from the first game.

It was a tough year this year with the team, we had to go right back to basics in defence and attack.

The players all grew so fast and developed their skills, strengths to perform at an elite level. As a team we were very lucky to have many strong players which made a competitive team and always put up a good fight, even if some of the calls didn't go our way, A lot of the time.

Even though the rain caused a lot of havoc for the season in training and game day the team should be very proud of the way each player improving as the season went on. I was especially proud of the way they played in the best spirit of the game even during some very tough matches.

With our first win of the season coming in against Gynea 28 to 22 we played great and toughed it out and got the win.

Even though we only won 1 game this season, we lost a few games by one or two converted try or less. If we had been able to pull the last out of our tank's we might have been able to grab a few more wins.

I would like to thank all parents and their families for getting the players to training, cheering the team every week, and supporting the club with BBQ and canteen duties

Special thanks to Dennis for being our trainer and organising the team on training and game days couldn't have done it without you buddy

Special thanks to Sue for her awesome organising managing skills in keeping the team informed on duties and game day

I would also like to thank Cronulla Caringbah for the opportunity in coaching such a great team and great bunch of boys and girls in has been a delight

**Amie-lee-** A strong player who steam rolls her opponents in defence and attack, Future NRLW player in the making

**Toa-** Strong in attack and defence always a pleasure to coach unlucky to be injured throughout season

**Tom-** Was very consistent all year, and even a trip to Ireland didn't overly flatten his performance in his return

**George-** outstanding season often punishing defenders one on one and making dominating runs in attack

**Jay-** Our quite achiever on the field who had some very strong runs and always able to make good ground when running the ball up

**Kingston-** Every game grew in confidence, and he ran the ball up hard in the middle making good metres we needed each week

**Jake-** Had a great season tough character, surprised me this year with the things he can do great year Jake

**Seby-** The little general on the field great defender and can scoot from dummy half and get great metres and lift the team morale when needed

**Iggy-** Awesome defender out can and will tackle anyone that comes his way also make great runs in attack

**Harley-** Such a strong competitor who always gives 150% on the field with darting dangerous runs and strong tackles and always eager to return to the field when rested

**Will-** Will is a natural a fearless attacker who always caused issues for the opposition to tackle him also his defence is like no other the ability to chase down and the opponent is amazing

**Chase-** A great player always keen to learn at training his confidence grew each week showing some great skills with his steps and hard running and changing the ball carrying hand to push away his defenders

**Indy-** For his first year of footy it took a while for him to warm but started to make some great tackles and make some great metres towards the end of the season well done

**Ryder-** As tenacious as they come for a little man and always puts in 100% in games in attack and defence one not shy to tackle the biggest on the field and taking opponent down

**Ben-** Coming of off a huge debut season Ben once he warmed up showed how hard he can play footy his tackling and hard hit ups were awesome to watch

Dave

# U12 SILVER

Coach: Brad Kelly  
Trainer: Nathan Redmayne  
Manager: Dave Nickerson

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This season provided us an opportunity to improve on what we started last year. As a team, wins didn't come easy. We had several close finishes that went the way of the opposition, despite being the better team for the majority of the match. Individually, each of the boys was a pleasure to coach once again and I hope that each of them improved their skills from the previous year.

**Cody Williams.** Cody showed his natural affinity for the game again this year. He is an imposing presence in the team and if he continues to work on his fitness, can be even more devastating with his runs and tackles. A consistent worker through games, I look forward to seeing him progress over the next couple of years.

**Saade Aukuso** was once again the most dominant player in the team when it comes to size. Saade sure is a handful with his runs into the defensive line. With continued fitness and speed work, Saade will be busting through defensive lines like they are ten pins for years to come.

**Declan Lusby** -Improved again from what he showed last year. Declan grew into one of most dominant forwards with his hard running in attack. His game awareness grew as the season progressed and he was able to read the opposition both with and without the ball. Continued focus on defensive technique will see Declan grow as a force to be reckoned with in coming years.

**Samual Shatte** –Was once again a solid worker in our team and continued to give 100% in both his running and tackling during the games. A pleasure to coach and a focused player in games, Sam was able to punch through the opposition's defensive lines with his strong runs. Continued focus on fitness will see Sammy improve again in coming years.

**Ryder Moss-** Ryder's biggest asset this year was his defensive plays. Often coming up with try saving one-on-one tackles to stop a break away run was something that he did several times over the course of the season. Ryder was once again elusive when running the ball and made numerous breaks from the back field when there was space to be had.

**Thomas Lopes-** Tommy was consistently our most dangerous attacking weapon. His speed and agility around the ruck made it very difficult for the opposition to handle. Not only does he have speed, but he has the nous and skill to be able to read the game well and come up with the right play at the right time.

**Cooper Kelly-** Cooper's season was over before it began with a ruptured ACL ruling him out for the whole season. With a long rehab process, hopefully Coops will be back bigger and better next year.

**William Nickerson-** Will was the heart and soul of the forward pack this year and led the way with both his defensive efforts and rampaging runs with the ball. Will was able to make busts with the ball and stop a runner in his tracks. Despite carrying injuries throughout the year, Will was consistently one of our best players through the year.

**Jaxon Redmayne-** Picked up where he left off last season and continued to grow as a player. An elusive runner with a big boot, Jaxon was difficult to handle in open space. He continued to develop his game awareness and his ball playing ability as the season progressed and was always giving 100% in terms of effort.

**Tyson Brennan-** Tyson showed again that size doesn't matter when it comes to tackling and spent the season chopping down big rigs on opposing teams. A defensive workhorse, his efforts did not go unnoticed throughout the year. Tyson was also a handful in attack and his ability to ball play was an asset to the team.

**Hayden Meagher-** Hayden was once again our best trainer and continued to develop his attacking play with crafty play selection and the ability to create space for his team mates. Hayden reads the game well and was able to control the team from the first receiver position every week.

**Jett Smith-** The quiet kid of the team, Jett was consistent in the games he played and trained well during the week. Injury cut his season short as we started to see improvement in his game. Continued focus on involvement and game awareness will allow Jett to maximise his impact on the game.

**Reid Frazier-** Reid provided energy to the team regardless of the position that he played each week. His versatility in the back line was evident from the outset and he would throw himself in front of any opposition player and tackle anything that moved. He was a handful with the ball and his crafty running game was a asset to the team when attacking.

**Shane Vaisbein-** Shane showed that he was as courageous as they come when it came to playing against kids that were bigger than him this year. Showing no fear, he would tackle or run at whoever, whenever his team required him to do so. A zippy runner of the ball, Shane soon showed the opposition that they shouldn't underestimate him.

