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2025

BLACK BOOK



CRONULLA CARINGBAH SHARKS

U/13 SILVER PREMIERS 2025



Back Row: Hasan Fah, Quinten Heaney, Kai'ryn Vella
 Middle Row: Darrin Forster (Coach), Jock McDonnell, Paul Cavallaro (Coach), Paddy Cornell, Reyne Newton, Xavier Holevas, Zac Macquire, Jake Milton, Todd Newton (Trainer)
 Front Row: Byron Aubrey, Taj Forster, Alex Pyper, Zach Wilson, Mitchell Rodgers, Lucas Cavallaro, Koby Hyde

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CRONULLA CARINGBAH SHARKS

U/14 GIRLS TACKLE PREMIERS 2025



Back Row: Mark Sheridan (Trainer), Lucia Lundberg, Kahliia Takairangi, Marie Ioane, Mia Brown, Carolyn Cavanough (Manager)
 Middle Row: Damien Cavanough (Trainer), Lucy Chapman, Phoenix Inglis-Teoka, Mikaela Khan, Dallas Vella, Ruby Walker, Frankie Potauaine, Brad Takairangi (Coach)
 Front Row: Jada Keen, Lola Tomkins, Indiana Sheridan, Anika Opai, Maddelyn Cavanough (c), Beau Green, Tilly Teasel, Jayde Ward
 Absent: Kiana Takairangi (Assistant Coach), Katahra Boyle-Raniga

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CRONULLA CARINGBAH SHARKS

U/16 GOLD PREMIERS 2025



Back Row: Trevor Taylor (Trainer) Will Best, Sebastian Maakaroun, Hamilton Kingi, Harlem Schwenke, Sanat Heweston (Manager)
 Middle Row: Jonathan Pale Eli (Trainer), CJ Stanley, Ashton Taylor, Zaiden Green, Jordi Elkin, Harvey Holbrook, Chase Stanley (Trainer)
 Front Row: Jayden Best, Kade Wilson, Charlie Bateup, Joshua Mears, Reuben Pale Eli (Captain), Korban Peters, Parker Cavanough, Sam Parslow, Zac Crealy.
 Absent: Cash Walker (Captain), Ruben Evans, Hamish Inglis, Ethan Blackwell



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CRONULLA CARINGBAH SHARKS

U/17 SILVER PREMIERS 2025



Back Row: Ronnie Murphy, Declan Garner, Kody Moon, Raphael Eljouni
 Middle Row: Paul Fuller (Coach), Christopher Bell, Ranui Henry, Dylan Madgwick, Liam Mitchell-Bruce, Riley Matthews, Jennifer Hall (Manager)
 Front Row: Joshua Aquilina, Kaden Anthony, Brady Torkins, Dylan Stark, Rizal Peters, Luke Paranthoienne, Matty Sinclair-Wadham, Jaydon Toko, Jeremy Hwang
 Absent: Jayden Macklin, Ky Bayliss, Jared Thompson, Kyjuan Tekura, Mak Ilievski, Nathan Garner (Trainer), Todd Bayliss (Trainer)



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CLUB AWARDS

JUNIOR PLAYER OF THE YEAR - Ryan Cohen

SENIOR PLAYER OF THE YEAR - Ashton Taylor

REPRESENTATIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR - Zhra Tautai

WOMEN'S TACKLE PLAYER OF THE YEAR - Maddy Cavanough

GIRLS LEAGUE TAG PLAYER OF THE YEAR - Evie Clerke

COACH OF THE YEAR - Paul Fuller

WOMEN COACH OF THE YEAR - Brad Takairangi

JUNIOR COACH OF THE YEAR - Adam Alcott

MANAGER OF THE YEAR - Nikki Edghill & Lloyd Bevan

TRAINER OF THE YEAR - Todd Newton

CLUBPERSON OF THE YEAR - Social committee

CHARLIE BATES AWARD - U16 Gold

ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD - Ned James & Keeley Cooper



2025 COMMITTEE

PRESIDENT	Todd Ganderton
SECRETARY	Daryl Gleeson
SENIOR VP	Glenn Piper / Cameron Johnston
JUNIOR VP	Kris McClelland
REGISTRATION OFFICER	Pam Dean
TREASURER	Janelle Ganderton
GEAR STEWARD	Erin McClelland
WWC OFFICER	Pam Dean
GROUND MANAGER	Kris McClelland
SPONSORSHIP OFFICER	Todd Ganderton



PRESIDENT REPORT

At our last Annual General Meeting, I was both humbled and deeply honoured to be voted in and approved by our Life Members and by the wider membership of this great club.

Your trust and confidence mean the world to me, and I am sincerely grateful for the opportunity to serve. It is a privilege to stand alongside such a proud and passionate community, and I will continue to give my very best to uphold the values, spirit, and future of the Cronulla Caringbah Sharks.

What an incredible year 2025 has been for the Cronulla Caringbah Sharks JRLFC. Our club continues to grow from strength to strength, and this season we proudly fielded 41 sides, ranging from our Tiny Fins (3–5-year-olds) right through to the Men's Emerging Cup and Open Women's gold tackle side

We had:

- 28 Boys' Tackle teams
- 5 Women's Tackle teams
- 5 Girls' League Tag teams
- 2 Over-35 Men's League Tag teams

This is a remarkable achievement for a community-based club and speaks volumes about the dedication of our players, families, and volunteers.

On-Field Success

Congratulations to the 12 teams that reached the finals. Of the six teams that made

Grand Finals, four came away with premiership victories:

- Under 14 Women's Tackle
- Under 13 Silver
- Under 16 Gold
- Under 17 Silver

You've done your club proud.

Thank You to Our People

To our coaches, managers, and trainers, your commitment and hard work were outstanding and have made a real difference to our players. To every player

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– thank you. You represented the Sharks with pride, gave 100% every week, and played in the true spirit of rugby league, win, lose or draw.

To the parents, carers, and families who supported their players and volunteered their time for canteen and barbecue duties, field set-up and pack-away – you are the heartbeat of our club. We simply couldn't do it without you.

Our Supporters and Sponsors

Thank you to our sponsors for your generous and ongoing support. Your contribution helps keep registration costs down and funds training equipment, playing uniforms, and trophies for Presentation Day. Every dollar of sponsorship goes directly back into the club.

To our hardworking Executive and Committee – Pammy, Janelle, Daryl, Kris, Erin, Camo, Juicy and team – your tireless work behind the scenes keeps the club running smoothly and allows our players to shine. A special thank you to the Social Committee for organising our major fundraiser, the “Black & White” Night at Dalton House, along with the Junior Disco and Presentation Day. A big shout-out to the Saturday canteen crew and to Taia for her efforts on Sundays – your commitment week after week is incredible.

Our Men's Over 35 League Tag sides played for the “Another Day” Men's Mental Health Group Trophy, with the White side taking the honours. Thank you, Dom and Ramy, for organising such an important initiative.

Although our Sponsors & Life Members Day was washed out, we were able to combine it successfully with our Coaching Staff Appreciation Night at the clubhouse. Thank you, Erin, for pulling the night together.

Award Winners

Congratulations to our 2025 award recipients:

Coach of the Year – Paul Fuller

Women's Coach – Brad Takairangi

Junior Coach - Adam Alcott

Trainer – Todd Newton

Managers – Lloyd Bevan & Nikki Edghill

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Looking Ahead

Enjoy the off-season, recharge, and get ready for another big year. We can't wait to welcome you all back for Season 26.

Finally, on behalf of the Cronulla Caringbah Sharks JRLFC, Thank you to every player, volunteer, sponsor, supporter and a community member who helped make 2025 such a memorable year. Together, we are building a club, our Juniors can be proud of for years to come.

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SECRETARY

CC Sharks 2025 SECRETARY'S REPORT

On behalf of the Cronulla Caringbah JRLFC executive, I would like to thank all our sponsors, volunteers, members and players for a great 2025 season with some great footy played, even with what seemed like a monsoon at the tail end of the season.

Remarkably busy year in footy, and whilst most of the action occurs on the field, we were able to finalise one of the infrastructure grants that we were awarded in 2024. The outcome of this grant can be easily seen at our grounds with the construction of 3 Aluminium Seats adjacent to the main car park.

This seating was widely used during the middle of the competition and makes our ground look quite complete.

Our Club was also successful in 2 rounds of Category 3 Club Grants during the year. We were successful in the Cronulla RSL Grant for 2025 equipment funding and then recently awarded further equipment funding courtesy of Taren Point Bowling Club that will be used for the 2026 Season.

Whilst the Finals were underway, we submitted our final grant application, which is again an infrastructure grant and if successful, will see a revamp of our clubhouse that is really needed.

Fingers crossed, and we should know the outcome in March 2026.

The only disappointing outcome we received during the year was an application under new regulations for a multi-function licence for the club. This application was something that we didn't highlight much at all. I can tell our all members that the kitchen sink along a significant amount of time was invested in this application. It is what it is, and we will continue to move forward.

Moving back to brighter news, 2025 also saw the start of our new social committee is managed by Nicole, Ashlie, Mel, Margaret, Caroline, Erin and Pam.

Thank you very much for Black and White Night, which was much needed, the constant raffles that generated a buzz around the field and most recently the junior disco. We look forward to seeing what 2026 will bring for more social activities.

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As mentioned above with the grants, we have been working extremely hard on fostering long term relationships with local businesses such as Cronulla RSL, Taren Point Bowling Club and Cronulla Meat Co. This move is basically for local to support locals and develop these relationships that we should have for years to come.

Our Premiership Winners were - Under 13 Silver, Under 14 Girls, Under 16 Gold and Under 17 Silver

Well done to these Players, Coaches, Managers and Trainers on reaching the big dance and coming away with the grand final trophy.

Bring on Season 26 with plenty of sun and no monsoons please. Enjoy your summer break.

Daryl Gleeson

Secretary



TREASURER

This year has been a better year financially for the club. We had significant increases in the takings from the canteen and Daryl has put in a massive effort getting a number of government grants that have helped cover some important improvements and gear purchases.

Fundraising has also increased this year with the Jaws of Fortune, raffles and Black & White night.

Major costs this year include, Gear (\$82,632.43), insurances (\$51,428.64) and canteen supplies (\$69,689.89).

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

Air DJH Services

BAM Constructions Group

CAI Construction

Kim Newton Travel

On Que Electrical

OneUp Building

Pulse Property

Roof Reports Only

Runnulla

Sea Scapes

Southside Physio

Janelle Ganderton

Treasurer



TINY FINS

Tiny Fins 2025 (Season 3)

They say time flies, and I cannot believe that we have reached our 3rd year of the Tiny Fins Program. It only seems like yesterday that I said goodbye to the OG Fins and then to the 2024 Tiny Fins as well.

What has been so rewarding and exciting is seeing a majority of the Tiny Fins move into our Under 6's Development Teams and the OG Fins moving into Under 7 Tag to Transition Program. This is a great measuring stick in seeing how successful the program is and the follow-on effect 3 years down the track.

We did have some small struggles this year with the coaching staff, and unfortunately, we lost our 2 Adult Coaches this year. It is tough when this occurs, as you do rely (like all years in footy), volunteers to make the program successful. However, we had some unreal Under 11 and Under 13 Players step up and help coach the sessions. More of them at the end.

Looking at our 2024 Numbers – we had 39 Registered Participants for 2024, which is in par with 2022 and 2023 numbers and an increase with our females in the Tiny Fins.

All up over the past 3 years and including the Summer Series, we have 219 registered participants for the Tiny Fins. Very pleasing numbers to see. The sessions themselves were designed to be delivered in a 45-minute block and run for a period of 2 weeks, and then move on to different areas of junior footy. The first 2-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 playing the balls, passing, tackling and even goal scoring (we had 5 Fins who could convert over the modified goals).

Each week for the next 15 weeks (15 rounds of regular season and also experiencing the rain delays), the Tiny Fins would appear around the ground at 7.55 am and converge for their weekly training session. Most weeks, the Fins would enjoy a post-training snack at the canteen with a line quickly converging at the canteen around 8.50 am.

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One of the highlights of the year was being able to take 10 of our Senior Tiny Fins to the holy grail of Shark Park for the last home game match for the season. The Tiny Fins participated in 3 games of tag during the afternoon, and whilst no one was counting with who scored what, the Fins has the best afternoon ever!!!

To – Finn, Fletcher, Leonardo, Bobby, Milly, Jordan, Marley, Brooks, Remi, Kodi, Kai, Koa, Rhett, Rozalia, Jack, Zye, Finn, Taj, Levi, Finley, Tane, Cody, Alex, Martin, Ethan, Kalani, Sonny, Lawson, Harley, Bowi, Hendrix, Maya, Evander, Bryon, Oliie, Sasika & Xavier.

We would like to thank every single one of you for being a Tiny Fin in 2025. 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 @8.00 am something to look forward to all week.

The Coaches will be keeping a close eye on you in 2026 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.

The 2026 Winter Tiny Fins Program will return for its 4th year after the summer holidays.

Tiny Fins Coaching Team - Daryl, Kynan, Taj, Rayne, Nixon, Luke, Kai & Jax.



UNDER 6 - RED

Coach: Mark Sadler

Trainer: James Baxter

Manager: Ashlie Olsen

Well, this has been a fun year again! Huge thanks to my right-hand man, James Baxter, whose passion goes through us all, competitive bastard, loved having him with me... Our multi-talented Manager, Ash Olson, has been a huge help with logistics and operations, much appreciated. Another Huge year for this group. A pretty comfortable Undefeated season, but that's a testament to them and their attitudes, they show up early every session, they train hard, play hard and love what they do...

Beau Baxter - This Pocket rocket works very hard on the field, as competitive as anyone, and one to watch.

Harvey Gillespie - Huge year for this big guy, impressive, good listener and footy player.

Zac Huang - Improves every week, can put on a good show, many great years ahead.

Dusty McMurrich - As competitive as they come, gonna eat them up in years to come, an exciting boy!

Kyson Pale Eli - Tough fella, puts his head down low and go, go, goes...

James Sadler - My guy, goes hard 24/7, always rips in and gives it to the opposition...

Hudson Sorenson - WOW, what a year from this guy! Strength to strength, his passion is contagious. Can't wait for next year.

Banjo Stanley - The quiet achiever, loves his attitude and fun vibes, and a pleasure to watch him do his thing on the field

Cairo Townsend - New to the team, small steps but always improving

Tige Wright - He can light up the field, always makes me smile. The Try Guy Tige!

The Boys listened and progressed so well, a pleasure to coach, and I also felt I had progressed myself learning with this group. Looking forward to more memories with these little humans.

UNDER 6 - GREEN

Coach: Josh Reading

Trainer: Kane Druce

Manager: Jade Carroll

As the coach of our under-6 team this season, I could not be prouder of what our boys have achieved. For many of them, it was their first time picking up a football and and we all started this journey not knowing what to expect.

