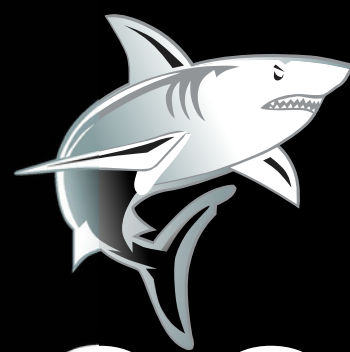




2023

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CRONULLA CARINGBAH SHARKS JRLFC

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U/12's GIRLS TACKLE PREMIERS 2023



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75 Cronulla Street, Cronulla

Back Row: Lucia Lundberg, Amie-Leo Griffin, Dallas Vella,
Middle Row: Mark Sheridan (Trainer/Coach), Carolyn Cavanough (Manager), Cali Stroh, Anika Opai, Kahliia Takairangi, Zahli Bond, Doug Opai (Coach)
First Row: Lola Tomkins, Isabella Starmojia, Indiana Sheridan, Michaela Jenkins, Maddelyn Cavanough, Tilly Teasel, Liberty Athos

TEAM PHOTOS
— SYDNEY —

CRONULLA CARINGBAH SHARKS

U/16 GOLD PREMIERS 2023



Back Row: DJ Kulitapa, Harley Crampton
Third Row: Mason Bevin, Callum Grantham, Nixon Pure, Natane Haunga, Jackson Guyer
Second Row: Tokerau Raru (Coach), Harlem Peters, Jack Ennis, Kane Pearce, William Gray, Max Johnston, Ezekiel Ivey, Will Russell (Trainer), Rea Pittman (Coach)
Front Row: Noah Salhab, Jacob Hadlow, Kaden Garner (Captain), Kadya Thomson, Lewis Bell, Patrick Zhong

TEAM PHOTOS
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CRONULLA CARINGBAH SHARKS

U/11 GOLD PREMIERS 2023



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

TEAM PHOTOS
— SYDNEY —

CRONULLA CARINGBAH SHARKS

U/14 GOLD PREMIERS 2023



Back Row: Luke Dauroff (Trainer), Reuben Pale Eli, Billy Webber, Logan Longbottom, Trevor Taylor (Manager)
Middle Row: Josh Bateup (Coach), Parker Cavanough, Cash Walker, Jordi Elkin, Chase Junior Stanley, Ashton Taylor, Cain Best (Trainer).
Front Row: Jayden Best, Zac Crealy, Charlie Bateup (Captain), Jimmy Potuaine, Elhan Dauroff, Nash Caine

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CLUB AWARDS

JUNIOR PLAYER OF THE YEAR	Hunter Stanley
SENIOR PLAYER OF THE YEAR	Noah McCallum
REPRESENTATIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR	kaden Garner
WOMENS TACKLE PLAYER OF THE YEAR	Anika Opai
GIRLS LEAGUE TAG PLAYER OF THE YEAR	Kobe Magher
ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD	Logan Longbottom
COACH OF THE YEAR	Blair Tumeth
MANAGER OF THE YEAR	Carolyn Cavanough
TRAINER OF THE YEAR	Luke Rye
CLUBPERSON OF THE YEAR	Kris McClelland
CHARLIE BATES AWARD.	U14 Gold

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GROUND MANAGER	Kris McClelland
SPONSORSHIP OFFICER	Nick James



PRESIDENT REPORT

That's a wrap for season 2023.

Fielding 40 sides, Boys tackle u6- open silver, 4 women's tackle, 5 girls league tag, 2 x o35 men's league tag and 1 x o30s Women's league tag.

7 sides made it to the grand finals. With 4 sides winning. Our u11 Gold, u14 Gold, u16 Gold and our u12 women's tackle side who won their inaugural premiership.

This season we started our tiny fins program for the 3-5 years olds which was a great success and ran on Saturday mornings during the season with over 25 registered players.

Our teams have displayed great performances throughout the season. From the junior to our senior teams, we've seen exceptional skill, teamwork, and determination on the field. We celebrated victories, learned from the losses, and grew stronger as a club.

Our coaches, trainers and managers deserve special recognition for your hard work and dedication. Your expertise and tireless efforts have been instrumental in preparing our teams and players for success.

To all our sponsors thank you, we appreciate your support, your commitment to our clubs enables us to keep registration costs down, players uniforms, trophies for presentation day and much needed training equipment.

This season we held our CCSharks sports lunch at Cronulla Golf club. Hosted by Joel Caine with special guest Brian Fletcher and comedian Mick Meredith providing the laughs thanks to all that attended helped raised money for our club. Great to support "another day" mens health charity. Thanks to rocket for your hard work behind the scenes.



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Look forward to doing it again next season

Great turn out for our sponsors /life members day. Few laughs and stories were told while watching our open Silver side play.

To our hard working executive/ committee - Pammy, Daryl, Janelle, Camo, juicy, Erin, Kris, Danielle, Matt B, Goran and co our club with all your hard work behind the scenes.

Thank You to the parents, family members who volunteered and supported the players and our club during the season.

Thank you to Danielle and Scott managing the canteen and Finn for your efforts on Sunday's.

At the end of the season Cronulla Jrl put together an open women's league tag representative side which participated in the nswrl gala day at hammondville oval. Congratulations to Cronulla Caringbah Jono Te Wara coach, Rebecca Murray manager, players Sienna Davey, Elyssa Redrup on your selections. It was a great day played against some very talented sides, I was stoked to be asked by Jono to be the blue shirt and be to be the part of the squad. Look forward to doing it again.

Enjoy the offseason. looking forward to ripping in again 2024.

GANDO



SNR VP/SCHOOL LIAISON

Well it's been a huge year for CCsharks in 2023. Firstly we should all put our hands together and thank the crew that do all the hard work behind the scenes.

Pam works tirelessly from the start of the season to the finish doing the jobs of 3 people. Gando is everywhere along with Janelle. Erin and Kris McClelland, where do we start.. You guys are the next generation of the modern volunteer, it doesn't go unnoticed and your are very appreciated. Darryl our hard working Secretary who also works from start to finish of the season. Thank you to you all, we wouldn't be who we are right now without you guys. Plenty More to thank like Matt Barron for ground setup along with all the coaches, trainers, manages and parents that wash, Jersey's and help out with canteen, bbq and other duties. Thank You !

This year we seen some great things happen. Daryl Gleeson started Tiny Fins with the help of good mate Cory Rinaldi. They also had help from U14s Lawson and U16s Max. Well done to these young boys for volunteering to help the next generation of CCsharks coming through. Congratulations Daryl and Cory on a successful program. Looking forward to watching it grow. Also Congratulations to all involve with our Anzac game verse Joey's. Again Daryl along with Cory were the force behind this so take a bow fella's. It is a great concept and the jersey's and polo shirts look great. Respect to you both.

We held our first sportsman's lunch in a while. It was a great day but could be even better if more teams get involved. Remember these functions go towards presentation celebrations at the end of each year. Thank you to all involved with this. Gando, Rocket and Joel Caine deserve the biggest pat on the back, they put in a lot of time on this.

We had many junior and senior players in both male and female represent in representative teams for school and also Cronulla Sharks development and Junior reps. Cronulla High School won the U14 Buckley Shield this year with 13 of the players being CCsharks boys and their coach Cameron Paddy along with the trainers being CCsharks boys, this is something we can all be very proud of. It was another successful year in women's tackle fielding 4 teams U12, U14, U16 and U18 with our U12 Girls coming away with a Premiership in there 1st year of Rugby League. Well done to all our girls playing in these teams your loyalty doesn't go unnoticed. We had 7 teams make the GF in Boy tackle, Girls's tackle plus league tag and we came away with 4 Premierships. Well done to you all. we are very proud of each and every one of you.

Our club has grown a lot in the last 10 years with over 40 teams now through a lot of hard work. Most of it behind the scenes so if you see one of the committee working away please lend them a hand.

Looking forward to another great year in 2024

Camo and Juicy



SECRETARY

2023 and what a season to see uninterrupted junior footy get played around the shire without any delays and just smiles across junior footy players.

Our “Come and Try” Pre-Season Event for 2023 again continued to grow compared with our 2022 numbers. It was very pleasing to see some converts from other grass root codes come to the come/try day and then register for the season to start their junior footy careers.

2023 saw the start of our Tiny Fins Program aimed at 3–5-year-olds and what a success the Tiny Fins was. Overall, we had 25 registered superstars of tomorrow with another 25 young players on a wait list. The Tiny Fins had 15 sessions of development footy each Saturday from 8.00am – 8.45am.

We introduced our Inaugural Anzac Day Match between the CC Sharks 14 Silver and Joeys 14 Silver on the 23rd April 2023. The Last Post Service was extremely moving, and we would like to thank Cronulla RSL – Sub Branch for the service. Continuing with our Anzac Day we attended the Dawn Service at Cronulla Park and laid a wreath on behalf of our club.

Our Under 8, 10 and 12 girls tackle all had the opportunity to play demonstration games during the year at Shark Park during NRL games and didn't they have the best time!!!. Our Under 9 Gold and Silver Teams celebrated Junior League Appreciation Round with a lap around Shark Park on the 11th August 2023.

A group of our female volunteers, sponsors and executive represented CC Sharks at the Women at League event in July at Sharks Headquarters at Kareela. It was great to see that this event has returned and supports/celebrates our women in league at this club and their contribution to the junior game.

Round one kicked off on the 15th April 2023 and by the completion of the fixtures, CC Sharks had 24 Teams in the first week of the Semi's, by Grand Final Weekend we had 7 teams in the race for Grand Final Glory. By the conclusion of the Grand Final Weekend, CC Sharks celebrated 4 Grand Final Wins.

Our Premiership Winners were - Under 11 Gold (back to back), Under 12 Girls Tackle, Under 14 Gold (back to back) & Under 16 Gold. Well done to these Players, Coaches, Managers and Trainers on reaching the big dance and coming away with the trophy.

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To the cap the season off was having the Tommy Bishop Shield hosted by our Club for the first team. The Gala Day was a massive success, and it is so pleasing to hear many say that this was the best Tommy Bishop Day ever. A massive well done to our Under 8 Gold Team coached by Josh and Adam that won the Caltex Cup for 2023.

Overall, the 2023 has been an enormous success for Cronulla Caringbah on and off the field and this is shaping the culture of this great club and the years ahead.

The executive would like to thank all our Sponsors, Volunteers and Families of all Players for 2023 and we look forward to continued success in the 2024 season.

Daryl Gleeson Secretary

TREASURER

Finally, after a few years, we have had a complete season with only minimal games missed this year. The club's income has increased this year but due to increases in many of our costs and the purchase of equipment we have unfortunately not made a profit this year.

Due to the hard work of Trevor Taylor the Sports lunch was a success and helped to raise much needed funds to provide trophies and premiership gifts for the grand final winning teams.

Daryl Gleeson also worked on getting us grants to update the canteen and the defibrillators.

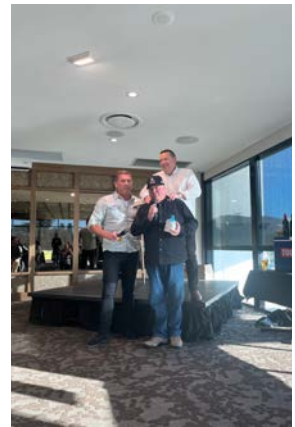
We also received grants from Telstra because our past junior players, Kiana Takairangi and Scott Sorensen, played in last years NRL Grand Finals.

Major costs this year include, Gear (\$97,182.66), insurances (\$42,274.91) and canteen supplies (\$66,273.09).

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

- Cronulla Golf Club
- EzieSpray Shotcrete Pty Ltd
- KOR Glass and Aluminium
- Nulla Nulla
- On Que Electrical
- Preston Hire
- Reef Pools
- Roof Reports Only
- Runnulla
- Southside Physio
- The Careers Guy
- The Tool Store

SPORTS LUNCH



TINY FINS

Inaugural Tiny Fins 2023

WOW – how do you start a year in review with what has been an amazing year with our first ever Tiny Fins Program.

The Tiny Fins Program has always been a pipe dream for the club and is designed to introduce 3-5-year old's in a supportive environment to the best game in the world. With world events of the past few years, we found it extremely difficult to introduce this within the club along with conflicting schedules with some of our coaches and their own teams.

However, the idea was discussed at our 2022 AGM and was heavily endorsed by our Executive Committee for the program to commence in 2023. With anything new comes the question “will it work and how will it be received?” Well..... it started with a few registrations in January 2023, then a few more in February/March and we had around 15 registrations. We thought this is great: 15 superstars of tomorrow wanting to start to learn junior footy.

Come to round one on the regular season competition (session 1) on the 15th April 2023 and then we started to get messages after every Tiny Fin Session with little footy stars wanting to join. By the start of Round 4 of the regular season (session 4) we had increased to 25 Tiny Fins. The messages kept coming in after each session and by Round 8 (session 8) we needed to start a waiting list that saw 25 additional youngsters wanting to be a Tiny Fin. Of course, we could not fully take an additional 25 but the response to this program was out this world. This response will assist us with developing this program over the next few years and to ensure that we have sufficient resources in place.

Part of our vision for the Tiny Fins was to make sure that the program was just not another “Tiny Tot” Program. We wanted to make sure that that the Tiny Fins felt part of the CC Sharks Family and felt like they were another team, playing on Saturday Mornings. Session 1 and the most nerve racking (not many of the coaches got sleep this week) kicked off with the Tiny Fins going into the home dressing room and seeing their allocated number/name on the wall along with their ball and water bottle. The dressing room was to closely mirror those seen in the NRL and was used a few times during the year for their training shirts and also to receive their end of year trophies.

The sessions themselves were designed to be delivered in a 45-minute block and run for a period of 4 weeks and then move onto different areas of junior footy. The first 4-week block session was aimed at falling safely with the ball before anything else was learnt. This was the number one learning objective that we wanted the Fins to learn. The sessions then grew into play the balls, passing, tackling and even goal scoring.

Each week for the next 15 weeks (15 rounds of regular season) the Tiny Fins would appear around the ground at 7.55am and converge for their weekly training session. Most weeks the Fins would enjoy a post training snack at the canteen (mostly cake).