**Jack Ramsey-** Probably showed the greatest improvement from the beginning of the year for anyone on the team. A great trainer, Jack improved in all aspects of the game from his tackling to his attacking ability. With continued improvement in his game sense, Jack will continue to improve as the years progress

Big thanks to our assistant coach Nathan Redmayne for his input with the team this year and to Manager Dave Nickerson for his managerial duties as well.

Brad Kelly

# U12 BRONZE

Coach: Blair Tumeth

Assistant Coach: Fitzy

Manager: Megan Bard

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Another awesome season has come to an end, the weather was not always on our side but when we did get out on the field our boys gave it everything. Super proud of my lads, they are a crazy lot, and I totally loved every minute being their coach. Big shout out to Megz for being a legend and keeping us on track and to Fitzy, Assistant Coach, could not have managed the season without him. Thank you to all our parents for getting the boys to practice and game day. Also big thank you to Todd, Pam and the team that kept the club running so that we get to play FOOTY!.

# U13 GOLD

Coach: Josh Bateup

Trainers: David Cody & Jeff Potauaine

Manager: Trevor Taylor

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Undeclared Premiers, well done lads!!!

The team was extraordinarily successful in 2022, winning all the games in the regular completion, with the closest score line being 18 – 6 against Dela in the first round.

Going into the finals it was a strong win against Como 46 - 0.

This set us up for the Grand final rematch against De La.

It was a very wet track down at Forshaw oval, this was favourable for De La. In the early part of the game, we had two close try opportunities, but did not score. De la then scored the first try, this was the first time in the 2022 season that we had not been the first try scorer.

In true fashion the boys dug in deep & scored the next three tries finishing the game 18 -6 to take out the **Doug Winton Trophy!!**

Next weekend we went off on end of season trip away to Nowra with the Doug Winton Trophy “Doug” in hand. Some of the dads & younger siblings came & we all had a blast. We decided that paintball would be a good idea for celebrating the season end. The Jury is out on if we look at another activity for next year’s trip. Needless to say, the dads (**who aimed up to play**) came away with the odd bruise, being outnumbered & the slowest moving targets. A personal battle between DC & Cain started even before we booked the game... **#shootcainbest** was a catchcry, Cain turned up in a yellow leader’s shirt & camo pants, showing he took the challenge seriously. Not sure who really one that one, Chook or DC.

A major factor in the continued success of the team is a result of Coaching & training of Josh, Ox & DC. They have a professional approach to the kids that have them fit & ready for every game. High focus being all mates & playing for one another.

My first year as Manager has been quite the learning curve, trying to fill into DC’s big shoes. At times it has felt like I was herding cats. Scoring on the MY League app with fat fingers was my first hurdle I experienced, Interchanges & conflict resolution came later.

Thankyou for letting me apart of the year.

Again, well done to everyone!!!

From the preseason in the sand hills to the last training session, **you all put in**, be very proud of your achievements. As I know your parents are.

P.S - If we do play paintball again!!! - Logan, Cash & Ashton I will get my revenge. That goes to & Ethan as well (who continuously shot me in the arse). Yours truly, Trev T (Rocket)



# U13 SILVER

Coach: Cory Rinaldi  
Trainer: Sean Thomas  
Manager: Carlie Traino

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U13 Rugby League is a big step up for many players. Not only does the ball size increase to adult size, but also the game is played under international rules. But you wouldn't have known with this amazing bunch of young men.

A rugby league season is only as strong as the volunteers behind the scenes. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank our President Todd Ganderton and the rest of the committee who provide us with a platform to learn, build and achieve success during the season.

It was great to start the season off without any restrictions, of which we had become quite used to the last few years. The passion and excitement from the boys was contagious. Even when we were rained out on many occasions, their commitment to train in many different environments showed the reason why we were so successful this year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Ian Jagger at RepReady for providing us with a space to continually build on the team spirit!

There were many amazing achievements during this season, too many to list. The two major highlights would have to be finishing Minor Premiers (including finals) with 9 wins, 2 losses and 1 Draw and then securing a place in the 2022 Grand Final with an extra time win at Shark Park.

2022 was a first time for all the coaching staff of Under13 Silver of which I believe we all passed with flying colours! Well done Sean, Carlie and Janelle and thank you for your weekly support. As for me, this wasn't the first time helping out a team here at CCS, but the first time that I'd been given the opportunity to coach. Coming from a military background that included training and leading soldiers, I was surprised by the similarities with coaching junior rugby league. What impressed me the most were the values these boys showed throughout the season, as they are ones we hold high in the Australian Army; Courage, Respect, Integrity and Excellence. All the boys should be so proud of their achievements.

I believe what made this team so successful was the diverse range of abilities across all 18 players and the humility shown by all. This humility and trust made choosing the player positions seamless, even when many played out their normal position weekly. From the start of the season to the end all 18 players showed major growth in their ability. They gained confidence in tackling, developed a stronger passing game and most of all, learnt to read the game and trust their teammates either side of them.

Below is the final list of the Under 13 Silver Minor Premiers! And the positions they played.

**Sunny Ganderton** (Fullback and 5/8) - Not the biggest in the team, but fearless when running ball back into contact and catching the high ball.

**Caleb McKell** (Left Wing and Centre) - Strongly defended his wing weekly and showed great courage against bigger opponents, in both defence and attack.

**Benjamin Lowe** (Left Centre, Fullback and 5/8) - An all-round player with great ability to read the game and create tries from nothing.

**Tully Mathews** (Right Backrower, Right Centre, and Fullback) - A Strong player who can play any position and always tackles and runs the ball hard with a brilliant passing game.

**Riley Polo** (Right Wing) – By far the fastest player in our team and best leg tackler I've seen. Also an uncanny ability to catch a high ball at pace to score tries.

**Jayden Hoban** (5/8) - A calm experienced player who controlled the left side of our attack with ease and a clutch kicker for conversions.

**Parker Cavanough** (Halfback) - Very intelligent rugby league player who complimented our halves and led from the front, both in tackles and running the ball. Also the other clutch kicker in the team.

**Ethan Blackwell** (Right Backrower and Right Prop) - Such a strong unassuming player who weekly broke the line gaining metres and scoring much needed tries and developed a great passing game.

**William Lanham** (Hooker and our Captain) - Like many leaders, led from the front inspiring players to follow and always put his body on the line scoring game winning tries.

**Michael Selems** (Left Prop) - A strong straight runner of the ball who never gave up and a key defender in the middle who left nothing in the tank.

**Lawson Rinaldi** (Right Prop and Left Backrower) Named 'Mr Reliable' by our trainer. Week after week ran the ball into strong contact gaining metres without fail and rarely missing a tackle.

**Boston Traino** (Right Backrower) - One of the hardest tacklers in the team and fastest runner onto to the ball, catching defenders out weekly.

