

CRONULLA CARINGBAH SHARKS JRLFC

2024 BLACK BOOK



CRONULLA CARINGBAH SHARKS

U/12 GOLD PREMIERS 2024



Back Row: Braydlin Karauria Henry, Koah Stanley, Ryder Tepania
Middle Row: Cain Best (Coach), Oscar McDonnell, Roman Yula, Levi Bateman, Marley Wilson, Archie James, Luke Rye (Trainer)
Front Row: Henrik Batapu, Nolan Grantham, Nixon Rye, Ohio Pure (C), Jackson Best, Noah Kelly, Taj Morris

TEAM PHOTOS
— SYDNEY —

CRONULLA CARINGBAH SHARKS

U/14 BRONZE PREMIERS 2024



Back Row: Lisa Sothorn (Manager), Finn Barry, Aden Turneth, Ashton Curran, Pablo Azudria Webb
Middle Row: Megan Bard (Trainer), Jack McClure, Andrew Thomson, Darcey Dunne, Finn Diamond, Lachlan Cadhia, Lucas Fitzpatrick, Blair Turneth (Coach)
Front Row: Harley Bolt, Archie Jones, Chase Mariano, Alex Santarossa, Cale Simmonds, Will Cooper, Mason Christmae-Wills, Callum Hoskins, Jack Ramsay

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CRONULLA CARINGBAH SHARKS

U/14-1 WOMENS TACKLE PREMIERS 2024



Back Row: Emma Payne, Zhira Taulai, Siannah Carangelo
3rd Row: Sienna Demetriou, Eliza Stark, Eden Edwards, Tanaya Waiwai
2nd Row: Jason Demetriou (Coach), Jarral Tinker, Anika Opai, Lily Tickie, Ruby Cameron, Isabella Petracca, Ava Hawes, Molly Stark
Front Row: Michaela Jenkins, Ivy Kimmorley, Akira Rikihana, Ruby Cameron, Isabella Petracca, Ava Hawes, Molly Stark
Absent: Chad Brustolin (Trainer), Sienna Bedwell

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U/18 SILVER PREMIERS 2024



Back Row: Shane Lynch, Jared Barron, Ryan Thompson, Joel Bates, Peter McCallum (Coach)
Middle Row: Karen Fraser (Manager), Brody Oley, Max Litzo, Ryan Van Der Weegen, Simon Salib, Sonny Williams, William Fisher, Jett Dunn, Brandon Darke, Matthew Barron (Trainer)
Front Row: Jackson Alibouche, Max Fish, Joel Fraser, Noah Gilsenan, Noah McCallum (Capt), Damian Griffin, Brandon Toko, Joshua Simpson, Seth Barker
Absent: Riley Tomkins

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CLUB AWARDS

JUNIOR PLAYER OF THE YEAR	Braydin Karauria-Henry
SENIOR PLAYER OF THE YEAR	Josh Simpson
REPRESENTATIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR	Charlie Bateup
WOMENS TACKLE PLAYER OF THE YEAR	Zari Lester
GIRLS LEAGUE TAG PLAYER OF THE YEAR	Brigitte Salib
ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD	Nixon Pure
COACH OF THE YEAR	Pete McCullum
MANAGER OF THE YEAR	Sue Mulhane
TRAINER OF THE YEAR	Scott Summerville
CLUBPERSON OF THE YEAR	Erin McClelland
CHARLIE BATES AWARD.	U14 Bronze



2024 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 STEWART	Erin McClelland
WWC OFFICER	Pam Dean
GROUND MANAGER	Kris McClelland
SPONSORSHIP OFFICER	Todd Ganderton



PRESIDENT REPORT

Season 24, rain, rain, and more rain. It was a frustrating season with the amount of rain. With many rounds washed out and grounds closed for training, with coaches scrambling to find alternative space to keep the teams motivated and training during this period.

This season we fielded 40 sides. From tiny fins, 3 to 5 year olds, up to opens men's silver for the first time in many seasons. 28 boys tackle, emerging cup (merged with Kurnell), 4 women's tackle, 5 girls League tag, 2 o35s men's league tag and 1 o30s women's league tag side.

Congratulations to the 17 teams that made the finals. Four teams out of the six that made the Grand Finals came away with the win. Including U12 gold boys tackle threepeat, U14 bronze, U18 silver and the women's U14 black tackle.

To our coaches, managers and trainers the commitment and hard work your teams put in was greatly appreciated. To our players thank you, every game was played in great spirit and you all gave 100% win, lose or draw.

We hope you had a great season and look forward to having you all return to season 25.

To all the parents and family members who supported their players and volunteered your time during the season with canteen and barbecue duties, field set up and pack away, Thankyou.

Thank you to our sponsors. We appreciate your support. The generosity of local business helps keep rego costs down, purchases new training equipment, playing uniforms and trophies on presentation day. All the sponsorship money goes directly back to the club.

Thanks to our hard-working executive and committee. Pammy, Camo, Daryl, Janelle, Juicy, Kris, Erin and co.. the Club wouldn't be where it is today without your time and the effort that goes on behind-the-scenes.

Thanks for massive effort from the Saturday canteen crew and Taia / Lyla on Sundays.

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It was awesome to be a part of the inaugural "Another Day" men's mental health group. Our Men's o35 league tag sides played each other, with my Black side coming away the winners. Looking forward to playing again next year. Thanks Dom and Rami for organising.

This season for the Cronulla Sharks blitz we had Cbah junior NRLW player Quincy Dodd and Nicho Hynes come down to the fields, which was a great thrill for our junior players.

A few laughs and some old yarns were told at our sponsors / life members days at our clubhouse. Congrats to our coach of the year Pete McCallum, trainer Scott Summerville and manager Sue Mulhane. These awards were presented at our coaching staff appreciation night held at Cronulla Rydges.

Enjoy the off season and looking forward doing it all again in season 25.

Gando



SECRETARY

On behalf of the Cronulla Caringbah JRLFC executive I would like to thank all our sponsors, volunteers, members and players for a great 2024 season some great footy played even with what seemed like weeks of rain and delays.

Our "Come and Try" Pre-Season Event for 2024 again continued to grow compared with our 2023 numbers. It was very pleasing to see some converts from other grass root codes come to the come/try day and then register for the season to start their junior footy careers.

From an operational view we completed the refurbishment of our Canteen from our 2023 Local Grant we received (how handy was the TV during the Grand Finals with BarTV being screened). We were also successful in obtaining a 2024 Grant in respect to infrastructure for the club and whilst this is in the initial contractable stage, we should be seeing some temporary aluminium seating structures hopefully by season kick off in 2025.

2024 saw the second year of the Tiny Fins Winter Program we had 43 registered superstars of tomorrow with another a very long and extensive wait list. We also saw our first "class of 2023" Tiny Fins move into our Under 6 Development Teams and was great to see this pathway commence.

We introduced our partnership with Another Day that was founded by our own Dom Ruello and what was called the Inaugural Another Day Cup between the O/35 (1) Side and O/35 (2) Side. We look forward to this continued partnership in 2025.

Our club also saw the return of an Open Men's Tackle Side that was under the keen eye of Mick "Crackers" Krackers. That was also supported by the Emerging Cup Joint Venture between Kurnell Stingrays and CC Sharks led by Dave Griffin.

Our club also held its first Inaugural Coaches, Trainers and Managers appreciation night at Rydges Cronulla on the 6th September 2024. Was a great night and even better seeing our hard-working volunteers letting their hair down. Maybe a bit too much for some.

Round one kicked off on the 15th April 2024 and by the completion of the fixtures, CC Sharks had 17 Teams in the first week of the Semi's, by Grand Final Weekend we had 6 teams in the race for Grand Final Glory. By the conclusion of the Grand Final Weekend, CC Sharks celebrated 4 Grand Final Wins.

We saw some of our Under 7 – 8 Boys Tackle and Under 8 & 9 GLT play demonstrations games before/during both the NRLW and NRL Premiership Games at Shark Park.

Our Premiership Winners were - Under 12 Gold (3peat), Under 14 Bronze, Under 14 Girls Tackle (black) & Under 18 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 25 just less rain would be good.

Daryl Gleeson

Secretary

TREASURER

It's been a tough year financially for the club. Registration income was similar to last year, but our Canteen takings are significantly lower than they have been in previous years. The number of weeks missed due to rain and The Sharks not allowing us to use the back field for weekend games have both impacted our ability to make a Profit this year. With costs increasing across the board, we need to increase income. It would be great to get some help with planning some fundraising for the 2025 year. Major costs this year include, Gear (\$69,541), insurances (\$50,961) and canteen supplies (\$37,071).