In the beginning, getting the boys to figure out which way to run felt like a win, but over the season, I have watched these kids grow so much, not just in their skills but in their understanding of the game. Most importantly, they come together as a team, have fun and become friends. Seeing their confidence, teamwork and love for the game grow has been amazing and really rewarding. It has also been a learning curve for myself, and I have enjoyed every minute of it.

Watching the kids develop and improve each week has been a great experience.

Of course, a season like this does not happen without great support. A big thank you to our incredible trainers for the time and positive energy, along with our awesome parents turning up to training to help and the games each week, the encouragement and help made everything run so smoothly. The positive, fun environment you created made a huge difference for the kids.

It's been such a great time coaching this team, and I can not wait to see what these young players go on to do in the future.

Thank you

Josh

UNDER 6 - ORANGE

Coach: Gavin Kable

Trainer: Ben Preston

Manager: Emma Kable

What an incredible year it's been for our U6 Orange team! At the start of the season, many of our players were brand new to rugby league. Over the months, we have watched them grow in confidence, skills, and teamwork. From learning how to hold the ball and run straight, to supporting each other in both attack and defence, this group has shown fantastic spirit.

Our focus this year was on the fundamentals – passing, catching, playing the ball, tagging and always giving your best – and the kids have worked hard every week at training and on game days. More importantly, they have shown sportsmanship, respect for their teammates and opponents, and a real love for the game.

We are proud of every player and what they have achieved this year:

- **Zimi** – Was quick on her feet and always ready to chase down the ball. She showed great determination in both attack and defence.
- **Jesse** – When he wasn't keeping our Manager Emma company on the sideline, he was definitely king of the palm.
- **Rocky** – He has turned into a fearless tagger and always brings enthusiasm to the game.
- **Keanu** – He showed great speed and agility, making strong runs down the field, and he was a super tagger. Only a broken finger could stop him.
- **Henry** – Here comes the hot stepper and add a dash of pace. He loved his first season of footy.
- **Noah** – He developed excellent ball skills and blossomed towards the end of the season, working hard to support his teammates.
- **Elijah** – Always showing great defence skills and slides through an attack, grabbing tags at every opportunity.
- **Jordie** – He was such a team player and always had the biggest smile, always willing to have a go and give it his best.
- **Nate** – Spirited runner of the ball, he really came into his own towards the end of the season.
- **Charlie** – Always ready to play, a nuggety performer and constantly looking for the ball.

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To all our parents and supporters – thank you for your encouragement, help, and loud cheers from the sidelines. Your commitment makes all the difference.

Most of all, thank you to our players for making this season so much fun. You should all be proud of your hard work, improvement, and the friendships you've made.

We can't wait to see you all back next season, ready to learn more, play hard, and enjoy every minute on the field.

"We win as a team, we lose as a team, but most importantly, we are a team cause we are The Sharks"



UNDER 7 - RED

Coach: Matthew Shelton

Trainer: Rachel Shelton

Manager: Nick Anchor

So good to see the boys come back for another season of footy and even a few new faces. This year, we transitioned to tackle, and you could see straight away how excited the boys were to rip in. The game flowed so much better. Thank you, Nick, for all his help as trainer on game day and at training, and my wife Rachel for the help during the week with manager duties. Also, to the parents who helped on game days when I could not be there. Really appreciate everyone chipping in.

The Highlight of the year must be our first game of tackle. This season, we spent the 1st 6 weeks in the tackle-ready program, so when week 7 came, the boys absolutely ripped in, and you could see how much they enjoyed tackling. I look forward to next year and hope the boys come back for 2026 and are ready to rip again.
Up Up Cronulla.

Archer Hughes – 2nd year in, and Archer was more than ready to tackle. Archer has an excellent tackling technique and plenty of heart. He made plenty of cover tackles and saved just as many tries in defence

Logan Madden – Showed the team he can be a true leader of this group over the coming years, loves to bark orders and tell the team what to do.

Ari Preston – Ari is one of the most dedicated kids to footy. You can tell he is always practising at home, too. Listens and applies himself at training and during the game. Runs hard and tackles harder

Aston Sharp – Quite on the field but lets his actions speak for themselves, constantly wanted to play dummy half.

Thomas Graham – Again this year showed plenty of speed and is light on his feet. Playing up a year, and did not miss a beat, Tom thrived once we started to tackle. A highlight for me was when we played a game against the other U/7s sharks and his older brother filled in. Well, Tom took that opportunity to get off the line and smash him a few times.

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Cooper Shelton – the biggest and maybe the slowest, so coaching him to use that to his advantage was the challenge. By the end of the year, he was running harder, using his weight to get through the line a few times and even had 6 defenders holding him up.

Lee Marr – So much talent with the ball and Lee is a quick leaner. A fantastic running style with a lethal fend made him near impossible to stop at times.

Henry Payne – What a character Henry is, He has so much heart and never gave up always putting his hand up for a hit up.

Oliver Anchor – A broken wrist ended his season early, yet he still came to training and game day to help me out. His last game before getting injured stands out. Oliver showed how good he can be with plenty of line breaks and in defence he was getting off the line and making 1 st contact.



UNDER 7 - ORANGE

Coach: Adam Newman

Trainer: Justin O'Hare

Manager: Conor Doyle

As we wrap up the 2025 rugby league season, we reflect on what has been a fantastic year for our Under 7 boys. Despite the challenges thrown our way, particularly with the disruptions caused by wet weather, the boys showed exceptional commitment, resilience, and enthusiasm every week. Their love for the game and eagerness to play, rain or shine, was truly inspiring.

One of the standout achievements of the season was the team's impressive performance on the field—losing only one game all year! This is a testament not only to the boys' skill development but also to their teamwork, determination, and spirit. Each player contributed to the team's success, and it was clear that the friendships they've built off the field played a key role in how they supported each other on it.

Players

- Orton O'Hare – A consistent performer who gave his all every game. Great speed and always keen to take on the defence.
- Jesse Crowther – A tough little competitor with a never-give-up attitude. Always first to chase the ball. By far the best at singing the team song every week.
- Jack Peterson – Strong in attack & defence, and confident with the ball in hand. A real asset to the team.
- Levi Peterson – Showed fantastic improvement throughout the season. Great support plan and effort.
- Jack Vernon – Played with heart every week. Smart decisions and excellent teamwork.
- Rory Doyle – Brought plenty of energy to the field and had some standout moments with the ball.
- Kai Rudko – Agile and quick on his feet, with a knack for finding gaps in the defence.
- Nate Srougi – Tenacious in both attack and defence. A reliable team player who never backed down.
- Wallace Newman – A real game-changer. Strong runs, solid defence, and he maintained his great passion for the game.

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Coaching Staff

- Coach: Adam Newman
 - Adam led the team with patience, passion, and a strong focus on developing the boys' skills and confidence. His dedication to each player's growth, both on and off the field, was evident every week.
- Trainer: Justin O'Hare
 - Justin brought incredible energy and positivity to training and game days. His support helped build the boys' fitness and rugby knowledge in a fun, encouraging environment.
- Manager: Conor Doyle
 - Conor kept everything running smoothly behind the scenes, ensuring communications, game days, and logistics were always under control. A vital part of the team's success this season.

Final Words

To our players: You should all be incredibly proud of your season. Your effort, sportsmanship, and team spirit made every training session and game a joy to be part of. To our parents and supporters: Thank you for standing on the sidelines, rain or shine, and for being such a strong support network for the team.

As we look ahead, we're excited to see how these young players continue to grow in their rugby

journey. Bring on next season!



UNDER 7 - GREEN

Coach: Matthew Wayde

Trainer: Jack Davis

Manager: Amy Jackson

The 2025 season saw a new team formed at Caringbah, with most of the players unknown to each other. The 1st half of the year saw some mixed results in tight games of TAG, but some great leaps of improvement in ball skills and teamwork!

Little did we know what the second half of the season would unleash with the boys enthusiastically embracing the tackle program, continually forcing turnovers by adopting a "help a mate out" mentality in defence.

The coaching staff thought the improvement week on week at training and in the games would be hampered by the weather, but this was not the case. The boys came home strong in the last few games, knocking off teams we had struggled to beat earlier in the year. Passionate support from parents and friends made each week feel like a final and spurred the boys on to score more tries and make bigger tackles.

Arlo Jackson - Not afraid of contact! During the TAG part of the season, he was consistently up at the top in the tackle count, and then after some tutelage by his mum, Amy, he transitioned into a technique perfect tackling weapon. In attack, he stepped well and loved the fend to carry the ball for important meters and score plenty!

Connor Wayde - Coming over to the Sharks this year, Connor was enthusiastic to get on board the team and wanted to run the ball as much as possible. While he had some good runs in the 1st half of the year, a change in style in the back half saw more meters and more tries, including a match-winner on the death. Looking forward to the constantly improving tack technique we saw at the end of the season in 2026.

Coen Drysdale - Trainer Jack nicknamed him The Hammer! While short in stature, he was always able to smash through the defence on the tryline and score, proving size means nothing if you have the attitude and heart to get it done. Cohen wasn't able to play every week due to health issues, but when he did, he made an impact and was an inspiration to the team! When he couldn't play, he was on the sideline cheering his mates on.

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Hendrick De Wit - Big and agile, able to run the ball hard and attract defenders while looking for an off-load. While Henny's attack was lethal by the end of the year, it was his defence that stood out. An uncanny ability to get off the line early and be up on the opposition to affect a rag doll tackle was his specialty. Great to watch when pumped up!

Duncan Sellick - Has footy player written all over him! Duncan used his height, speed and strength to score at will and lead the tackle count most weeks. One opposition coach was overheard saying Duncan was the best tackler in the competition", something we can't argue with. Clutch in the big moments and always wanting the ball in hand, Duncan loved being involved when the game was on the line, showing his competitive spirit and self-belief.

Jared Paipa - Jared can move, not just a good step, but a swerve that had the opposition clutching at air! With a great turn of speed, he can smell a try, scoring after beating many tackles with what seemed like casual ease. Rock solid in defence, making sure he was in the heart of it throughout the game. His happy, upbeat attitude showed how much he enjoyed being out on the field at training and in games each week.

David Krenek - Not our biggest player, but swift and super energetic. Always wanting the ball for a run and looking to score from every opportunity with his pace and elusiveness. David always had a smile on his face at training and as a newcomer to Rugby League had a fantastic all round season, we can't wait to see him score even more next season.

Jett Wall - We had a lot of pace in the team, none more than Jett, living up to his name! As the season progressed, Jett realised how much fun it was to score tries, bagging plenty per game. His ability to run and step was rewarded often, and his pace meant he could burn teams on the outside, happily breaking the don't go near the touchline rule.

Nixon Davis - Another speedster that loves to excite the crowd by taking the ball down the sideline and scoring in the corner. Nixon gives 100% to the task at hand in attack or defence, and his reliability has made him a great mate on and off the field. Putting his body on the line in defence and being there to assist in tackles showed his versatility and commitment to the team.

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2025 was a fantastic season, while losing a few 'heartbreakers' took its toll on the coaching staff, it never affected the boys. Watching them get better each week while thoroughly enjoying themselves reminded us all what Rugby League is all about!

CRONULLA CARINGBAH SHARKS

U/7 GREEN 2025



Luke Lombardi
PULSE

Back Row: Amy Jackson (Manager), Jared Paipa, Duncan Sellick, Matthew Wayde (Coach)
Front Row: Coen Drysdale, Jett Wall, Arlo Jackson, Connor Wayde, David Krenek
Absent: Nixon Davis, Hendrik de Witt, Jack Davis (Trainer)

TEAM PHOTOS
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UNDER 8 - RED

Coach: Kurt Bollard

Trainer: Flip Tafili

Manager: Rachel Bollard

I'm incredibly proud of how far this team has come. Junior footy is about enjoyment, learning, and developing good habits both on and off the field — and this group has done all three.

Thank you to the parents and families for your support week in, week out. Getting the kids to training, cheering on the sidelines, and encouraging them at home makes all the difference.

To the players: you should be proud of what you've achieved. Keep working hard, keep having fun, and keep backing each other. If we keep building on this season, the future looks very bright.

#1 Lachlan Chandler: This season we got to enjoy Lachlan playing his best footy. Passion, resilience and just tough footy. Never change the way you play!

#2 Albie Willett: The one kid that would play any sport just to be with his mates, that's Albie. I have never heard Albie say no I'm not doing it or complain about the 'boring' moments at training. As long as his mates are up for it so is Albie.

#3 Hudson Bollard: Consistently working on his craft Hudson is sick for footy. Stats, milestones this kid is your go to for anything footy. Bends the line on a run and loves a try celebration, he just needs to make sure the balls down before the celebration begin. Overall his try scoring and defensive ability is rapidly growing.

#4 Laynz Fafita: Joining our side this year Laynz was destructive on and off the ball. Naturally talented footballer. Entertaining football is what this kid brings. I cannot wait to see him lace up again!

#5 Jordan Lucas: The smiling assassin. Jordan's smile as he rolls into training or on game day ready to get to work really gets the team in good stride. Speed on the edges and followed up with brute defence. What a player to have in our side.

#6 Kainoa Tafili: Uso! Another solid season. If you want to be playing next to someone he's your guy. Well rounded footy player, tough old school game. What we love!

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#7 Zac Ayoub: Pound for pound king of the team. I will never forget playing St George in the trials this year. We played a very big robust side that was very physical. The smallest kid with the biggest heart was cutting these big boys in half! He continued to do so all season and inspired our side. Well done mate!

#8 Olly Alcott: Along with Laynz Olly joined our side this year but you would think he had been a day one! A coaches dream this kid impressed everyone. You talk about naturally talented and the hardest worker in the room, Olly was the hardest worker. What we all witnessed was a kid that gives 100% every session, every game. For those efforts we voted Olly as our players player voted by the boys. Well deserved mate I cannot wait to see what you bring next season.

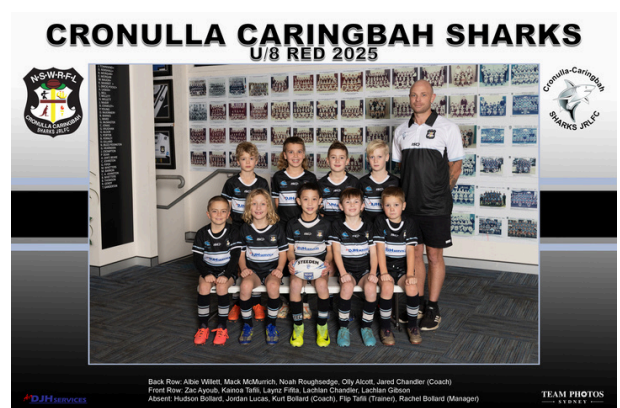
#9 Noah Roughsedge: Noah took a liking to the dummy half position this year. Getting involved in the middle and getting his hands on the ball to give quick service in attack was brailey like. Getting in-front of some big kids to takeaway their momentum helped our side in defence also.