**William Best** (Lock) – In the middle complemented the halves by passing and props by weaving throughout defenders scoring tries weekly. One of the toughest tacklers in the middle.

**Nash Thomas** (Hooker and Right Centre) – One of the youngest in our team but one of the most competitive. Developed a fast dart from dummy half catching tired defenders weekly.

**Jude Oldfield** (Right Centre, Right Backrower and Right Prop) – Another unassuming strong player who by far had the fastest line speed all year, backed up with a hard tackle which inspired players.

**Tomas Summers** (Left Centre and Left Wing) – First year playing rugby league, but you wouldn't have known it. By the end of the season developed a fast running game and an effortless low tackle.

**Korban Peters** (Right Wing and Left Centre) - A smart player who reads the game well especially when weaving through tired defenders gaining metres and also has a perfectly timed leg tackle.

**Taine Littlejohn** (5/8 and Fullback) – Was our stand in 5/8 and Fullback who when on the field controlled and passed the ball as if he played there all year.



Lastly, the coaching team would like to thank the parents for their support during this amazing year. Your trust in us guiding your sons has been unwavering and made this year thoroughly enjoyable.

I'd like to finish on a quote I read recently;

"You are not a champion coach if you're U13s win the comp. You're a champion coach if they all turn up for U14s."

Cory

# U13 BRONZE

Coach: Michael Samuel and Dave Sultana

Trainer: Garth Teasel

Manager: Nikki Teasel

Under 13 Bronze had a tough start to the season. Many training sessions were called off due to rain. As the competition began, the boys had a lot to learn. They had to fill different positions, and with many of our boys playing their first season of rugby league, it was a very steep learning curve.

The boys trained well and played well on game day. They played teams that were above our level and never gave up until the final siren. I could not be prouder of the effort that these boys showed throughout the year, and they all should be proud of themselves.

Our forwards had a great season. Cameron, TJ, Kurtis, Korban and Oliver did a great job in the middle. They run the ball up well and their defence was outstanding. Dane Samuel played his role well at hooker, consistently getting the ball out well from dummy half. Taine and Tom played well at half-back and five-eighth, respectively. Our centres, Kobi, Riley and Ryze, played exceptionally well, with great speed and solid defence. On the wing, we had Dane Gosby. Lex and Ben who played well on the edges and were always willing to help carry the ball forward in our 'get out' sets. Our fullback, Darcy had a great season. His defence saved many tries and he was brilliant in attack.

I'd like to thank our other coach and trainer, Dave Sultana, our manager, Nikki Teasel and Garth Teasel for also helping the team as our trainer.

I'd like to congratulate the team on their efforts this year. They all trained well and played with great enthusiasm. The boys had a tough year with many losses; however, they made a lot of good friends and had a lot of fun. The way they celebrated their win against Engadine late in the season was great to watch. I look forward to seeing all the boys back next year.

Awards:

Player's Player: Darcy Teasel

Most Improved: Ryley Maskiell

Coaches Award: Kurtis Lill

Michael Samuel

Super Coach



# U14 SILVER

Coach: Nathan Garner

Trainer: Andy Matthews

Manager: Jane Lakiss & Mel O'Connell

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What an exciting end of the season we all had finishing premiers of the U14s silver competition! With a mix of boys from both the Gold and Bronze divisions from last year, we came together to make a squad of 20. We knew it was going to take time to gel as a team but the boys trained hard and made this happen. We could not be more proud of the effort and commitment everyone put in at training.

Logan - Filled in at any position. Fullback, wing, center, hooker. He went wherever we needed him. He is a strong defender that loves to get amongst it. Great season Logan.

Aaron- Massive improvement this year from Aaron. He is always committed to his position on the wing. The standout game was against Gynea scoring 2 great tries.

Blake- When Blake is on, he is unstoppable! He has speed to kill and is super strong in defence. His grand final performance was outstanding.

Koby (KP)- Unfortunately a season to forget suffering a shoulder and ankle injury that sidelined the talented young man for most of the season. Such a shame after a strong and promising start to the season.

Patrick- Congratulations mate on a great season. Pat made fullback his position. He is a very skilful player and we can't wait to see what he brings next year.

Rizal- Our number 6. His commitment to defence and playing as a leader within the team was great to watch. With Nixon playing outside him, they made a great combination.

Caleb - Electric at DH and his first year playing this position. His awareness of the other teams weaknesses was his strength. He set up many tries this year. His best season yet!

Nixon- After suffering a badly broken collar bone at the start of the season, he came back bigger and stronger than ever. His confidence is growing and he is now one of the top forwards in the competition.

Brady- Playing 13 really suited his style of footy. Defensively he is a beast and his ball playing skills and hard running is very impressive.

Declan- Our Halfback. He formed a great combination with Cruz throughout the year. His attack, kicking and passing game was brilliant by the end of the season. Well done Dec.

Cruz- Another outstanding season Cruz! He was unstoppable. He led by example as our captain and really made it hard for our opponents to tackle him. Cruz topped the try tally & also received our players player award showing how much the team love playing with him.

Cortez- His work ethic is incredible in the middle, with a never quit attitude. He life hard for any opposition we faced. Awesome season Cortez.

Kody- A few injuries held him back from achieving his full potential this year. He always plays for his team and his mates. Kody is a defensive champion.

Kurt- Gee can't wait to see the human octopus over the next few years! Kurts defence is huge and his running game is getting stronger and stronger. Kurt all-round improvement this year was enormous!

Kade- Kade is so strong out wide and he always plays for his team. We saw some great improvement with Kade as the season went on. He had some very memorable games this year playing on the wing, scoring a heap of good tries. Kade is a true gentleman and a pleasure to be around.

Jai- Jai is always looking to improve his game. Jai doesn't hold back in his physical presence and loves to get in the action. Well done mate on your first year.

Cooper- A deflection from DeLa, Cooper was a welcome addition to our team. He never missed a training session and always had a smile on his face. Cooper scored an outstanding first try against GyMEA in the semi-finals. See you next season Cooper!

Izack- Strong as an ox, mad dog was very physical in the middle playing prop forward. With this being his first year of league he should be extremely proud of his efforts.

Panos- A great sub for our forwards, Panos was great member of the team. After missing a few games in the middle of the season, he was back to once again complete our team of the finals.

Thankyou you to our wonderful mangers Mel , Cass and Jane. And also to the coaches and trainers. Andy, it was great to have you back. Widz thank you for always helping wherever possible and Camo for you kind words of wisdom.

This year really was a great team effort.

Nathan



# U15 GOLD

Coach: Rea Pittman

Trainers: Tokerau Rau & Brian Thomson

Manager: Celeste Johnston



## THE CAREERS GUY

Season 2022, what an insane year of rugby league for this impressive group of young men. The adversity this playing group has had to face the last 3 years is something you could argue is a once in a lifetime occurrence.