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
- Caringbah Hotel
- Catalyst Cruises
- KOR Glass and Aluminium
- Noppen Air
- On Que Electrical
- OneUp Building
- Preston Hire
- Refresh Dental
- Roof Reports Only
- Runnulla
- Sea Scapes
- Southside Physio
- XSIT

Janelle Ganderton

SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT

After the success of the 2023 season and great registrations things were looking promising for 2024. With 41 teams registered and the future tiny fins program well established no one bothered to tell Mother Nature. 2024 was the most disruptive season experienced apart from initial Covid season. I felt for all stakeholders except for Junior League, “Let the Kids Play”. With washouts and lack of training due to ground closures it would have been tough to get the consistency and fitness required and skill levels and bonding for new teams. Let’s hope for a drier 2025 season.

2024 saw the Club eventually have 14 teams play Semi-Final football, and 9 teams play Grand Finals. Congratulations to our Four Premiership teams being

U/12 Gold Boys Tackle
U/14 Girls Tackle (Black)
U/14 Bronze Boys Tackle
U/18 Silver Boys Tackle

With the No Competition rules for the younger age groups they once again participated in gala days.

It’s promising in 2024 to see great numbers in the young age groups (U6-9), Tiny Fins, increases in both Girls League Tag and Tackle, and the reemergence of A Grade and Emerging Cup. Cronulla Caringbah’s future is bright.

We are also excited to announce Cronulla High School and former player Cameron Paddy who now teachers at CHS started a Rugby League Excellence Program this year. Cameron started this with our full support as we share the facilities with the school and this can only benefit CCsharks considering a large percent of our members attend CHS. This Program is not only designed to develop good Rugby League players but also develop great people.

Congrats to all players that made Representative Teams at all levels and a special thanks to all Coaches, Managers, Trainers, I hope you all enjoyed your off season and see you all again for next year. The Club is blessed to have the calibre of some of our Coaches. The Girls and Boys are guaranteed to learn from their experience.

Thanks to all 2024 Club Sponsors, the Teams appreciate your support and look forward to having you back next season.

Our Patron Charlie Bate is not in good health, if you wish to reach out to him, please let someone from the executive know and we will put you in contact with Charlie.

Shout out to our fellow executive members, thanks again for all you do for Cronulla Caringbah Sharks. 2025 will bring new challenges and it all starts with the Annual General Meeting on 20 November 2024. The Club requires volunteers to make it run. If you wish to have input on the running of the Club please no longer be in background, get in and help out. There are various committee roles that will be vacant in 2025.

Thanks again for the Season.

Glenn Piper & Cameron Johnston
Senior Vice President

TINY FINS

Tiny Fins Coaching Team - Max, Cali, Kynan & Luke.

Our second year of the Tiny Fins Winter Program started where our Summer Sessions Program left off. We were flooded with interest and had an extensive waitlist.

We soon had 30 Tiny Fins Registered within weeks of the program being advertised and then stretched our numbers ever so slightly and ended up with 43 registered Tiny Fins for the Winter Program.

This increase in registrations smashed our inaugural year and the Summer Sessions easily and showed how much interest we had in what our opinion is.... The best junior footy program in the shire.

To provide an overall snapshot of the registration numbers with the past 2 programs we had over 110 registrations leading into our second year. To put this into player development numbers with 43

Tiy Fins Registered we would be creating 8 Under 6 Teams.

This year the Tiny Fins Winter Program were proudly sponsored by Runnulla - Performance Footwear

and Clothing Cronulla. This sponsorship helped provide our Tiny Fins Training Shirt, CC Sharks Bottle,

Ball and end-of-year trophy for the Tiny Fins. We would like to thank Runnulla for their support during the season and would warmly welcome them back for sponsorship of the 2025 season.

We started the year with our famed Tiny Fins Dressing Shed and really, we need a bigger Dressing Shed. Here the Fins were able to gather their gear for the upcoming 15 sessions and see their surname and registration number.

The sessions themselves were designed to be delivered in a 45-minute block and run for a period of 2 weeks and then move onto 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 play the balls, passing, tackling and even goal-scoring.

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.



U6 ORANGE

What an amazing year for the undefeated Cronulla Caringbah Under 6 Orange Team. None of the boys had ever played together before and have now formed a strong bond, that think I will continue for years to come.

The boys were coached by Adam Newman and trained by Justin O'Hare who both ran an extremely tight ship, and showed the boys how to respect each other, the coaching staff, but most importantly their opposition team.

Bowie Hunt: Well, it's easy to see that this kids' dad is Ben Hunt as he is just a tenacious little player. Although his father is Ben Hunt, Bowie found his own unique style of playing. Which involved some solid runs which 99% of the time led to a try, which was then usually finished off with a big dive across the line. Great Work Bowie and we hope to see you with the same tenacity next year.

Jack Peterson: What an absolute weapon of a kid (even for a QLD supporter). First training session came absolutely sprinting out of the gate when he got the ball and pretty much didn't stop sprinting all year, scoring tries and ripping tags off every chance he got.

Jack Vernon: Big Jacky V as I like to call him, this kid backed his team mates so much that he would even go the extra mile of blocking the opposition players when they got in the way of his mates running the ball. He was a try scoring machine and he will be a true champion to watch as he grows up.

Levi Peterson: When he wasn't blowing kisses to the girls on the sideline, he was ripping tags and scoring tries just like his twin brother Jack. Levi we cannot wait to see you come back next year and show us all again how its done.

Orton O'Hare: This kid just puts the H in hard work. There wasn't one game or training session where Orton didn't give 100% at everything. He also amazed us all with his awesome ability to just be a little terrier with his defence, and who could forget the try he scored right on the buzzer to ensure we maintained our winning streak, when we played the Dragons.

Rory Doyle: Being the youngest player of the whole team and also my son. I dead-set couldn't be prouder of this kid. He proved us all wrong with not being the keenest kid at the start of the year, by turning into a try scoring machine at some games, but also making sure he turned up with his game face at each game. I Can't wait to see what skills Rory will develop in the future years to come.

Tom Couch: (Tommy Turbo I now like to call him) We all had the pleasure of watching Tommy Turbo burst straight through the defensive line on many occasions, and sometimes finishing his explosive run with a try. Tommy Turbo you will be truly missed next year mate.

Wallace Newman: I always like to leave the best to last. I loved watching this kid just deadest steam rolling down the sideline all year and scoring tries every chance he got (I recon I watched him tip toe on the sideline one time). To sum it up, big effort from a big kid that has so much passion when he is playing, keep it up Wallace and I can't wait to see you develop into an even bigger legend.

To summarise the season, all the boys showed great team and class spirit all year, proud by ripping their shirts off and belting out the team song on top of their lungs every win. But most importantly the boys showed great respect and where always humble towards everyone involved in the game.



Back Row: Justin O'Hare (Trainer), Adam Newman (Coach), Conor Doyle (Manager)
Middle Row: Levi Peterson, Wallace Newman, Jack Vernon, Jack Peterson
Front Row: Bowie Hunt, Rory Doyle, Orton O'Hare, Syre Jones, Tom Couch

U6 RED

COACH: MARK SADLER
TRAINER: JAMES BAXTER
MANAGER: ASHLIE OLSON
SPONSOR: KOR GLASS & ALUMINIUM

Our little under 6 superstars! What a fun and enjoyable first season we have had.

What started as a random bunch of mini footy fanatics, some with a season already under their belt, and some Tiny Fin graduates, finished the season as ball running, tagging machines who took to that field like they were running out to play first grade.

The enthusiasm each week for both training and game day was extraordinary! We counted down all week until Thursday training, and then how many more sleeps until Saturday. The weather wasn't always on our side, many weeks we found ourselves crossing our fingers the games weren't going to be washed out and fields closed for training, because these little guys wanted to play footy.

Banjo – everyone needs a Banjo on their team. On top of his try scoring, there were plenty of post try celebration dances, good chats on the bench and without a doubt the best footwork in all the under 6s.

Beau – always running with the play. When he had his hands on the ball, those little legs ran plenty of full field tries, flying across the line to score like Reece Walsh every time. By end of season, there weren't many tags he didn't get.

Dusty – what a machine. Dangerous in attack that not many could stop. Dusty's tagging was on fire from day one, putting his body on the line every tag. Nothing better than seeing Dusty with the ball, foot down, game face, giving it his all every single minute he was on the field.