One of the highlights of the year was a Gala Day held at Shark Park for all CJRL Teams that have similar age/groups and teams. So, we were able to take our Fins for a morning of fun at Shark Park and the look of excitement on their faces when they ran out of the Shark Tunnel was priceless.

We would like to thank some of our junior Coaches from the Under 9's and 11's for helping us this year.

To – Jared, Kyson, Bodhi, Beau, Anthony, Hudson, Beau, Paraihe, Keanu, Chase, William, Thomas, Henry, Jaice, Tige ,Freddie, Jack, Banjo, Addison, Noah, Tatum, Rozilla, Lennox, Reggie & Tyson.

We would like to thank every single one of you for being our first ever Tiny Fins. We had the best time each and every week teaching and mostly having you all chasing us around the fields!!! You all made Saturday Mornings @ 8.00am something to look forward to all week.

The Coaches will be keeping a close eye on you in 2024 if you are planning to play Under 6 Development. If not, we look forward to seeing you again in the Tiny Fins.

To the Tiny Fins Parents thank you very much for supporting this program and supporting our club with your referrals to your friends and the many social media posts. We would also like to thank some of our previous players over the years for returning to our club with the next generation of players with the likes of Sorensen, Graham, Nikora, Pittman, Stanley & Gagan. We can only dream of what is yet to come.

The 2024 Winter Tiny Fins Program will return. 2023 Summer Tiny Fins will commence very soon.

Tiny Fins Coaching Team - Daryl, Cory, Max and Lawson



UNDER 6 - RED

Coach: Kurt bollard

Trainer: Flip Tafili

Manager: Margaret Agius

Firstly, I would like to thank all parents for helping out this year whether it be at training, game day on the bbq or in the canteen and setting up the fields. We had such a fun season as a team. We had some returning players from last year and we also had some players that were new to rugby league.

Thank you to the club for everything you did for us throughout the season. We enjoyed a fun night at the clubhouse after training on a Friday mid season for pizza and footy night which was a massive hit. This allowed everyone to get together as a team and enjoy ourselves away from the usual end of week sessions and early Saturday games. We also took part in the end of year gala day which was enjoyed by all. We then had an end of season lunch at taren point pub to celebrate what was a terrific season by the boys.

I couldn't have asked for a better bunch of kids. Watching them have fun and get better each week was something special not only for myself but all involved.

I look forward to seeing everyone next season and I hope everyone enjoyed the season as much as I did. I would like to thank our Manager Margaret and Trainer Flip for putting your hand up to help myself and organise the boys each week.

#1 Hudson Bollard

This was Hudson's first season of footy and he absolutely loved every moment of it. A roosters and Tedesco fan at heart he channeled teddy in the 1 jersey and often loved hanging behind the defensive line to cover any breaks and in attack he popped up to help his team mates. He loved a post try celebration when he got the chance aswell!

#2 Albie Willett

Albie had a great start to his football journey and as the season went on his confidence grew. He became our specialist long range try man with some cracker full field breaks that helped his side get some great wins.

#3 Mack McMurrich

Mack was back for his second year and it showed he knew what he was doing. Mack always had a big smile on his face and you can tell he loves playing the game. When he got that ball in hand he had the best fend on him, tough as they come for a young kid.

#4 Zac Ayoub

The Zac attack! The smallest kid on the field with the biggest grin. Zac is fast and zippy and always laughing. He was always a big target during our bull rush games at training as he usually won most of the time. Great season Zac

#5 Jordan Lucas

Jordan a true sharks fan that loves Nicho! Even though it was his first season Jordan was playing as if he had played for years. No fear and a hard tackling machine, he was also great in attack. Jordan was always first in to congratulate a team mate if they scored.

#6 Kainoa Tafili

For his first season Kainoa was well equipped with the fundamentals of footy. A great runner of the football and as the season went on developed an offload in his game which will benefit in years to come. In defence he tackled anything that moved and was very solid for the team.

#7 Lachlan Chandler

The genuine half in our side. This was Lachlans second year and the experience from last year made him a very dominant player. His footwork with the ball bagged him tonnes of tries and his tackling technique helped chop players in half. Very passionate about the game.

#9 Noah Roughsedge

Noah was our most improved player of the year. At first he was a little unsure but against Kurnell he scored 2 tries and from then on there was no stopping him. He scored some good full length tries throughout the season and had a great season with his teammates. We look forward to seeing him back next year!

#10 Lachlan Gibson

Lachie G had a great first season. Nothing could stop this kid, any injuries and he would be back up getting amongst it shortly after. He never missed a game or a training session and is a true team player.



UNDER 6 - YELLOW

Coach: Tim McMann

Manager: Rory Gillespie

Trainer: Jarred Vinen

The double-up of lolly bags awarded at the last game were sweet but nothing was sweeter than an undefeated U6's coming together as a team for the first time. It only took 3 rounds for us to get a reputation, good or not, we proved we were going to be more than a match for even the toughest competitors. Not even an NRL star studded offspring team plucked together in hope of a win could beat us on Gala Day. We were so good that day, Como denied us of food and medals, they had seen from the previous weekend we were gifted enough.

The half American Darcy came out fierce just like his mother on a Saturday night, deciding at some point in the season that headgear and Darcy were not a fine match, what was were weekly tries and tackling with a huge grin.

Harrison proved early on he had clearly been the tackling bag for his older brother Max in their backyard. I don't know whether it was those sherbet lollipops pregame due to Loz's high attendance in the canteen at home games, but Harrison had played this game before.

The one to watch Harvey our youngest star tried to fool us by making us think the sideline was his position, unlike his teammate Darcy it took a headgear and his grandfather purchasing all the CC'Bah merch for him to realize he had more shark in him than starfish.

There is a lot of pressure when you are the coach's son, we thought 'all the gear and no idea' but Henri really came into his own when the tags were tossed and he realized he needed to prove to his father that all those trips to rebel were worth it by making multiple tackles in multiple sets.

Hugo H who should be renamed "HugHOFFLOADER" read that game better than Ray "Rabs" Warren knew when to step, tackle and of course offload the ball.

Like a true shark Hugo hunted down his competition and pounced week after week. What was more impressive was the way he sprinted down that football field and placed the ball ever so gently down.

Tackling Torbs took the opposition down like sacks of potatoes in most games. We cheered inappropriately as his mother kept putting him on report but tackles like that needed to be celebrated.

Slater demonstrated that he worships at the altar of the corner posts, making weekly Saturday offerings. The Shire's very own mini-Warwick Capper ran with that ball like Como ran with our medals.

We had an amazing group of families this year which made it a little sweeter getting out of bed on a cold Saturday morning a big thank you to the parents. Our little yellow team really shined brightly bring on 2024.

UNDER 7 - YELLOW

Coach: James Johnston

Manager: Jessica Finlan

Another season under the belt has us one step closer to that NSW decade of origin dominance we're targeting from 2035-45. These 8 blokes are sure to play a major role in that squad, and after going up against another CC Sharks team this season we know we don't have to do it alone.

Coaching this season was a major transition from having fun and directing traffic, to teaching some skills and putting plans into place on the field. Stepping back and watching (or mostly yelling) from the sideline brings a whole new approach to coaching and motivating. Some things worked and some didn't, but I have to say each player got more confidence and resilience in defence – and defence wins Origin!

Big shout out to the parents for their commitment and especially team manager Jess and to Lindsay and Pete at training and at the games.

The squad in reverse number order:

(10) Harry “Jupiter” Golar: with a few “blue cloud” lollies under his belt before a match, Jupiter can't be stopped. Ball in hand he is a damaging runner and most team's biggest defensive cheers come if they can actually stop him. Fortunately (for the club's insurance premiums) Jupiter is happy being around the other planets and doesn't collide unless he wants to, but when he does, they break. It's easy to overlook his defence because teams run away from him, but if they get close enough, they get stopped. Jupiter made a big effort this year to stay on this planet and concentrate for the whole game. I know the 13-man game will really suit him. Big year, big improvement.

(9) - William “the Animal” Ciraldo: Hard to read at first (mostly because he didn't speak for the first 3 weeks) but also being new to the squad we were worried if this kid from the foot of the mountains could swim like a shark. Thankfully his pedigree was strong, his defence was fearless and his never give-up attitude was deadly. We assumed he was a Werewolf at first, but no one saw him morph before the game, so can't quite define species, we'll stick with the Animal for now. One of the most intense listeners and best students in the team, the Animal was a joy to coach.

(7) Manaia “the Mullet” Emery: Everyone was thinking it, but dead set, the kid gets a mullet and starts playing like Dallin Watene-Zelezniak (not his mother's idea). One of the improvement stories of the year in defence the Mullet really turned it on for the last few games to tackle hard and take on the opposition. Scoring tries was never an issue but making the effort to run the ball hard and build confidence in defence was the real story. The Mullet is a real risk of being poached by Union (the All Blacks that is, probably already too good for the Wallabies), hopefully he can keep tackling his big brothers in the back yard in the off season to maintain his form.

(6) Riley “the Thirteenth” Finlan: the constant nightmares The Thirteenth gave the other teams on Friday before the game was telling. Most tries, most tackles, most meters run and most organised mother helping the team each week (thanks Jess!). It was almost comical to hear his proud mother yelling “go baby” just before he crushes some kids dreams of a try by smashing him in to touch in a covering tackle. Once again, big improvements were made and with a faster game he learnt more about off loads, support play and conserving energy. We were lucky to have The Thirteenth in the squad and following his origin retirement in 2050 is a sure thing as the Thirteenth immortal!



(5) Hughie “the Professor” Croaker: there’s always one kid who teaches the teacher, the Professor was launching rockets into space while I was demonstrating “the wheel” to the rest of the team. A real student of the game and intense listener and great learner. He doesn’t always realise how fast he is, but when he goes for it, he scores tries. For a first season it was a huge effort especially his improvement in defence where he learnt to just hang on. I’m really excited to see The Professor break down teams in attack when kicking and passing are introduced. One of the most polite and bright kids and a future weapon in a 13-man team.

(4) Reef “the Bull Shark” Franks: “I don’t need a break; I’ll go all day”. The Bull Shark just wanted to rip in, in attack or defence. This season he developed his running through the middle of the field even more by putting on spins, steps and off loads to compliment his palm off. Most important he wants to play, wants to get involved and doesn’t take a backward step. He’s confidence in defence is backed by a big improvement in technique and if he gets hold of another kid next season, they’ll start to sound the shark alarm! The Bull Shark will quickly get a reputation as the kid you don’t want to run into.

(3) “Action” Jaxon Hahn: Non-stop action! This year Action Jaxson really flipped the switch on defence and his rushing tackling style was intense. Every tackle was like a win or lose effort to stop a field goal and he just didn’t get tired. Speed in attack was never an issue and showed again this year he was very close to the fastest on the field (although we didn’t have a race). He was quick to make decisions in attack and backed his speed. As long as he wasn’t sitting still, he was happy, and he was always happy, nothing but Action.

(1) Maximus “the Gladiator” Johnston: “watch me tackle that kid Dad”. A new motivation to take down the biggest kid in the opposition and claim the glory started in our trial game with a lucky shot... but from then on nothing could stop him. The Gladiator just wanted to compete to test himself and entertain the crowd. In attack, always running through the middle, he got a little lost when he had no one else to fight off and ran over the try line, but his passion is for tackling. Working with “the Animal” in Jiu Jitsu brought a new ethos of self-defence and team defence. The Gladiator was always the first to shove defenders and speed up the play the ball or to keep them away from his mates.

UNDER 7 - RED

Coach: Emmanuel Placuzzi

Trainer: Clint Crothers

The nice little Team from U6 jumped into the new U7 season with the addition of four extremely talented kids. We had now a long and reach bench, so the main challenge was to give everyone a fair playing time.

U7 is a transition season, where in the middle of it, the coach is not allowed on the field anymore. The Trainer and Coach were quite sceptical about the move as the kids seemed to really need some guidance during the game. We worked on some strategies during training and planned some actions, however, it seems to be not enough to guarantee some structure during the game. To everyone's surprise, the very first game with the new rule was fantastic! It was a "wow" moment for all the all the adults. The Kids demonstrated such a steep growth and confidence, taking responsibility and showing courage. It was a defining moment.

For the players, the parents and the coaches, this has been a very rewarding season, where we all witnessed substantial kids' development from different points of view, from personal maturity to fantastic playing skills. Congratulations to everyone for the passion, the consistency and the smiles!

Players' commentary:

Parker Kean: Mr. Golden Boots

Steady, impressive growth from last year. Courageous, tough, dazzling. Always present, always decisive in every game.

Riccardo Placuzzi: Lionheart

The youngest and smallest but with great courage, tackling any size, very attentkive dummy half. Fearless, competitive, resilient.

Bohdi Crothers: Most improved

Outstanding improvement in confidence, quality, defense and attack. Confident, Reliable, dedicated, ready for a successful U8.

Kai Walker: Mr. Electric

One of the great new additions to the Team this year. Confident, swi☒ and cheeky. Fun to watch him dancing through defenses and celebrating many tries.

Owen Aubrey: Game Changer

Added to the Team in the early season. Passionate, energetic, focused. You when he plays, he gives it all. In defence, attack, everywhere.

Ariki Kaukau: Mr. Resilient

Committed, brave and kind. He worked hard on his skills and improved a greatly from the previous season.

Carter Karauria-Henry: Smiling Destroyer

Fierce, determined, and reliable. Give him the ball, he'll deliver, always with a smile and kindness, running over anything coming his way.

Hudson Moore: The High Flyer

As a new player, he has been dynamic, competitive, and soaring. Huge improvement throughout the season. Fantastic runs but also high adrenaline defence recoveries.

Ashton Sheridan: Budding Star

Reliable, Eager, Cheeky. You know when he is in, whether is training or a game. Steep growth throughout the season, especially in confidence and a great dummy half for the future.

Sebastian Todd: Man of Steel

You cannot pass where he is, you'll just get tackled, no matter your size. Tough, brave, unbreakable. On top of that several incredible runs through defenses. Great season.