From facing a pandemic, sickness, injuries, and wet weather. This team never complained and always understood the job. The team from day one always had a “team first attitude”.

This year was a breakout year for this playing group. They are now at an age where they are starting to see the more serious side of rugby league and identifying what is required if they wish to progress and have success in this game..

I truly believe with everything in my heart that this playing group has something special that not many teams have. It was an absolute pleasure and privilege to have the opportunity to coach this team.

Reflecting on the year and man what a ride it was. We had some great highs and some disappointing lows but that’s the rollercoaster of rugby league. I can hand on heart say that every player in this team has improved and taken their game to a new level. From players not being able to pass a ball in preseason to making it all the way to a grand final, it’s an achievement we can be proud of.

We had some great individual achievement in the team this year with a majority of the squad being selected in the Cronulla Sharks Academy Team and 4 of the boys representing NSW at the Australian Secondary Schools Rugby League (ASSRL) Championships.

Although we fell short of our goal this year and lost the big dance, we (Rea & Tokz) could not be prouder of this team. As a playing group we will learn from this experience and come back bigger and better than ever. Success is not final, failure is not fatal, and it is the courage to continue that counts.

We will reset and continue working together as a family to achieve our goals. I’m excited for season 2023 and look forward to seeing you all again.

Cbah till the day we die.

Rea Pittman

& Tokerau Raru



# U16 SILVER

Coach: Pete McCallum  
Trainers: Dave Van der Weegen & Dave Griffin  
Manager: Karen Frazer



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What a great year. ...all the way to GF. It was so good to see the boys grow during the year, both individually and as a team. They pulled together showing exceptional spirit and camaraderie. I know some of the mothers get a bit anxious about the physicality of the games this year, but the fact is rugby league can be a brutal game. These boys are warriors. They never backed down or gave up. I could carry on with more superlatives but let's just sum up in one word what these boys have in spades ...CHARACTER. it was all out there for everyone to see.

Let's go through the team

Brandon Darke: A very naturally talented player, could be big things ahead for him in rugby league if he wants. Great fullback, dangerous in attack, reliable in defence.

Jaedyn Young: Love the way he gets pumped up before the game. Had a lot of good long runs and made some try saving tackles. Great team spirit in him and a pleasure to watch.

Joel Bates: His self-belief grew during the year and it showed on the field. Strong running and many of the tackles he made you could hear bodies crunching from the sideline. Great year mate!

Sonny Williams: Big strong running centre. A courageous player. Copped a few knocks during the year but came back each time with renewed vigour. Proud of your efforts

Simon Salib: The Stretch Master got the boys limbered up before training and games. Fiery, spirited fierce competitor. I loved it.

Noah McCallum: Huge determined effort every week. Great captain and communicator got all the boys on the same page and led by example, with a never say die attitude.

Joel Frazer: I have watched Joel play for 12 years now. He and Noah started at C'bah when they were four. He started the year slightly down on confidence but it grew steadily throughout the year. In my opinion, this was his best year yet, huge heart, fearless tackling, plays well above his weight,

Brody Ollie: I think we should call him Phar Lap. The biggest heart ever. He is the leader of our forward pack. When he starts upping the ante it inspires the other forward to follow suit

Damian Griffin: Did exactly what you want from a hooker Played heads up footy and reacted accordingly. Crisp service from dummy half and scored a few tries.

Ryan Thompson: Ever reliable prop. Lots of strong running and tackling. You need your front rowers to lay the platform and he did this for us this season

Max Lizzo; Our vice captain had a fabulous year. Another player who grew and got better as the year went on. Determined running and evolved from a "stopping" tackler to a "dominant" tackler

Hunter Metselaar: An integral part of the C'bah pack . Never backs down from the contest and gives his all. Well done.

Ryan Van Der Weegen ; One of our leaders and a real team player. I swapped his position during the year for the team's sake, and he embraced it with enthusiasm. Never stops in attack or defence... Mr Perpetual motion.

Max Fish: A very popular and enthusiastic guy. Always turns up to training and tries his hardest in games. He leads the team songs and chants. An important component of team bonding. Every team needs a Fish

Coen Stein: A real goer. Fearless player. Always good for the hard yards and tidying up in defence.

Angus Feeney: Reliable team player. Always ready to go and play wherever he was needed. Never let me down

Zack Peters: Gutsy determined player. Good talker and a calming influence on the team in the more heated moments. Always put his hand up when the going got tough.

Phil Georgakis: Consistent, reliable ,handy player. Helped with kicking if needed. Did his job well.

Jared Barron: Has had terrible time with injuries When he finally took the field it was the best 10 minutes of football you will see. Cutting guys in half with tackles, Aussie rules type leaps for the ball and magnificent long runs . A cameo appearance for the ages.

Malachi Williams: Another player who had limited time due to injury. He is a local cult hero, usually greeted with a huge roar when he takes the field. Always makes an impact

Thanks to the trainer Dave Van Der Weegen for the season . He was very helpful and easy to get along with guy. Knows his footy and knows how to talk to 16-year-old boys

Also thanks to Dave Griffin for helping out. Your help was much appreciated

A special thanks to our manager Karen Frazer. She is very organised. Her nice, friendly, helpful manner makes it easy for everybody

Lastly thank you to the other parents who were all very supportive. The boys I think, have a special bond. We are a solid, together unit and in part that stems from the good attitude of the parents. Thanks for the gift too, it went down nicely.

Pete



# U17 SILVER

Coach: Brad Whetters, Bob Carnegie  
Trainer: Ben Matthews  
Manager: Jarrod Simpson & Glenn Ottoway

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WOW!! What a year that was. To say this year had everything, is an absolute bloody understatement. As a team, we had everything thrown at us and you lads, stayed strong, had each other's back, and pushed through so many different adversities.

Week on week, the coach & training staff saw you lads go from strength to strength. Your resilience, commitment and the desire to keep busting your guts saw you guys take it to the GF (no easy feat at all). You should all be incredibly proud of what you all achieved as a team (each and every one of you played a role in getting to the GF).

Well the GF is another thing (which I know we have lost a lot of sleep over). You had the undefeated minor premiers on their heels going into half time 10-6 in front with ALL the momentum going your way.

2nd half GF, you all still pushed through. With 5 mins to go, 12-10 down, you score legally under the posts. (Ref looks to his touchy, all OK, blows his whistle, try awarded, kick to come ( then "nek minute", ol' mate touchy on the far side ( quiet all game ), throws in an offside chaser call and the try is incorrectly taken away from us after being awarded ( absolutely gobsmacked how that can occur )). Anyway, with all due respect to the refing staff, unfortunately this seriously bad call ripped you lads off your GF win ( & the Bar TV footage proved this call was incorrect ). Rant over 😊.