James – What a team player. Unlucky to go down injured and sick for some of the season. The games he was sidelined in he was still there helping out. James's line speed and tagging lifted the whole team. He was always ready to run the ball and play good, smart footy every single week.

Jared – Try scoring superstar. When Jared had the ball along with his speed, his lines to get to the try line were impressive. Always listening to the coach and not letting the opposition get through the Sharky wall.

Hudson – Huddy loved winning. Every try our little Sharkies scored made him more and more excited to score again! He loved doing big runs through the middle and was always there ready to tag and stop the other team scoring.

Harvey – So happy when he's playing footy. Harvey always had a smile when he had the ball in his hand. Every time he touched the ball, he was able to outrun those trying to catch him. He finished the season as a super tagger, not letting anyone past him.

Kyson – loves his footy. Not much stopped him crossing that try line. A very strong runner when he had the ball in his hand, and even stronger in defense. Kyson was always ready in the Sharky wall with his eyes on the tags, rarely missing. His footy just got better and better to watch every week!

Tige – Started the season running with the play and finished the season as a real little footy player. Unstoppable when he had the ball, he held the ball tight and crossed the try line every week, running lines to break through the defense. He listened to the coaches and improved every single week.

from round one to the end of season was impressive. Their little friendships made is even better.

We had such a great first season together and would like to thank everybody that helped with training, and to all the family and friends that came and cheered the boys on each week. For one of the littlest packs in the comp, they sure were one of the mightiest! We cannot wait to watch this team spend many years playing footy together.

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U/6 RED 2024



Back Row: James Baxter (Trainer), Mark Sadler (Coach), Ashlie Olson (Manager)
Middle Row: Dusty McMurrich, Jared Paipa, Harvey Gillespie, Hudson Sorensen
Front Row: Beau Baxter, Banjo Stanley, James Sadler, Kyson Pale Eli, Tige Wright

TEAM PHOTOS
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U7 RED

Coach- Kurt Bollard

Manager- Rachel Bollard

Trainer- Flip Tafili

Once again another season done and dusted. As always a big thank you to the parents, we couldn't do this without you guys. Week in week out turning up for the kids making it all happen so thank you for the season!

It was a bit of a disruptive season this year after tackling all season last year to then playing half a season of league tag then back to tackle but I was very impressed with how the boys got to work once they were back doing what they love which was some nice physical games celebrated by some cracking tries and some even better try celebrations!

I truly believe next year is a big year for the boys and I hope they are looking forward to it as much as myself and the rest of the parents! Thanks for a great season boys, cheers!

#1 Hudson Bollard

This season Hudson really started to use his size and strength to his advantage which was good to see. Plenty to look forward to next season.

#2 Albie Willett

Albie definitely found his groove this season and just really likes being amongst the boys. Always committed at training and has a can do approach, well done Albie!

#3 Mack McMurrich

As always Mack was on a mission this season. He definitely took it up a level this year and I think he is going to get bigger and better as the years go on!

4# Zac Ayoub

As I like to call him 'The Ferrari' Zac had a limited season due to living it up in Europe for most of the season but any game Zac played in this year was accompanied by a big smile and some opposition left in his dust.

#5 Jordan Lucas

I was very proud of Jordan this year I feel that each game Jordan gave his everything and was dialled in. Probably our best tackler when it came to taking down the big boys and scored plenty of tries as well.

#6 Kainoa Tafili

Like Jarome Luai Kainoa has some great footwork that can tangle any defence on its day. When focused on the task his tackling technique is something to see. Thanks for another year!

#7 Lachlan Chandler

Another season for Lachlan and again such a solid well rounded player. Always can rely on Lachlan, a very passionate win at all cost player which we all enjoy having in the team.

#9 Noah Roughsedge

Give this kid some open space and you will pay, Got some sticks on him when he gets going. Noah is starting to get amongst it in the middle and definitely showed that this year well done mate.

#10 Lachlan Gibson

Too early to start throwing positions around but Lachie has started to run some nice lines in attack this season with some nice footwork which could make him a great back rower one day!

U7 ORANGE

Coach: Tim McGann

Trainer: Jarrod Vinen

Manager: Georgie McGann

The U7 Orange side had another fantastic season in their second year as a playing group. Under the guidance of coach Tim, the boys continually improved in all facets of the game and proved tough opponents to every team they came up against.

Tough and determined defence was coupled with moments of attacking brilliance and flair and the boys always displayed excellent teamwork, sportsmanship, and effort. Despite the challenging weather at times, the team was fortunate enough to play most weekends and to be invited to play before and at half time of the Luke Lewis Cup, as well as the U7 gala Day at Yarrawarrah, which were both highlights of the season.

Player Profiles

Hugo Bagnall-Andrews: Big Hugo's long lanky stride disguised surprising speed that caught opposition teams unaware. With a penchant for a palm to the chest of would-be tacklers, Hugo took some tough carries up the middle of the field for his team and was rewarded with some long range tries. His confidence grew in defence with some impressive leg's tackles stopping attackers in their tracks towards the end of the season.

Torben Carroll: big Tor was not afraid to take the tough carries up the middle of the field-regularly dragging 2-3 defenders along with him due to his consistent leg drive. Often his determination was rewarded with busting through the defensive line, scoring plenty of points for his team. Tor was always solid in defence; opposition players would rarely make it past him and his huge ball-and-all tackles.

Harrison Eldridge: this season's most improved player, Harrison grew in confidence from week to week, taking on defensive lines with a big smile on his face, determination, and agility. He was always on hand to help bring opposition players down with some solid tackles and developed a sneaky offload towards the end of the season that led to some brilliant team tries.

Will Graham: new recruit Will wasted no time in fitting in to the side. Many opposition attacking raids were brought to an abrupt halt with Wills fearless cover defence. He consistently put his body on the line and made some massive tackles, working tirelessly every game. He also showed plenty of talent when running the ball, scoring many long range tries from well inside his own half.

Hugo Hay: Little Hugo continually proved that size is irrelevant, terrorising opposition defence with his trademark goose-step, speed and agility. He ran at the line without fear and with a big smile on his face and scored many darting tries against much bigger kids. Hugo never shied away from hard work in defence, always trying his best to move up out of the line and make tackles for the team.

Henri McGann: another long-legged and deceptively quick player, Henri was a consistent meter maker for the side. With his speed and lethal step, he was a constant attacking threat and developed a habit of barging over for tries from close to the line. Not the heaviest of players, Henri never shied away from contact in defence and his determination and line speed led to some bruising encounters.

Darcy Vinen: with exceptional footwork, speed and his trademark long looping runs, Darcy proved a headache for every opposition team he faced. Never afraid to take on bigger players, he worked tirelessly each and every game on both sides of the ball, coming up with some impressive tackles, tough carries and plenty of points. Another player that was small in stature but big on heart and effort.

Slater Young: another pint-sized pocket rocket of the team, Slaters defensive efforts have become legendary. Often coming up against kids twice his size, his textbook legs tackles would cut opposition players in two. Corner posts were always in trouble when Slater ran the ball, with his customary dive over in the corner a common feature of his game.

The boys always played within the spirit of the game and encouraged and congratulated each other on the field. A fantastic group of parents and families provided support and praise from the sidelines at every game, and it was a pleasure to watch the team play and train with such enjoyment and fun. Huge thankyou to Tim for all his efforts at training and on game day, sharing his knowledge about the game and ensuring every player was involved and supported. Thankyou also to Georgia for all her organisational efforts, communication and making sure everyone got to the right field at the right time! Also a big thankyou to Nathan and Nathan for contributing as trainers on game day, running the all-important substitution rotation and stepping in to help train or coach the boys when Tim was unavailable. It was such a team effort all year and a pleasure to be a part of. Looking forward to 2025 with this great group of kids and families

Kate



U7 GREEN

Coach- Chris Thorn

Manager- Amanda McDonald

Trainer- Rebecca Briancourt-Thorn

The under 7 'Green' team for the Sharks were a late inclusion; being the 3rd team in the age division and made up entirely of new starters, comprising of 6 boys and 2 girls.

It was clear from watching the other 2 under 7 sides train that we had some catching up to do, however the enthusiasm and smiling faces seemed more important than skill for the first few weeks while we played 'tag' and undertook the 'tackle ready program.

The season was played in two halves with a re-grade occurring in June.

APRIL - JUNE.

There were 9 weeks in the first half of the season with 2 washouts and 2 weekends without games for both Easter and the King's Birthday long weekends leaving us with 5 available weeks.