#10 Lachie Gibson: HOLD HOLD UP, that's what you would hear Lachie screaming in defence which we instilled in our defence. Lachie seems to have great control with our line speed and enjoys this management in our game which we love to see!

#12 Mack McMurrich: Pinned down in our half looking for a damaging run to get us out of trouble. Who do we look to? Mack's the man, get the ball to him and see what this kid does with some passion and resilience to fight for every meter! If you don't enjoy watching him having a run you're watching the wrong sport.

Rather than singling out just a few, I want to recognise every player for their contribution this season. Each of you improved in your own way and brought something unique to the team. From the hard runners to the strong defenders, to those that just love playing the game they love with their mates, every effort was noticed and appreciated.

Thank you for letting me be apart of it!



UNDER 8 - ORANGE

Coach: Tim McGann

Trainer: Jarrod Vinen

Manager: Georgina McGann

I'd like to take this opportunity to reflect on what has been a fantastic year for our Under 8s orange team. It's been a season filled with learning, growth, teamwork, and – most importantly – fun.

From the first training session back in March to our final game in August, the improvement in every single player has been nothing short of incredible. At this age, our main focus is on skill development, teamwork, sportsmanship, and building a love for the game – and I can confidently say we've achieved all of that and more.

Whether it was learning to pass more accurately, making confident tackles, or understanding how to support each other on the field, every player made progress. Some players found their confidence early, others grew steadily throughout the season – but all of them contributed to our team spirit and camaraderie.

The boys also displayed outstanding sportsmanship throughout the season. Win or lose, they showed respect for referees, opponents, and each other – a huge achievement and something to be proud of.

A massive thank you to all the parents and carers for your ongoing support – from getting the kids to training and games, jumping in and helping out with a training session, to helping with jerseys, fruit, ground set-up, and cheering on from the sidelines, and everyone who helped make the season run smoothly. We couldn't have done it without you.

It's been a privilege to coach this group of young players. Their energy, enthusiasm, and willingness to learn has made this season so enjoyable. Watching them form friendships, build confidence, and fall in love with the game is what coaching is all about.

Tim McGann

UNDER 8 - GREEN

Coach: Matthew Bloor

Trainer: Amanda McDonald

Manager: Colin Best

We started the 2025 season at the Coach and Managers Meet and Greet; this is where Colin introduced me to myself as the new coach for the U8 Green. Thanks, Colin. Initially, I was a bit hesitant about taking on the role, but I am so happy I did. Giving me an opportunity to give back to a club that gave so much to me growing up and being a part of this team's season are memories I won't forget.

The season was a first in many ways. Half of our team it was their first year in rugby league, while also being first time playing on a bigger field with new rules and challenges for us to adapt to as the season progressed. After a couple of training sessions, before we knew it, we were into the regular season, coming up against some very experienced teams with 3-4 seasons of football under their belts. It was a trial by fire with our first game being round 1 against Gynea Gorillas at Home.

As the season progressed, so did we. Even after a few narrow losses, we never took a backwards step, improving week by week, learning from our mistakes and starting to develop into a good little side. Seeing the excitement on their faces when scoring a try, making a try-saving tackle or celebrating a team effort, these achievements is what team sports are about.

Saving our best performances for the back end of the year, what better way to do it then getting to play under lights on the big stage of Shark Park. Saying to the team before the game, not all players get to do this, so grab the opportunity with both hands and try your best. Playing a very good Yarrowarra Tigers outfit, our guys showed what it means to be a football team and do it for each other, putting together a great performance and backing up the following morning to go again. With the following week rolling, Gynea Gorillas on their home turf in a massive effort.

Our season finished on a freezing, wet and cold day up at Bosco for the U8s Gala Day. Well, as the parents froze on the sidelines, the team rose to the occasion, playing in 3 great games, showing that hard work does pay off.

Player profiles

Jake – proving that size doesn't matter, getting in front of the player, never hesitating in showing toughness, leading our defence by putting his body on the line tackle after tackle, showing the size of his heart and desire to compete.

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Johnny – the other half of the dynamic duo, no fear at all and would approach everything as a contest and wanted to win every time, normally with a show and go for the corner, crossing multiple times.

Jack – from start to finish of this season Jack lead by example and was the constant. He was the first person to find space up the middle and showed the team the way to go, and everyone else followed.

Mikaela – using her size and strength, the opposition defence found it very difficult to stop her once she was moving. Then the addition of a sidestep as the year progressed got her running in between players, made amazing metres with every run.

Leo – the don't argue, fend some NRL players would wish they had. Once you realised your strength, there was no stopping you, even when a tackler did get inside his fend, he still managed to carry them up the field.

Max – with the ability to sidestep multiple players in close range, even when there wasn't a gap, he managed to create one. After getting us up to the other end of the field, he still had the speed and energy to chase down and make the tackle all the way back at the other end, never giving up.

Harley – first season playing rugby league, and wow, what a season she had. Could score a try from anywhere on the park. Was a bit shy on tackling at the start of the season, by the end was driving the opposition back with awesome technique.

Levi – first season playing rugby league as well as playing up a grade, you never would have thought that, though with a Player of the Match performance in Round 1, he never looked back from there.

Elias – the confidence of this young man grew every game, with damaging runs, especially the breakaway try he scored on Shark Park, with the crowd erupting as he crossed the line.

Darcy – showing that playing league tag does indeed help, using her agility and speed as a great attacking weapon. As soon as her head was through the line, there was no catching her blistering speed.

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Harrison – the cover defence and support specialist, showing AFL skills are transferable by constantly being involved in everything from supporting his teammates making a break, to making try-saving tackles in the corner.

Special thanks to Amanda, Colin and Abe. You guys made the team happen this year; without your support and organisation, I would have been in all sorts of trouble. To all the parents, thank you for your assistance throughout the year, from helping at the club to training and snacks on game day. Without your assistance, we wouldn't get to the park so a big thank you.

Very confident moving into next season, hoping that all the players are going to stay playing rugby league. These bonds that you make as teammates will last a lifetime. What you all accomplished this year, you should be very proud. I hope you learnt as much from myself and Colin this year as you guys taught me. A great experience for myself as a coach, being a part of a great group of kids and parents alike.

Matt Bloor

CRONULLA CARINGBAH SHARKS

U/8 GREEN 2025





Luke Lombardi
PULSE

Back Row: Amanda McDonald (Manager), Elias Chamoun, Mikaela Bloor, Maxwell Tyler, Matthew Bloor (Coach)
Front Row: Leo Atiya, Jack McDonald, Harley Karauria-Henry, Harrison Gilbert, Levi Lewis
Absent: Colin Best (Trainer), Jake Best, Johnny Best, Darcy Vella

TEAM PHOTOS
— SYDNEY —

UNDER 9 - ORANGE

Coach: Ant Beare

Trainer: David Barnett

Manager: Nicole Barnett

Another great year. A big thank you to the kids, parents, and of course Nikki and Dave Barnett, the dynamic duo ... when you have a couple of battling Beares, you need those 2 to get you through the season (especially getting to the games on time). So thank you. Dave has been there from the very start of the boys' journey, and he has been more than just a trainer. He has been our co-coach, a massive support to me and a huge part of what the boys have achieved over the years. I couldn't do it without you, mate.

We started the year in silvers as we lost a couple of players and gained some new ones in Jacob, Remy and Jamarin, and what great signings they were. Dave and I thought it would benefit us starting in silvers to get a bit of confidence, but it wasn't long till we realised we had a bunch of weapons on our hands and probably belonged in the golds.. Training was mayhem as usual, but as long as the boys didn't kill each other on Tuesdays, we knew they would take what they learned from the week into the game.

We moved up into the golds and knew straight away it was the right move - winning our first game in a tight one, but the boys got so much confidence out of that and knew we could match it with the best, unless it was cold, wet or early in the morning and we were playing Dela who belonged in the NRL (we'll forget about that game... for now). Of course... I'm biased, but they're just an awesome team to watch when they are at their best and just want to play for each other. Thank you, boys, for a great year - you all improved individually and as a team. It may not have looked like it, but I had a heap of fun and am proud of you all.

Thank you to the parents for letting Dave and I just do our thing. A good team obviously needs a bunch of great kids, but also great parents as well... so thank you

Last but not least, thank you and goodbye to Alex, Kima and Nico (and Ash), you have been a big part of the team the last couple of years, on and off the field, you'll be missed by all. (Social committee leader is already planning a footy trip to NZ)

Billy

When Billy is on- we all know it, especially angry Bills. There's no player on the field he won't try and tackle, and if he doesn't succeed, he'll make sure he gets him the second time. Played his role as first receiver, and was part of some great tries during the year, a good team man! As always proud of my boy.

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Nixon

I say it every year, but we forget that he could be playing U8S, but he belongs in the 9's for sure. Filled into the DH role as he has got a great pass on him, and to get him more involved, he knew exactly when to scoot and was great at it. I think we may have found his position, and by far the most stylish in the team.

Remy

Remy was one of the new additions and, like the others, fit in straight away. You would never have known he'd never played tackle footy before. We just knew we had to get him the ball, and his speed and footwork would take care of the rest. Scored some ripper tries and has a wicked boot to match. Time to give up soccer, I think, mate?

Hunter

2nd year coaching H, and the improvement shown from the start is unbelievable. Needs to make an early tackle or run, and he's in the game, has plenty of pace when in the open field and a great tackling game. He put on the hit of the year against Taren Point- I think that poor kid is still lying there - I don't think anyone ran at him again that game.

Levi

The smiling assassin and our starting DH doesn't back down to any kid, big or small, and has a great tackling technique, so he was made for that DH role. Put him in the middle of the field, and no one is getting through would love an early scoot to get our set on the front foot and knew exactly when to do it.

Jamarine

Big J from what I've heard had never played footy either, but i dont believe it, and absolute natural with ball and defence, if it was an offload, palm or bear hug some kid to the ground Big J could do it all, really came out of his shell throughout the year and became one of the boys, Hope to see you next year mate.

Dennis

Big Den, partnering J in the forwards, would never take a backwards step, We give Den the first tap of the game as we new it gets our set going, wouldn't matter if we winning and losing Big Den would have a smile on his face, has been a big part of the team for a few years now. And improves every year.

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Jacob

Jacob came down from the 10's and bought that confidence down to our team, if he wasn't setting up his team mates, he was scoring them himself, scored some brilliant individual tries from all over the field and was that x factor we needed when the game was on the line, Fit in from the start like he'd been there all along.

Eric

We knew Ez could tackle, but it was his running game that really improved this year, and he would go straight through the middle. He missed a couple of games throughout the year, and I have no doubt it would have made it a closer game, especially against DeLa, where his middle defence is vital

Parker

Every team needs an enforcer, and Parker is ours. He could either turn the game with a damaging run or with his defence. I would give him an instruction to change momentum with a big tackle, and if he didn't succeed, he would die trying. Filled in at FR for the last quarter's games, and did that, no problem either.

Niko

Just a powerful runner with the ball in his hands, doesn't need much room, and this kid is gone. It would be unfair to play him against 8 year 8-year-old, not sure what we're going to do when he's gone. He has been our go-to man for the last couple of years and will be sorely missed.

Axel

The Axeman is just a natural footballer who loves the game. If he's on a footy field or holding a ball, he's smiling, even in the middle of malcolms this kid would smile, if we needed a big play the axeman could do it without even breaking sweat, awesome with ball in hands or running the length just the man you want in your team.

UNDER 9 - GREEN

Coach: Clint Crothers

Trainer: Lindsay Franks

Manager: James Johnston

This season was the biggest turnaround since the legendary Parramatta Eels victory in the 2009 Grand Final over the Melbourne Storm (I don't care what you say or "history" reports, Storm cheated so Parramatta won). The key differences only being that we play in a non-competitive league, there is no grand final and the turnaround wasn't led by an individual but a whole team effort and improvement. After a shaky start we got back in the winners circle and then went on to deliver multiple "mercy-rule" victories which were punctuated by keeping the opposition scoreless for the majority of the match. Our defense has three great characteristics: trust in each player to make their tackles and turn defense into an attacking weapon, determination in cover defense and an unbreakable rushing goal line defense.

We need to also make special mention of our "trainee trainer" Byron Aubrey, and the other older brothers who also helped out at training. They really helped bring the team together at times and stay on track to work as a team, not niggle each other. Coaching at this level is about ensuring the teams has fun, keeps developing and stays safe; but having a trainer who can say what you're thinking without recourse during a match or at training is also a massive benefit! Our technical improvement in attack was also outstanding and special mention to Clint for his commitment to all aspects of training.

William Ciraldo: William "the animal" had a lot of help in cover defense this season so the extra juice just made him stand out in attack. Too tuff for the backs, too fast for the forwards but thankfully he knows where he is needed the most and makes it happen.

Harry Golar: He still can't be tackled and worked hard on off loads to help the team take advantage of his runs. It's a shame he had limited opportunities to show off his improved defense on the field because no one wants to run near him, but it was very strong in training.

Lachlan Boyle: There is still a hesitation in his decision making when he gets the ball, but it hardly matters because his leprechaun instincts kick in and he is just too fast. He has worked hard to stay in field and is devastating when running from dummy half.

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Ashton Sheridan: Can't be tackled (but did cop some hospital passes). Fighting against two older sisters brings on a level of determination that means he just doesn't want to find out what happens if they stop him, outstanding fight and improved defense.

Bohdi Crothers: some kids bounce off the walls at home, Bohdi can run horizontally along them if he needs to. His balance and change of direction are naturally outstanding and this goes hand in hand with his ball skills and defense (older brother factor is strong!).

Maximus Johnston: the "third man in" rule will start to test Max in older age groups when he is constantly looking to back up his team-mates in scuffles. But this season saw him get back on top with confidence in defense and he provides far and away the best service out of dummy half.

Owen Aubrey: this is the man we will all follow into battle! It's a triple threat of determination, skill and brutality that crushes other teams confidence and inspires his own. There is work to be done on staying more leveled, but he is a great team member with massive potential to go a long way in this sport.

Reef Franks: the future enforcer, Reef goes to work in the middle and makes his impact in defense and attack. A special mention from his improvement in ball handling, offload ability and tackling technique. He worked hard this season and was getting fitter and better the whole time making him a rare "80" minute forward.

Carter Karauria-Henry: the "get out of jail free card". I don't want to label him as a forward who just runs through kids because his ball skills make him look suspiciously like a back. Carter is the most well rounded player and most importantly seems to love playing and training no matter what, he's great to have in the team and will go far.