On a side note and it does need to be mentioned, if we had each and every one of you at ALL training sessions, there is no doubt in my eyes you would have smashed the GF opposition 30 zip! Preparation is everything!

The positive from this lads – sometimes life throws multiple pieces of BS at you. As hard as it was, you all showed true grit that you could take it. You guys got knocked down, but you got back up, dusted yourself off and ensured that life went on. That is what is all about (character building stuff ).

Well enough from us, to finish, each and every one of you are absolute champions in our eyes.

From all the coaching / training staff / managers / support crew and parents – thanks for a truly awesome year. It has been an absolute honour and privilege to work with all of you young men and we hope to see all of you back next year, fitter and stronger for another epic tougher year. Lets Go!

Jarrod



# WOMENS TACKLE - UNDER 14 GOLD

Coach: Shane Thomas

Trainer: Sandra Stonham



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What a year! To make the grand final was an exceptional effort by all the girls and they should all be so proud of themselves for what they achieved.

It was a difficult year, in that we only had 12 girls available for most of the year and for some games only 11. This was both good and bad, because while we couldn't sub girls in and out to give them a rest, but they got used to playing a full game and became fitter as a result, as the year went on. We played several games with no reserves (and a few games where we finished with 10) and every time we did, the girls showed their toughness and resilience to get through those games. When we lost Tameika half way through the season, we were lucky enough to pick up Eyerus and manage getting 11 on the field every week. It was a somewhat disjointed year with the competition splitting into two after 5 rounds, with us being included in the top half of the two competitions. We played Milperra 5 times in the end but we showed we were the only team that could not only match it with them, but could possibly beat them. We gave it our all in the GF and I couldn't be more proud of every single girl. I started the year as a rookie coach, with many new girls to the game of tackle and we learned a lot together. The improvement in everyone from the start of the year to where we ended up is absolutely phenomenal, and I know every single girl can go on to achieve great things in the game if that's what they choose to do. It was an absolute pleasure to coach these fantastic girls.

I would also like to thank the support of all the parents, in particular, Dave, Taulima and Wally who helped out when I couldn't be there. Thanks also to Sandra, Emma T, Emma H and every parent who helped get the girls to training and on the field every week.

**Aaliyah Taylor** – when you set your mind to it, you can beat anyone on the field. Your ability to evade defenders and find the space to run is exceptional and your commitment to making the hard tackles was inspiring!

**Annaliese De Gioia** – we wouldn't have a team without Annaliese. You are the rock, in attack and defence, that got us to the GF! Know that all your efforts don't go unnoticed.

**Charlotte Hall** – our captain and leader who does everything with purpose and commitment. Keep it going Charlotte, I look forward to seeing you in the WNRL in the near future, you've got what it takes.

**Eyerus Hillman** – wow, what a talent! You only had half a year with us but you showed you can be an exceptional player. I wish you were there at the start of the season so we could get you scoring more tries.

**Grace Thomas** – I couldn't be more proud of you little Thommo! You showed that you are way more capable than you think. It was so impressive to see you rebound from big knocks from much bigger girls and get straight back up... most of the time ;-)

**Kahlea Fisher** – I loved watching you hit girls who thought they could get around you or through you. You did everything I asked as a coach and made your teammates to follow you, leading by example. Your toughness is only one of your weapons, I wish I had 10 more of you!

**Millie Brugmans** – Millie, you got better with every game you played and I am so proud of how much you have improved. Your defence is outstanding and you blew me away in our semi final with how you never gave up and took it to a new level.

**Miriam Hikila** – you're our quiet achiever Mirriam. I was constantly calling to get the ball out to you because I wanted to see you show everyone how good you are! I think you too have the ability to be even better if you believe in yourself.

**Shannon Griffin** – thank you! You were the key to everything we did. You passed every ball in attack and made every tackle in defence. I know how much you love playing and it showed at training and on every game day.

**Tameika Dorahy** – our half-back and controller. It was unfortunate when you broke your collarbone at Redfern that day and we missed you terribly thereafter. Good things will happen for you Tameika!

**Tia Johnston** – I called you the ET of women's rugby league. I realise you probably don't know who that is but know that it's bloody good. I just loved watching you run the ball and it was pure joy to watch you smash the opposition with bone crunching tackles. I hope you believe you can get even better and potentially make it in the WNRL if that's what you want... I do.

**Zahri Lester** – Zahri didn't miss one training session and was the second youngest in the team, and also one of our most vocal. I love the passion you have for the game and that showed, especially in your defence. If you keep listening, you will learn so much more that will take you far in this game.

**Zhra Tautai** – enthusiasm, enthusiasm, enthusiasm. Our youngest in the team, I have never met a young girl who has such a passion for tackling and I love that. Your energy is infectious and I know that will take you a long way in the game. I also think you have a great ability to listen to instruction because you want to be a better player. That is a fantastic quality that will not only make you a better footy player but an even better person!

I hope everyone enjoyed the year, with all its ups and downs and return to go one better next year. I was actually surprised by how much I enjoyed coaching you young ladies and grateful for being given the opportunity, you are all superstars! Thank you.

Best Player Award: Tia Johnson

Team Award: Kahlea Fisher

Coaches Award: Charlotte Hall

Shane Thomas

Coach

# WOMENS TACKLE - UNDER 16 GOLD

Coach: Todd Ganderton

Trainer: Steve Shatte & Tim Jenkins

Manager: Debbie Quinn

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To the girls you all should be very proud of yourselves. A mixture of players girls who had never played tackle before, girls stepping up from the U/14s and 2nd year U/16s.

You turned up had a crack put in 100% at training and game days. As we said tackle is a hard contact sport it's not easy. Great start to the season with a couple of wins and regressed to the gold division, your girls rolled up your sleeves and took it to the top sides, when we got into the grind with the top sides they didn't like it.

You played for each other and win lose or draw all came off with a smile on your faces.

Shame it was an interrupted season with the wet weather, missed half of the training sessions and played in some terrible conditions. Not sure many will forget the game v Narraweena @ Forestville park, muddy, putrid smelling, liches etc...

Will be great to see you all Come back next season and do it all again.

Massive thanks to Debs, Steve, Jenkos and Shane. Couldn't have done it without you guys.

Thanks to the parents for getting the girls training and games and helping out duties,

Congrats to the Girls that made the U/17 Lisa Fiaola Cup Cronulla Sharks squad.

## Awards

Players Player - Ava Williams, captain of the side. The standard she sets herself at training and games days is next to none, Leading by example playing front row many games the full minutes, always willing to take the next hit up putting her body on the line.

Coaches - Maddi Shatte, put in 100% at training and on game days. Played in the middle, a very strong defender made many tackles and always there for your teammates with encouragement.