The rain not only caused 2 games to be cancelled, but it also blocked a few of our early training sessions, which wasn't ideal given our need to get some basic skills under our belts however, the first few games were enjoyed both the group as a whole and each player showed their own set of skills early on.

Our results as the new kids in town were; a great first game draw against Kurnell, followed by a loss in our second game to Gynea, then our inaugural win in game 3 against Engadine before losing game 4 to Gynea by one try on the bell and then losing game 5 soundly to De La Salle.

By this stage, Mikaela had shown that she was one of our star performers and Indy our important dummy half in attack. I don't believe we played any other girls by this stage and these two had proven to be invaluable.

Jake and Johnny starred in defence with their tag skills showing out game after game, Taj scored most times he had the ball in hand, his size and speed just too much for most sides, Max bamboozled defenders with his hop and skip in attack, Jack became our all-round superstar in both attack and defence, scoring some great tries and saving just as many with his cover defence while Leo carried the ball up with focus and intent.

By this stage, we were having fun, looking forward to the following weeks training and slowly improving our skills. I must say though that Friday training had its challenges concentration wise after a full week of school and reeling them in was a task at times, but happy they were to run-a-muck.

THE RE-GRADE & JUNE - AUGUST.

Unfortunately, the re-grade pitted us against some sides in the second half of the season that I believe we should not have played against and while we showed some good form at times, we also had a couple of heavy losses and some tears.

The first two rounds including training were washouts due to the persistent rain that seemed to never want to leave before we got on the park for our first home game to play De La Salle. Unfortunately, we lost on the final play of the game. I can still hear myself yelling 'just one more tackle' as the hooter sounded, and they scored.

The second round was yet another washout with training either side of it also cancelled, before we played Menai Roosters on their home ground, which was a bog, with all games after ours called off due to more rain and the general state of the ground. This game was a strange one for me as coach as they had a full second side (6 players) on the reserves bench and were bigger, stronger and faster all over the park and not surprisingly defeated us 60-24. Things appeared to be getting serious; especially for them.

The team regrouped after the Menai experience, and we bounced back with a win 44-40 over Gynea who'd beaten us earlier in the season. There was much to be proud of in this game and if we could have given everyone a 'player of the match' award we would have.

The last two games of the regular season were both early starts at home and unfortunately, we lost both 64-28 to De La and then 56-16 to the Menai Roosters who roughed us up and caused some angst for us all.

To finish the season, we had our Gala Day on 17th August at Yarrawarra Oval. The weather was perfect, the ground in great condition, the smell of a BBQ in the air and a team who were ready to say goodbye to the season in style.

We were set down for 3 games (shortened) against the 3 De La Salle sides (orange then red then green) and had 7 players for the day, which gave us 1 reserve only.

The scoresheet will show that we lost all 3 games (20-16 / 24-20 and 44-20) but the team played their hearts out, with major improvements in teamwork and tackling 'together'. They definitely left the best games of the season until the last day without a doubt.

The season can be summed up best by the coach of one of the De La sides from the Gala Day when he called our players together to congratulate them on all they'd achieved this year. He said;

"We played you early in the year. I cannot believe how much improvement you've shown, and you should be so proud of what you have done this year. I don't think I've ever seen a side come so far in such a short amount of time – you should be proud and very well done".

As coach, I can only agree with the statement above. I am very proud to have been involved in this group's first year of footy. They only do that once and to be part of it is something I'll cherish.

I have to give a huge shout out to our Manager Amanda McDonald who has been so organised, thoughtful and showed compassion, thoughtfulness and organisation beyond any expectation. She also indulged the team with snacks, muffins (Milo) and fruit skewers much to the delight of the kids and parents.

Also, kudos to our trainer (and my wife) Rebecca Briancourt-Thorn. With so much experience and skill, her advice and assistance has been so helpful, guiding the kids every step of the way.

Lastly, our parents. All of you are amazingly supportive. Whether it was standing in the cold at training or on game day, covering for me at training on the couple of occasions I couldn't attend, cooking the BBQ or being in the canteen at 7.30am, your candour and assistance was more helpful than any you could ever know – thank you all.



U8 RED

Coach- Ant Beare
Manager- Kirsten Beare
Trainer- David Barnett

What an incredible season, team! I'm so proud of how far we've come this year, and it's been an absolute privilege to coach such a talented, energetic and fun bunch of players. Watching each of you improve and give your best on the field has been one of the highlights of my year. Dave and I have coached this team for a few years now and it was great to see some new faces (and old ones returning) joining our team.

Dave and I saw how the kids interacted together from the first training session when they were pushing and shoving each other and didn't care about what we were trying to achieve in training. But we can all agree that something just clicked (thank god) and they became more of a team than we could have ever hoped for. The Gala day and the end of season party at the Kelloways are just examples of when we saw how they turned a corner and have just come so far from those first few training sessions into becoming great mates which is why we play the game in the first place.

To the parents, thank you for all your support this season – for getting the kids to training, cheering on from the sidelines and helping with everything else in between. We couldn't do this without you all. I look forward to the prize giving day/ preso.

To my trainer Dave, I'm starting to wonder if we missed the part about wrangling chaos in the coach's manual. But seriously, I know herding these little legends is no easy task, and you've done a great job keeping it all together (especially when I was late/ hungover) ... or at least keeping it entertaining! Thanks for all your patience – it's been a hell of a ride (Can't wait for you to take over as coach next year?)

To my manager/ wife, this team wouldn't have run as smoothly without you. You've been the glue holding it all together and I can't thank you enough for your hard work, support, and always knowing where everyone needed to be (because let's face it, you never did!). All jokes aside... You've been amazing, and the kids and I are so lucky to have you as both manager and cheerleader.

I've loved watching how you've come together as a team. Whether it was encouraging a teammate after a tough game, celebrating a goal, or communicating better on the field you've all shown what it means to be a true team player. Every single one of you has improved in some way and that's what matters most to me. So kids, keep practicing, keep playing with a smile on your face and I have no doubt you'll come back even better and stronger next year.

To see the kids drag the bin over after each win (even if it was across the highway) to sing our team song together and finally we got the words right made those Tuesday and Thursday 9 hour sessions worth it and I can't wait to do it all over next year.

We say goodbye to our one and only Soph.
We wish you the best
of luck with your footy journey.
See you in the NRLW on TV real soon.



Back Row: Niko Tuuli-Tuuli, Sophia Lorenzo, Ant Beare (Coach)
Middle Row: Eric Hedlund-Meynard, Lachy Coleman, Axel Kelloway
Front Row: Billy Beare, Nixon Barnett, Hunter Wong, Brady Hunt, Levi Crowther
Absent: Parker Kean, Dennis King, Dave Barnett (Assistant Coach)

U8 ORANGE

Coach- Clinton Crothers

Manager- James Johnston

Trainer- Lindsay Franks

Merging two teams this year gave us a massive boost to the Coaching unit, especially with Clint's technical coaching drills. Unfortunately we needed a bigger boat to train on due to the rain and disruption. Whilst we started with a full roster, there were a few (I assume) drownings and competition from the grass ballet for talent was fierce. The result was a tight unit with much more game time and I like to think a fitter group (excluding the coaching unit) with great game experience and technical improvement! The animals we allowed onto the Arc this season were as follows:

William Ciraldo – hard to believe he started in grass ballet, he wasn't going to survive in that habitat especially since he complete discarded his shell this season. William "the animal" turned up from day 1 ready to go! He's still hard to classify, part panther – part wild dog, but we do know The Animal is quickly adapting and learning... A new attacking game developed in the off season which threatens to see him switch to fullback. His meters gained under pressure and foot work in attack were an unexpected new skill and his defense improved further to a level that made it venomous. Speaking volumes about his ability was an outstanding game average of making 2.64 opposition players cry per game – that's officially the club record! (Sorry Kim, stats don't lie).

Harry Golar – Surprisingly, Harry didn't get any smaller over the off season! This season he turned up and had some cracking games, but even on the off days this season he put in for the team which is outstanding. Harry's attitude made him the least "yelled at" (to pay attention and stop kicking the balls) at training as well which the coaching unit appreciates. Last year Harry consistently made big meters in attack, but this year opposition teams had a lot more confidence they could take him down... until they couldn't! Running like a Rhino carrying a troop of gorillas on his back he was more likely to trip over a fallen body than get tackled. Tackling him front on even proved too difficult for Carter at training sometimes with his horns impinging nightmares on opposition players.