Jack Bowyer: Our statistician was pretty sloppy, but it looks like he saved as many tries as he scored. The raw speed is handy, but when you can back that up with the ability to tackle (keeping in mind his older brother would take some tackling) it takes the wind out of the opposition. He also doesn't mind where he is on the field, he'll score from anywhere!

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Henry Lloyd: What an addition to the team! He has developed so quickly it's alarming. We needed to rush his tackling technique improvement because his bravery in the tackle was so high, but it all clicked in and this complemented his ball handling and running. We are all looking forward to having him back for his ability and attitude.

Andrew: He was a very late addition and stood back at first to gauge what was happening, but we all saw his ball handling ability and very quickly noticed he belonged. He has a great attitude at training and probably the longest passing game in the team, keen to unlock him more next season.

UNDER 10 - RED

Coach: Adam Alcott

Trainer: Doug Jurd

Manager: Vanessa Ware

What a season. The boys came together as a team, grew in confidence and skill, playing footy well above their years. Every week they showed grit in defence, smarts in attack, and plenty of mateship. Opposition sides knew they were in for a tough day when they faced us.

A huge thank you to Kyle and Doug. Kyle's expert advice gave the boys structure and lifted their game to another level. Dougy's energy and enthusiasm made training and game days a joy and kept the team buzzing. I couldn't have asked for better support. There's no doubt that this is a special bunch of kids. They're obviously super talented, but more importantly they're just a great bunch of kids. They're respectful, coachable and always up for a laugh. Coaching them this year has been an absolute highlight and a privilege to be a small part of their growth.

Player Wraps

Jude Tinker – Juice is always rock-solid. He does all the little things we work on at training right, runs hard in the middle, and defends like a brick wall. Always has a smile on his face and a great attitude.

Koa Miller – Huge leap this year in speed and agility. His defence on the edge was amazing, shutting down any attack that came his way. Great season, Young Helmet, and he's becoming a real strike player in both defence and attack.

Nate Magioni – A great organiser and communicator in the field. Directed play from the first receiver with vision, passing, and strong running. Nate Dagg always brings 100% effort at training and 110% when paired up against Charlo. A natural leader in the making



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Charlie Jurd – Our engine at dummy half. Tackles anything that moves, no matter its size. He has a huge motor and is tough as nails. Charlo often sneaks over for a try when we get a quick play-the-ball, and he never takes a backward step.

Jaxon Bishop – A natural finisher . Mixed speed with power and a great fend, breaking tackles and bagging plenty of tries. A showman that'll have his tongue hanging out when making a break and loves a swan dive when crashing over . He fires up the team.

Noah Bachir – Sharp off the mark with silky ball skills. Created space and set up tries with class. What a start to the season Noah had, joining a new club and breaking his nose in a trial match — tough little fella who bounced back strong.

Isaiah Ayoub – Safe but lethal at fullback. Reads the game well, takes tough catches, and returns the ball with purpose. Always in the right spot and never shirks the hard work. A calm head under pressure.

Tua Levi – Big, strong, and fast. Almost impossible to stop with ball in hand, and lifted his defence this year . Each season he grows in confidence, and his mix of size and speed makes him a nightmare for any opposition especially when his Dad yells “have a run Tua!”

Hunter Miller – Relentless. Charges into contact, smashes in defence, and gives everything 110% every game. A no-fear player who sets the tone early and never drops his intensity.

Rayne Stanley – “The Axe.” Fearless tackler , powerful ball runner , and deadly with his fend. Always looking for work and loves getting stuck into the heavy stuff in both attack and defence.

Ryan Weigand – “Turbo.” Blistering pace and versatile across positions. Can turn a game in one run, whether from fullback, wing, or even in the forwards. Loves a bone-rattling tackle and thrives on open space.

Beau Vula – Our flying Fijian. Strong carries, tough to bring down, and improved massively in defence this year . Another season of hard yards and plenty of big moments that lifted the team

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Marley Alcott – Explosive speed, fearless runs, and crunching tackles. Always makes his presence felt. Marley's aggression in defence and willingness to run into traffic gave us a real edge this season.

A huge thank you to all the parents. Your lifts to training and games, your sideline energy, and your constant support made this season possible. The boys fed off your encouragement every single week.

This is a talented group with a bright future. They work hard, play for each other, and make us proud every time they step on the field. I couldn't be prouder of every single one of them, and I'm excited to see how far they'll go next year.



UNDER 10 - ORANGE

Coach: David Johnson

Trainer: Josh Crowther

Manager: Ade Heaney

Under 10's Season Wrap-Up

Wow, what a season! The Under 10's stepped up in a big way this year — showing heaps of skill, courage, and plenty of character on and off the field. From fearless runs and rock-solid defence to mateship and team spirit, the boys gave their all every week. They trained hard, learned from each other, and had plenty of fun along the way. We're proud of the team they've become and excited to see what's next for this great bunch of kids!

The Team

Blake Heaney – Blake was an absolute weapon this season. He could've taken out the "run it straight" comp for his age group (and probably the one above too!). Once he got going, no one wanted to be in his way.

Angus "Gussy" Vinen – Gussy would scoot from dummy half like a rocket. By the time he zipped left and right, he was already halfway down the field. A real quiet achiever with lightning speed.

Isaac Andersen – One of the enforcers on our side. We were glad he was with us and not against us! Once Isaac got speed up and the big fend out, he was simply unstoppable.

Darcy Johnson - There's not much of him, but Darcy always shows a lot of heart. With a great left foot step, whether it's taking runs, kicks in play, or in the front line making tackles, Darcy always gives it 100%.

Kehan Cilliers – What a speedster! Like watching the Road Runner — once Kehan hit top pace, there was no catching him. His runs in open space were great to watch, and his winning try on the siren against Taren Point was the highlight of the season.

Beau Crowther – A workhorse of the middle. Beau tackled his heart out every game, and at training, his team hated him for putting his hand up for extra broncos or malcolms! A crazy kid in the best way, and the trainer's (Josh's) favourite.

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Taj Horan – The little gem of our team. Tough, always polite, always respectful, and gave his best at training and games. His scoots from dummy half were Blayke Brailey-like.

Charlie Butler – If things got fiery, you knew Charlie had your back. He never backed down from bigger teams and put on some massive hits all season, as well as some great runs to get us out of trouble.

Johnny McGann – Our team pump-up guy! No matter win, draw, or lose, Johnny fired us up like no one else. He snagged a few sneaky tries this year and pulled off some great intercepts when we were stuck defending our line.

Hunter Lobb – A wrecking ball up the middle. Hunter wasn't afraid to step in front of the opposition and smash through tackles. His defence was strong all year, too, tackling the big guys perfectly around the legs.

Archer Brannock – The Nathan Cleary of our team. Archer had great vision and an equally good kicking game. He led like a general and tackled like an ant lifting ten times its weight. He even put in some extra big hits on his old Dela mates!

Griff Hannay – An absolute weapon. Tackled like a first grader and ran just as hard. Voted by his teammates as "most likely to play for Australia one day." The boys loved playing with Griff, and he will be missed by his teammates when he ventures back to Qld.

Elijah Mutasim – Great hands, sharp vision, and versatile enough to play anywhere on the field. Elijah was a rock-solid all-rounder for us this year, and never showed fear, whether it was ball playing or defending.

Thank You

A massive thanks to our assistant coaches (Josh and Mark) for all their effort this year — couldn't have done it without you! To our manager (Ade) for organising, scoring, and keeping things running smoothly behind the scenes, thank you for everything you do. And to all the parents and families — whether it was helping with canteen, ground set-up, taking great photos (Jua) or just cheering loudly every week — your support made coaching this team an absolute pleasure.

UNDER 10 - GREEN

Coach: Nathan Eldridge

Trainer: Troy Clancy

Manager: Robe Delauney

Another great year struggling through some hurdles, but in the end, we put it all together to create a successful season. Unfortunately, rain cut our season short, but we still managed to have some great times on the field. Thank you to everyone who volunteered this year. The team doesn't exist without all of your help!

Having a trainer and manager team like we did was such a positive. Troy was like having another coach beside me at training and on game day. Rob was the manager this year whilst also looking after kids and filling into the trainer boots a few times. You did an amazing job on the sidelines!

The Team...

Archie Roberts – Another year and a superstar in the making! Showing your speed and skills from dummy half position. You put all teams on notice with your try scoring abilities from anywhere on the field!!! One of the best dummy halves in your age group, and I only expect bigger & better things in the future!

Benjamin Richards – Stepping up as a regular half this year, you added flare and creativity whilst organising the team in attacking positions. Only to be outdone by your defence this year, turning into a leg tackling machine! Leading the way with technique, fearlessly showing how to take down the big guys & not taking a backwards step in whatever the season threw at you. Well done, Benji!

Cameron Thomson – What an impressive first year! Showing your speed and elusive sidestepping, you scored some brilliant tries when the team needed them most! Defensively improving out of sight and holding a difficult edge position as your own, you exceeded expectations this year! Looking forward to next year, and you will only get better from here!

Even Delauney – Another impressive year! You trained the house down, and game day listened and showed your tactical abilities! A workhorse in the middle and bravely running the team out of trouble from your own end of the field! Your footy IQ showed through this year as you didn't need much direction because you were already..

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thinking of what to do! Safe as houses, goal kicking, you were always a go-to in close games, well done on a successful season!

Flynn Clancy – Having played in your team before, we were looking forward to having you in the team this year, and you didn't disappoint! Starting in the halves, you always have the team on the front foot, paving the way for the second half. Your ability to organise the trick plays whilst being aware of where we were on the field and what to do and when to do it was incredible! Your tackling this year was also a highlight, turning it on for the second half of the season, showing no fear and getting straight back after big hits. You have all the skills needed, and well done on a great year!

Georgie Saunders – Another year for Georgie proving herself against the boys, showing you can mix it with the best! The absolute highlight was the try you scored against Como! After nearly scoring one last year, you pulled the best run of your footy career to score a sensational try in the corner! We were all behind you that day and will continue to support you in your future footy games!

Hudson Holmes – Starting the season off to a flyer and becoming an integral player in the team! Using your speed for cover tackling and edge defence, and running the house down scoring tries at the other end of the field, you were sorely missed mid-way through the season! We wish you all the best in whatever sport you decide to play, and thank you for your contribution to the team!

Hugo Wilson – This season, you added a few more skills using a strong kicking game to your arsenal, but still possess that lethal running game you are known for! Running straight through defensive lines, scoring long-range tries and sometimes even playing two games, you have a big engine! Size, skill, you have what it takes to make a big impact and looking forward to next year's efforts!

Hurricane Takairangi – Continuing where you left off last year by taking the hard carries for the team and turning them into scoring tries with players flying off you and struggling to catch your barnstorming long-range efforts. You also had a consistent season, never letting the team down and always giving a 100% effort! You were a pleasure to coach, and I am looking forward to big things for you next year!

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Jack Poulos – Your first year is never easy, but you did a great job! Taking some of the tough runs against players twice the size with a smile on your face, you have done yourself proud! As the year went on, you improved and created a foundation for next year, always bringing a fun attitude to training and game day, you were the icebreaker we needed on some of the tough games during the season!

Max Eldridge – Holding down the edge, you made the opposition think twice before they ran in your direction! Ball running half for a few games, whilst slotting into the forwards, you had a great season! Missing a few games killed your momentum, but we are all looking forward to next year's big hit highlights! Well done!

Maxwell Screen – Breakout season at fullback this year! This year, you saved countless tries at the back, proving the difference in so many close games; it was like having an insurance policy for the defensive line! Just after saving tries, you scored them up the other end, leaving the other teams to wonder what just happened. The go-to player when we needed a match-winning try, you led the team from the back, finding your voice, directing the defence. A pleasure to coach & have you in our team!

Oliver Clarke – You improved so much during the season, showing on the field by putting in extra work off the field, you are travelling in the right direction to be a powerhouse player next year! Showing the skill in getting low to tackle is not easy, and using the biggest weapon, a big don't argue fend, clearing the way for some big runs we all wanted to see! Looking forward to next year with a big pre-season under your belt!



UNDER 11 - RED

Coach: Daniel Holdsworth

Trainer: Ashlie Olson

Manager: Brett Cooper & Jamie Small

Our 2025 U11 Cronulla Caringbah Gold team.

What a great bunch of Kids!

We had a few new additions this year to our team which brought a new level.

From day one they showed up with an attitude to learn and try to improve every session.

They worked hard at their connection and how they treat each other and as the year went on you could see this in our performances.

Our players all improved and our team spirit grew.

As this team improves in the coming years they're going to be hard to handle.

As there coach I'm most proud of the genuine connection and care this group has for each other.

Looking forward to 2026.

London - A joy to coach! Has a great attitude and gained the respect of the boys very quickly with how hard she trained, very talented with a big future!

Boston - Very attentive, great trainer and a quick learner, has loads of ability. The sky's the limit for Boston. Follow

Kai - Competitor! Understands the game so well and has great vision and a great feel for space and time. Brave, tough and always backs himself with the skills to back it up.

Zander - Can do stuff you can't coach. So talented in all parts of the game. Speed to burn and tackles hard. The boys love playing with him.

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Asher - Great kid and absolute gun player! Can change the game on both sides of the ball. Keep a close eye on him in the future! Glad he's in our team.

Parker - Silky skills and can do it all. Applies himself and works on his game like no other. Clever player and has real leadership qualities. Legend.

River S - Step, Pass, Tackle, Kick, you name it he can do it. River will play anywhere on the field and get it done. Very clever and talented! Big future.

Dom - Beast, great addition to our team with so much athleticism. The boys look up to him, improved in so many areas of the game this year. Wow factor.

Ned - The spirt of our team. The boys gravitate towards him. Has an amazing attitude and improved out of site, loved coaching him.

Beau - Went for strength to strength through out the year as his confidence grew. Untapped ability and will be a force in the future as he keeps developing. loved him in our team.

Amarin - Great late addition, very Talented. Did some things that turned some heads. Fun and cheeky to have around.

Leo - Such a good player and has a great competitive spirt, his defence is amazing it's Aggressive with the ability to save tries. We need him in our team.

River H - Great teammate. River has continually improved every week. Loads of ability and can play anywhere. When feeling confident can cause teams havoc.

Phoenix - Great late addition to our team. Gifted with his size and speed. Was a pleasure to coach and is only going to get better. The boys look up to him and love playing with him.

UNDER 11 - ORANGE

Coach: Daryl Gleeson

Trainer: Brendan Mullaly & Kris Pyper

Manager: Jen Hay

The Under 11 White team had an impressive 2025 season in a very competitive silver competition. The team was brought together mainly with mates wanting to play with their mates, which is what junior footy should be about.

Our Team did see some changes during the year, which were challenging to say the least. We had an extensive bench that dwindled during the year, and in the latter half of the competition, we found it difficult to get a full side on the field.