UNDER 7 - BLUE

Coach: Ant Beare

Manager: Kristen Beare

Trainer: David Barnett

Firstly I want to start with a big thanks to Dave Barnett for helping out another year. Somehow we got through last year and those wild training sessions thinking we'll be well prepared for anything that they throw at us, and maybe we were because somehow we got through to them and had a laugh at every session. Couldn't have done it without you mate, so thank you.

To my wife Kristen kudos for all the behind the scenes stuff that no one notices, always good to have you in my corner organising and just making my life easier-thank you!

Thank you to all the kids for playing this year. It has to be one of the happiest bunch of kids playing football and the enjoyment that you guys get out of playing makes you a pleasure to coach. The whole team got along so well and really bonded as the year went on, you could see this when they all jumped in the air when Soph and Arlo got their first tries. They all improved so much over the year, we were on the end of a few floggings at the start of the year and I think if we didn't get regraded into the silvers and played the same teams again we would have given them a good go.

Last but not least thanks to the parents- I know its big commitment, the Fridays arvos, early games, canteen, ground setup and the gala days so thank you for the consistent effort.

Nixon Barnett- you wouldn't know this kid could still play in the U6's, such a tough kid and always seemed to find some space with his footwork and speed, scored some great tries and was unlucky on many occasions not to get more. Killed it Nix!

Billy Beare- something just clicked with Billy halfway through the year, no idea what it was but he just started putting his body on the line and played some awesome footy, some great tries and some even better tackles especially in the last game. Proud of ya mate!

Ray Boyce- what a step, definitely not the biggest kid on the field but doesn't need to be with that step. Ray would rarely get dominated in a tackle and probably the only player who didn't run out, got some real classy tries to top it off. Well done Rayboy!

Lachy Coleman- Lachy is such a competitor, never stops trying for the whole year, he could either run around them with his speed or straight through the middle with his power and did it in every game backed it up with solid consistent defence.. Nailed it Lach!

Eric Hedlund -Maynard- when Eric told me this was his first year of footy i was blown away, he has no fear in attack or defence. Some absolute amazing shots and rarely missed, was just as handy with ball scoring bucket loads of full length tries. Pleasure to coach EZ.

Brady Hunt- Brady left off straight from last year, didn't skip a beat, there's not much this kid can't do, often saving the day with either a last minute try or a game saving tackle,there wouldn't have been a game without Brady making the highlight reel- Great year brady!

Dennis King- there is nothing like seeing big Dennis in full flight, and once he realised his size and power there was no stopping him, the back end of the year we saw Dennis come into his own scoring long range tries with ease. Keep on smiling Den!

Sophia Lorenzo- this was Sophs first year of footy, but by the end of the year you wouldn't of known, a great listener at training she would take that onto the field and improved out of site, ending the year with a heap of tackles and run, and an absolute cracking try which was one of my personal highlights for the year- So good soph!

Arlo Mullaly- when it came to game day and Arlo wanted to have a crack it was so good to see, you tell Arlo to run it straight and hard that's exactly what he'd do, never running out and making great meters in the process, got his first try and the whole team and parents went nuts which is what it's all about, another highlight. Great work Arlo!

Xavier Mullane- A new addition to the team and it didn't take him long gel in, also another first year of footy, and picking up man of the match in his first game, he would throw himself at the biggest player and get up smiling, loves to fill in at dummy half and was one of our best at organising the team up the field. Smashed it Xav!



UNDER 8 - GREEN

Coach: David Johnson / Mark Winder

Trainer: Tim Kelloway / Jamie Howden

Manager: Hayden Vink

Another great season for the boys especially post grading which provided some even competition which boosted the morale of the boys with 4 wins on the trot. It was also great to note that majority of our team stayed together with welcoming inclusion of some others, the importance of this outlined by the improvement in the team and confidence amongst the boys every week.

Darcy- Another great season from you, big improvement in your ball skills and play making. Often putting in big runs around the outside defenders to score several long range tries throughout the season. Well done Darcy!

Mason- Congratulations on a great season, known for your on the burst runs, with a quick play the ball setting up the next play for your teammates. A Big improvement in your defence and filling into positions when required. Well done Mason!

Axel- Axel you always bring a great attitude to training & on game day. Playing up an age group scoring some great tries stepping through the opposition, you are matching it with the older boys you should be very proud. Well done Axel!

Nate- Another one of our boys playing up an aged group. Well done Nate. Your tackling in defence has been outstanding, consistently tackling some of the biggest opposition players this season. Also great to see an improvement in balls skills.

James- James what a great season you had this year always striving for better and encouraging your teammates. Proving to be a great playmaker and leader you have been missed by the Team. Well done James!

Jacob- It has been great to see your improvement, probably our fastest player in the team always keen for a big run side stepping through the opposition leading to some awesome tries. Keep up the good work Jacob!

Kingston- Well done Kingston on an awesome season, showing great improvement in attack and defence as well as ball skills. Keep up the good work!

Charlie- Excellent season from you Charlie, consistently putting in big performances, known for your huge tackles and strong bullish runs resulting in many tries throughout the season. Well done Charlie!

Hudson- Congratulations to you for another great season. Showing great improvement in attack and defence as well as ball skills. Some great try doubles rewarded to you this year for some smart plays. Well done Hudson!



Koby- Kobes Well done to you on an outstanding season, consistently putting in the hard work at training and on gameday, you pulled off some memorable try saving defensive plays throughout the season, and odds on for a dummy scoot.

Hurricane- What a great first season with the team. Welcomed mid-year and already showing great improvement with your on the burst runs leading to some big barnstorming tries. Well done Hurricane keep up the good work and looking forward to seeing your improvement next season with the team.

Ben- The late inclusion of Ben welcomed to the team, Ben you managed to get a few games under your belt showing positive signs in attack and defence. Keep up the good work Ben and looking forward to seeing your improvement next season with the team.

Thanks to everyone for the support and contribution throughout the season. Looking forward to going again next year!

Cheers,

The Coaching Team.



UNDER 8 - GOLD

Coach: Josh Crowther

Manager: Vanessa Ware

Trainer: Adam Alcott

Wow what a season! For a bunch of kids that hadn't played together before, I can't believe how well the boys did.

Now from an outsider's perspective it may have looked like we were on the edge of losing control of your big personalities from time to time boys... but of course, this was only to an untrained eye. We had you right where we wanted you(mostly) 😊. You certainly trained hard, learned to respect each other, you tried your hardest., learnt to win/lose and hopefully had some fun doing it. Adam and I are proud of you boys and the great season you had!

A massive thanks to Adam for co-coaching (no way could I have done that solo 😊), for Ness and Brigitte for doing what they did with managing, scoring, and minding our other kids while we coached. Thanks to all our team parents that constantly put their hand up for canteen, scoring and ground set up. It certainly makes life easier to volunteer your time as a coach when the rest of the team helps like you did, so many thanks!

The Team...

Beau Crowther - I was proud of you and the season you had buddy. I saw you get hurt and get back up, tackle with ticker and run your hardest. I know you just loved being around the other boys and learned a heap from them all this year. I loved seeing you claim a couple of sneaky tries out of that dummy half position and I think you claimed that position as your own this season. Well done mate, I have loved coaching you.

Luke Gruchot - I think we all would agree that it would be hard to name the most competitive player in this team, for me, in a good way, Luke edged out the others this year. That competitive nature combined with his natural talent helped him really outplay any opponents that dared challenge him in attack or defence this year. A couple of those steps he could put on, at speed, were magic to watch. I especially loved watching how passionate he got about the game, he was great at pumping us all up ... Good work Luke, you had a great year all round.

Ryan Weigand -Ryan had an awesome season also. Once he powered up and headed towards the opposition try line, he was pretty much impossible to stop and if he didn't score 100 tries a game, then there was something wrong. I loved Ryan's genuine ability to understand that a big game was on the line, he would step up and absolutely loved the challenge. Another competitive kid, so much so, that if I needed a laugh, I would just call "no try" on him at training and wait for the abuse! 😊

Jude Tinker -The busiest and smartest footballer on the team. Jude was a quiet achiever that had it all.....he could step, tackle, do run arounds, offloads and talk...and did it consistently each game. A good team mate for all of the boys and an absolute pleasure to coach. Great having you on the team this year!

Koa Miller – If you needed some enforcing done on the field, call Koa...watching Koa take down the opposition was like watching a tiger take down an elephant in the wild. He would grab a player by the ears, ride him to the ground, get up and repeat. A tough kid on the surface that was super caring and compassionate for his mates and his team underneath. A little legend that could also carve it up in attack. Great season Koa!

Benji Richards – Benji certainly came through with the goods for his team and kept improving all season. My favourite thing was when his face lit up after punting one particularly important conversion over the black dot 😊 From that point on he gained the nick name"The golden boot". The best kicker in the team. He had some powerful runs and I think once his confidence grows even more, he will be unstoppable in and around that ruck area. Well done Benj, it was good seeing

Isaiah Ayoub – Issy has real natural talent and loves his footy. He tore up the opposition every week with the best step in the game by far. Everyone would have noticed Issy's attack power this season which was unbelievably awesome ...but ...I was super impressed to see him really improve on the defensive side of things. By the end of the season, he was taking down some big boppers with ease which I thought was impressive. Well done Issy you had an unbelievable season.

Isaac Andersen – The most improved player in our team by far. As Isaac's experience grew, so did his ability. The game against Menai Roosters was unbelievable. I remember you running up to their biggest player and throwing yourself into him like he was nothing. I think you dished out some of the hardest hits of the season. I feel very sorry for your opposition in the years to come. Can't wait to see you play in the higher age groups, you are going to be a beast!

Tua Levi – I thought to myself that this nice, polite young man would not hurt a fly at the start of the season. Boy was I wrong....Tua listened really well and took in everything around him to become a running and tackling powerhouse. I can't decide if my favourite moment was the first try you ever scored and how happy you were or that last one at Shark Park. They were both awesome! With that quiet confidence and his willingness to learn, I can see him going on to play for Australia one day....Good luck buddy... don't forget your under 8's coach 😊

Marley Alcott – We named Marley the 'heat seeking missile'. An opposition player would poke their head through our defensive line and often think that the try line was achievable. Marley would lock his radar onto that player, fly across the field from anywhere and absolutely punish that opposition player for daring to breathe near his try line. Your attack was just as good as your defence but for me your defence and those try saving tackles helped us win many a game. Well done Marley...you little legend, great season.

Maverick Harper –Mav would surprise me every single training and game (in a good way)! Like at training once where I asked everyone to do a lap. Everyone did a lap of the oval and came back. Mav did a lap of all ovals , all car parks, the club, the tennis courts, etc.....Me: why did you do all of that ? Mav: You didn't say what you wanted a lap of....Me: Bahahaha you got me there buddy – get back in line!! He cracked me up. All season he would mow down the opposition with his powerful runs and hard hit ups in the middle. Mav was also a great defensive player to have as he was as tough as nails.... he would not take a backward step to anyone. Absolute tiger!

Rayne Stanley- was nicknamed 'the axe' right at the start of our season. He cut the defence (and his team mates at training 😊) in half with his awesome tackling technique. Rayne was the keenest player in the worldKeen to run, keen to tackle, keen for extra lollies after the match.....you name it, Rayne will be keen to do it. A good, happy kid that was playing way above his age and with plenty of heart. A great season from you buddy!



UNDER 8 - SILVER

Coach: Chris Scanlon

Manager: Troy Clancy

Trainer: Nathan Eldridge

A great season by the team, always playing with passion and heart no matter the situation on the scoreboard. There were many highlights through the season across our 7 wins, watching the team develop their skills at this young age and setting them up for years to come. As the season progressed, they really started to click, which led to three straight wins from rounds 10-12, with some big scores through this time. The talk increased as they got to know each other which led to much stronger defence and a smoother attack. The team really enjoyed the larger field this year, leading to some expansive play and this was great to watch by all the spectators we had on board this year, it was great to see how well they worked as a team in both training and on the game day through the season. Some great friendships were made through the year and thanks to all the support on both game day and training that we had from all the parents, grandparents, brother, sisters and friends. A local footy comp doesn't run without all your support, so thank you and we look forward to keeping the team going into next year.

Angus Vinen

Really found his straps through the year, especially from dummy half with his quick darts on the last tackle, staying low, weaving and winding through opposition defence. His quick turn of foot had him creating and seizing many opportunities with breaks down the sideline, scoring multiple tries in the corners.

Archie Scanlon

Always ready for the tough run out of our half, taking the line on with his long strides. No matter what was coming towards him, Archie always did everything with a big smile on his face. Through the season it was great to see the defence improve week on week, not afraid to get in front of the opposition running toward him.

Archie Roberts

Great to have Robbo on board this year and a great fit into the team. Another player who once he got to know the team really started to grow in confidence in both attack and defence, running hard with a quick play the ball always on his mind.

Blake Heaney

The tackling machine, launching himself like a missile at anything that comes his way. This no fear attitude also went into his attack, making many long-range runs, palming off the opposition with a mean fend. Always takes the big hits and gets back up to go again. Blake always provided the team with inspiration to keep going and definitely put his blood, sweat and tears into every match.

Evan Delauney

Evan was a great addition to the team this year, really finding his feet through the season and gaining in confidence every week. With this gain in confidence saw him make some great tough runs,

especially in the second half of the season. He was always on board to help in defence, often being the second man in to put the defence on the ground and slow the play down.

Flynn Clancy

The off-load king, always looking for an off-loading opportunity with multiple try assists through the year, gaining in confidence through the year by taking the first receiver position for most of the first halves through the year, directing and sharing the ball around the team. From a lot of practice after training Flynn became a consistent goal kicker through the season.

Georgie Saunders

Georgie grew in confidence through the year, often taking some hard runs to push her way into the defensive line. Georgie was always a bubbly personality to have in the team and always had a smile ear to ear at training. Near the end of the season, she got the ball over the black dot a few times making some good conversions.

Hunter Lobb

Taking the big hard runs up the middle in attack and always holding his ground in defence, Hunter never took a backward step. His development and confidence built through the year was great to watch. Often pushed his way through the defensive wall with his curls in his wake after making a break. Hunter was a pleasure to have in the team.

Johnny McGann

Our escape artist, whenever we are in a bit a strife Johnny was always on hand to utilise his blistering speed to break through tackles, or run around the opposition to get us on the score board. His passion for the team was always evident, often being the voice in the circle to fire the team up, none more so than leading the winning team song which was always a highlight after games.