Lachlan Boyle – is a naturalized species to the Australian wilderness (Irish heritage) and initially his parents enrolled him in grass ballet, not realizing the synergy between the more physical Irish past times of Curling and Rugby Union with Rugby League. Being slightly shorter in stature he developed the attributes of a Wallaby with raw speed and agility allowing him to get on the outside and make serious gains, sometimes unfortunately on the wrong side of the touch line.... He is a natural ball runner and did eventually learn to take a tackle (not head for glory) which will set him up for next season. Especially for his first season his bravery in defense couldn't go unnoticed, technique will come later. There is no doubt he will continue to improve and develop from Wallaby to Kangaroo. It was also fascinating to learn some new words (I assume in Gaelic?!?) from his mum on the sideline!

Ashton Sheridan - always wants a run and he's looked hard at the trigonometry to work out running through the middle is the fastest way to the try line. Given he's built more like an outside back, teams think this will be simple tackling practice, but it turns out he's harder to tackle than a wombat, he doesn't step or slip through, he just fights through and doesn't give up. He can't be classified as a wombat with his build, so we think he's a huntsman spider – all arms and legs and very fast! Once into space he could stretch out and run away without risk of a covering tackle. Ashton got technically better in defense this year and was always trying his best and competing which is hard to teach and a great attribute for next year.

Bohdi Crothers - didn't play like an animal at all but is extremely important in the wet on any Arc. If you're feeding carnivores, you need a butcher and Bohdi was always there to carve up the opposition. This ability wasn't limited to attack, his edge defense which sliced attackers in half with excellent technique was always on show, in cover he didn't mind the occasional decapitation either. When playing first receiver his running ability was really on show especially if the team wasn't going forward the Butcher was always there on tackle 3 to cut through and make valuable meters. His natural agility and running style would find space in broken play or he would use late footwork to fool defenders. The Butcher was extremely entertaining to watch on the sideline, his technical skill and football brain will only become more valuable in the older age groups.

Maximus Johnston – was always backing up and played most of the season at hooker (because everyone else refused to play there). Whilst quiet on the field he was always the first one running in on push and shoves or pushing tacklers off his mates. When he runs the ball, he doesn't like to waste energy running around when he can rely on a palm and strength to make meters through the middle. This aggression and love to run through traffic is true Cassowary behavior. Just like the Cassowary we found his eyesight did hold him back, but our trainer (Lindsay) got him onto contact lenses, and he ditched the old googles. With sight restored we saw a massive improvement and reignition of his defensive ability late in the season. Seeing like an eagle now, can't wait for next season!

Owen Aubrey - has an older brother and plays like his older brother never wants him to win. This really shows through when a rare missed a tackle clearly hurts more than any physical damage. Luckily, he also has the technique to back up the bravery but was still far and away the toughest player on the field. There was always chat and snarling coming from him on the field and we realized we had our own Tasmanian Devil! Owen can also run and ball play in the halves and was the best communicator and football brain on the field. The Tazzie Devil has real potential to change the game and rattle the attack of the opposition. His skills will only become more and more apparent in the older age groups where size and speed level out and brains, technique and bravery show through.

Reef Franks -constantly looking for contact in defense or attack and never backs down. He just continues to look for the ball and wants to run all game straight up the middle. He did have a period of running sideways, but this was corrected and gave him an opportunity to work on other ways through like a hit and spin and his very handy offloads. Reef is an absolute work horse, still more of a colt, not fully realizing how big he is and the impact his hit ups have in intimidation of the attack. Another player to improve technically hugely in defense he doesn't get many players wanting to run straight at him, when he does he stops them. Reef's courage will see him continue to do well in older age groups along with his determination and work ethic.

Carter Karauria-Henry is the happiest and most courteous player I've seen inflict that much damage on an opposition. This season Carter couldn't be pigeonholed due to his size, just like a blue heeler, he looks happy and calm, but can run all day and chases and bites Bulls for fun! He started the season using size and speed to score tries again, but there was a hidden skill set being a genuine ball player trapped in a props body. Still under development, these skills will see him go far in Footy. Another player who has clearly needed to learn to tackle older brothers, defense was never a concern, however his technique and technical ability really picked up over the season. Next year with players around him speeding up there is a real opportunity with his skill level to play in the halves.



U9 GREEN

Coach: Nathan Eldeidge

Manager: Bob Delauney

Trainer: Jaime Howden

What an awesome team of parents and kids and an incredible season of footy!

After stepping in as coach I was nervous and excited at the prospect of taking on the role. I managed to secure a pretty special team of helpers. Trainer and co-coach Jamie was exactly the person you need on the sideline if I was thinking something he was usually already yelling it out to the kids on the field! Rob the organizer and manager who never missed a game and was the part of the team who gave us a little bit of credibility.

Now to the best team ever! It was one hell of a season!!! You all progressed and developed friendships that will carry on for years to come. We played with passion, and it didn't matter what happened at training we had each other's backs on the field. Watching the team develop and grow in confidence throughout the year was my coaching highlight!

The Team...

Archie Roberts – What a great year! Try scoring one end of the field then saving tries at the other. We worked on the cover defense and tackling low, and you would line your target and take there ankles out! Playing dummy half never missed a trick and later in the game would use your speed to calve up the tired defense. Well, done on season 2024! Bring on 2025!

Benjamin Richards – Always reliable on the edges defending and holding the line you excelled in this spot, putting your hand up always for a run and playing in the halves you were not afraid to back yourself and take the line on. A pleasure to coach and a great listener, see you next year for more of the same!

Charlie Butler – What an impressive year!!! You would play with your heart on your sleeve and passion for the contest on the field, you more then once managed to tackle for the whole set giving the team a much-needed rest. I loved the competitiveness and hunger to be out in the middle and I expect big things to come in the next few seasons.

Even Delauney – Dummy half is the position for you. Smart runs and eyes up play when there was a hole you learned to capitalize on it! We would yell from the sideline to scoot, and you were already anticipating the play. You had a great year and grew with confidence as the year progressed. Well, done and looking forward to next year!!!

Georgie Saunders – So proud of the year you had this year. I have been lucky enough to have seen you play for a few years, and I have to say this was your best year by far!!! We would have a chat before the game, and you would let me know when you wanted to be dummy half and I would have my game plan around this chat! Your best game was against Como almost getting a try. Your hidden talent was leading the team song and made it your own! Looking forward to next season

Griffin Hannay – Breakout season this year mate, the running game was incredible, you were the go-to if we needed a try getting us out of trouble a few times when we needed it! But The defense was outstanding, you must have picked something up in Origin camp because mid-way through the season you started to chop down the opposition in textbook tackles. It was great to watch, and we are all looking forward to next season!!!

Hudson Holmes - You had a great season and was always a top performer on the field. You juggled 2 sports but when you were on the field you were a natural! Speed and attack were the strong part of your game scoring some long range tries and also playing in the halves. Always giving 100% I hope to see you back next season!!!

Hugo Wilson - Never played before but you are a natural! You soon learnt the game and before you know it you were running like your body double "Paul Gallen" You went looking for the ball and you developed the Hugo sidestep which meant running straight and hard at the defense who would usually just step back for safety reasons!!! Can't wait for next year, you are only going to get better!

Hurricane Takairangi - Running twice as hard at the end of the season then when you started you had a breakout year! Big runs on the edges and middle with defense getting thrown off and palmed until you made it to the tryline. Anything is possible and expect big things next season!!!

Koby Howden - Captain Koby leading the team out and running the plays, the players all excelled with your game especially at half back. Talented running game and an impressive flick pass you also tackled with great technique and led the way in effort areas. Pleasure to coach and always competitive at training and game day!!!

Max Eldridge - Barnstorming runs and tackles, on your day you dominated the opposition and then slotting into the halves when required you were safe as houses. Passionate defense in the middle and good vision when you were close to the line for some great tries this year! Well, done son on a big season!!!

Oliver Clarke - Taller than most on the field you still managed to tackle low and showed great technique! You worked hard at training and did extras and it paid off on the field. The most memorable moment was the conversion against Gynea to level the game 22 all!!! Next year I expect big things from your game and look forward to seeing you develop into an even better player.



U9 RED

Coach: Adam Alcott

Manager: Vanessa ware, Melinda Tinker

Trainer: Jack Hubbard

A very interrupted season for the boys this year, we had plenty of rain and muddy fields, but we finished strong with some great games, especially our last two against the Titans and Engadine. It was great to see them improve so much when they were able to play a few games back to back.

Big thanks to Mel and Ness for being our superstar managers this year—you two were certainly a dynamic duo! A huge shout-out to Jack for all your effort, dedication and guidance with the boys this year. Also, thanks to Mark for helping train the boys when needed & a special thanks to John stepping in to help train the boys on many occasions & being the team DJ giving the boys a mini NRL experience, that was a season highlight for the boys for sure.