The only disappointing aspect of our season was the rain delays, which affected 4 matches that were also at the end of our byes. This really hurt as we found ourselves not playing for weeks on end, and seemed like we slipped back into somewhat of a pre-season.

This year, we also had Kris Pyper join the team's coaching ranks, and Kris was able to further extend the team's knowledge of footy with his expansive expertise. The boys were lucky to get someone like Kris to assist as a Coach.

The team demonstrated strong skill, teamwork, resilience during the season and extremely strong mateship, and whilst a couple of the games did not go our way, the boys took it all in their stride.

The Under 11 White team maintained a solid record, with their only losses coming against tough opponents, Gynea Gorillas and Taren Point. Both matches were closely contested, and unfortunately, these are the only 2 teams we could never get a Win back on.

Our team also had 2 debutants for the 2025 Season; however, you couldn't tell that both Max Pyper and Talon Donnelly were making their debuts at 11 years of age.

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Other achievements during the year were seeing Banjo Mullaly and Hudson Dauroff both being presented with their 5-year service medals at the presentation day.

Player and Team Highlights

Our Forwards: Jax Barnett, Toby Edwards, Hudson Dauroff, and Charlie Saunders led from the front every week with their barnstorming runs and hard work, helping to march the team upfield. Their high work rate was also evident in defence, with each boy demonstrating the effort required week after week.

Jackson Hay and Banjo Mullaly, our Roving Second Rowers, played versatile roles throughout the year. They contributed heavily in attack, whether with offloads or hitting the line at speed out wide to break through the defence, contributing significantly to the team's momentum.

Talon Donnelly, Joseph Bell, and Grayson Chandler, who played in our Centre and Wing positions, impressed with their speed, agility, power, and playmaking ability. Their blistering speed and excellent acceleration enabled them to break through the defensive line and create scoring opportunities.

Leo Adesso and Koby Srougi played in the dummy half position during the year. They demonstrated excellent passing and catching ability for quick ball delivery, along with speed, agility, and spatial awareness to identify and attack gaps. Their strong decision-making, combined with their half partner, played a key role in orchestrating the team's attacking moves.

Our playmakers in the yellow vests were Luke Gleeson and Charlie Beare. Both brought different skills to their roles but worked effectively as Five-Eighth and Halfback, depending on the game situation. They excelled with exceptional ball-handling, accurate passing, decisive decision-making, and effective kicking. Their tactical awareness and calmness under pressure were crucial in orchestrating the team's attacking plays.

Our final piece of the spine in the Fullback position was Max Pyper, who showed exceptional all-around skills.

Max demonstrated lightning speed, excellent kicking, strong catching and passing, and superior defensive capabilities, including communication and tackling.

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His comprehensive skill set made him a vital part of the team's attacking and defensive efforts.

The Under 11 White team has laid a strong foundation for future success but the biggest success was the mateship that we saw during the year and the ever-present feeling that you are playing for your mate next to you.

We look forward to building on this year's accomplishments and further developing the team's skills and camaraderie.

2025 Team Awards:

MVP: Jackson Hay

R/UP MVP: Max Pyper

Coaches Award: Jax Barnett

Daryl, Kris, Brendan & Jen



UNDER 12 BRONZE

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UNDER 12 GOLD

Coach: Peter Cohen

Trainer: Nikki Teasel/Blake Carroll

Manager: Nathan Carroll/
Steve Hinton/Taulima Tautai

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER: Luka Abinja

PLAYERS PLAYER: Ryan Cohen

COACHES AWARD: Lawson Meagher



Well done to the boys on a great year of footy. Whilst we didn't make the semi-finals for the first time, I thought we came a long way as a footy team. Our attack finally started to gel, and our defence had other teams not wanting to play us. We had a few close games this year, which we didn't get the result, and those close ones cost us in the end. If our boys can get a little bit more consistency and discipline in games, we can beat any team on our day. Really proud of the way the boys improved at training and on the field as the season went on.

2025 was a big year for the boys outside of club footy, with a few making rep teams, juggling different sports and also making the transition to High School. Despite all these distractions, our boys took it in their stride and turned up with the right attitude, ready to go week in week out. They all bought into the systems we were trying to put in place and the culture we're trying to create. The comradery these boys show on and off the field is outstanding to watch.

A big thanks to Taulima, Nathan and Steve for the effort and commitment you guys put into the season at training and game day. The boys take a lot out of it, and it is a real team effort. Thanks to Nikki and Blake for all the work you do as managers; the boys and I appreciate what you do. Last but not least, thanks to all the Parents, Grandparents, siblings and carers for getting the boys to and from training, game days and doing the BBQs, one day your boys will thank you.

Luka - Voted MVP by parents throughout the year, lit up the field in attack and very safe in defence

Ben - Strong runner and even stronger defender, great first year with the team

Jett - Outstanding attitude at training and game day, rewarded with making the Sydney East Team in League and Union

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Ryan - Voted players player, reads the game well, showed consistency and was rewarded with making the Mackillop team

Atiba - Continues to improve as a footy player, fitter, stronger and hitting harder, doesn't know his own strength yet.

Jake - Never takes a backwards step, sticks up for teammates and great team player

Leon - Came back strong after a broken bone, talented tough kid, strong runs and menacing defence

Henry - Smart player, good listener and picks up things quickly at training, also a great goal kicker

Koah - Aggressive in defence, not letting anyone get past him, never backs down and a strong runner of the ball

Lawson - Named captain this year for his leadership shown at training and game day, never complains and leads by example. Also received the coach's award.

Cooper - Really strong season by Coops, Great defensively as always, ran the ball back strongly, very consistent.

Noah - First year in Gold, big change in fitness and gained confidence as the year went on, played some really strong games.

Oscar - First year at the club, fit straight in with the boys, very safe under the highball and consistent in defence.

Cam - Great attitude, loves the tough stuff, plays big minutes and works himself to a standstill, has other teams looking where they run.

Ziggy - Starting to realise his potential, improved at training, and it showed on the field, the alpha dog of the team always protects his teammates.

Hugh - Plays above his weight, strong in defence and gave great service from dummy half, strong trainer and popular amongst the boys.

Jaxon - First year in Gold, showed great improvement as the year went on, safe in defence and some strong runs in attack

UNDER 13 GOLD

Coach: Kyle Stanley

Trainer: Luke Rye

Manager: Niketa Patterson

Unfortunately, in 2025, the boys just found 1 team better than them after successfully being the best team for the last 4 years. The boys still managed to go through the regular season undefeated, and their only loss for the year came in the GF against a much bigger Kingsgrove team.

The year didn't start off great for the boys, with a terrible injury occurring to Braydin in his first game back from a serious leg injury suffered in the off-season. We wish Braydin all the best in his recovery and hope to see him back in the 2026 season, and hope all his bad luck with injuries is over for him.

It became apparent after we played Kingsgrove in Round 5 that this year the competition would be a two-horse race, so basically after round 5 we were just treading water until we had to face Kingsgrove again and at the end of the season, on paper, it appeared we would have to play them 4 out of the last 5 games until the rain interfered again.

The boy's best game this season came against Kingsgrove in the semi-final, where shortly into the 2 nd half we trailed 20-8 and it appeared like we were headed for the preliminary final with only 12 minutes to go. We managed to score 3 late tries, the last with only 1 minute 30 seconds on the clock, to take the lead and secure the game and take the win in a great comeback game and much to the dismay of Kingsgrove.

In the Grand Final, errors cruelled our game, and unfortunately, it just wasn't our day this year. I would like to send out a huge thanks to Kyle, Luke and Niketa for all their help this year. The fire in the belly is alive for all the boys next year, and in life, you learn more from your losses rather than your wins, and the boys will be even hungrier next year to come back and avenge their loss.

Awards this year went to –

Nolan Grantham – Best Player

- Nolan had a great year this year, he led the team around from Half back and led the competition as the leading point scorer, and whenever the game was on the line ,he came up with the big moments to secure the W for his team.

Marley Wilson – Best Forward

- Marley year on year week on week always turns up and plays his heart out. He loves the physical part of the game and thrives against the better teams.

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Caleb Hoekstra – Best Back

- Caleb had his first year in the gold team this year and was a real standout at left centre. A naturally quiet kid who excelled in defence and attack, and it was a pleasure to see his development this year, which earned him the best back award.

Finally, we would just also like to congratulate Darrin, Paul, Todd and Kim on the 13 Silver team this year, taking out the silver competition, a great result for the boys and the club.

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UNDER 13 SILVER

Coach: Darrin Forster & Paul Cavallaro

Trainer: Todd Newton

Manager: Ade Heaney, Kim Newton

2025 Premiers

What a season it's been for our Boys! From the first whistle to the final siren, this team showed what true rugby league spirit looks like—resilient, united, and relentless. With only three losses across the entire season, the boys carved out a dominant run that culminated in a thrilling premiership win. But it wasn't just the scoreboard that told the story—it was the heart behind every tackle, every sprint, and every comeback.

Throughout the season, the team faced its fair share of adversity. Injuries and illness tested their depth and resolve, including one unforgettable match where they took the field with just 11 players. Lesser teams might have crumbled, but not this one. They dug deep, leaned on each other, and played with the kind of toughness that can't be taught—only earned.

Perhaps the most defining stretch came against the minor premiers, who we defeated not once, not twice, but three times in a row. Each victory was a masterclass in teamwork and belief, which included a grand final that will be remembered for the rest of their lives. Down 10-0 early, the boys didn't flinch. They rallied, lifted each other, and surged back to claim a 20-16 win—an epic comeback that perfectly captured their season-long mantra: be brave and never give up.

This team didn't just win games—they built a team of mates. They played for each other, celebrated each other, and proved that when you combine talent with effort and grit, anything is possible. Premiership champions for 2025!

Zac Maquire – What a season Zac delivered—his best yet by far. With 19 tries to his name, he didn't just play fullback—he owned it. Zac combined brilliantly with our halves, timing his support runs to perfection and constantly threatening the line. If there was a gap in the defence, Zac would sniff it out and slice through like a hot knife through butter. His speed, awareness, and finishing ability made him one of the most dangerous players in the comp. But beyond the stats, it was his growth that stood out—week by week, he evolved into a lethal weapon at the back. It was a pleasure watching Zac rise to the occasion and make the No. 1 jersey his own. Great season, Zac—you should be incredibly proud!

Koby Hyde - Our “pocket rocket”, saw a lot more ball this season, did the hard yards off our line with some big runs on many occasions. One of the smaller kids on the team with one of the biggest hearts. He has no fear, never afraid to get in front and tackle the much bigger opposition. Many big try saving tackles and lightning runs each game. Cracking season Koby, one of your best. Train hard in off season, stay fit, cannot wait to see you grow next year.

Jake Milton – Jake had a standout season, consistently delivering no matter where he was asked to play. Whether in the middle, out wide, or filling a gap late in the game, Jake never missed a beat.

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His attack was sharp and decisive, and his defence packed real punch—often turning momentum with a single hit. What makes Jake so valuable is his versatility. He's the kind of player every coach dreams of—adaptable, reliable, and always up for the challenge.

Alex Pyper – Alex's season was unfortunately disrupted by injury, and his absence was felt across the park. But when he returned, it was like he'd never left—slotting straight back into the side with confidence and class. His defence was rock solid, and his attacking runs were strong, direct, and hard to handle. He brought a physical edge and calm presence that lifted the boys around him. It was a joy to see him back in rugby league, doing what he does best.

Mitchy Rodger - Mitch came to us mid season from Bronze. He embraced this opportunity and never looked back. What he lacks in size he makes up for with his heart. He never took a backward step, stiffened defence up on the edges. Many try saving tackles on opposition much bigger than him. Always sniffing around for the ball scoring some great tries. Try of the year in the GF! Focusing and attention at training will take your game to the absolute next level. Great season mate, thanks for putting in so hard each week

Taj Forster – Our little maestro in the No. 6 jersey. Taj began the season at fullback, but it didn't take long for us to pivot and move him into the halves. Once paired with Zach W, the two formed a dynamic partnership that lit up the field. Taj's silky passing, sharp vision, and pinpoint kicking made him one of the standout halves in the comp. He saved his best for the biggest stage—earning Man of the Match honours in the grand final with a try of his own and direct involvement in all three others. Calm under pressure, creative in attack, and clutch when it counted—Taj delivered a performance that will be talked about for seasons to come.

Zach Wilson (c) – There is a reason we have this guy as our Captain. His toughness and tenacity to deliver a result was truly inspiring. This was Zach's second year in the team and he delivered yet another captain's knock. He always led from the front and set the tone with his skill, composure, and relentless work ethic. Zach was the heartbeat of the side. He never took a backward step and consistently put the team first. A natural leader who earned respect through action, not just words

Kai'ryn Vella – Kai enjoyed another strong season and earned more game time as the year progressed, proving his value week after week. A powerhouse forward, he consistently made his presence felt—charging into the line with intent and setting a solid platform for the team to build off. His physicality and determination in both attack and defence gave the side real momentum, especially in tight contests. Kai's growth this season was clear to see, and his impact didn't go unnoticed by teammates who fed off his energy and effort. A reliable, hard-working forward who brought toughness and heart every time he stepped on the field.

Lucas Cavallaro - Lucas was sharp from dummy half all season. His crisp deliveries kept the attack rolling, and his consistency week in and week out was a huge asset to the team. A hard trainer, Lucas always looked to improve and brought energy to every game. Along with his attacking contribution, his solid defense made him a reliable and well-rounded performer.

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Quinten Heaney - Once again, Q stood tall in the big games. His leadership through the middle was invaluable, and he capped off a memorable season by celebrating his 100th game for the club. His composure and strength in crucial moments inspired those around him.

Reyne Newton - Reyne continued to develop strongly this year, becoming fitter, sharper in technique, and more effective with his post-contact meters. He played big minutes right across the season, showing great endurance and reliability. His hard work in both attack and defense added great value to the team and highlighted the positive growth in his game

Hasan Fah - Hasan transitioned into the back row this year and flourished. With ball in hand he was a dangerous attacker, breaking tackles and pushing the defense, while also proving himself as a strong and committed defender. When Hasan was on song, he was one of the most impactful players on the field.

Jock McDonnell - Well what can we say. There is only one Jock and we are lucky to have you in our team. Personality plus, always giving his best. Listens intently to every word the coaches say, takes it on board and improved each week because of this. Trains hard, plays hard. His opinion on the game, the refs and anything else is always welcomed and we could not survive a season without you and your commentary. Some huge runs, some cracking tackles. Next year is your year Jock, let's go!

Xavier Holevas - Xavier came across from Renown and what an addition he was. He trained hard each week, improving with his strong runs and big tackles week in week out. He took on any feedback from coaches, worked hard on his game during the season. His consistency at training and each game was an asset to our team. He saved the best til last and had an absolute blinder in our Grand Final. Bring on next year Xavier, you will only get better mate. Great season. Thanks for always putting in.