Max Eldridge

Max got more and more involved as the season progressed, treasuring holding on to the ball with a strong grip and making many strong front row runs to push the team up field. Toward the end of the year especially, he grew in confidence in defence, leading the line up to make some big hits that everyone took notice of.

Taj Horan

The burrower, getting low and pushing hard to often take the quick darts out of dummy half to try and get over the line on the last. Taj showed the aggression that every team needs, when the opposition tried to push him around, he was the first to push back, doing his talking through the hard runs and solid defence. Always tried 100% at training and game day.

Maxwell Screen

When Maxwell warms up the opposition had to get out of the way, the long legs often striding the length of the field to get a try on the board and us back in the match. As strong in attack as he was in defence, we could always rely on Maxwell to get us out of trouble. His commitment to the team was second to none.

UNDER 9 - GOLD

Coach: Brett Cooper

Trainer: Oliver Pentzoldt

Manager: Ashley

Dear CCJRLC Family

Well, what a rollercoaster of a season it has been! Our U9's Gold team took the field this year with a mix of talent that would make a rep side cry – and didn't they impress us all season long. These youngsters had "white line fever" like no other, trying to score on every set, and they weren't shy about it. But, let's be honest, our defence needed some TLC.

Our coaching staff faced the challenge, trying everything from whiteboards to bribing them with pizza to improve as a team, working together to make things easier for all. We even threw some stats at them, talking about points (for and against), try scorers points, and more to fire up their competitive spirit.

We had six of our boys in the top 10 try scorers of the season! With Asher second, Carter and Jesse third, River S sixth, Phoenix ninth and Parker tenth. Well bloody done!

Asher, the gutsiest of them all, came in second as the highest try scorer in the entire comp. Carter bulldozed his way through like a machine. Parker had a show-and-go style that left defenders dizzy. Kai was an absolute powerhouse. River S was a slippery nightmare for the opposition. Phoenix enforced the edges and matched pace with perfection. Jesse, well, he was basically untouchable with his determination and speed.

Boston, the strategic genius, was everywhere on the field. River H was an unstoppable force. Leo had the biggest heart and tackled like a machine when it mattered most. And then there was Hudson, our little tackling dynamo, who thrived as the game got tougher.

These boys showed us the true meaning of teamwork, especially as the season heated up. The coaches couldn't sit still during any game, even the supposedly easier ones. We cherished the ever-changing goal chant and the passionate support from the parents on the sidelines.

We are incredibly lucky to have such amazing people around us this year. While the grand final result may not have gone our way, we all know deep down that we were victors in every sense of the word. These boys learned throughout the year, had fun, and showcased a winning spirit that will stay with them for life. 🏆

Here's to a season we'll never forget! Thanks for the laughs, cheers, and unforgettable moments.

Our awards are

Players Player – Asher Small

Best and Fairest – Carter Bushby

Coaches Award – Parker Pentzoldt

1 River Stanley. Known to his team mates as Slippery Stanley, River has the amazing ability to beat the first defender just about every time he runs the ball. He's the youngest in the team playing against much taller and heavier boys yet River manages to out play them every week.

2 Asher Small. Asher is the Cameron Murray of the team, brilliant ball skills and afraid of no one. Asher will happily pick out the biggest kid on the other team and make him wish he'd never hit the ball up. He has a huge motor and never gives up, a real leader!

3 Leo Cooper. Leo is one of the quiet achievers of the team. Although he can produce some great darts out of dummy half his main contribution to the team is his defence, he's our Cam McInnes. He'll position himself in the middle of the defensive line and make tackle after tackle all game long rarely missing one.

5 Boston Karauria Henry. When Boston injects himself into the game anything can happen. There's few faster than him and his runs from dummy half were lethal. Boston can read the game and anticipate what's going to happen next. Maybe a future James Tedesco, full back definitely has his name all over it in the years to come.

6 River Holdsworth. River is just one of those players you have to have in your team. Like Bradman Best, when he's on he's on. His speed off the mark is unmatched and he's not afraid to run into the defensive line flat chat. There's a lot of untapped potential in River and with the confidence he's gained this year we can't wait to see what he brings next year.

7 Parker Pentzoldt. Parker's abilities have really grown over the season. Always listening and eager to learn and develop, he's become one of our true leaders on the field. Parker's strength is the ability to organise the team and steady the ship. He's one of the few players who's already playing eyes up footy making decisions on the spot with ball in hand.

8 Hudson Dauroff. Hudson at the end of the season was a completely different kid to the one at the start of the season. Quiet and gentle by nature it didn't come natural for Huddy to bend other players in half. Once he worked out what he was capable of his confidence grew in leaps and bounds and so did the trail of destruction he would leave behind. Just like Justin Olam, run at him at your own peril! A huge compliment to him that his own teammates were scared to run at him during training.

9 Kai Baxter. For one of the smaller boys Kai certainly packs a punch, he's our Victor Radley. The aggression he brings each week lifts the team to another level. He wears his heart on his sleeve and puts his body on the line week in week out. Not only is he brutal in defence Kai still has great play maker abilities. He capped a great season off with a well deserved grand final try, one that he'll remember for a long time.

11 Jesse Webber. It's amazing how cool and calm this kid is. He typifies what junior rugby league is all about, he's out there just having fun. Unfortunately for the opposition Jesse's idea of having fun is running the length of the field to score tries. Ever dependable if we were ever in a bit of trouble out there you could hear the calls from the sideline "get the ball to Jesse" which is a huge compliment to his ability.

12 Carter Bushby. What a beast, Carter's our Andrew Fifita! Carter's devastating runs would leave oppositions trembling. We asked a lot from Carter and he always delivered. When the going was tough the boys looked to Carter to get them out of trouble and he always answered the call. His runs out of dummy half were courageous and he would often carry 3 or 4 defenders over the line to score for us. His most memorable moment was his try in extra time of the semi final to get the win for the boys and into their first ever grand Final. We'll miss you mate, Qld is lucky to have you.

13 Phoenix Bateup. Built like a front rower yet as fast as any winger, which is where you'll often see Phoenix lingering, waiting for the opportunity to strike. He has the strength and ability to shrug off defenders and offload the ball yet if he gets through the line, see you later, he's gone, you won't catch him! Phoenix has never been happier when out on the wing, against Taren Point, he chased down a kick from Parker to score in the corner. Ronaldo Mulitalo couldn't have done a better job.



UNDER 9 - SILVER

Coach: Daryl Gleeson

Trainer: Brendan Mullaly

Manager: Danielle Gleeson

We started the year with an extremely long pre-season in February 2023 aimed at returning players to some skill sessions. Following these sessions, a team of 28 Silver Players were formed and then split into a Silver and Bronze Team. Looking at this from an end of season view it was extremely pleasing to see both sides reach the final series.

The Under 9 Silvers had a mixed team of experience ranging from 5-year veterans to 2 season players and then some players that have never played footy before. So, it was a good mix of players and the objective from day one was to create a team and whilst that word has been used before, we emphasised team before individual very early on and this was before any other objective.

We were very fortunate to have Brendan Mullaly join as one of the Coaches this year and the Mullaly surname is etched in CC Sharks History. Brendan was able to bring some structure to our running game and attack. Both Daryl and Will returned to their Coaching roles from their year with the 8 golds last year and overall, we had all bases covered and a structure we wanted to embed into the team. So, it was a real buzz to work and train with different people that we have not been able to do in years past. Moving into the official pre-season with the Under 9 Silvers we knew we had something special with this bunch of lads. Our official trial was marked by a jersey presentation in the clubhouse that was to celebrate the coming of age of young players about to embark on a competitive season. The actual trial was a success with a very lop-sided score and expectations were set.

Moving into the season and very early on we knew that every game would be a fight and a struggle. Whilst we don't want to draw comparisons a couple of the clubs did not have a Gold Team but did have teams in the Silver that made it only more difficult.

What was very evident early on was the pure guts and determination of this side and that every game they would fight to end of the final bell. They would accept defeat graciously and then other times celebrate their win a respectful manner. They never let the game be bigger than them. The boys did receive the underdog tag very early on in the season and by all accounts preferred to have their backs to the walls and pull out some great performances. Looking at our team we had a widely spread bunch of players. Our forwards and attacking players were Jax, Jackson and Zac. These 3 boys took the ball up to the line over and over again during our matches and often found success running in the fringe of the play and opening up that 1st and 2nd corridor that occurs in Under 9 footy.

Our back rowers comprised of Banjo, Jayden & Ox and often these boys would jump into the halves and the spine when needed. Each of these boys showed that they can be very versatile in their play and created absolute nightmares for most teams. Each of the boys could also easily do placement kicks when needed during the game.

Coaches Award: Jackson Hay

Trainers Award: Charlie Beare

Players Player Award: Jaxon Wong

Our halves/spine and we had a few.... and these are in combination with all the above players were Luke, Koby, Jaxon, Charlie and Lennox. The beauty of these boys like the rest of the team was the versatile positions we could play them in. Under 9 footy can be hard when you need 4 sets of DH and FR every game and that can be tedious at times.

During the later half of the year, we were also joined by Sebastian Mackie (better known as Bashie) who played from the Under 9 Bronze in our team. A first-year player but someone you could put in any position and they would do their best for you. We are extremely thankful for you helping us out in the do or die games.

Possibly the most exciting match of the year was the final game of the season vs GyMEA (3) and if we won this match and had another decision go our way, we would push our way into the final series. The boys played a well-managed game and put that decision beyond a doubt.

We went into what would be our final game during the 1st week of the finals and played Kurnell who we had a big defeat a few rounds before and then a very close game early in the season. Using the term underdogs was fitting and we knew we were up against it. Some final series nerves got the boys early and we were down 18-0 going into the 3rd quarter. The boys then put a massive 3rd quarter performance on to go into the 4th quarter 18-12 down and unfortunately the 4th quarter was not ours. But this performance showed what this team could do and was capable of. Kurnell then went on to win the grand final 2 weeks later.

We would like to thank all the parents from this team for the great year, some great celebrations and what can only be called a very close-knit family in the end. One of the massive highlights was the 50th game jersey presentation for Luke, Charlie, Jax and Koby – something that will sit with us for years to come.

Finally, Brendan, Will and Daryl would like to thank the 4th member of the team that kept us all in line and more importantly managed the group so well. We never heard of any issues during the games or after and it allowed us to do our jobs. Thanks very much Danielle for managing this group.

Overall like the end of year speeches, some will be defined by their results, accolades and other but a team is a group of people that stick together, back each other and give it their all. We would take that approach any day of the year.

Boys, you were a dream to Coach this year, we wish you all the best with whatever path you choose next year, but there will always be a home in the Silvers for you.

Daryl, Brendan, Will & Danielle.



UNDER 9 - BRONZE

Coach: Nick “Busy” James

Trainer: Benjamin Mackie...Craig Saunders/Luke Allen/Adam Gallo

Manager: Sarah Phillips

Support crew: everyone else that was part of our great team!

Wow, what a rollercoaster of a season! The boys made us all very proud with their constant effort and team spirit, which saw them improve so much throughout the year!

The little legends that formed the mighty U9 Bronze Whalers are:

Toby “Tank” Edwards – our big middle forward that took a while to warm up, but then boom! He made a break and ran 40m... let’s make it 70m ... to score a great try in the Elimination Final. Once you realise your potential, Tobes, you’ll smash ‘em!

Maddox “Dax” Emery – a great team player that always gives 100%... and his lucky kicking tee helped us win a couple of games too! Keep working on your “D” Dax and continue to enjoy your footy!

Beau “Chopper” Allen – a speedster and try scoring machine, but I’ve nicknamed him Chopper because of his legs tackles that chopped the opposition player down on a regular basis!

Sebastian “Bashie” Mackie – a newbie to footy, he improved so much early in the season and became a really solid player that was equally good in attack and defence... and a great team player!

Xavier “X” Heares – our X-factor, who kept trying really hard and improved so much with his catching and passing, efforts in defence and ability to hold the ball tight when under pressure... well done X!

Jack “Jungle” Gallo – initially a very quiet, inexperienced first year league player, Jack slotted into the team really well and had fun from the get-go. His skills improved so much and once he got a bit of confidence, he showed us what he could do, especially in “D”!

Grayson “Rambo” Chandler – the kid has no fear and rips in every game, both in attack and defence... and also while defending himself from unprovoked attacks from opposition players! Great season Rambo!

Charlie “Cement” Saunders – tough as nails, always gives 100% in defence, attack, kicking, attitude... Cement has it all! Great season Charlie and a deserved winner of your teammates’ choice as Player’s Player!

Ned "Dart" James – while this guy has always loved a little dart from dummy half to score a try, it was his hugely improved attitude and technique in defence later in the season that impressed me the most. Great effort Ned!

After a tough start to the season, the boys had a couple of chances to get their first win mid-season, but the bounce of the ball just didn't go our way. But once they got a taste of victory, they put a few of the top sides to the sword! A good example was their 50-46 win over the minor premiers, De La Salle.

Thank you to all the boys and especially the parents for your commitment, respect and effort throughout the 2023 season – we appreciate it!



After beating De La 50-46! Thanks heaps to the U8 boys for helping us out a few times.



The boys after their first win of the season... with a last minute try to pip Engadine Dragons 34-30!

UNDER 10 - GOLD

Coach: Pete Cohen

Trainers: Steve Hinton/Taulima Tautai

Manager: Darryl Melvin

Another great year from the boys, Grand finalists for the 2nd year in a row. Unfortunately finishing runners up again to a very good GyMEA team.

This year was the boys first year to play on the bigger field and whilst we took a while to adjust we still managed to get a few wins and a draw in the early part of the year without setting the world on fire. With a few new additions to the team this year it took us a while to sort out the best positions for the boys.

Was so good to watch these boys grow as footy players and more importantly mates as the year went on. Great bunch of kids with lots of different personalities and a fun bunch to coach.

There were lots of highlights this year as a team and some outstanding individual performances throughout many of the games. Great thing about this group is that we don't rely on the same kids week in week out to get us over the line.