Let's now give a special mention to each of the boys:

Rayne Stanley: "The Axe" has been a powerhouse again this season. Despite being a year younger and playing up an age group. Rayne is an absolute tackling machine, not only great in defence he's used his speed & powerful left-arm fend to bust through in attack on many occasions. No doubt he's going to be a great player over the years to come, we look forward to seeing him continue his growth.

Koa Miller: Koa's agility and speed have been lethal this year. Often darting out of dummy half to find a gap in the defence or if there was no gap, just charging over the closest player like a front-rower, his improvement in defence this season has been outstanding, not scared to chop down the bigger guys charging at him. He always brings a positive attitude to training and is a real asset to the team.

Blake Heaney: Blakey does everything at 110%... Get the ball in Blakey's hands & he charges down the field like a freight train. He also tackles with intent, making sure every tackle is a hard hit. Off the field, his friendly nature makes him a fantastic teammate that everyone gets along with. Can't wait to see Blakey wreak havoc again next season!

Beau Vula: What a season for Beau, especially considering this was his first season & being thrown straight into the Gold division. Beau has gone from being a bit shy on field to becoming a real powerhouse towards the end of the season! Beau's improvement has been amazing to watch. His powerful runs often got the team moving forward leading to tries, but most importantly his defence improved out of sight. We're excited to see what he'll bring next season!

Johnny McGann: Johnny's strength this season has been his exceptional communication and support on the field. His dynamic runs from dummy half and enthusiastic leadership of the team song have been standout moments. His big voice and even bigger smiles have made him a joy to watch! Keep it up Johnny

Isaac Anderson: Last year we named Isaac "The Enforcer" after he put on a few big shots, he has continued to dish out some big hits this year & improved his consistency in defence, also having some really strong runs up the middle. Most impressive was Isaacs application at training, I could really see Isaac was putting in each & every week which is paying off on the field.

Jude Tinker: Jude is a well rounded player who's defence and attack is some of the best in our side. For a young player developing, he already displays a good football brain, often making the right decisions, he does the small things that might go unnoticed better than most his age. Jude's always smiling & always a pleasure to coach, a great teammate and asset to any team.

Ryan Weigand: Ryan’s exceptional speed and talent were on full display this season, scoring many tries. What really stood out, though, was his impressive defence—he delivered some of the biggest tackles of the year. His adaptability in the new Fullback position was fantastic, he really made it his own. Next year, on a larger field, Ryan will be even more of a threat. Can’t wait to see him in action!

Marley Alcott: Coaching your own son is always a special experience. It’s been great seeing him make close friendships through rugby league, no doubt they’ll be mates for years to come. This year, Marley’s edge defence has been his strength, he’s done a great job keeping his edge tight and making some solid try saving tackles. He’s also had some very strong runs & is learning to use his teammates. I’m looking forward to watching Marley continue to grow and bond with his teammates next season.

Issy Ayoub: Issy is a fantastic player with endless energy and a competitive spirit. Although he missed several games this season, his agility and knack for slicing through defences were evident in the matches he played, highlighted by his hat-trick performance against the Colts. Looking forward to seeing more of Issy’s skills on display next season carving them up on a larger field!

Jaxon Bishop: Jaxon’s first season at Cbah has been a standout! He quickly bonded with the team and showcased his talent with impressive speed and powerful fends, scoring numerous full-field tries—often tongue out as he ran down the field to finish with a dramatic Swan dive! His strong defensive efforts on the edge have been great to watch, saving many tries. Jaxon is another that’s going to be dangerous next year on the larger field, can’t wait!

Tua Arthur: Off the field, Tua is one of the nicest kids you’ll ever meet...On the field he’s learning that his strength and speed make him a dominant force to be reckoned with.. often steamrolling half the opposition team on his way to the try line! Most kids look to run around the defence, not Tua, he prefers the direct path! It’s great to watch & we’re glad he’s on our side :) Tua is always a pleasure to coach, we look forward to more of Tua steamrolling his way through the opposition next year.

Thanks again to all the families for making it a fun season. The friendships made are not just the kids but also the families involved, you’ve all raised a great bunch of kids that are a pleasure to coach. We’re incredibly proud of this bunch of boys & the bonds they’re forming. I have no doubt they’re going to be the team to watch for years to come!



U9 ORANGE

Coach: Chris Scanlon

Manager: Troy Clancy

Trainer: James Johnson

What a team! The boys really formed a close-knit group and improved greatly as the season progressed. Frustrating for the boys with the weather playing an unfortunate role in the season, but they took this in their stride to have an impressive second half of the year.

The team comradery was very evident throughout the year, win or lose they really stood up for each other as a team, and although size wasn't always on their side, they never took a backward step and showed no fear in the pursuit of victory for their mates. From the post try celebrations to the winning team song, the team bond was strong.

With the weather often a factor it forced the team to train multiple times in the boxing gym, this turned out to be a blessing in disguise, helping the boys concentrate on their wrestling and in turn improving there tackling skills. This improved defensive structure over the course of the year made it a real task for any opposition team to pass our line and was pleasing to see the improvement in this area. The team were entertaining to watch with some great tries throughout the year as the boys learnt the art of spreading out and using the width of the field, leading to offloads and second phase play to set up multiple tries, especially late in the year.

A great team dynamic with friendships formed. It was great to have such big crowds each game day. A massive thanks to all the support, both on game day and at training from all the extended support crew of parents, grandparents, siblings and friends. We look forward to keeping the team going into next year.

Player Review:

Angus Vinen

Our burrowing dummy half speedster, always looking for the quick dart with the pink bib on to gain the team advantage or crash over for a quick 4 pointer with the classic SpongeBob team move. No matter the size of the oncoming traffic he never shied away from tough contact. Gussy has improved year on year and a valuable asset to the team.

Archie Scanlon

Strong tough carries each set to get the team moving forward, Archie's long strides would get the team moving forward. Always ready to stand in front of the bigger defences and take the hit, with his leg drive often gaining key metres to get the team moving down field, always doing so with a smile on his face.

Beau Crowther

Beau's effortless stepping and palming often led to tackle breaks. His tackles came with power, the opposition knew they had been crushed. Always coming off the field knowing he has put 100% effort. The opposition always knew they had been crunched from Beau's consistently strong defensive efforts.

Darcy Johnson

Step left, step right, left again and with a flick of the head Darcy has made a break. Seeing the gap and running straight to it often led to multiple tries from Darcy. Using his speed to streak down the field with the opposition in his wake. He wasn't scared of a tackle either, crunching the oncoming traffic when the team needed it most.

Dusty Corser

Only a short stint late in the season by Dusty this year in his first attempt at Rugby League. A couple of glimpses of what we might be able to see from him in the future.

Elijah Mutasim

Who would have known this was Elijah first season? From the first minute Elijah was putting his body on the line in both attack and defence and taking no rubbish from the opposition. His hard running often leading to a break with a few tries through the season. He also didn't take a backward step in defence, putting opposition players on their back to slow down the play.

Flynn Clancy

Always happy to take the tough carry, straight back on his feet ready for a quick play the ball. Providing the motivational talk on the field and always looking for the offload to keep the team momentum moving forward. Kicks started to come at the end of the season with the yellow bib on, with a few late game bombs for the team to chase downfield.

Hunter Lobb

Our front row enforcer. Taking the first run off the back fence for each set, running with purpose and determination. Hunter's tough mindset proved a challenge for opposition teams to get him to the ground, gaining key running metres in the process. A great team player always putting his all in at training and game day.

Jacob Gibson

A great season by Jacob, weaving and winding his way through opposition defence to find ways to push through to score. Never afraid to move up and make the important tackle with some try savers through the season. Always there to help his teammates for the second man in for tackles to get the opposition on the ground.

Kehan Cilliers

The speed of a fox, once he got away no one was catching Kehan. With his first year in league Kehan developed throughout the year, gaining confidence in his running game and getting in front to make the tackles. Kehan got more and more involved as the season progressed and a great asset to the team.

Taj Horan

A massive improver over the year. Taj's diving tackles and tough runs were always taken notice of, with the green head gear always darting out from marker in defence. Taj had a no fear attitude when running towards the defensive line in both attack and defence, taking the hits in his stride.

Maxwell Screen

Max had a great season, always being the team player we called upon to get us out of trouble. Using his size, speed and strength to blast past defences. Don't be fooled by his calm nature, once the ball is in his hands he takes off with that fend at a towering height to palm off the would-be defenders and stride down field.