Paddy Cornell - Paddy trained the house down pre season and proved himself in trials in a big way that he was a worthy Silver player. He was a welcomed addition to the team. Unfortunately Paddy suffered a broken collar bone in round 3. That would be his last game until Semi Final. This however did not stop him turning up to training each week. He kept his fitness up, had a great Semi & Grand Final. He is strong, fast & will have a cracking 2026. Well done mate.

Byron Aubrey - Byron trialled well, came into the team from Bronze. A big challenge for him and he worked hard. He is very enthusiastic. One of our wingers, he didn't get much ball but when he did he did his job well. Bagged a couple of nice tries. Always safe under the high ball. His game will go to another level having played at this higher level. Stay fit in the off season mate, let's see what you can do next season.



UNDER 13 BRONZE

Coach: Kris McClelland, Luke Dunne

Trainer: Clint Crothers, Matthew Walker, Michael Srougi

Junior Trainer: Will Cooper

Manager: Erin McClelland

Coaches Award- Cley Ellis

Best and Fairest- Jacob Markovski

Trainers Award- Cooper Dregmans

Marcus Bottle- Another solid season directing plays as a halfback. Zip-zipping through the opposition, you passed perfect balls to your runners constantly. Thank you for being a rock-solid member of our team.

Kale Browning- Utility extraordinaire! Filling in at front row, second row, centre, even making an appearance on the wing- allrounder! Mixing it up suits you, I feel... We hope you are a shark next season.

Jebb Cooper- One of our most rock-solid players year-in-year-out. We can always rely on your stability as a player and versatility with positional play. Though you keep us on our toes- never knowing what play you may come up with!!!

Crue Crothers- Surprise runs and absolutely crunching tackles are your forte. One of our hardest runners and a lethal tackler. If Crue is on- shivers go through the opposition for sure!!!

Hope to see you next year, buddy!

Cooper Dregmans- Coops inaugural year with CBAH!, watching you improve each week and adapt to change has been a pleasure to see... You were poised in each position and caught the opposition off guard more and more as the season progressed. You are an asset to our team.

Finley Dunne- Breakout year, mate! Massive runs, crunching tackles and reliability in the forward line make you a standout rock rock-solid part of the team. Knowing you were there in the forwards gave our team so much confidence!!!

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Outstanding development this year. Coach Luke saw the potential in you as Dummy-Half within the first few weeks... we gave you a go and you performed as forethought. Your position has stuck, and rightly so. Your tackling this year has been 'body on the line' also.

Joseph Goon Chew- Another year of perfect attack and defense. Those legs of yours! The combo of you and Lachie being left center/wing was so important to our team being secure on that side. No-one could break that...

Beau Gould- Our strong man! Our enforcer! Hard hit-ups and even harder tackles... Knocking the opposition off the field on the way to or from our try line, even with a long-term injury that was re-addressed mid-season which we feel boosted your confidence- you made it work when it mattered.

Bobby Johnston- You are the ultimate tackle-evading player!!! Zip-Zipping in and around the defence, let's face it- you rarely were tackled... You proved yourself to be a confident player in the centres... Hope to see you continue your footy with CBAH!!!

Austin Lucas- You're a reliable, dominating forward that the team relies heavily on! You never disappoint! Hitting it up over the advantage line- you are an absolute asset for our team. We would not have had the solid front line we had without you. See you next year, Bud!

Jacob Markovski- First year and frightening! Yet, friendly and fierce at the same time. Absolute powerhouse runs! You showed amazing sportsmanship throughout the season that our coaching staff and playing team were so proud of.

Kynan McClelland-Ky - was asked mid-way through the season, out of necessity, to move from the front row to 5/8th. Big move for a front-row edge who had never played in the halves before, but he still got the job done well and performed when necessary for the team.

Ruben O'Reilly- Hard-core mad Irishman!!! Fire in the belly and watch him burn!!! Hard core tackles and hit ups made this year a year where, if needed (even if calming him down from unnecessarily doing so), we'd fire him up and send him out for the next round. Nostrils flared, ready to go!

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Billy Srougi- Mr Ok-'Billy go left'- OK, 'Billy go right'- Ok!!! The reason Billy received the coach's award 2 years ago was that he was like a robot when it came to instruction. Utility 101... Billy had a gap year last year, but came back guns blazing. Such a committed and humble player, a coach's dream!

Kobe Stupicic- Tough as nails, he put in 100% every game and left nothing on the field. In-game kicking was fantastic, and conversions alongside Kynan were a massive asset to our team. Hard-hitting and double-up runs... Hope to see you next season, buddy!

Lachlan Walker- Mate! You could go all day and then find that opening!!! You put your pedal to the metal and away you go! Blowing us away every time at what seems like effortless meters-breaking the line at speed is the best in the team. You are a pleasure to coach, and your humility and commitment are to be admired.



UNDER 14 GOLD

Coach: Chase Stanley

Trainer: Antony Burgess

Manager: Lloyd Bevan

Last year, Cronulla Caringbah only fielded one team in the Under 13s, competing in the Silver competition. To give our sons an opportunity to play at the Gold level, Chase and I made the difficult decision to take our boys to Aquinas after many years at our beloved Cbah.

Our shared goal was to return to Cronulla Caringbah and build both a Gold and Silver side, laying the foundation for a strong pathway as the boys move into the older age groups. It took a lot of work in the off-season, but we were able to bring together **35 players** committed to wearing the black, silver, and white in the Under 14 age group.

As a result, we successfully fielded two competitive teams in both the **Gold** and **Silver** competitions—setting the club up for long-term success.

Season Recap

We had a slow start to the year, with only one trial match, mainly used to grade the players. Our first official game was against De La Salle, the reigning champions who had won four titles in a row. They gave us a harsh reality check with a **34-0** defeat.

But the boys bounced back. We went on a **seven-game winning streak**, climbing up the ladder and showing just how far we'd come.

Our next big test was once again against De La Salle, a true benchmark of where we stood. In a tight contest, we narrowly went down **14-12**—a game we arguably should've won. That performance proved to the rest of the comp that we were **serious contenders**.

We followed up with three more wins before a loss to GyMEA in the final round, which saw us finish 3rd in a 9-team comp, securing a spot in the semi-finals.

Our season came to an end in the semi against Renown. It was close at halftime, but they pulled away to win **26-6**. While disappointing, it marked a strong and promising campaign for a newly formed team.

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- **Kai Wheatstone**
- **Carter Studdon**
- **Taniela Luitai**
- **Jax Burgess**
- **Jax Tickle**
- **Jai Barlow**
- **Ethan Harper**
- **Austin Kaufusi**
- **Aiden Doyle**

Congratulations to three of our **OGs** for reaching **100 games** for the club—a testament to their loyalty and commitment:

- **Henrick Bateup**
- **Manny Hinton**
- **Will Cooper**

Special thanks also to:

- **Lennox Holz, Hunter Aston, Ryder Johnson, Billy Opai, Manny Hinton, Will Cooper, and Henrick Bateup** for making themselves eligible for the Gold team this year, enabling us to field such a strong squad.

To all the parents who helped on the BBQ, in the canteen, and with washing jerseys—thank you. Your willingness to volunteer made everything easier and smoother this season.

- **Bria** – thank you for stepping in as manager when needed.
- **Ant** – thanks for wearing the Blue Shirt every game day.
- **Josh Bateup** – our trainer, and an invaluable part of the team.
- **Chase** – for coaching the boys and bringing energy, passion, and belief every week.
- **Mason Bevan** – Yellow shirt on occasions and helping out at training.

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Finally, thank you to **Chase, Cara, and my wife, Kim**. The amount of effort you put in behind the scenes to bring this team to life was enormous, and I can proudly say it paid off—**on and off the field**.

Looking Ahead

This year was all about building—getting to know each other, learning how to play together, and laying a foundation.

Next year, we're not just building.

We're coming for the premiership.

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UNDER 14 SILVER

Coach: Kane Pearse

Trainer: Corey Aston & Anthony Pellegrino

Manager: Renee Showell

What a year it was, started with a message from one of my mates' dads asking if I wanted to coach. I was a bit hesitant at the start, and just had a thought why not.

I was pretty nervous coming into the first session we had together at Wanda, but the boys were very welcoming, and just like that, we had our first session together and bonded as a team.

Rolling into the first few rounds, I was still learning names, and we were a bit disjointed still, but as the season went on, we found our footing. We beat Dela in the first round, showing where we were as a team. A few rounds later, after losing a few times, we started to get a roll on beating the top team of Taren Point. After Taren Point, we had a convincing win over Engadine, then the following week, unfortunately, we went down to Dela. Continually, the next week we came back showing the rest of the comp we meant business, beating Como 54-0. Up to the finals, we had a few washout rounds and some tough matches, but the boys showed up week in and week out to training and games, getting us over the line and making the finals.

The semi-final against Dela. It was 1 all at this stage in the season against Dela, and we were up against the wall. We had 14 players, but every single one of the boys showed up that game ready to go and put their heart out on the field. Unfortunately, at the end of the game, we didn't get the result we were hoping for, but the way the boys demonstrated themselves on the field showed their true character, leaving it all out on the field. After the game, the boys were devastated, and I was too, but it's only our first year together and we have so much to come next year.

I would like to say a massive Thank you to Renee. I couldn't imagine juggling 5 kids would be hard enough, but to manage one of her sons' footy team is something not many people are able to do.

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Every week Renee would message and I would see it but sometimes forget to answer or do something a few days later then what I was meant to but she always reminded me and for everything you have done throughout the message Renee I would love to see a big thank you to you!

I would also like to say thank you to Anthony for turning up every week and being our blue shirt, couldn't have done it without you mate, thanks!

To all parents and caretakers involved, getting the boys to training and games every week i would like to say thank you. Without you guys this year wouldn't have been able to go as well as it did so thank you very much.

Finally to the boys, Travis, Henry, Isaac, Jacob, Sasha, Brae, Jacko, Ethan, Nate, Bede, Toa, Chase, Jay, Harley, George, Kobe and Cooper, Sorry for putting you guys through all those fitness drills but in the end it did pay off as we were the best defensive team in the comp. On a serious note, thank you so much boys. The experience I have had this year has been amazing and I couldn't have asked for a better group to do it with as you boys were so welcoming and inviting. Thank you boys! Get keen for preseason.



UNDER 15 GOLD

Coach: Brad Kelly

Trainer: Nathan Redmayne & Blair Tumeth

Manager: Dave Nickerson

The 2025 season was one of growth, resilience, and character for the Under 15 Cronulla Caringbah Sharks. Beginning their campaign in the Silver Division, the boys quickly proved their quality and earned a mid-season promotion to the highly competitive Gold Division. The step up presented new challenges, but week by week the Sharks rose to the occasion, showing grit, determination, and continual improvement. By season's end, they had not only competed with some of the toughest opposition in the district but had also earned their place in the second-tier finals, where they fought bravely against a strong Aquinas Colts side.

This season was more than just results—it was about the development of each player, both on and off the field. The squad was a blend of speed, strength, skill, and courage, with every boy adding his own unique qualities to the team's identity.

The Sharks' attack often sparked into life through the speed and creativity of players like **Alex Santarossa**, whose elusive running and clutch goal-kicking moments—most memorably his two sideline conversions against Kingsgrove—lifted the team to memorable victories. **Ashton Johnsen**, in his first season with the club, immediately made his presence felt with his powerful, barnstorming runs that continually bent defences, while **Declan Lusby** grew into a damaging runner who was near unstoppable in open space. Out wide, the pace and fearlessness of **Billy McDonald** and the evasive footwork of **Jordan Rawlings** kept opposition defenders guessing, while **Pablo Webb** and **Reid Frazier** added their own threats on the edges—Pablo's ability to find space and Reid's safe hands under pressure proving invaluable.

The spine of the team demonstrated both skill and leadership. **Cooper Kelly**, despite battling injury, directed play with smarts and toughness, while **Hayden Meagher** provided a steadying voice and clever football brain that gave structure in attack. Around the ruck, **Tom Lopes's** speed and elusiveness out of dummy half made him a constant danger, while **Kash Lemke**, when fit, offered creativity and flair that opened up defensive lines.

Through the middle, the Sharks relied on courage, grit, and plenty of hard running. **Cody Williams**, **Ryan Gardiner**, and **Lucas Fitzpatrick** provided size and go-forward,

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each delivering powerful carries that gave the team momentum. **William Nickerson**, leading from the front as captain, embodied consistency with his tireless effort, punishing defence, and willingness to do the hard work. The relentless energy of **Sam Shatte**, who regularly ran and tackled himself to exhaustion, and the versatility of **Nash Thomas**, who could slot into multiple roles, further strengthened the pack. **Mason Christmas-Wills** and **Reef Lewis** added toughness beyond their size, their courage in collisions inspiring their teammates. **Jaxon Redmayne** brought an aggressive edge with both ball carries and defence, while **Kurt Andrews**, in his very first season of rugby league, showed immense bravery, taking on much bigger opponents without hesitation.

Importantly, the team's growth wasn't just in skill but in spirit. Every player displayed a willingness to learn, improve, and put the team first. Whether it was the fearless commitment of **Will Cooper**, always ready to fill any role, or the steady progress of so many, each player contributed to building the Sharks' identity as a side that never gave in.

While the results in Gold Division were mixed, the courage shown each week and the noticeable improvements across the squad were undeniable highlights. The Sharks may not have finished with silverware, but they finished with something far more important—a belief in themselves, a tighter bond as teammates, and a platform to launch into future success.

The 2025 Under 15 Cronulla Caringbah Sharks should be immensely proud of their journey this season. They faced challenges head-on, grew individually and collectively, and demonstrated what it means to wear the Sharks jersey with pride. With the resilience, character, and talent within this group, the future is very bright.



UNDER 16 SILVER

Coach: Pat Driscoll

Trainer: Lachlan Peachey

Manager: Niki Teasel

Firstly, Congrats to all the victorious Cbah teams.

Well done on a great season!

It was another year full of close contests for our team. It was a disrupted season again for the boys, dealing with many injuries and rain interruptions. At times, we were able to show our potential against the toughest competition, showing we can compete with everyone. I hope the boys can build on this next season.

Special thanks go to our team Manager/doctor Nikki (manager of the year!!) Nikki helped not only organise the boys but also Lach and me. She also found herself fixing up injuries most weekends.

Thanks also go to Garth and Ollie for trainer duties, and to Gando for answering our many questions and putting in another huge effort as club president. Final thanks have to go out to Loz and Jade for continuing to put up with Peach and me, and for also coming out to support the team on Sundays.

Ashton Bahls- Great season by this fella playing a year up. New to the team, Ashton added lots of punch to our forward pack. He fronted up at prop each week and relished doing the dirty work. One of our best all year!