Highlights

- RD 5 28-18 win against De La (intercept with 2min to go)
- RD 8 22-12 win against Engadine (tough gritty win)
- RD 11 36-6 win against Aquinas (most complete performance of the year)
- RD 12 18-16 win against De La (most exciting win of the year, scoring on the buzzer)
- RD 15 40-18 win against Engadine (tough dominant performance).

A big thanks to Steve and T for helping train and coach the boys throughout the year it really is a team effort with plenty of laughs and positive vibes creating a great team culture which is starting to shine through. Darryl without you we'd be lost, thanks for looking after all the admin and to all the parents, grandparents, siblings, thanks for your continued and consistent support throughout the season whether it be at training or on game day.

It really has been an enjoyable season and hopefully see all back next year where hopefully we can go one better.

Thanks
Pete

Players Player - Luka Abinja

Coaches Award - Campbell Sellick

Most Improved - Henry Keane

Luka Abinja - Another great year by Luka winning the players player award, reads the game so well and plays way above his weight, such a tough kid who never gives up as shown by his 2 Scotty Sattler like tackles in the last 2 games of the year.

Cooper Bell - Tries hard and has pace to burn, what Coops gives away in size he makes up in ticker. 2 of Coops Highlights came against DeLa where in RD 5 he pulled off one of the hits of the year, then in RD 12 scoring the match winning try.

Jett Carroll - What an addition to the team, in Jetts first year of footy he has really found his sport. Brings such enthusiasm and a positive attitude to training and game day and always pumps the boys up. Was voted by his peers to Captain the team in the final series.

Ryan Cohen - Leads the team around on the field and at training. Always puts in the effort and is a great team player, has attacking flare but was more impressed by his improvement in defence this year.

Archie Goody - First year in the Gold team this year but feels like he's been around a lot longer. Strong year by Archie with his barnstorming runs and strong defence, always listens and tries his best which is a great asset to have.

Leon Hinton - Great year by Leon, started the year at FR but ended up in the forwards. Has energy to burn, strong runner of the ball and an even better defender, leads by example on the field and wears his heart on his sleeve. Highlight was Leon's length of the field intercept against DeLa in RD 5.

Henry Keane - Also Henry's first year in the golds. Whilst it took Henry a few games to find his feet he really improved and found his position as FR as the season went on. A very skillful ball player, Henry's defence also improved and he was voted our teams most improved player of the year.

Koah Matthews - One of our teams best defenders, Koah tackles with purpose and doesn't take a backwards step against anyone. Koah is also a great runner of the ball scoring many tries with his strong runs. Really good team player and a pleasure to coach.

Lawson Meagher - Another great season from Law. Teams really struggle to contain Law when he gets going. Nearly impossible to stop when he gets on a charge. Scored many tries this year but was really impressed by Laws defence. If we can unlock the fire in Law week in week out he could be anything.

Cooper Melvin - Mister reliable, Coops doesn't say much but lets his actions do the talking. Really good season this year and is still one of the best defenders in our team, tough and uncompromising. Found his position in DH and makes about 20m every run. Also managed to sniff out a few tries this year.

Campbell Sellick - Cam came back a different kid this year. Trains as he plays which is all or nothing, was a dominant forward all season and his performance in the semi - final against Aquinas had to be seen to be believed. Also won the coaches award for his outstanding effort all year. We'll done Cam.

Ziggy Tautai - Another one of our lethal forward pack. Ziggy puts the fear in the opposition when he runs and when he tackles. Once Ziggy realises how strong he is he will be one of the most dominant players in the comp, looking forward to watching Ziggy develop over the next few years.

Hughie Teasel - What Hughie gives away in size he makes up with strength and character. Weather it be making strong tackles(mostly high) or running straight at the big forwards Hughie does not take a backward step. Also has a sense of humour and cheekiness beyond his years.



UNDER 10 - BRONZE

Coach: Michael Beare

Manager: Victoria Adesso

Trainer: Darryn Maynard

The year started off very hard not having enough players for the run on side.

We had to forfeit our first game.

Once we had all of our players at the game and with help from the under 9s we started getting it together.

We had half of our players, playing their first year of footy and the ones who had played before really stepped up. Having their best year.

It didn't take us long to get our first win of the year against GyMEA after that I couldn't have been happier with the boy's performances throughout the year and you could see the boy's confidence growing as the year went on.

With help from the 9s who did a great job and Harry joining our team and played a year up that helped so much.

We concentrated on our defence at training with limited numbers every week you could see some of the boys tackling got so much you could see it pay off when it came to game time.

Making the finals and only having 9 players on the field for the game against GyMEA, the boys dug deep and got the win progressing to the next week where we were beaten by Dela, but I couldn't of been more proud of the boys efforts throughout the year. To make it one game from the grand final shows how far the boys had come.

I'd like to thank Daryll and all the 9 players who played up this year they made our year possible.

Hoping to see all the boys back next year and with some more numbers we could really give this grade a good go.

Thanks to all the parents and the boys for all there efforts this year.

See you next year.

Thanks



UNDER 11 - GOLD

Coach: Cain Best / Scott Wilson

Manager: Fiona Vula

Trainer: Justin Puckeridge

2023 Premiers!!

The 2023 season for these boys started off differently to the other past 2 seasons. We were dealt a heavy loss in the 1st game of the year by Engadine, the team we beat the year before in the grand final, and it proved to be a blessing in disguise as it taught the boys how to deal with adversity and to work and play harder to secure the premiership. It took us 4 attempts to beat Engadine during the season, however we timed our run to perfection, and it showed in Round 14, that we are the better team winning 12-0, then backing it up the following week in the Major semi-final with a 30-0 thrashing of Engadine. We met De La Salle in the grand final and the boys were never troubled and took out their 2nd premiership with a 24-6 Win. For me this year's win was more special than our 1st win as we had our backs to the wall and the boys showed true grit and determination to fight back and be the champions again. I would like to thank Scott, Justin, Fiona and Niketa for all their help and assistance throughout the year. It is very much appreciated to have great people helping. I would also like to thank John for coming down and helping throughout the year and providing great insights and direction to the boys. The boys are truly lucky to be able to gain this NRL level advice. Also, thank you to the parents that helped with 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 had another exceptional year. We are building on making him into a true leader and I thought in 2023 Ohio showed through his actions he is developing into this role. He isn't a big talker, but when you light that fuse, especially against De La, lookout he goes into terminator mode. Ohio has always been a fearless runner of the football, but for me the areas of improvement in his game this year, have been his aggressive no holds barred defence.

Levi Bateman – Levi had a good year and managed to score his 1st try in this team, this year, against Gynea. A rugged defender and solid carrier of the football he is improving every year. He had his best game against Engadine early in the season where he tackled everything that moved.

Jackson Best – Jackson had a good year. He started off in red hot form then tapered in the middle part of the season struggling to get good ball. The most pleasing part of Jackson's season was the try he set up in the Grand Final where we taught him to catch the ball on the inside shoulder and use his speed to get on the outside shoulder of his man creating a 2 on 1 and putting Ryder over untouched.

Nolan Grantham – Nolan had an outstanding year. We learned throughout the season that he just wasn't getting any good ball, so we moved him into the FR bib position and from there he scored 8 tries to close out the year in 5 games and single handily torched all opposition teams showing his skill, speed, and class. Nolan's game against Engadine in the major semi final was a pure joy to watch and seeing him in clear space is breathtaking.

Noah Kelly – Noah had a great year. His versatility and uncanny knack of finding space with the ball leaves the oppositions grasping at air. He is the type of player that plays footy like he is playing backyard footy. Noah's best game this year was against Engadine in the semi final where he looked dangerous every time he touched the ball and scored a good team try in the corner.

Taj Morris – Taj had a great year this year and really stepped up his game. His consistency in attack and defence every week is effortless. Taj always saves his best games for GyMEA, but he also had a great game against De La Salle in Round 12 scoring the first 2 tries to set the tone for the match and a 30-0 drumming of the opposition.

Lewis Puckeridge – Lewis had a good year and really worked hard on improving his game on the edges. He also had strong carries of the football in the middle of the field which was underpinned by his try against Kurnell in which he split them straight through the middle for a great try.

Nixon Rye – Nixon had an outstanding season this year. Nixon's consistency on a football field is unparalleled and every week you always know he is going to be one of our best players. I thought his game this year matured well and his timing in running the football from dummy half is sublime. Throw in there that generally he is our leading tackler every week and we have one seriously good footballer in the making.

Koah Stanley – Koah had an exceptional year. His game this year went next level and his ability to compete at a high level week in week out is outstanding. Koah earned our Best and Fairest award for the year which is a great honour in this talented team. He should be very proud of his achievements in 2023.

Ryder Tepania – Ryder had another strong season this year with some strong carries on the edge and scoring some great tries. His best try came against GyMEA in the 1st set of the second half where he found space down the right edge and burnt the opposition scoring a length of the field try.

Marley Wilson – Marley had an exceptional year. Nothing fazes this kid - even having to deal with a broken nose early in the season. He is such a fierce competitor on the football field and then a true gentleman off the field. You will not meet a nicer kid, just don't get in his way on the field as he will destroy all that comes across him.

Zach Wilson – Zach had a good year. We moved him into dummy half later in the year and he had to adapt and learn a new position on the run. I thought his tenacity and courage came out in his performance against Engadine in Round 14 where he was a constant threat with the football and a rock in defence standing up to much bigger kids and not taking a backward step.

Roman Vula – Roman had another great season which was underpinned by his performance in the grand final where I gave him my Man of the match. A great competitor in attack and defence and a loyal teammate and mate. We learned this in the grand final with him standing up for his mate Ohio.



UNDER 11 - SILVER

Coach: Darrin Forster

Manager: Amy James

Trainer: Paul Cavallaro

The 2023 season has come to an end and on reflection was one that had numerous positives and had its challenges for the players, coaches and parents. Majority of this team came off the huge high of a premiership season last year which only resulted in 1 loss all year. Off the back of this great season, the team was then promoted to the Gold comp which was a huge step up for the boys and when coupled with unforeseen challenges which including adding new players at the 11hour, made the year start off with a huge mountain for the boys to climb.

With 4 new players joining the team and only having 1 reserve, the boys needed to come together quickly which to their credit they did and gave everything they had in every game. The first half of the season was a huge test for the boys and whilst the score board wasn't in our favour, they did show persistence, perseverance & resilience way beyond their ages. As coaches and parents we couldn't have been more proud of how each of them turned up week in week out to training and the game and gave everything they had. After week 8, the boys collectively decided to forego any opportunity to play finals and agreed to drop back down to the silver comp. This seemed like a huge weight had been lifted off their shoulders and you could certainly notice they had a greater outlook on each game. The highlight for me as a coach was seeing them win their first game of the year which was against Taren Point who happened to make the Silver grand final so this win was something the boys can look back on as a huge positive for the season.

It was no secret the season was difficult but I did however see huge improvements across the entire team and whilst the boys might not see it, I'm sure this they will when they run onto the field next year. I would like to thank Paul and Amy for all the help support and positive attitude throughout the season and I'm sure the boys appreciated everything you guys did for them this year. Thank you!

Thank you to all the boys, you have been an absolute pleasure to coach and I look forward to seeing you all come back next year for a bigger and better season!

Darrin

Players Player – Caleb Hoekstra

Trainers Award – Taj Forster

Coaches Award – Archie James



UNDER 11 - BRONZE (3)

Coach: Kris McClelland

Trainer: Todd Newton

Manager: Erin McClelland

Firstly, thank you so much to all parents, grandparents, supporters, and all those that followed our boys throughout this year. Also, thanks to everyone that helped through the year, which is our awesome team volunteers. From training, organising, canteen and BBQ. This is the way teams work, thank you all so much!

It was a year of resilience and amazing efforts from all players. Our first month of footy was tough and proved hard to get a win against sides that were not playing as a team. We lost games to individual players scoring tries, but we kept playing as a team and that's why we had a great season.

When we changed comps late in the season we got our first win, then went on a run to the semis. Unfortunately, we bowed out of the semis with a 24 all draw after extra time. We Didn't lose the semi. We played as a team again, and we were the better team. It just how the cookie crumbled.

Todd, Erin, and I thank you all for the amazing effort all you boys put in this season. Effort and commitment to your mates is how Rugby League is played!

Next year is going to be bigger and better, I know this from all the effort you boys put into this year.

Byron Aubrey: Your work to direct our backline from 5/8th was amazing, but even more impressive was your skills at fullback to catch and run back making good metres for your team. When you were receiving the kicks from the opposition, our hearts on the sideline skipped a beat but you ALWAYS took it like a pro. Well done!

Marcus Bottle: So tough in defence! Taking down players left right and centre. What a great technique you have. Your work from DH and elusive foot work is great to watch. You are the ultimate utility. Playing DH, FB, 5/8th, W, C, everywhere you played you owned the position for the game. The most impressive thing for us, was your commitment and effort to all aspects of our team.

Crue Crothers: Another great year, hard running and being a middle enforcer. We love when you take that ball and go beast mode to score many tries. Your mates look to you to make the big runs and your tackles. You led your mates by example. Always the hard runner and enforcer, Love your game matey.

Darcy Kelly: Unbelievable season Darcy, many 'Man of the match' games. You are a natural centre or 2nd rower, your commitment to your mates is great. And that speed! This season we saw a leader coming out in you. This is the best season I've ever seen you play.

Rueben O'Reilly: Buddy, your passion to the game and to your team is so admirable. You wear your heart on your sleeve and do it well. When your team needs a big hit up, you go to monster hit up. I'm so proud of how you played the season. Your running as a back is coming along greatly.

Reyne Newton: This was your standout year! The runs and hits you put on the opponents was awesome. Getting through the line and taking the big opponents out was great to watch. The best was seeing you just hit up hard and give 100% into everything. Start of the season DH work was great too. The effort at training and being a solid team member to your team was a standout of yourself this year.

Kynan McClelland: A great year mate, thank you for your work as our captain. You did your best to get our team motivated and playing as a unit, communicating with ref's etc when needed you nailed, I love that. Keep running hard to make that advantage line like you do. Nice kicking this year too.

Jake Milton: Players/Player for a very good reason, this year you played so well as our Half Back and 2nd rower. You had a great season, Jake. Your direction of the team was great. Can't wait to see you do it again next year and beyond.