Achievement - Milla Caine - 1st year of playing tackle. Played many positions, wing, Fullback, Dummy half, halfback, put in 100% in attack and defence. Whether it was scoring tries or saving them, grew with confidence every game, well done.

Gando





# WOMENS TACKLE - UNDER 18 GOLD

Coach: Mark Sheridan

Manager: Michael Cutrupi & Tracy Cutrupi

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What a season! Most of the girls playing together since U14s and we welcomed some new faces to the team, making it a full house of talent, skill & leadership.

Congratulations girls on making the big dance as undefeated MINOR Premiers. Unfortunately, the girls lucked out in the Grand Final but I am so proud of each and every one of you! A special mention to our one and only Captain Angie Tucker on her 150th game in the first semi final round! What would we do without your dedication and leadership.

It's been great to watch you all grow in your footy and I wish you all the very best for the future.

Mark.

Sage/Fullback: Always puts in 100 at training and it shows on the field. A great talker and always ready to support and play her best - every game.

Zoe/Winger: A veteran to the team. Can find the try line and doesn't mind sending them over the post either. A strong dedicated player.

Macka/Winger: First year of tackle and her confidence grew with every round. Ran hard and rarely missed a tackle.

Summer/Winger: A great first year of rugby league. Scored some great tries and defended hard every time she was on the field.

Esther/Centre: Causes all sorts of strife for the opposing team when she's running the ball. Very hard to stop one on one and scored some major tries at crucial times.

Joy/Centre: Scores tries, saves tries just an absolute weapon. Solid in support. Awesome year.

Lillah 5/8: Always looking to put someone through the line and very dangerous when taking the line on herself.

Kelsey 5/8: Great year. Combination got better and better throughout the year. Always put her body on the line in defence and also very dangerous when taking the line on herself.

Ange/Halfback: Ange, our leader and captain always encouraging her teammates and comes to play week in and week out. The back bone in the halves and would do anything for her teammates.

Bianca/Hooker: A tackling machine. Never stops trying and plays above her weight every single week.

Laura/Forward: Runs hard every hit up, always bending the line back. Tackles hard and never takes a backward step.

Steph/Forward: A solid player who's always there for her teammates who rips in every week. Great defender, Great ball runner, a great footy player.

Che-la/Forward: First year playing league. Improved every single week. Great attitude and always ready and willing to learn.

Maya/Forward: Dedication plus - travels from the Northern Beaches every week to get to us. Can play. Hits like a truck and runs through and over opposition regularly.

Shontae/Forward: Plays hard, tackles harder. Great support to her teammates.

Eirene/Forward: First year at tackle. Turned up to every training session ready and willing. Improved every game. Great dedication shown.

Kyla/Forward: First year in the game. Played in the middle and defence improved with every game. Always supporting her teammates. Well done.

Jayla/Back: Season cut short due to injury. Showed plenty of good things through the year.

Brooke/Back: Can play in any position forwards or backs and was always willing to do that for her team. An important part of this team. Nice work Brooke.

Erica/Forward: Always put the team first and covered positions when needed at the drop of a hat. Unfortunately, injury cut her season short.

A note from the manager - What a year to finish the season as MINOR premiers, just falling short of a premiership which we probably deserved. I am proud of all the girls for their commitment on and off the field. The way they played the game of football, they all backed each other week in week out.

These girls are great ambassadors to the CC Sharks.

Our Grand Final Day with a little bit of luck the result could have been different. The determination and never give up attitude was evident. I was proud of all the girls. I shed a tear after the game as my heart broke for the girl's loss, but that disappointment then turned into being proud of their achievement during the year.

Good luck to the girls who have been selected for reps every success.

Michael.



# LEAGUE TAG – U11 SILVER

Coach: Mark Sheridan

Manager: Carolyn Cavanough

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With a new look team and a lot of built-up excitement to get the season going after another COVID interrupted stint last year, the girls were chomping at the bit to get on the field. Throw in a delayed start due to some hectic weather and lingering omicron, and we finally got to the starting line.

First year coaching the girls, along with many new to the team, the club and some even new to League Tag, we weren't sure how the season would pan out. But from the very first session, the girls turned up ready to train, to listen, learn and eager to win, so we lifted the bar immediately.

It was an absolute pleasure coaching and managing them. Much of the time they'd take the initiative themselves to get warmed up and start their drills at training or on game day. We focussed on attack, aiming to get our passes sharp and quick, and to run onto the ball. In defence, I think everyone in the team, us included, would have yelled "move up" when we were defending no less than 1000 times each! We loved that we had a bench of 'junior coaches' who got involved in commentating and coaching our games throughout the season. Kind of like a pack of back seat drivers, haha. Certainly all passionate, encouraging and always trying their best.

The season started the way it finished - with a bye. Who would have thought we would also have 3 abandoned games due to weather?! When we were playing, it was fun. We were in a position to win every game. It started with a 2-point nail biting win at Joey's. From here we won the next one, then lost two but gained confidence in the process knowing if we improved our goal kicking and sharpened our tagging, we would be fine. From here we did not look back, winning every remaining game in the season, throwing the ball around with more confidence and improving week on week. The 'send it' move that saw passes go all the way out to the wing was a highlight to watch.

Placing 2nd on the ladder meant we had a bye the first week of the finals. Having finished the regular season on a bye as well, it meant we hadn't played much footy the past month, so had a bit of nervous excitement for our prelim final. The game started off not to plan with De La scoring a couple early tries which rattled us. We played catch up the whole game and fell just a bit short. The effort of the girls in this game and throughout the season was awesome. They never gave up. Many of the girls played their best game of the season in the prelim final, so although disappointing, could not ask for much more. It was a pleasure coaching and managing them and we can't wait for next season.

- **Cali Stroh** – Cali wore the DH bib this year and showed great skill improvement both offensively and defensively. She thinks a lot about her footy and we loved the sneaky runs from DH. Clever work Cali and congrats on your Most Improved Award!
- **Indiana Sheridan** – Our co-captain and FR, Indie had a breakout season with her attacking game, controlling the play, and leading by example. A great footy mind, she is a try-scorer who's tagging is equally as impressive. Great work Indie and congrats on well-deserved Player's Player Award!
- **Isabel McKell** – Izzy showed excellent improvement this her 2nd season. Tagging, running and confidence in your abilities really shone through. Great to see you enjoying your footy Iz, congrats!