Tomas Summers- Tom was a great addition to the team. He really excelled once he made the move to fullback. Tom worked hard not only on his kicking but his skills, and this really showed, as he was the biggest improver in the team. It will be good to see him continue to develop his game.

Levi Robson- Levi was the leader of this team. It was clear to see how his words and actions fired the other boys up. He was always willing to take the tough carries from the backfield. For the games he was away, his presence was certainly missed.

Ben Lowe- Ben was Mr reliable again, making the most tackles each week, often saving potential line breaks. He certainly has the footy IQ, skillset and toughness to develop into a dominant ball-playing middle forward going ahead.

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Clark Collins- This bloke could dead set talk underwater but was funny enough to get away with it most of the time. Clark took up the challenge of moving to the front row, where he relished the hit-ups off the kick-offs and the dirty work in the middle.

Cooper Mace- Another kid who played above his weight in the forwards. Cooper was a tackling machine, often putting his body on the line for the team. He showed no fear, often taking the tough carries near our line.

Tom Coady- There's no doubting Tom's energy, and when used right, he was effective coming off the bench and playing in the middle. Showed really good signs late in the season as an impact player.

Jude Oldfield- Poor old Jude missed a large chunk of games, and there was no doubt we missed his physicality in the forwards. To his credit, he showed up to training and came back later in the year and pulled off some of his classic cover tackles.

Tully Mathews- He was cranky as ever, but both Peach and I were truly impressed with how Tully led the forward pack all year long. His game really improved, especially his ability to ball play and connect with the outside backs in attack. Keep backing yourself mate, because you're a talented player.

Sunny Ganderton- Sunny is an absolute workhorse at hooker, but this season he really developed his ability to run and create from dummy half. He really improved his passing game, too and was as dependable as ever in defence. His development over the last two years at dummy half has been great to see!

Darcy Teasel- Darce became one of our strike weapons in the centres, often beating his man and creating opportunities on the right-hand side. This didn't mean he ever skipped taking the tough carries. He wouldn't be out of place playing Gold's.

Lennox Houldin- Our other strike weapon, Lennox is both a natural athlete and talented footy player, often making things happen from nothing, which led to some freakish tries. Certainly a Golds player if he wants to be.

Latrell Wakefield Turnbull- Trell came over from NZ, new to the game and showed straight away that he was made of the right stuff to play league. After a few games, he already had opposition players running away from him. Will be a huge threat in both attack and defence if he continues to play.

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Taine Littlejohn- Taine was given the tough challenge of directing the team around the field. He faced this challenge well, often orchestrating our best sets and attacking plays. He was most impactful though when using his high footy IQ to back himself and make big plays in both attack and defense.

Milan Pfrengle- Milan was a joy to coach. He was new to game, but really showed that he wanted to learn the skills of footy. After starting on the wing, It didn't take long to find out that he was meant for the tough stuff in the middle. One of the biggest improvers!

Riley Polo- Another absolute character. This bloke is too tough for his own good, playing above his weight making courageous tackles and runs. The way he had a crack each week inspired all his teammates.

Benji Halloran- Benji came in to the team and often showed that he was a class above his opposition. He did his best work off the cuff, connecting with our strike players. He has a great kick too, setting up a few tries with his boot. Would be great see more of him in the Cbah jersey.

Josh Goodhew- Josh experienced the hard side of footy, having an injury interrupted season. To his credit though, Josh committed to the team despite his setbacks and showed in his short time on the field that's he's a very talented edge backrower.

Jayden Hoban- Jayden again showed great commitment to the team both through his talk and actions. He also had an interrupted season, but showed real improvement playing in both halves and at hooker. His defence especially improved with the increased workload in the middle.

Special mention also goes to the boys who played up for us this season, especially Nash who was one of our best for the games he played up and Reef, who had a cracker of a game for us against GyMEA before getting injured.

Finally, thanks to Peach for coaching with me again. This time I have to juggle coaching alongside Dad duties. I reckon parenting will be a piece of cake for you after dealing with this lot.

UNDER 16 GOLD

Coach: Cain Best

Trainer: Trevor Taylor & Jonathan Pale Eli

Manager: Sanat Hewetson

After the disappointment of missing the grand final last year, there was a silver lining. Having been in the previous five grand finals meant we couldn't recruit any new players, but missing out opened the door for fresh talent to join the squad.

Cain and I committed not long after last year's defeat and immediately began planning for a big return. We quickly brought back in Sanat, Chase, and Milo to ensure we had the right coaching staff in place—people we knew could help guide the boys back into the winning circle.

From the first gruelling sessions in the sandhills back in December 2024, the boys set the standard for what would become an incredible season. Only losing one game all year, their commitment and drive were evident from day one. With 23 players registered, selection each week became a real headache for the coaching staff—but it was the best kind of problem to have.

The core group of this team has now played in an amazing six grand finals and proudly secured their fourth premiership—an outstanding achievement that reflects their resilience, hard work, and dedication over the years.

There were so many great moments across the season, but none topped the roar of celebration when Seb broke his try-scoring drought with not just one, but two tries against De La in the semi-finals. The reaction from the team and supporters said it all—pure joy and pride.

Our main aim was never just about winning; it was to guide these 16-year-old boys into becoming proud, respectful, and outstanding young men. Coaching this group has been an absolute honour.

A special mention to our new recruits—Kade, Charlie S, Sammy, Zaiden, Harlem, Hamilton, Hamish, Seb, Harvey, and Josh M—who all fitted in seamlessly and added so much to the team culture.

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Capping the year with a premiership was simply the icing on the cake of a fantastic season. Every single player played their part, and the success belongs to all of them. Finally, a heartfelt thank you to the parents for their unwavering support throughout the year. Your encouragement, commitment, and pride in these boys have been invaluable, and we hope you are as proud of them as we are.

Winning the premiership was a fitting reward, but the real achievement is the growth and camaraderie of this remarkable group of young men.

Both Cain & I would like to thank everyone for their support throughout this fantastic year.

Regards

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UNDER 17 SILVER

Coach: Paul Fuller

Trainer: Nathan Garner

Manager: Jen Withers

Awards - Best back - Dylan Stark

Best Forward - Liam Mitchell-Bruce

Coache's award - Ronnie Murphy & Declan Garner

Under 17s – Season Report

What a season it has been for our Under-17s side. At the start of the year, few outside the group gave these boys a chance of even making the finals. But through sheer determination, effort, and an unwavering belief in one another, they not only proved the doubters wrong, they learnt to believe in themselves – they went all the way and claimed the premiership.

From Round 1 right through to the Grand Final, the team showed incredible resilience. Every setback became a lesson, every challenge a chance to grow stronger together. Training sessions were full of energy and commitment, and week after week, the boys displayed a level of attitude and effort that was second to none.

Their hard work paid off in the most remarkable fashion. After earning their spot in the Grand Final, the boys took the field at Greenhills for what turned out to be an unforgettable contest. In a nail-biting finish that went into extra time, they dug deep, trusted each other, and delivered when it mattered most. The result – Grand Final winners!

It was more than just a victory on the scoreboard; it was the ultimate reward for a season built on teamwork, respect, and belief. To watch these young men grow not only as players but as people has been an absolute privilege. Every single one of them can be proud of what they have achieved.

Special Mentions

A special acknowledgement goes to Kaden for being the top try scorer in the U17S competition with 16 tries and also being a year younger. Our captains, Riley and Ronnie, who led from the front all season with their maturity, courage, and commitment. Their leadership on and off the field set the tone for the entire squad.

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To our dedicated coaching staff – Todd and Nathan – thank you for your time, knowledge, and patience in guiding the boys to this success. A huge thank you as well to Jen, our team manager, who kept everything organised and running smoothly throughout the year. To Marty for his ongoing support, and to Jane and Kaden for always being willing to help in so many ways – your contributions have been invaluable.

Finally, we thank the club for their unwavering support, with a special mention to Gando, our club president, whose encouragement and commitment to the team and the wider club community has been greatly appreciated.

Closing

On behalf of the coaching staff and the club, congratulations to this exceptional group of players. They have written their own chapter in our club's history – one that will be remembered for years to come.

Premiers 2025. What a game. What a team. What a season.



EMERGING CUP

Coach: Rea Pittman

Trainer: Brian Thomson, Kade Garner

Manager: Joe Lichaa

As the 2025 season comes to a close, I want to take a moment to reflect on the journey we've shared as the senior team of the club. Coaching this group has been an absolute privilege not just because of the football we played, but because of the character, effort, and resilience shown by each and every player throughout the year.

This season was about more than results on the scoreboard. It was about building a culture of accountability, pride, and hard work that represents what Cronulla Caringbah stands for. Week in and week out, you turned up, committed yourselves to training, and put your bodies on the line for your teammates. That spirit the willingness to go the extra effort for one another is what made this team special.

We faced challenges, no doubt. Injuries, tough opponents, and moments where things didn't go our way. But those setbacks only revealed our strength. Each time, you came back harder, lifted each other up, and played with heart. That's something to be proud of not just as rugby league players, but as men who carry themselves with integrity.

Thank you to all the boys for the effort and commitment you put in this season. I encourage you all to stay on and continue representing Cronulla Caringbah next year as the senior team of the club. You've already started building a strong culture and the challenge now is to keep that going and make it even stronger.

I also want to acknowledge and sincerely thank all the volunteers who gave up their time and energy to support this team. From trainers and managers, to those who helped with jerseys, water, transport, and every little job in between your efforts never go unnoticed. It truly takes an army to run a team, and this season would not have been possible without you.

Finally, I want to say thank you for trusting me, for buying into what we were trying to achieve, and for making this season one I'll never forget. It's been an honour to be your Coach.

Cbah Forever. Love this club.

U9 (1) GLT

Coach: Craig Henderson

Trainer: Steve Barlow & Steve Edwards

Manager: Melissa Mullin

This season began with a group of girls coming together from different areas to form a brand-new team. With that came some challenges, but also plenty of exciting achievements.

The girls showed wonderful dedication as they learned new positions and developed their understanding of the game. Their effort and willingness to grow have set a strong foundation for future seasons, both individually and as a team. The pride they showed in wearing their club colours reflected their sportsmanship, teamwork, and commitment to one another. As the season went on, the girls started putting into practice the skills their coach had been teaching them. When everything clicked on the field, they were unstoppable! For such a new and young team, it was inspiring to see the confidence they carried into each game.

Although the season ended a little differently than expected, with wet weather cancelling the Gala Day and leaving everyone wondering how it would finish, the journey itself was a huge success. The team grew, had fun, and built memories that will carry into next year.

Darcy Vella: As the youngest player on the field, Darcy held her own. She had a fantastic season and played extremely well. Well done, Darcy!

Eden Mackay: Your tagging and ball-running skills, combined with solid commitment and teamwork, was a huge boost to the team's performance. Well done, Eden!

Ivy Barlow: Your ability to read plays and lead the team on the field, combined with your dedication and skill with the ball, made for a great season. Fantastic season, Ivy!

Addysin Rayment: This season was a big improvement on your defence and focus, Addy. You were right there to disrupt the opposition, and your ability to read the game and call the play throughout the season was noticeable as well. Well done, Addy!

Isabelle King: Not the season you would have liked it to be. It was a great start, and you had such a positive impact on the team. Always a cheerleader, coming and showing your support to the team right the way through, look forward to next year, Issy!

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Mahtilde Manser Iakhlef: Each week, your dedication and effort have been amazing to watch. Excited to see what you do next year. Well done, Tilde!!

Olivia Edwards: A great addition to the team this year, Olivia. You took on the game with such passion and determination. Coming out of your shell to put your body on the line in defence and be quick with the ball when heading for the try line. Well done, Olivia.

Mahtilda Henderson: Using your skills from one football field to another became quite apparent with your strong kicking game and assistance in calling the plays on the field. Tilly, you played such a great season!

Scarlett Fischer: Coming into your first season of league tag, you definitely finished the season off strong. You were strong on the field and shook up the opposition. Great season, Scarlett.

Ocean Rain Taylor Talipeau: Such a solid season from you, Ocean! The quiet assassin on defence with solid tagging and speed with the ball. Your positive attitude was such a great uplift for the team.

What a great first season coming together, girls! Focusing on skill improvement and its wonderful to hear the support from parents and families, as this is such a big part of the overall experience of the game.

Enjoy the off-season, everyone, and I'm sure everyone will be excited to get back on the field next year.

Go Sharkies!



U9 (2) GLT

Coach: Be-Joh Goon Chew

Trainer: Spencer Whitehorn

Manager: Catherine Goon Chew

Coaching staff Award: Josie Cox

Encouragement Award: Bonnie Darlington

Players Player: Kennedy Cavanough

After a bit of a rocky start to the season, trying to make up enough players to get a team going, and organise coaches, we got going with just enough players to have one in reserve.

We were a new team, with most of the girls not having played together before, some new the game entirely, and quite a few playing up an age grade. The coaching staff and manager also finding their feet in their new roles!

A few weeks in we got into a rhythm and had two new players Phoebe and Aria join the team.

Now we had a solid team, made up of a few speedsters; Josie, Kennedy and Maddie, solid allrounders Bonnie and Frankie, ruthless taggers; Lucy and Audrey, and our new starters who picked the game up quickly and improved continually throughout the season to become formidable little players; Layla, Penny, Phoebe and Aria.

Our inexperience was reflected in the scores of the first few games, but the girls all came together and had a great time playing regardless, loving the excitement of the game and the reward of playing stuck in the mud or bullrush at the end of training.

After a few weeks we had our first win away from home against Aquinas which gave us some confidence and momentum. A couple of girls had the opportunity to represent the club at some NRL and NRLW events; with Josie representing club for the half time relay at the Sharks v Warriors match, and Audrey and Lucy joining the 9GLT (1) team for the guard of honour and half time game display at the Sharks v Cowboys NRLW match.

Undoubtedly a highlight of the season was having a couple of home games with the other 9GLT team playing at the same time -

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- all the girls running out to the field together at home, with Sharks music playing and mascot out the front, a great experience for them all.

It also goes without saying a sad, wet end for a lot of teams, but a great first season for these girls. They played well, improved a lot and above all were smiling the whole time.

Looking forward to seeing them back for next season.



U10 GLT

Coach: Darrin Foster

Manager: Gretchen Slater

Cronulla Caringbah U10 Girls League Tag – End of Season Report

What a season. The U10 Girls had an incredible year, going undefeated (apart from one game during the school holidays, that we won't mention!). Their success has come not only from their talent on the field (or the coach), but because they are not just great players and teammates – they are even better friends.