Carter-Roam Peters: Wow dude! You nailed it this season. DH work was perfect, we especially love the way you hunt for the ball and are like a 'Ghost' (Erin's call) when zipping through the pack. It's like you get the ball and then we are 40m down the field. Your attitude to footy this year was so amazing. You're a very exciting player to watch.

Billy Srougi: Gets my coaches award. Billy was first to training, last to leave, and always came to coach asking, 'what can I do better'. Billy played almost every position this year. If I asked him to play DH, he did. If I asked him to play 2nd row, he did. Billy played 6 games as a middle forward. I asked him to play centre, he did, Billy nailed every position and got so much better as a footballer.
Billy you were the best player in your coach's opinion. Well done, Bill.

Kobe Stupicic: Mr Reliable always, Kobe you play the game so well. Absolute dominator in defence and such a heart runner. Todd and I are so grateful you took the halfback role on board, because you did an amazing job at it. Todd has given you his trainers award which is so well deserved.

Lachlan Walker: My Man! You are so tough, your defence all year at fullback and wing was impeccable. Remember the game against Taren Point? You were one of the ones that gave effort to take down the big kids and you did it. I'm so glad you got to have a win and the sheds party after our home win. You also played a very heroic game on your return in the semi-final.

Eli Walczak: Our enforcer at the start of the year! You are a wrecking ball that our team needs, and you took that role with gusto. Unfortunately, your injury after playing Kurnell, you couldn't play again this season, but inspired your team when they saw you there. As a team player, you came to every match you could and helped you coach and trainer with ideas. We may need this from you next year Eli.

Thanks Everyone.

Players Player: Jake Milton

Coaches Award: Billy Srougi

Trainers Award: Kobe Stupicic



UNDER 11 - BRONZE (4)

Coach: Luke Danes

Manager: Llania Pender

Trainer: Be-Joh Goon Chew

Under 11 Bronze 2023 season.

Well they say a loss only makes you stronger. Going by that theory we may be the strongest team in the club!!!

Jokes aside the boys had a great season. They worked hard at training and developed a great mate ship amongst themselves. The team was made up of experienced and first season players. But no matter what skill set each of the boys brought to the team they accepted each other for who they were and got on with the job.

The team didn't see much success on the scoreboard but they certainly displayed great sportsmanship, team spirit and resilience. Week in week out they got up and dusted themselves off and came back to training with a smile on there faces ready to go again.

While they were on the back end of some pretty heavy losses, their love of the game and commitment to each other is something that can't be taken away from them.

It's easy to learn to celebrate a win but one of life's hardest lessons is learning how to be gracious in defeat and these boys are a testament to this.

Well done team you can be proud of your efforts this season.

Coach, Luke Dunne



UNDER 12 - GOLD

Coach: Chase Stanley

Manager: Lloyd Bevan

Trainer: Jamie Small / Josh Bateup

The Under 12A's had a bumpy ride in a roller coaster season, that was punctuated with injuries and boys being unavailable for various reasons which made it hard to train consistently as a group. We were lucky enough to be able to call on a few under 11's boys that helped us enormously.

We started the year with a close loss to grand finalists Renown. We defended well and were unlucky to get the win in a low scoring game. 3 times we lost to Renown by 8 points or less. Twice by missed conversions. This proved to be the storyline for much of our year. Close losses in low scoring games.

Highlights for the year were a great 16-6 win against the Gymea gorillas at Gymea, and a 10-6 win against Dela. A team we had never beaten up to this year as a group.

We finished the year with 5 wins, 1 draw, and 8 losses over the 14 games. To paint a picture, even with that record our for-and-against was even at 182 points scored, and 182 points against. A testament the boys resilience.

At the end of the regular season, we finished 4th in a competition that was so tight, anyone could beat anyone on the day. The record shows we were beaten by Gymea in the Semi-final again by only a few points. It was really a game that got away. There is an old saying that defence is about attitude. This team always had a great attitude. Never gave up on each other.

The way we finished off the year showed there is a heap of improvement in this team. I look forward to all the boys returning next year.

Thankyou to all the parents that assisted in the canteen, BBQ and driving the kids to training and games.

Mostly thankyou to Chase and Jamie for putting their hands up to coach and giving their time and rugby league knowledge to our boys.

See you all on the sandhills for pre-season training!

Cheers Bevo.



UNDER 12 - SILVER

Coach: David Griffin

Manager: Sue Mulhane

Trainer: Dennis Gonzalez

Unfortunately it wasn't our year this year, we almost got across the line for our first win within a few points on many occasions.

The comp this year was a bit hard, and we played all top teams straight off the bat, but right from the word go our team showed resilience, courage, and they did not give up, even when they were down on players and the scoreboard.

As the season went on we got better and better, and even against those top teams, the scores got closer and closer, but still it wasn't meant to be.

Towards the end of the season, our defence had become much better, and we had started to move the ball more freely and easier, I am proud of all the players and all they have achieved this year, and the skills they've learnt, and the young men and women they have become in this great game and I hope they will continue on playing with each other for many years to come.

Keep your heads up guys, I know it wasn't our year, your resilience and your can do attitudes prove that you can achieve anything in the future.

I would like to thank the club and the parents for all the support this year and all the bbq duties that they have done, I truly appreciate it.

I have coached this team for the past 4 years and it has been a pleasure to work with Dennis & Sue, I hope they will also come back next year and stay with the team, for another season, and hopefully a victorious one !



UNDER 13 - SILVER

Coach: Brad Kelly

Trainer: David Nickerson

Manager: Nathan Redmayne

This season saw the team improve again from last year and the results indicated that we were a team that was willing to stick it to the dominant teams in the age group. After a rocky start we found our groove as a team and were able to come up with some solid wins against Kingsgrove, GyMEA, De La, and Aquinas. We managed to get ourselves into the semi finals and were unlucky not to come away with a victory against the eventual grand finalists, Brighton. The finals appearance was a reward for the hard work the boys put in throughout the year and they should be proud of their achievements.

Our defence was a cornerstone of our performance as a team throughout 2023. We were able to stay with most opposition teams throughout the year and if games were lost, they were due to a standout player on the other team scoring a runaway try against the run of play.

Our attacking prowess improved also, and we managed to score many well-constructed team tries. The teams understanding of the attacking principles required to achieve success and the ability to execute, was pleasing to see.

Our forwards played tough throughout the year and threw themselves at every opposition pack they faced. Cody Williams had his season cut short through injury but was consistent as ever with his attacking ability an asset to the team. Saade Aukuso was once again an imposing figure to the opposition with his sheer presence. His work rate improved as the season progressed and he was able to get the team moving forward with his charging runs. Declan Lusby continued his upward trajectory of improvement and once he wound up, was able to bust open the edges of the oppositions defensive line. Samuel Shatte was a consistent worker once again and plied his trade with a minimum of fuss each week. Thomas Lopes was again elusive around the ruck and used his speed and guile to make the opposition look silly if they ever underestimated him based on his stature. William Nickerson was again a standout with his toughness on both sides of the ball. He ran the ball hard every time he touched it and he crunched anyone silly enough to run at him. Cooper Kelly returned from a year out of the game and found his feet as the season progressed. His versatility enabled him to play multiple positions throughout the season and he settled in well to the hooker position when he was required to do so. Max Clifton was no nonsense with his approach to the game, throwing himself into the opposition when he ran the ball and ripping in with his defence. Cooper Rye was a welcome injection to the team and was a standout each week both with his attack and his defence, but also his knowledge of the game allowed others in the team to learn from him and improve themselves.



Our backs were led by our crafty halfback Hayden Meagher, who continued to use his deception and wit to fool the opposition defence. He was ably supported by Kash Lemke who had a strong running game throughout the season and scored some crucial tries when games were in the balance. Ryder Moss was once again solid at the back and injected himself into attacking raids but also came up with many try saving tackles. Jaxon Redmayne moved between the forwards and the backs but was versatile in his ability to run the ball and was elusive throughout the year with his speed and footwork. Tyson Brennan was rock solid in defence and showed once again that his tackling was something that he thrives on. Reid Frazier played tough each week and improved as the year went on particularly with his defensive ability. Shane Vaisbein played above his weight each week and was fearless in the collision both in attack and defence. Jack Ramsey continued to improve his attack and defence throughout the year and played consistently on the edges each week.

Well done on the year boys. Once again, they were a pleasure to coach and I would like to thank Nathan Redmayne for all his help throughout the year on the training paddock and to Dave Nickerson for his managerial duties.

Brad Kelly

- Players Player:** Cooper Rye
Coaches Award: Sam Shatte
Trainers Award: Will Nickerson



UNDER 13 - BRONZE

Coach: Blair Tumeth

Manager: Megan Bard

Trainer: Caleb Fitzpatrick / Navrin Tumeth

What a season for the mighty U13 Bronze Sharks!

First time we've made finals and we're only gonna get better if the boys work as hard as they did this year. The boys were fitter, faster, stronger than ever before and it showed in the way they played.

At one point about the halfway mark we we're sitting in second place. We played 2 truly epic games against the Roosters, who went the whole season undefeated but we gave them a big fright in both those games.

Those games, although we lost showed the potential of all the boys, both as individuals and as a team. They are, to a man, an outstanding group. Both as footballers and as young men they blow me away with their improvement and their potential.

I consider it an absolute privilege to coach the team and really hope the boys will all return in 2024 so we can give it another red hot go. We're only gonna get better.

Massive, massive shout out to Manager Megz, who works tirelessly behinds the scenes to keep our team humming. And massive, massive, MASSIVE shout out to our trainer Fitzy, who never ever misses a moment of the season and is a dead set legend.

It is awesome to be your coach. I love watching you guys get better and I can't wait to roll the dice again next season.

We're doing pre-season again. I'll see everyone at the sand dunes.

Cheers, Blair

UNDER 13 BRONZE AWARDS:

PLAYERS PLAYER AWARD: Pablo Azurdia Webb

OUTSTANDING ATTACKER AWARD: Andrew Thomson

OUTSTANDING DEFENDER AWARD: Will Cooper

UNDER 14 - GOLD

Coach: Josh Bateup

Manager: Trevor Taylor

Trainer: Luke Dauroff

The 2023 season was a very special year, to finish off as undefeated premiers again was such a special effort that needs to be recognised & celebrated.

We started with 17 players, but very early we were down to 14 for most of the regular season. Unfortunately, we then had one of our big forwards Rueben, who was having a standout season sustained a hip injury that required surgery. That left us with 13 registered players! This brought a great challenge to the Coaching staff. First issue was replacing the halfback & finding a regular centre, after trailing multiple combinations Jodi fitted into half & Billy went to centre with great success. Zac Crealy soon went from super sub to permanent 2nd row & was one of the most improved players of the season, playing above his weight cutting down anything in defence. With normal injuries & concussion rulings at one stage we only had 10 registered players on the field at our worst, filling in was a mixture of U/14Silver's & U/13. With this in mind our players had to play multiple positions, for example CJ played Centre, winger fullback then ended up in 2nd row. Jayden played Half, fullback & wing. Ashton who improved on par with Zac in the year moved the most playing every position other than in the halves & lock.

Very strong again were Logan, CJ, Jayden & Charlie scoring most of our points. Little tough man Ethan, switched between Centre & Hooker with great success. Consistently having gutsy performances were our front row of Jimmy & Cash. Nash at hooker giving away at least 25kgs to the opposition was great with his dummy half service. Parker came into the team this year from the silvers & has improved, learnt a lot & definitely grown in confidence again playing various positions. As mentioned, before we couldn't have got through the year without the support of the Silver's players backing up. Thankyou to Corey for loaning us your players throughout the year. Special mention to Will Best, Ethan Blackwell, Lawson Renaldi & Josh Goodhew all backing up after their season unfortunately ended, but getting a Grand final appearance.

To the Under 13's Cooper Rye & Will Nickerson backing up after playing on the Saturday up a year is what tough men are made of thanks for the support. To Hunter, great things are ahead of you, such a super effort. This year we had Cain & Luke come into the Coaching staff, can't say enough of how your support & efforts helped with having the success we had this year.

TO THE BOYS

We started at the Sandhills back in February, all of you never stopped putting in from then to the last training run before the Grand Final, this is why you have had great success and you deserved it. To win 3 grand finals in a row (May have been 4, but for Covid) is such a special thing that you will later in life reflect on, hopefully with fond memories.

Josh, Cain, Luke & I are very proud & equally your parents.

Thanks for the year!

Trev.

UNDER 14 - SILVER

Coach: Cory Rinaldi

Manager: Katrine Rinaldi

Trainer: Sean Thomas

As we all know, by the end of a Rugby League season many hours and lots of hard work go into the outcome of any team. Some years you are unbeatable, other years you must work so hard all the way through but if the team as a whole learn and develop, then you become better players by the end. This year for the Under14 Silver team I believe that is what happened.

Before the season even started a selection of boys were keen to build on their running and fitness. Many Saturday mornings involved running the dirt track at Green Hills, increasing the distance weekly.

Once we could start training at our home field the majority of the Under13 Silver team returned with a few fresh faces to fill the holes of those who did not return from the off season.

Straight away the same passion and competitiveness returned and after explaining the rules at training again, we started to build on the previous years' workload.

This year our Under14 Silver team finished 3rd on the ladder with equal points of second place GyMEA Gorillas. The boys played 12 games with the following stats, WINS 7, DRAWN 2 and LOST 3. These numbers do not tell the story of each game, the boys showed great team-spirit, team, and individual determination. There were so many highlights mixed with the occasional low moment that made us want to fight harder next time. Games where we had just enough and games where our bench was quite intimidating. But most of all through all these moments, as a coach I saw every boy develop and shine from the first game to the last.

The highlight for me was the inaugural ANZAC game against Joeys. I would like to thank the club and Cronulla RSL Subbranch for all your support and hopefully we can make this an annual event. But what impressed me was the character each boy showed in that game. The encased all the fundamentals that are associated to the values and behaviours of the Australian Defence Force. They are, Courage, Respect, Integrity, and Excellence and most of all Mateship! The game came down to the wire with us winning 14-12, the day and meaning behind it was the success.