U10 WHITE

Coach: Daryl Gleeson

Manager: Danielle Gleeson

Trainer: Brendan Mullaly

The best way to start this years black book edition is to duplicate our final words of our final game this year: we had a great year!!!

After what seemed like the longest joint pre-season with the Under 10 Blacks & we only had one week preparation to get ready for the trial against SEFC. Our team at this point was a mix of the 2023 Silver Team, 2023 Bronze Team and 3 young players that have never played the game before.

The SEFC trial was a humbling experience and something that was going to be the catalysts for what was yet to come. The team did feel the loss of 3 of our 2023 Players chosen to play in the Black Team. Well done to these boys on the accomplishment.

Following the SEFC Trial we were able to focus on a return to the basics – just getting the passing right, getting the running right and most importantly tackle well and tackle hard. This was on repeat twice per week for the next 4 weeks leading into round 1. Everything else will come from grounding the essentials down and it did.

What was achieved over the next 15 rounds of footy (minus the rain) was a team determined to play for each other and to play good solid footy. What was so pleasing about this team is that there was no one person that was bigger than the 14 young players we had the paddock each week. Our motto was “team before individual”. We needed individuals to play their roles but for such a young team to understand that a try assist is better than a try is a few years on where they should be.

We commenced in the “Bronze” division and has good success expect for the Aquinas Colts who were the only team we could never get one back on all year. Luke Paton was their Coach and they were a good side and probably should have been in the black division. During the re-grading process we were placed in the combined Silver Division and there is where the team just took off. Whilst we have had to confer to a non-competitive type of play, we will call it for what it is..... we only had a handful of defeats and these were during the School Holiday Rounds where we were down on players.

Apart from that we had great success and one very annoying draw against Andrew Fifita’s Under 10 Dream Team early on in the comp. Whilst we have no official scores nor ladder, we finished around 3rd overall in that competition and we played the gala day against the 3 other top silver team. During the Gala Day we cemented that 3rd position just under De La Salle which was always were benchmarked ourselves on. So, as we said to the team after our final game, we knew where we were in this competition. To come from what occurred at the SEFC Trial to finishing 3rd in a hot silver comp is something that is to celebrated and an accomplished that many will never know expect for the players, families and coaches/manager.

Whilst we were playing footy, we had some great celebrations as well. We started the year with a jersey presentation and pizza night in the clubhouse and this shaped how we wanted our year to play out. We celebrated Charlie Saunders 50th game milestone at round 12 vs Engadine Dragons and was so good to see so many of his family at the event. We also celebrated and to our knowledge one of the first Female Players Captains of a Junior Mixed Team – well done Keeley Cooper on achieving that captaincy in your first year.

Quickly looking at our players – our engine room was a massive difference this year with what we called our big boppers – Jax, Toby, Keeley(first year footy player) and Bashie all doing the hard work in the middle. Was so encouraging seeing these players run “right up the guts’ each week and have the opposition hanging off them.

Our speed demons in spine with Beau, Ned, Grayson, Joseph (first year footy player) ,Alfie (first year footy player) & Charlie who when they got the ball terrorised all with their speed and agility. All these boys also needed to pull off some pretty tough one on one tackles.

Our play makers who week in and out had the pressure on them like a furnace– Luke (FR), Banjo (FR), Jaxon (DH) and Oxley (DH). All these 4 boys had constant pressure on them each week and needed to come out with the plays and structure to support the team. To hear them talk about try assists rather than tries was a pleasure to hear.

We would also like to thank Ad’s, Scano & Nathan from our Under 9’s for always taking that Friday Afternoon mercy call for the Under 9’s to help out. Without your help, we would not have achieved what we did. Thanks lads.

Finally, our 3, 2 & 1 awards were voted independently each week by the opposition coach/s and then kept on a master list under lock and security. We called these the Dally B’s as it was Brendan’s idea for the year and was a pleasure to see the end result with all players polling points.

However, our 3, 2 & 1 awards for the year are (in no particular order just like the team motto)

Jax Barnett, Banjo Mullaly and Luke Gleeson

Well done on your accomplishments this year boys. Was great to see you do your individual stuff & contribute towards the team on and off the field each week and 3 very different players.

So that’s it, another year of footy, another bunch of legendary kids coached, 2 blokes who enjoy their time together coaching in their second year together, a top manager who kept them in line 😂 and just good footy with good people. Enjoy your off-season, we will see you soon/ish.



U10 RED

Coach: Brett Cooper, Scott Davies

Manager: Ashlie Olsen

Trainer: Ollie Pentzoldt

Another sensational season by this team! This year saw us move to a bigger field, which required a bigger squad. Our team from last year was lucky to welcome our newest gold players into the team and they fit in seamlessly.

We are so proud of the huge effort these boys put in each week. They trained twice a week, rain hail or shine, with many weeks of field closures, the boys had to change it up and run sand hills and even had a hard session of boxing to keep up their training.

It was the first year of no competition for this group, after their grand final last year, however that didn't stop them bringing their winning attitude each week. Most weeks the players had to take the field for the full 40 mins as we were playing with 1 or no reserves and on occasion calling up our friends from the under 9s to help – huge effort boys, with no complaints, just getting the job done for each other.

There wasn't much separating the top 4 teams in this comp. Each hit out was nail biting and down to the wire, many games separated by a try or conversion, some with opening tries run dead due to the modified field – unlucky, but something we can chuckle about now.

A few season highlights would be our only chance at a grand final rematch against De La 1, where we got the 2 points, and won the game by a converted try. Titans saw two draws, one of those games being completely underwater. Gynea 1 is always a good contest – this year we lost one and won the next. We had some impressive wins against Como and De La 2, holding both teams to nil all season. Score board aside, it was these games that saw the boys get creative with their plays, and also gave them a chance to play out of position, in positions they wanted to have a go at and having some fun on the field. Their attitudes each week didn't waver, regardless of their opponent. Each week they left the field in good spirits with happy faces.

2024 saw us put 370 points on the board, while conceding only 138 points, making us the only team in the comp to be victorious against all of our opponents. Results like these just go to show the mighty effort, teamwork and talent we have in this team.

Our season finished with a gala day, which saw the top 4 teams get one final friendly hit out for the year and playing their mates to get one last weekend of footy in for the year.

Congratulations to the boys that reached their 50 games this season Jackson, Jayden, Jesse, Kai and Parker.

Thank you to all the parents that have helped each week when needed, it is very much appreciated!

Finally, thank you to all the families and friends that get these boys to training and game days, and for cheering them on from the sidelines each week. We are very lucky to have such an incredible footy family.

BEST & FAIREST – River Holdsworth

BEST FORWARD – Jesse Webber

BEST BACK – Kai Baxter

U11 BRONZE

Coach: Mick Beare
Manager: Kurt Ridley
Trainer: Darryn Maynard

The 2024 season for our Under 11 Bronze was a challenging one. Despite the Inconsistent year we had ,i was expecting a good year . However, with low numbers to training which was also reflected in the games having to rely on the 10 silver a number of times to fill in, This report aims to reflect on the season's performance, highlight areas for improvement, and outline a positive path forward.

Our team faced significant challenges throughout the season, finishing with a record that did not meet our expectations. Key areas where we struggled included:

- ****Defensive Gaps:**** Opponents exploited gaps in our defence, resulting in a high number of tries conceded.We relied on the same players to make all our tackles .

Player Development

Despite the challenges, there were notable individual improvements:

- ****Skill Development:**** Many players showed growth in basic skills, including passing, tackling, and positioning.
- there were a few areas where a number of players really developed as players. Noah Ropeta - after having a few years out of the game ,came back and really grew as a player .

Areas for Improvement

To enhance our performance for the next season, we need to focus on the following:

1. ****Skill Training:**** Implement targeted drills to improve ball handling, tackling technique, and game awareness.
2. ****Game Strategy:**** Develop a clearer understanding of offensive and defensive strategies during training.
3. ****Mental Resilience:**** Foster a growth mindset among players to encourage perseverance and learning from setbacks.

The support from parents and the community has been invaluable. We encourage continued engagement through volunteering and attendance at matches, which boosts team morale.

While the season did not yield the results we hoped for, the experience gained will serve as a foundation for future success. With commitment to training and a focus on skill development, we can turn this season's challenges into opportunities for growth. We look forward to regrouping and preparing for the next season with renewed enthusiasm and determination.

Thank you to everyone involved for your dedication and support.

Let's work together to make next season a successful one!