This year we saw:

- Ava P and Shizella's speed shutting down every break, scooping up any missed tags at the back.
- Hazel's all-round ability shining across the park.
- Isla's hard, straight running, punching holes in the defence.
- Willow and Waverley scoring tries from just about anywhere.
- Maddy and Immy holding the line with rock-solid defence – and speed to match.
- Billie and Lily making big metres with their scoots from dummy half.
- Lyla never missing a tag.
- Odette's boot nailing the conversions.
- Elki, almost impossible to tag.
- Blake's full-flight running, unstoppable once she hit her stride.

Thank you to all the parents for showing up and just being all-round great people. These girls have shown that skill, teamwork, and friendship go hand in hand – and that's why they'll only continue to improve and keep winning in the years ahead. We can't wait to see how good they'll get.

U16 GLT

Coach: Maria Stroh

Manager: Craig Bevan

This season marked the second year of league tag for most of our girls, with a few new faces joining to strengthen the team. What began with a full bench quickly shifted as many discovered a love for the contact game, and we were riddled with injuries. With most of the team backing up after Saturday games, our focus became simple - enjoying the game and having fun together.

The growth from last year was clear to see. Even in games we didn't win, the girls often walked away saying it was their best performance yet, because of how well they played as a team.

One of the biggest highlights was seeing their attitudes evolve. Early on, there were moments of frustration and disagreement, but by season's end, they had learned to work together, support one another, and celebrate each other's efforts. That progress is something I'm especially proud of.

I hope each of you continues with team sport, whether it's league tag or something new, and keep building friendships, confidence, and skills both on and off the field.



U12 WOMENS TACKLE

Coach: Dene Halatau

Trainer: Scott Somerville

Manager: Rachael Gallagher

This year was full of firsts for many of our girls! Some came with experience from Oztag, touch, and tag league, while others had never even passed a footy before.

Despite the challenges—including wet weather that disrupted our training schedule—the girls showed incredible commitment, turning up each week with enthusiasm and a love for the game.

As the season progressed, their knowledge, involvement, and toughness grew noticeably. It was a joy to watch their development each week.

One of the standout aspects of the season was the girls' tackling. They quickly learned to be fearless and effective defenders, with many of them making strong one-on-one tackles and showing great technique under pressure. Their defensive line became more cohesive each week, and their willingness to put their bodies on the line was great to watch

In attack, the girls showed creativity and determination. They began to understand space and timing, with some fantastic runs through the middle and sharp plays out wide. Their support play improved, leading to some team tries.

Coaching this group was an absolute pleasure. Seeing them improve, build confidence, and hopefully develop a lasting love for the game is what we strive for as a club. We hope to see them all back next year, ready to take on new challenges and continue their footy journey!



U14 WOMENS TACKLE

Coach: Brad Takairangi

Trainer: Mark Sheridan, Damien Cavanough

Manager: Carolyn Cavanough

After going toe to toe with the undefeated Black team in last year's Grand final, we always knew this year would be a difficult season, in the sense that we were now going to be the top age team of our comp and difficult to beat.

The girls more than proved that by only having 18 points scored against them all year and a massive 625 points scored against the competition, finishing with the top try scorer, Mikaela Khan, with 17 tries and Kahlia-Mai Takairangi top point scorer, with 142 points.

This didn't stop the girls from turning up to training with the attitude to learn as much as they can, and they were a pleasure to coach, finding different ways to score tries as the year went on.

Next year will be a challenge, stepping up into the 16s and being the bottom age again but it's one I believe the girls will be up to and ready to give the competition a good shake. Until next year 🤝

1. Katahra- Went from centre to fullback this year and really shined in every game she played. Safe under the high ball and was dangerous on every kick return with her sharp footwork and speed.
2. Lucy- first season in our team, and also the youngest. Once she got her confidence, there weren't many better sites than Lucy running down the sideline, leaving her opposition in the dust.
3. Lola- carried the ball with venom coming out of our end of the field all year and topped it off with a great try, hitting a great line in the GF.
4. Mikaela- another new addition to our team, who bought a lot of strikes out wide. Carried the ball hard and also finished the year as the top try scorer.
5. Jayde- little miss consistent. Started our sets so well with her play, 1 carries, always carrying hard for plenty of meters.

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6. Ruby- as tough as they come. Always put her body on the line in defence, and was a real run threat whenever she took on the line.
7. Indie- our little general of our team, whose short kicking game started to come on nicely throughout the season.
8. Maddy- Her best season to date. Dominated through the middle with her aggressive runs and worked hard in D, making plenty of effective tackles.
9. Mia- standout year from Mia, who led our line in Defence all season with great line speed and target area in under the ball in her tackle.
10. Dallas- back to her best this year. Chased the collision with her strong carries and also her aggression in defence were highlights.
11. Anika- ever reliable Anika. Formed a great combo with Indie and Lola on our left edge. Finished off with a Beautiful short side play to set up Lola's try in the GF.
12. Tilly- most improved by far. Did all the 1%ers and was a leader in the effort areas. Topped off with some huge hits throughout the year.
13. Kahlia- switched from fullback to lock and looked back at home. Big strong carries in attack with some nice late offloads and really improved in D, leading the way with some nice ground wrestle and winning the ruck.
14. Jada- our supersub who started the year on fire before injury. Coaches dream as she can play any position on the field and excel at them all, and showed her class with a great try right on halftime in GF.
15. Marie- another new recruit who brought lots of size and aggression. Once she realised how big and strong she was, she was close to impossible to tackle in the middle of the field.

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16. Phoenix- another who improved from last year, getting more confident in defence and some barnstorming runs.

17. Frankie- another who improved a lot switching from backs to forwards throughout the year and doing a great job at both. She was hungry and looked for work every time she was on.

18. Lucia- one of our better outside back defenders who made some crucial 1 on 1 tackles at important moments throughout the season.



U16(1) WOMENS TACKLE

Coach: Cain Best

Trainer: Luke Rye & Scott Sommerville

Manager:

The U16 girls team completed a highly competitive season, progressing to the semi-finals before being narrowly and unluckily beaten. The frustrating part for this team is they beat every team in the competition. It was a rollercoaster of a year, and I want to send out a special thanks to Luke and Danielle whose commitment and dedication to these girls was pivotal every week in holding these girls to account and driving them to be better footballers and better young women.

The season highlight for these girls was in beating Como at Como a fete these girls had never done before in a game which went down to the very last play of the game with Como threatening our line where a try would steal the game away from us the girls held on to get the W.

Another highlight for the coaching staff was seeing a lot of these girls transform from being league tag players into rugby league players, you could clearly see the advancement in these girls from start to finish of the year.

Awards this year went to –

Zahri Lester – Best Player

Lara Roberts– Best Forward

Ryley Ciraldo – Rookie of the Year

Thank you to players, Scott (Trainer) and Alena (Assistant Coach), parents and U14 girls who helped for a committed season. The foundation is strong — with targeted work this off-season the team is well placed to push further next year.

Finally, congratulations to the other Cronulla Caringbah U16 girls for reaching the grand final, with the U14 girls winning the competition it is great to see the talent and depth of girls within the club.

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U16(2) WOMENS TACKLE

Coach: Jason Demetriou

Trainer: John Tinker

Manager: Nicole Hawes

The 2025 season was another enjoyable one, full of skill, determination, grit, and above all, a team-first attitude.

We began the preseason with 32 girls and made the tough decision to form two teams to ensure everyone had the opportunity to play. Both teams performed strongly and qualified for the finals, but this did test our squad depth, often leaving us short of numbers.

Despite this, the growth in the girls was obvious throughout the preseason and into the first half of the year. All but one were first-year U16s, often coming up against older, more experienced opposition. This never fazed them—if anything, they thrived on the challenge and led the competition for most of the season.

On the field, the girls produced some outstanding rugby league. Defensively, we picked up right where we left off in 2024—connected, determined, and process-driven. In attack, we played exciting footy, with all the girls showing clear improvement and a growing confidence to get into shape, back their skills, and trust their decision-making.

The second half of the season tested us. We lost three players to season-ending injuries and frequently had to play short. Instead of looking for excuses, the girls stepped up. They took on new roles, showed resilience, and stuck together. Despite these challenges, we only dropped three games all season, finishing in second place. Those losses provided valuable lessons in handling adversity and made us stronger heading into the finals.

The major semi-final against Como was a perfect example. On a mud-soaked pitch, we trailed 4-0 for most of the game. At halftime, we adjusted our style, and I was so proud of how the girls embraced the feedback and stuck to the task. We fought back and hit the lead 6-4 with 40 seconds left—only to lose a player to the sin bin after a penalty. Como converted, and the game went to extra time with us down to 12 players.

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What followed was one of the gutsiest efforts I've been part of. The girls kept turning up for each other, and when the chance finally came, we executed a set-up play we'd only practised the night before. Eliza stepped up and nailed the field goal—her “Nathan Cleary” moment—sending us into the grand final. A monumental effort against all odds.

This year also saw several girls recognised at the next level through the Sharks development program, with Zahra and Eden even going on to represent the state at the National Schools Tournament in Townsville. Both excelled, and it was fantastic to see their talent recognised. NRL clubs are beginning to take notice of our girls, and I'll be proud to watch their journeys in the years ahead.

Unfortunately, in the grand final we ran into a determined Como side, and our lack of numbers eventually told. The girls never stopped competing and will take plenty of lessons from the experience.

Thank yous

- **Wes Waiwai (Trainer):** Thank you for your passion and commitment throughout the season—though we'll never forget your “sin bin” moment in the finals!
- **Nicole Hawes (Manager):** You've been outstanding in providing information, keeping parents updated, and coordinating everything behind the scenes to let us focus on coaching. We're so grateful you stepped in this year.
- **John Tinker (Coach):** The rock of this team. Always on top of what we need and making my role so much easier. Your support has been invaluable, John.
- **Parents:** Your support and dedication have been amazing. Coaching the girls has been such a pleasure, and that's largely down to you.

Although this is my final season with the girls, I'll take away so many great memories and friendships.

One last thing to say:

LOVE THAT GIRLS.

—JD



OPEN WOMENS TACKLE

Coach: Kev Taumata & Sol Tepania

Trainer: Max Brightwell & Sean Smith

Manager: Samantha Taumata

It's been a challenging season for our open women's to say the least. The majority of this team is involved with the Harvey Norman Squad. At the beginning of the season, we thought we'd lose 1 to 3 players a week.

Turns out we have some gifted player,s and Haveys ended up taking 7 of our players pretty much full-time. This left a big hole in our side, playing short most of the time & still winning.

This team has been built on heart, determination & playing for the person beside them. The number of times I had to tell this team "we are on our own" was abnormal. Heads would drop, but once they got on the field, they just had a go & once they ladies realised they were fitter, more skilful, they put points on, we only lost once to a big side playing with 9 in the end.

Not training at all during the week was also challenging & didn't help with forming combinations, but this team are a special bunch & if you walked into the sheds you'd think they trained twice a week & been together for years.

Thank you to Max Brightwell for putting his hand up to be our Blue shirt, you walked into out of nowhere, and myself & the team are very grateful.

Thank you to Sean Smith for taking the time to come and also help as a yellow & blue shirt. I know you have some personal things happening in the background, so I'm thankful you found some time for us

Thank you to my Wifey Samantha, who got thrown in the deep end & didn't look back, put up with me game day but never complained, just did your job & in the end, you did awesome. Very grateful!

Thank you to Sol for coming along on this ride. We had things planned early & it didn't work out, but I greatly appreciated you staying with us. Different colours but same goals, thanks for everything, my bro!

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To Gando, you're an absolute legend! Pretty much let us take over the club every home game, didn't matter what the obstacle, you got it done. It didn't bother you how we got the side together, you just gave & gave! You don't see that much anymore. Thank you so much!!!

To our team, if we had the strongest team in the park, we could probably beat a few Harvey Norman sides. I can't thank you enough for turning up, trying your best & never giving up.

Thank you for trusting me to come up with some weird game plans, thank you for trusting our staff to get you all ready for what was some good battles. Thank you for being the side that everyone liked to play, even if they got beaten by 20 & thank you for helping us build a good culture at this club.

Best Back - Mahana

Best Forward - Brea & Felila

Coach's Award - Mona



OPEN WOMENS LT

NO REPORT

OVER 35'S (1)

Another year that could have been. We started the season really well and we were looking good for the first 10 rounds.

Unfortunately a combination of getting too comfortable, sometimes playing short (not sure how) and wet weather had us drop from 1st to 5th and missing the semis.

That being said we had a some really good times and we played well for the majority of the year.

We beat the team the eventually won the comp which shows we were definitely capable of doing something.

Gas, Sads, Sello, Ant, Mitch and Benny all had great years. Sads has lost the kicking licence he never had.

To all the new boys that jumped on board it was great having you guys and I hope you enjoyed the year with us.

Hopefully you all come back next year.

Next year with a little more commitment we will give this thing a good nudge.



OVER 35'S (2)

Manager: Finn Ganderton

The recruitment manager for the Cronulla Caringbah O35 (2) Blues League Tag team had a challenging offseason, with five players from the 2024 squad signing for new club Sutherland Pirates and another two players switching to the Cronulla Caringbah O35 (1) team. Fortunately, new recruits Dave Meredith, Matt Bloor and Ryan Gibson bolstered stocks along with the welcomed return of Matt Barron and Darrin Forster.

Season 2025 started strongly with the team stringing together three victories in a row with the same dominant margin of 34 points. However, we would not record another victory until round nine with a season-high margin of 38 points against the former teammates in Sutherland Pirates. How many players the Pirates were able to field for the match is not relevant to this report. Back-to-back victories then followed over Yarrawarrah and Menai and gave the team hope of making the finals.

Unfortunately, the late-season march up the ladder coincided with a plague of injuries and the school holidays, and we finished in 10th after the final games were washed out.

Special recognition goes out to Marty Hunter, who initially ran the water for our game against Kurnell then pulled on his jersey to bolster numbers only to suffer a season-ending shoulder injury. Matt Bloor also displayed his dedication to the team by running onto the field against Hurstville United despite arriving on crutches.

Congratulations to Ockert as well for being the competition's top try scorer with 21 tries. Looking forward to using the same game plan of passing you the ball in 2026.

On a personal note, thank you to the team for your support following the passing of Julie, our reserve manager. I am very fortunate to be part of a team with such a strong culture and look forward to running around again in 2026.

Fitz.

Players player - Matt Bloor
& Todd Ganderton
Rocket award - Dean Starling
Manager award - Ryan Gibson



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Alan Clarkson (Deceased)

Alan McKenzie (Deceased)

Alex Laski

Anthony Beare

Betty Morgan (Deceased)

Bevan Gardiner

Bob Morgan

Bradley Whetters

Brendan Fernley

Brett Barnes

Brian Crawley (Deceased)

Brian Thomson

Cameron Johnston

Celeste Johnston

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Charlie Bate

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Ken Scarratt (Deceased)

Les (Mick) Poole

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Lyle Ward

Matthew Baron

Matthew Whetters

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Norm Piddington

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