To all the parents, once again thank you all for your ongoing support for another tough season. Thank you to Sean and Katrine for your dedication and support. And to the boys, thank you once again for listening, learning, and making memories.

Coach Cory

Most Improved: Sunny Ganderton

Coaches Award: William Lanham

Player of the Year: Tully Mathews

UNDER 16 - GOLD

Coach: Rea Pittman

Manager: Joe Lichaa

Trainer: Tokerau Raru / Brian Thomson

A Season of Triumph and Unity

Dear fellow club members, supporters, and rugby league enthusiasts,

It is with immense pride and joy that I pen down this season report for our Cronulla Caringbah Under-16s Rugby League team. The 2023 season has been nothing short of spectacular, culminating in our well-deserved championship win.

The Journey

This season was a rollercoaster of emotions and dedication. Our journey began with a shared dream, a group of talented young players, and a dedicated coaching staff. We knew we had something special from day one, and that conviction only grew stronger as the season unfolded.

Teamwork and Unity

One of the defining features of this season was the unwavering unity within the team. Our players understood the importance of working together, both on and off the field. They showed remarkable sportsmanship, respect for one another, and an unbreakable bond that was evident in every match we played.

Hard Work and Determination

Success in rugby league doesn't come easy, and this group of young athletes was no stranger to hard work. They committed themselves to rigorous training sessions and countless hours of skill development. Their determination was truly inspiring, serving as a testament to their dedication to the sport.

Coaching Staff

It would be remising of me not to acknowledge individuals who played an instrumental role in our success. Their knowledge, experience, and tireless efforts ensured our players were prepared both mentally and physically for every challenge that came our way. I cannot put in to words how much it meant to the team and how much love and respect we have for you so thank you Tokerau Raru, Joe Lichaa, Brian Thomson and Will Russell.

Match Highlights

Throughout the season, our team displayed exceptional skills, determination, and a never-give-up attitude. We faced tough opponents, but our players rose to the occasion every time. While it's challenging to highlight every achievement, there are some memorable moments that stand out:

- 1. Grand Final Victory:** Our crowning achievement was undoubtedly winning the grand final. It was a hard-fought battle, and our players demonstrated their grit and resilience, securing a well-deserved victory.
- 2. Short on Numbers:** We played games with only 11-12 players at times this season due to rep honours, injuries and sickness and yet we never dropped our standards and were always competitive. I truly believe these tough times built character and resilience in the team which is why we won.

The Future Looks Bright

As we conclude this remarkable season, we look to the future with optimism. The talent, dedication, and unity displayed by our Under-16s team are a testament to the bright future of our club. With continued hard work and support, there is no limit to what these young athletes can achieve.

Acknowledgments

I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to the players, coaching staff, parents, and supporters who made this season possible. Your unwavering support and commitment were the driving force behind our success.

In closing, the 2023 season will forever be etched in the history of Cronulla Caringbah Rugby League. Our Under-16s team has proven that with teamwork, determination, and passion, we can achieve greatness. I am honoured to be part of this incredible journey, and I look forward to witnessing the continued growth and success of our club.

Thank you, and here's to many more seasons of triumph.
Cbah Forever Till We Die!!!

Trophies are as follows:

Most Valuable Player – Jack Ennis
Best & Fairest – Mason Bevan
Most Improved – Max Johnston



UNDER 17 - SILVER

Coach: Peter McCallum

Manager: Karen Frazer

Trainer: David Van Der Weegen

It was heartbreaking to exit the comp in the preliminary final this year. I thought we were the better team, a lot of things did not go our way and we lost in the last minute of the game, still fighting until the end. The team that beat us went on to win the comp. So although it appears we went backwards from last year making the GF, I think we actually improved. The boys were a pleasure to coach. They are an outstanding bunch of blokes with great team spirit and camaraderie, you parents should be very proud. Rugby league is a game where there is no hiding. Personalities are out there on display and our boys showed admirable character

Here's a rundown on the players,

Brandon Darke: The most talented player in the team. Safe under the high ball, excellent kick returns, very elusive (more steps than the opera house) and many try saving tackles

Jaedyn Young: Strong determined runner and effective in defence

Joel Bates: (The Executioner) His tackling was awesome, excellent timing, he just about cut them in half

Sonny Williams: Keeps on improving, he grew in confidence and it showed on the field with his strong running and defence

Seth Barker: Fast and tough., made a lot of metres with his runs and scored some sensational tries

Max Lizzo: Our ever reliable vice captain does everything well; an integral part of the team

Joel Fraser: I have watched him play for 13 years now and this was his best season yet. Never gives up

Brodie Ollie: Unfortunately for us, did not play half the season through injury and we missed him. We definitely noticed a big difference when he returned

Jackson Allouche: Tenacious and courageous player who plays well above his weight

Ryan Thompson: Keeps on improving. had an enormous year

Ryan van der Weegan: Passionate, determined player. Made huge metres every week with his running One of our team leaders

Shayne Lynch: First year with the team and made a huge contribution. Ball and all tackler and damaging runner

Damian Griffin: Versatile player who played effectively in every position in forward pack

Will Fisher: Never gives up. If he gets smashed, , will take another hit up, just keeps on going. A real team man

Daniel Ogden: Somebody forgot to tell him how much he weighs the way he tackled. Quick, instinctive runner, some great tries

James Stafford: Took plenty of hit ups and made his presence felt in defence

Brandon Toko: Versatile player who slotted in anywhere. Gave everything 110%

Malaki Williams and Jarrod Barron: did not really end up playing because of injury but we felt they were still part of the team

Noah Gisenan: Went to Fiji part way into the season and we missed him

Max Fish: Last but not least is the very essence of C’bah. The heart and soul of the team.

Thanks to :

Grant barker: helped get the boys fit both physically and mentally

Karen Fraser: our manager for doing the hardest job and doing it well

Dave Van der Weegan: Our trainer is a great mentor for the boys. Always there for them to give advice, encouragement and the occasional kick up the arse when they needed it

Thanks everyone for another enjoyable year

UNDER 18 - SILVER

Coach: Brad Takairangi

Manager: Jarrod Simpson

Trainer: Ben Mathews / Glenn Ottoway

Well lads – what another awesome year, even though it did not finish the way we had planned with a few things working against us. Anyway, you got to keep on pushing on, and this is what you all did.

Some of the games this year were tough as they came however you all stepped up to the plate and gave it your best.

You are all a great bunch of humans and on behalf of Takz, Glen, Ben and myself, it has been an absolute honour working with you all. Proud of yas all and from Big G (he luvs ya all)...

A few words from the coach below...

- **Baylee-** our very own Liam Martin clone. Runs hard and hits like a train
- **Brayden-** one of our most consistent players, tough as and sharp around the ruck
- **Brodie-** speed to burn, just needed to get him in the clear more
- **Campbell-** solid goal kicking center who played every game
- **Charlie-** new addition from engadine who carried strong for us
- **Cooper-** absolute space cadet who had a cracking first half of the year, was absolutely everywhere
- **Jacob-** the teams energiser bunny who could Marshall the troops from any position he played in
- **Jaylen-** our most consistent forward all year, knew what we would get from him each game
- **Jimmy-** good old Jimmy, got moved all over the shop but always had a ton of energy(when he wasn't self diagnosed with a injury)
- **Josh-** transitioned well into the halves and didn't miss a beat once he was in there
- **Koliya-** did really well in his first season of rugby league. Came along well
- **Kye Ottaway-** don't think he realises how big he is, wrestled well and when he carried the ball strongly for us we didn't lose a game
- **Marley-** our star player in attack. We needed to create more opportunities for him
- **Tyson-** ball of energy always had a crack once he got on the field
- **Tristan-** another late addition with speed to burn. Some nice plays when he played fullback
- **Sam-** another one of our most consistent performers. Carried the ball to hurt the opposition was a pleasure to coach

Skyy- only a small body but absolutely ripped into any task he was given whether that was training or the game

Will- a lot of untapped potential. Stop being a lazy bastard and u could go somewhere in the game

Kye Beazley- our wrestling coach who's undefeated champion ;) 1/1

Thanks
Simo



OPENS SILVER - MEN

Coach: David Griffin

Manager: Catlin Lindsay

Trainer: Daryl Gleenson

Wow, what a confused year, we had a team, we didn't have a comp to play in, we had a comp but we didn't have a team, we scraped together a team. It was the youngest team in the men's open comp and didn't we give it to them, This team went onto becoming a group of great mates.

When we went out on the field, we were always down on players, but full of confidence and believed in yourselves that anything was possible on the field.

Our very first game we played the top grade, got smashed, and we had players go down, but we had a new player that backed up every week from there on in, Damo, always putting his heart on his sleeve and always ripping it into players and lifting the team in attack and defence.

From our first game we always struggled with numbers but we all still went out there, and played hard, even when calls didn't go our way, we never gave up, even when we called the first few games early, as the season went on, we got more resilience and we got tougher against all those top teams, and we could finally stay on the field and play out the full 70 mins.

As the year went we got better in defence hitting hard even had a penalty conceded against us because you guys were tackling to hard.

We almost got over the line in one of the best games we had all year against Engadine, with the last two minutes of the game Engadine just managing to get over and kicked their goal to make it a six all draw.

To all the boys that played for us this year, and backed up for us throughout, I have watched you grow from boys into strong young men, and I couldn't be prouder.

To the players, I hope you all come back next year and have another crack at it, I know I will be and I'll see you all there.



U12 - WOMENS TACKLE

Coach: PDoug Opai

Manager: Caroline Cavanough

Trainer: Mark Sheridan

Tena Koutou e te Whanau..

With a blinding start to the 2023 season, our girls looked poised to dominate the inaugural U/12 Girls Tackle season.

We were courting the unknown as we barreled headfirst into pre-season trials with all parents excited and somewhat cautious as to what could happen, but any concerns were quickly eased when our daughters charged full steam into the season.

The pedigree of athletes we were presented with as coaches and management was outstanding with young girls from different codes deciding to apply their existing skill sets to a new team and sport and adopting their sisterhood with gusto, playing for each other and themselves. What unfolded was an experience for the ages and whilst Shero, Cazz & I agreed on a plan of attack regarding the growth of the team it was apparent from the get-go that the attention to the season would require a higher level of coaching. Fortunately for us we had the support of many families who have lived the sport and offered advice and assistance throughout the season. This combined with sport specific clinics held by the CK fam and further access to club resources only served to ensure a swift and brutal run into the finals. The journey to glory was not with its bumps and heightened emotions as our frenemy Como pipped us at the post during each of the rounds and in the playoffs, reminding us of humility and always maintaining respect for our opponents, playing to the whistle, and losing as gracefully as we win.

In about the 10th round of the season after some outstanding footy and a few polarising games, something changed in the girls, a noticeable maturity found its way into our huddles, training, and games. Their commitment to team, club and the extended C-Bah family washed over them and consolidated all the hard work they had put in from the beginning. This culminated in what can only be described as the best Grand Final I can remember as a coach. All the blood, sweat and tears (yes, we saw them all) came to the fore and brought the trophy home on the day, The inaugural season of U12 Girls League tackle was taken out in the GF by our baby Sharks, WOOP WOOP!

Shero (Mark Sheridan) brought me into the coaching fold with him, allowing me to offer a calm perspective, occasionally stepping aside as work commitments required and being there in full support at all other times. Ka nui te mihi brother (much respect) we couldn't have done it without you, your passion for the girls welfare and the game itself is unrivaled. To our no nonsense and extremely efficient Manager Cazz Cavanough, you are the glue that binds us and ensures we're all in the right place, the right way, at the right time, offering another source of even temperament when necessary; thank you for coordinating our season and making life much easier for Shero & I.

A heartfelt shout out to Damo Cavanaugh & Nate Vella who filled in coaching and on field training positions when Shero & I couldn't be there. Can't thank you enough for the unrelenting support. And of course to Todd (Gando) Ganderton and the club management as our greatest advocates and advisors, thank you for the opportunity to return to the fold and give back some of what the club gave to me 20 years ago.

There are no words for the excitement I feel when thinking about what the future holds for our daughters, they've experienced a GF win in their debut seasons, they've experienced what we mean when we continually annoy them with "Hard Work Pays Off". We can see the hunger for glory and success in their faces and will foster that until the end of days.

BRING ON 2024!
Doug Opai

"Ehara taku toa, he takitahi, he toa takitini"
"My bravery is not the bravery of one, but the bravery of many"



It was incredibly difficult to single out players as each of the girls made their mark, growing in confidence, skill and passion throughout the season. Congratulations to our 3 award winners this season:

- Players Player:** Anika Opai
- Best & Fairest:** Dallas Vella
- Coaches Award:** Maddelyn Cavanaugh



U14 - WOMENS TACKLE

Coach: Danielle Rye

Manager: Debbie Best

Trainer: Luke Rye

A great season and a great start to hopefully a long passion for rugby league for these girls in 2023.

This year the 14 girls tackle team started off very slow with 5 players and a lot of worry that we wouldn't actually get enough girls to field a team.

Three games in and we had a solid full team and and still had girls wanting to join us.

We started off with a lose in a first game against Engadine and we're able to come back and beat them twice throughout the season. We improved immensely week in and week out and this showed on the scoreboard.

A highlight of the season was being the first team to score any point against the undefeated Como who went on to take out the premiership undefeated in this age group.

This season was a year of learning and growth and a first for most girls trying tackle footy for the first time and a very gutsy effort by all. Their efforts did not go unnoticed and this stood out on the field.

These girls turned up and gave it their all and improved every week and the training paid off, good stuff girls it wasn't easy but you all stepped up and gave it your all.

Throughout the season we were able to get some big wins but unfortunately falling just short of making the grand final finishing the season third overall.

Thank you to all our wonderful parents and friends who came and supported us each and every week and helped us out this season this was very much appreciated.

A very big thank you to Deb, Cain, Scott & Chad for all your help with the team this season.

Wishing all the girls the very best and hope to see you all back to give it another crack next year.

Kind regards,
Danielle & Luke



U16 - GIRLS TACKLE

Coach - Todd Ganderton

Trainer Sean Smith / Mike Thomas

Manager - Steph McMullen

Starting the season with 7 of the girls that had never played rugby league tackle and a few early injuries was a tuff start. As the season progressed and their confidence grew, the girls really worked together as teammates.