- **Isabella Stambolija** – Fantastic first year. Always bringing the energy at training and lifting the team. Eager to get on the field as much as possible, making lots of great runs, and tags at crucial times. Congrats Isabella.
- **Jael McGregor** – this girl is next level! New to the side, she was a weapon on the field. Speed and agility like no other, a try-scoring machine who could go end to end of the field without missing a beat. Loved watching you play Jael. Congrats on a great first season and on your nomination for GLT Junior Player of the Year.
- **Lola Tomkins** – still a speedster, but with even more power and fancy foot work this year. Very impressive! Lola loves having fun with the team and always gives it her absolute best on the field. Keep it up Lola!
- **Lucia Lundberg** – first season with us and did a fantastic job at DH! Solid in support, always keeping up with the play and encouraging the girls. A great team player, awesome first year, well done Lucia.
- **Maddelyn Cavanough** – our other co-captain & FR, Mads leadership is outstanding, a footy head who takes pride in this role. Such a well-rounded player with reliable passing and tagging, strong runs and kicking, she steered the ship very well. A pleasure to coach, congrats on your Coaches Award Maddi!
- **Sharni Price** – Sharn joined us this year without playing LT before, but you would not know. Her skilful passing, quality running and impressive tagging saved the day for us many times. A passionate player and great teammate.
- **Sienna Dascolias** – our quiet achiever. Fast feet, great runs and excellent tagging a key moment in the games. Sienna's first year with us and we loved having her. We missed you towards the end of the season and hope to see you back next year.
- **Summer Muddle** – another recruit this season, and Summer you got better every round. Speedy, found gaps through the middle, super dependable on the kick returns and your goal kicking was exceptional. Congrats on a great first season Summer.
- **Tilly Teasel** – Tilly also had a breakout season, finding her speed, lifting her tagging skill big time, safe under the high ball, and best of all, barn storming runs straight up the middle. How good Til!

Massive shout out to all the girls and their parents for their dedication, enthusiasm, and support for a great season. Also big cheers to Ryan for your help with training and on game day with the girls as well.

See you next year, Mark and Cazz.



# LEAGUE TAG – U15

Coach: Darren Chin

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With the surge in popularity of Rugby League as a girl's sport in recent years 2022 was the first year for many of our girls playing League Tag. As this was the case, we set goals for skills development and improving how to play as a team.

Our competition was not split into silver and gold, and we came up against some very experienced and well drilled opposition. We were on the wrong end of some heavy defeats in our first few games, where it was a struggle just to complete our sets and maintain possession. We also had a few games where we played with no reserves

With the help of Todd and the 16s girls we managed to get a few training games in during the season, and this helped our girls develop some experience in a game situation. They began to transfer this to the field on game day, and started to complete sets more regularly, and then apply some pressure to the opposition defensively with good kick chases and more coordinated defence.

Unfortunately, we didn't get a win during the season, but the improvement in how the girls played was substantial.

A highlight was the match against De La Salle, the eventual premiers, where we were expected to get hammered. Our girls held their nerve, completed their sets, and put the pressure back on De La with a great kicking game. We did end up losing the game but were only down by two tries at half time, which was an amazing result considering where we started our season.

Kirrilly, Millie, Addi and Sienna all got to play some games with the 16s team which was good experience for them, and we have girls in our team who are keen to play tag and tackle next year.

Girls, we had some great moments throughout the year, and you showed great spirit every week. I hope you all maintain your interest in Rugby League.

Kane

# LEAGUE TAG – U16 WHITE

Coach: Russell Crook

Manager: Kristy Crook

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Wow what a season!

Right from the get-go our team endured difficulties with the JRL rules for the 'changing club restrictions', to scraping together a team for game one. Yet, despite many challenges in our journey throughout the season, we made it to semi-finals.

After lots of emails and phone calls with the governing bodies, we managed to get everyone cleared to play with some borrowed players, we got the win even though there were very few numbers at training.

From there, all of the girls jumped on board and started to gel as a team learning new moves, developing skills for their positions and knowing the game.

Amongst the terrible weather that led to ground closures for all, and a split in the U16's competition from one division into two, we had a Gold and Silver grade. We somehow were placed into the Gold division. These factors meant we were dealt with playing the same top teams more than originally forecasted, so we missed playing teams who were lower on the table for end of season points differential.

The girls battled their way through all of this, often playing with less than 11 who took the field. One game we played a middle of the table team with only 9 girls and still came away with the chocolates. At the end of the rounds we were thankful that the JRL awarded us with our unallocated points so we ended up finishing in 2nd place even though the table showed us in 3rd – with 6 wins and 4 losses. Nevertheless, the girls showed up to the sudden death semi and came out fired up and easily overpowered the opposition.

By the time their Semi Final came around in Kurnell, our girls were pumped. The girls were down at half time but were excited with coming back in the second half and levelling the scores which led the game into extra time. The girls were ready to push through and we knew they could do it. But, their excitement and desire to win was sadly their undoing and we lost to our well drilled fellow U16's Gold side. Our team went along to the Grand Final and watched our Caringbah Cronulla side get the win!!!

Our girls showed grit and grace by playing up a year in the U16's, with one player who was only 12 throughout the season.

We finished the season as proud Coaches, Managers and Parents.....special notes to Sheridyn & Steve Price and Matt Debreczeni.

It was a pleasure leading a great bunch of positive and encouraging girls! Bring on 2023!

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| Coaches Award | Taya  |
| Most Improved | Holly |
| Most Valuable | Sari  |

# LEAGUE TAG – U16 BLACK

Coach: Brett Kimmorley

Trainer: Daniel Frearson

Manager: Leah Tinnings, Brigette Salib, Angela Davey

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What a wonderful bunch of girls..

We had 13 amazing young ladies that tried their hardest week in and week out... Work commitments made it hard for us to hold training sessions this year, but each week, and most weeks without reserves saw them continue to leave nothing on the field and work hard for each other... We could not have asked for anymore...

We made the Grand Final, and we knew that we were going to have to play hard and again without any substitutes as 2 of our players were away on a school excursion.. We could not have been prouder of the 11 girls that took the field... They gave it everything they had... It was near the final buzzer and Engadine were throwing everything at us... Our girls played hard and for each other once again... and we came away with the win !!!

We are very blessed to have a wonderful team of amazing girls and very supportive families that make it enjoyable to turn up each week ...

We are all so very proud !!!

Brett and Leah



# LEAGUE TAG – U16 (3) BLUE

Coach: Todd Ganderton

Trainer: Tommy Turner & Jaiden Lloyd

Manager: Stephanie McMullen

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What a year for our girls.

Having majority of the girls play together in previous seasons, they worked really well as a team on making all the plays work.

With new additions at the start of the season, as well as a few playing up a grade towards the end, the team blended so easily.

The hard work paid off for our girls, making Minor Premiers of their division. Whilst the Grand final was a hard loss, it was so fantastic to see them make it.

The coaching staff are so proud of the effort & determination of the whole team.

Thank you to all the parents who helped each week Massive thank you to Mr Coach- Todd, super trainer Tommy & Jaiden for all their patience & support of the girls this year.