Rugby league isn't an easy game and to go out there and put your body on line, you took it to the top teams and never made it easy for them. You were willing to roll up your selves and get into the arm wrestle. Win or lose, every game was played in great spirit with 100% effort. You should be very proud of yourselves.

The most pleasing thing from me was watching the improvement from round one, a heavy defeat vs De La to playing them in a preliminary final. Unfortunately, we had a few injuries and girls away with commitments. I'm sure if we had a full team the result would have been different.

We had a couple of great wins. The highlight was beating Kingsgrove 24-10 in the semi-final at Hurstville oval with 12 players. Shan's miracle cure of Maccas before the game. Thanks to the injured girls turning up and giving support. Seeing the smiles and celebrations from the girls when the full-time siren went and our crowd going crazy. It was well deserved for all the hard work at training and the tough games that you had to dig deep and play as a team. This is what coaching is all about...

A massive thanks to Smithy and Mike for your assistance at training and game days, I couldn't have done it without you blokes. Pricey coming to training and taking them through a few sessions. "Sugar" Caines inspirational messages on the groupchat. Steph and Janelle stepping in for manager. Ra and Kate helping out when I was away. Thanks to the parents for their support and helping with canteen and BBQ duties. Congratulations to the girls that made the development sides. This is the acknowledgement of your abilities. Good luck to you all and enjoy the journey.

Awards

Players player – Trell She was never scared to tuck the ball under her arm and run hard and straight at the defence. She was hard to stop and scored a few long range tries.

Coaches award - Sienna Price She was awesome to coach, always listening and willing to learn. She was a leader on and off the field.

Most improved - Keely Smith From her first game to last she was a totally different player. Once her confidence grew she was unstoppable.

I hope all you girls take something from this season, learn from the hard times and come back next season ready to rip in.

Thanks Gando.



U18 - WOMENS TACKLE

Coach - Tim Jenkins

Trainer - Mark Sheridan / Steve Shatte

Manager - Debby Quinn

Coach's award: Leilah sheridan

Most improved: Shelley Doyle

Most outstanding: Tia Jordyn



UNDER 12 - GIRLS TAG

Coaches & Trainers: Nikki, Scott, Damien, and Danny

Manager: Caroline Cavanough

Though the wins didn't come this year like we'd hoped, our teamwork and positive attitude shone through! This season, we faced challenges head-on, supported each other every step of the way, and grew stronger together. We welcomed girls who'd never played before, building confidence and resolve. Everyone tried their best, improved every game, and most importantly, had fun doing it.

Team, remember that determination and consistency are the keys to success. Every training session and game you show up for is a step towards becoming better players and a stronger team. Keep pushing yourselves, keep supporting one another, and know that your hard work will lead to growth, improvement, and success. The only way to get better is to keep trying, and you've already shown great effort and commitment. Keep it up and look forward to how far it can take you next season. Here's to a season of resilience, growth, and unwavering team spirit, and lots of red frogs!! We're proud of every one of you!

Congratulations to all our players, with a special call out to our award winners:

Players Player: Sharni Price

Best & Fairest: Maddelyn Cavanough

Coaches Award: Scarlett Malouf

Enjoy the offseason girls and we'll see you back in 2024!



UNDER 18 (1) - GIRLS TAG

Coach: Brett Kimmorley

Manager: Leah Salib

Trainer: Brigette Salib

What an amazing bunch of girls...

The U18(1) Girls League Tag team has an awesome season !

It was a difficult season for our team from the start as we were unable to recruit any players given that we had won the Grand Final the year before.

The 12 girls in our team showed nothing but grit and determination week in and week out seeing us take the field without subs and short most weeks.

Work and study commitments made it hard for us to hold training sessions this year, but each week, saw the girls leave nothing on the field and work hard for each other... We could not have asked for anymore...

The determination throughout the season saw us make the Grand Final again this year.

We knew that we were going to have to play hard.. De La Salle threw everything they had at us and they were the better team on the day. This saw an end to the season as 'Runners - Up' this year. (Final Score was 15-6)

We could not have been prouder of the girls. They all improved dramatically over the season and played as a team. We would like to thank them all for a wonderful season and always giving 100%.

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 hope to see them all again next year !!



UNDER 18 (2) - GIRLS TAG

Coach: Russell Crook

Manager: Kristy Crook

Trainer: Greg McKee

The 2023 Girls League Tag season was a rollercoaster of emotions for our young and spirited team. While we faced a few challenges and injury setbacks throughout the season, we unfortunately fell one game short of a grand final appearance.

Throughout the regular season, our girls demonstrated incredible teamwork and sportsmanship. We celebrated victories together and learned from our losses. Our defensive line was unyielding, our attack was relentless, and our spirit was unbreakable.

The true measure of our season's success wasn't just the number of wins or losses. It was the growth we witnessed in every player, both on and off the field. Friendships were forged, leadership skills were developed, and the bond within our team grew stronger with each passing game. We learned that success is not solely defined by trophies but by the invaluable experiences and memories, we create along the way.

We just wanted to take a moment to express our profound gratitude to every one of our parents for your unwavering support.

Bringing your daughters to training sessions and games, and generously volunteering in the canteen, has been instrumental in making our girls' sporting journey a resounding success. Your dedication, commitment, and enthusiasm have not only created a positive and inclusive environment for the girls but have also helped foster a strong sense of community within our Cronulla Caringbah club.

Your efforts have not gone unnoticed. The girls thrive on the encouragement and presence of their parents on the sidelines during games. Moreover, by instilling a sense of responsibility, discipline, and teamwork in your daughters through their involvement in sports, you are not only nurturing their physical abilities but also helping them develop essential life skills that will serve them well in the future.

Special thanks goes out to Gando for his endless support and efforts during the season.

We can now have a well deserved break over summer and look forward to 2024!



UNDER 18 (3) - GIRLS TAG

Coach: Todd Ganderton

Manager: Steph McMullen

Trainer: Thommy Turner / Jaiden Lloyd

Another great year for our girls.

Great to see each girls improvement in skill and agility throughout the year.

We are so proud of the effort & determination of the whole team, each year they just keep getting more competitive & confident!

A few injuries for the girls made the end of season tough, but the team all showed resilience, perseverance & pushed through.

Players players of the year Jayda Williams

Managers Award Mia Bishop

Most Improved Sienna Butcher

Thank you to all the parents who helped out each week, much appreciation!

Massive thank you to Coach of the year- Todd, trainers Jaiden & Tommy for all their guidance & support of the girls. Also, special mention of thanks to Janelle for helping game day as Manager.

Thanks to the girls for turning up each week & giving it their all. Look forward to next season!



UNDER 18 (4) - GIRLS TAG

Coach: Michael Selman

Unfortunately defeated each week by superior teams.

Top 3 players are:

- **Morgan Horvat**
- **Summer Falzon**
- **Sophia Selman**

OVER 30'S - WOMEN TAG

Coach: Johnathan Te Wara

Manager: Nat Barlow

Hey everyone!

I just want to take a moment to celebrate our incredible over 30s women's league tag team and everything they have achieved this year. What a journey it has been!

I wanted to give a special shoutout to all the busy mums who made the decision to do something for themselves and put on those boots. For some, it was their first time ever stepping onto the field! Your determination and dedication to learning, training, and playing games has been truly inspiring.

Not only have you all developed your skills tremendously since the start of the year, but you have also created an amazing family vibe. Seeing all the kids play together and supporting each other brings so much joy to all of us.

I've coached many teams in the past, but I have to say this experience with all of you has been incredibly enjoyable. Thank you for being a part of this wonderful journey. I can't wait to see what the future holds for us and how we will come back even bigger and better next year.

Warmest regards,

Jono Te Wara.



OVER 35'S (1) - MEN TAG

Coach: Dom Ruello

We went from an undefeated team in the regular season to a team that didn't win a game all season. We almost lost to the bye.

It was a tough year with us losing players from last year's GF team and being forced to play in the gold comp this year.

Competing against teams that trained a few nights a week was difficult and most of us were flat out turning up to warm up before games.

We had season ending injuries to committed players early in the season including Dom which made our year much tougher.

After losing 72-8 early in the year and multiple 60-0 score lines, it would have easy to just fold the team and just stop turning up.

Credit to the boys, they kept turning up all season and made the most of it. We went out there and had some fun and gave it a red hot go.

Players like Chucky, Ant, Gas and Smithy are great to watch and kept us competitive in a lot of games.

Credit to all us for turning up every week (Ramiz half time every week).

Personally I loved getting there every Saturday and having a run around with all boys.

Hoping for a more enjoyable season next year with some sponsorship and getting back to Silver.

OVER 35'S (2) - MEN TAG

Coach: Todd Ganderton

Manager: Finn Ganderton

Trainer: Brian Thomson

The 2023 season had some highs & lows, but again was a very successful season, just missing out on making the elusive Grand Final again.

I will start with the lows.

Unfortunately, we had some season ending injuries early to Darrin Foster & Matt Barron, both succumbing to Knee injuries that required surgery.

Later in the season we had Nath Garner broke a finger & Chris Appelkamp ankle. Darrin has been our main playmaker; this was a major disruption to our attacking ability. Matt always keeping structure & running great lines. Nath & Apples later in the season & were sorely missed in our semis. All these losses hurt us tremendously. God speed with the recovery boys & hope if the fire in the belly is still there & that you comeback in what ever capacity being player, staff or even just supporter. We all appreciate the efforts you have given over the years & love you guys being around.

Now the highs!

This season we were injected with some fresh blood and much needed speed we were missing. New recruits. Mark Lillis, fitted in like an old glove filling the void of playmaker & forming a great partnership with Sec in the middle. Steve Monagha (AKA Choppy Close) running great lines & wow what a big boot. Nath Carrol speed & great grit and determination looked like he'd played a game of league after games with blood & dirt all over him. Ockert Cilliers (The South African flyer) coming from a 400m Hurdle & Union background," Occy "quickly become our major strike weapon & try scoring machine. With the injuries sustained & players having commitments as special mention has to go out to some boys who stepped. Sec had a fantastic year filling in the middle, Dangerous Deano filled into dummy half well done lads. Marty the matador again bewildered the opposition with his mesmerising sexy hips & gave Occy great balls to give him great space to run around everyone.

To finish off, I'd like to thank the rest of the boys who turn up always to have a great crack at the game & even better a laugh with a beer in hand. As always it is great meeting new friends & playing with old mates.

Every year we are improving & hopefully that elusive GF appearance is next year. Special mention to Steve, Finn & Gando for making this all possible to get a rackets mob on the field every year.

Finn you better be driving next season!!!

Yours Truly

Rocket

(Trev Taylor)



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Alex Laski
Anthony Beare
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OFFICE BEARES

Year	Chairman	Secrtary	Treasurer	Year	Chairman	Secretary	Treasurer
2022 - 2023	T.Ganderton	D.Gleeson	J.Ganderton	1998	G.McMaster	S.Martin	R.Rennie
2021	T.Ganderton	D.Glesson	J.Ganderton	1997	G.McMaster	S.Young	R.Rennie
2020	T.Ganderton	P.Dean	J.Ganderton	1994 - 1996	G.McMaster	P.McCue	G.Best
2019	T.Ganderton	P.Dean	J.Ganderton	1993	G.McMaster	L.Ward	G.Best
2018	T.Ganderton	P.Dean	K.Corbin	1992	G.McMaster	P.McCue	G.Best
2017	C.Johnston	P.Dean	J.McKinnery	1991	C.Bate	R.Chambers / J.Buckley	R.Chambers
2016	L.Weatherill	P.Dean	J.McKinnery	1990	C.Bate	R.Chambers	L.Ward
2015	S. Martin / L.Weatherill	G.Piper / N.Piddington	J.McKinnery	1989	W.Major	R.Chambers	T.Willet
2013-2014	R.Giles	G.Piper	J.McKinnery	1988	R.Chambers	B.Morgan	L.Ward
2012	R.Giles	N.Piddington	G.Piper	1987	C.Bate	B.Morgan	L.Ward
2011	R.Giles	N.Piddington	S.Young	1986	P.Mahony	B.Morgan	L.Ward
				1985	C.Bate	B.Morgan	G.Seward
2010	R.Giles	M.Russel	S.Young	1984	C.Bate	B.Morgan	B.Johansen
2007 - 2009	R.Giles	C.Gorman-Brown	S.Boylan	1983	M.D'Arch	R.Chambers	R.Barnes
2003 - 2006	G.Bloor	P.Savill	S.Boylan	1982	M.D'Arch	R.Chambers	R.Barnes
2002	G.Bloor	T.Ismay	K.Miller	1981	G.Richardson	R.Chambers	M.D'Arcy
2000 - 2001	G.Bloor	T.Ismay	T.Ismay	1980	G.Richardson	R.Chambers	G.Seward
1999	G.Bloor	T.Ismay	T.Ismay				

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1979	G.Richardson	K.Withall	R.Stubbs
1978	E.Topper	C.Bate	G.Seward
1977	E.Topper	C.Bate	J.Alford
1976	J.Tooney / C.Bate	H.Alkamn	E.Connon
1975	J.Alford / E.Scott	R.Rattery / M.D'Arcy	
1974	M.Philips	H.Alkman	T.Devane
1972	R.Rattery	D.Renshall	
1969 - 1971	J.Tooney	W.Purcell	J.Tooney
1968	J.Redman	W.Purcell	J.Tooney
1967	E.Woodford	W.Purcell	
1966	E.Woodford	J.Redman	
1963 - 1965	E.Woodford	W.Heley	
1961 - 1962	A.Clarkson	R.Connolly	J.O'Brien
1960	A.Clarkson	R.Connolly	P.Burns
1959	R.Connolly	A.Court	R.Moat
1956 - 1958	S.Beaver	B.Gardenere	S.Cullan
1953 - 1955	A.Clarkson	S.Hodgson	

Year	Chairman	Secretary	Treasurer
1951 - 1952	J.Ringstand	S.Hodgson	
1949 - 1950	A.McKenzie	J.Ringstad	D.Poulter
1947 - 1948	A.McKenzie	J.Ringstad	R.Moat



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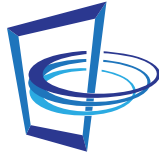
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