Look forward to next year.

Stephanie



**Players player**, Izzy played Fullback and wing, scored some great length of the field tries once she found space was very hard to run her down. Saved as many tries with her tagging in defensive.

**Coaches award**, Lilly turned up to every training and game day with a smile on her face, put in 100% effort in defensive and attack was asked to play many positions during the season and it it without any hestitaion.

**Most Improved**, Kiara playing halfback / first reciever really grew in confidence this season controlling the team around the field, developing a great passing and kicking game, learning to look up and decide to whether to pass or take the line on. Her length of the field try in the GF was one for the highlight reels.

# LEAGUE TAG – U17

Coach: Angela Hakaraia

Trainer:

Manager:

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# LEAGUE TAG – WOMENS OPENS

Coach: Jeff Glenn

Trainer: Jarred Mills

Manager: Maria Glenn

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These young ladies have finally come of an age where they are playing in their rightful division, as they have played up over the last 3 years to find more competition. It hasn't helped that the last 2 seasons were affected by COVID, but a majority of the team have been together since they were 13 years old.

This season we were joined by a few new players from all over Sydney, who brought a new dimension to the team. We welcomed back Dakota, who hadn't played for a couple of years since she injured her ACL.

The season started off with promise, but due to the unprecedented rain, we had another shortened season and couldn't train like we wanted to.

There were a number of games where we lost by 2 points, which would have helped when it came to finals, but it just didn't go in our favour. The girls all tried their hardest and put in 100% effort. They all really enjoy playing together and have great friendships. That's all I can ask for as a coach.

Unfortunately, we bowed out in the preliminary final, losing to the eventual premiers.

It's a pleasure to be around these young ladies - they always turn up happy to play, have a smile on their face, and a joke to tell.

I hope to see the girls again next season, where we can hopefully go one step further.

Jeff Glenn

Coach



# LEAGUE TAG – OVER 35 MENS (1)

Coach: Dom Ruello

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Well 2022 was the season that 'Almost was'.

After last years season was cancelled, all the boys were ready to go for a big year.

We enjoyed a solid year being undefeated through the regular season to make it too the GF.

Whilst were we up 8-4 at half time it unfortunately wasn't enough, and we were beaten by a Joeys team that came home strong.

In saying that, there were some stand out performers in Grant Ingram, Pauly Smith and our Man of Steel Carl Rennie.

I love this group of lads; they always play strong but fair and the beers and laughs after making the injuries a bit more bare able.

We will all be back next year to have another crack.

Once again many thanks to Gando, Pam, Camo, Charlie and Pete for all their hard work around the club. You guys are legends, and the hard work doesn't go unnoticed.

I hope every enjoys the rest of the year and we will see you in March.

Dom.



# LEAGUE TAG – OVER 35 MENS SILVER (2)

Coach: Todd Ganderton

Manager: Finn Ganderton

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2022 was our 5th season in the League tag & oh what a season it was!! The silver comp had expanded to a 10-team competition with the inclusion of the two St George teams. Winning 7 of our 11 games played we secured 4th position on the ladder, by far our most successful season & first year of making the semi-finals. Previous years the Friday night war room meetings had mainly been about who's turning up & scrounging for players. This year the meetings were upbeat, confidence filled the air, chest beating & cockiness was not only welcomed but was expected. The question was put forward "Do We dare to dream?? Could this year be the year that we bring home the Shield?" #Daretodream2022 was now the catch cry leading into the Semi-finals.

First semi was against Renown, a solid win was secured, we now had had one more game to win to go to get to the Big Dance. This game was against the Younger 2nd Cronulla Caringbah team (AKA the thieves, as they had dropped down from the Gold division). A great match was held & we nearly got to push the boys to extra time in the dying minutes. As always, the game was played in great spirit & we wished the boys all the best of luck in the GF.

Couple of mentions about the boys: Fitzy playing at fullback had an outstanding year & a well-deserved winner of the Players player award. Dean Starling was by far the most improved & now running holes & even passing! New signings Adam & Dave (cement) Sec bolstered the playing group. Adam running great lines & Sec putting on the biggest hit I've seen in a league tag game. Daz Foster had an outstanding year scoring the majority of our points. The centre pairing of Marty sexy hips Hunter & Nine & a half fingers Nath G was a pleasure to watch. Life member Matty Barron sustained a grade 7 hammy tear halfway into the season. This was to a mortal man, a season ending injury then, whispers were going around a certain elderly chap was seen doing recovery training. Low & behold the great man was back, what a comeback it was for the last game of the season proper & semi-final appearance. Another great comeback was the "Sri Lankan George Clooney" Sammy Piera fantastic to see you back on the field mate, hope you go around next year as well.

One of the hardest games of the year was against Menai at Akuna oval, it had everything going. Big hits (Clint put his body on the line & sustained broken ribs) Sec looked like Trevor Gillmeister axing everything that moved. Ben (3 try) Mathews had a try fest, it was later discovered that Ben's Dad Ernie had made a special effort in coming to the game. I tried to get him back with the promise of more beers, we are still in negotiations.

Special thanks need to go out to:

Manager Finn Ganderton - I asked at the start of the year if he could help out & true form he replied "You had me at hello Rocket ".

Regie - again you are the backbone of the squad & although hampered by injury in true fashion you were always there.

The El Presidente Gando, I will miss our war room meetings, you must have coached about 7 teams this year & your true passion has always been the 35's. I know I speak for the entire team in thanking you for your efforts not only on the field but off the field as well.

All in all, lads it's been a great year, we truly gave it a red-hot crack, thanks for letting an old man still get the boots on & have fun.

#Daretodream2023 has a great ring to it

Yours Truly

Rocket



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| 2012      | R.Giles                 | N.Piddington           | G.Piper              |
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| 1998      | G.McMaster              | S.Martin               | R.Rennie             |
| 1997      | G.McMaster              | S.Young                | R.Rennie             |
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| 1993      | G.McMaster              | L.Ward                 | G.Best               |
| 1992      | G.McMaster              | P.McCue                | G.Best               |
| 1991      | C.Bate                  | R.Chambers / J.Buckley | R.Chambers           |
| 1990      | C.Bate                  | R.Chambers             | L.Ward               |
| 1989      | W.Major                 | R.Chambers             | T.Willett            |
| 1988      | R.Chambers              | B.Morgan               | L.Ward               |
| 1987      | C.Bate                  | B.Morgan               | L.Ward               |
| 1986      | P.Mahony                | B.Morgan               | L.Ward               |
| 1985      | C.Bate                  | B.Morgan               | G.Seward             |
| 1984      | C.Bate                  | B.Morgan               | B.Johansen           |
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| 1977      | E.Topper                | C.Bate                 | J.Alford             |
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