U11 GOLD

Coach: Peter Cohen

Manager: Daryl Melvin

Trainers: Nathan Carrol/Steve Hinton/Taulima Tautai

Most Valuable Player: Leon Hinton/ Jett Carroll

Players Player: Luka Abinja/ Ryan Cohen

Congratulations to the boys on another solid season. Although we didn't make the Grand Final this year, we saved our best game till last, the first half defence in the semi final had to be seen to be believed, I've had plenty of comments from different people who watched the game saying how well the boys defended. Unfortunately as in many games this year simple handling errors on early tackles continue to make it hard for ourselves to win those tight games. I feel we beat ourselves a lot of the time.

This was a pretty disruptive season with all the wet weather, canceled games and training sessions. The boys improvement over the last quarter of the season was clear to see, this coincided with more consistency and an improved attitude at training.

Great bunch of kids with lots of different personalities who I hope we can keep together for a few years to come. Was great to watch over so many of the boys improve individually in many different areas of their game but also as a team. Really looking forward to watching these boys develop over the next few years.

Thanks to T, Nath, Steve and Darryl for all the effort at training and game days throughout the year, real team effort to coach these boys and great bunch of blokes with plenty of banter along the way. Thanks to all the parents/grandparents and siblings who helped on game day or dropping the boys to training.

Luka Abinja - Joint players player award winner again, plays above his weight, tough as they come for his size, Luka is an instinctive player who is great to watch.

Jett Carroll - Jimmy's second year of footy and ended up joint MVP. Won't meet a more positive kid, always turns up to training and game day with the same attitude. Tackles hard and strong runner off the ball.

Ryan Cohen - Joint players player award winner, great team player and plays the way he trains. Great improvement in defence and set up plenty of tries in attack.

Atiba Collins - If there was a most improved player this year Atiba would have won this award. First year in gold comp and the improvement through out the year was great to watch. Strong defender and puts in the effort at training.

Archie Goody - Great year by Archie, trains hard and hits even harder, really stamped his authority on the opposition this year, his effort in the semi final after being sick for a few weeks was unbelievable.

Leon Hinton - Joint MVP winner, was our mister fix it this year playing in just about every position on the field, Leon’s energy when he is on is unmatched. Strong runner and strong defender who wears his heart on his sleeve.

Henry Keane - Smart footy player who reads the game very well. Henry picks up drills and moves very quickly, he is a great listener and can also come out with some inspiring speeches. Another who saved his best game for the semi final.

Koah Matthews - Strong defender and strong runner of the ball, played wing and centre this year, scored plenty of tries but saved even more. Great team player who looks out for his mates another strong year by Koah.

Lawson Meagher - There’s not a more damaging centre in our game then Law, once he gets going he is very hard to stop. Another one who saved his best game till the semi. I don’t think Law realises his own strength, once he does lookout.

Cooper Melvin - Still one of the strongest defenders in our team, his one on one front on defence is second to none, a number of bone crunching hits throughout the year, goes really well out of DH and knows the position pretty well, was one of our most consistent players this season.

Campbell Sellick - Cam only knows how to play one way and that’s hard. Whether it be running the ball or his aggressive defence, Cam leaves nothing in the tank. Cam has a big motor for a front rower and has the opposition looking out for him in defence. Loves the tough stuff.

Ziggy Tautai - Another great year by Ziggy, a strong runner and bruising defender, when Ziggy puts his mind to it he turns into one of the most dominate players in the comp, another who doesn’t know his own strength. You don’t want to be an opposing player when Ziggy gets angry.

Hughie Teasel - For a kid Hughies size his toughness is next level, ended up with more bloody noses than you could count, also not afraid to run straight at the biggest player in the other team, get smashed then run at them the very next play. Brings a bit of humour to the team.

CRONULLA CARINGBAH SHARKS

U/11 GOLD 2024



Back Row: Atiba Collins, Jett Carroll
Middle Row: Darryl Melvin (Manager), Taulima Tautai (Trainer), Leon Hinton, Lawson Meagher, Archie Goody, Pete Cohen (Coach), Nathan Carroll (Trainer), Steve Hinton (Trainer)
Front Row: Luka Arbinja, Ryan Cohen, Koah Mathews, Campbell Sellick, Ziggy Tautai, Cooper Melvin, Hugh Teasel
Absent: Henry Keane

U12 BRONZE

Coach - Kris McClelland
Manager - Erin McClelland
Trainers - Matty Walker, Jay Stupicic, Luke Dunne

Best and Fairest - Kynan McClelland
Player's Player - Jebb Cooper
Coaching Staff Award - Marcus Bottle
Encouragement Award - Byron Aubrey
Most Improved - Austin Lucas

This season was an outstanding achievement for you boys. To make the semi-final and play so well not only in that game, but every game this season. Your coaching staff and parents are so proud of you all. This team took a little while to gel given the multiple wash out rounds and inability to train in the first half of the season. But when you did, it was amazing team footy. The development of each individual player was outstanding to see this year. Every player deserves accolades this year and you all should be commended for your commitment to building the team.

Austin Lucas- Wow mate! The commitment you put into the start of the season proved so valuable in the back end. Your hit ups and hard tackles were an integral part of our team's success. Receiving many weekly awards should show you how proud and impressed we were with your performance and improvement. Outstanding season!

Bobby Johnston- The Pocket Rocket that is bursting with energy!!! Your first season of rugby league and you fit into this team perfectly. Unfortunately, a big injury kept you off the field for quite a few games. But every game you played; you gave 100%. Your service at fullback and wing was impeccable and exciting to watch.

Byron Aubrey- The guts of our team, organizing the team as our gun half-back is a hard job and you excelled at it. Inspiring your team to run hard and directing play all over the field made my job a lot easier. I saw you mature as a player this season taking direction and directing appropriately.

Cley Ellis- Your commitment to your team is amazing. You do exactly what you're instructed to do and are one of our favorites to train because you take direction, you have matured so much this year. Solid work on the wing and exceptional work at dummy half- your confidence showed as the season progressed at dummy half.

Darcy Kelly- Rock -Solid center in both attack and defense. I liken you to Jesse Ramien. Hard core in both aspects of the game. Many times, Erin said to you 'I want a try from you today' and you said ok and there it was- compliance is an asset. Another solid, reliable season from you again.

Dylan Levi- Mr Stealth-Like Speedy. Somehow you would get the ball and within seconds, you're within 20 meters! Your left shoulder was menacing to opposition wingers, and they didn't see it coming. Your service at dummy half was so appreciated this year and I feel this is a position you can thrive in. You showed guts and determination all season and we thank you for that.



Finley Dunne- The change from centers and first receiver to being an all-year front rower showed your versatility this year. Taking the hard runs and making the big tackles shows you are one of our major enforcers in our team and you can be relied upon to take whatever direction necessary.

Flynn Meakin- Your tackle technique is a pleasure to watch. Your presence was invaluable to your side every time you put on your jersey. Rugby league is 100% defense, and you are an essential part of our defensive structure. Well done on an amazing season!!!

Jebb Cooper- Maniac!!! You have received our player's player award. This means your teammates rate you highest out of everyone. Although you had a few weeks off due to injury, you clearly made a massive impression on your team mates to receive this award. You should be very proud of another rock-solid season.

Joseph Goon Chew- Mr Versatility. Playing in the forwards as well as the backline, the coaching staff and your teammates could rely on you to perform in any position and role. Being so reliable and essential to our team is an asset we rely on, and you delivered. Thank you for being such a mature young man and a pleasure to train and coach.

Kale Browning- Your first season was outstanding. Playing in the front row can be intimidating but you did it with gusto and learnt quickly how to hit it up and bend your back to tackle. Your passion and enthusiasm for not only the game, but for your team was infectious and you had an essential role in bringing the team together to end a successful year of footy.

Kobe Stupicic- Mr Commitment! Always first to training, always first to the game- your commitment is admirable, and it pays off in your game. Your service as our specialist dummy half is a major reason why we secured wins this year, you are a major, pivotal part of our team. Grunt and goal kicking secured the win many times.

Kynan McClelland- Best and fairest as voted by the coaching staff 3,2,1 weekly. A great season, showing poise and knowledge while captaining your side, calling out those who cross the line and knowing how to communicate with the referee is a very important job. You let your footy do the talking by running hard and talking to your team, inspiring them to level up.

Lachlan Walker- Pound by pound, the toughest kid on any footy field! Your work at fullback, taking down the big boys eyeing the line was a massive asset to our team. Fast running back into the opponents defending line showed you take direction and know your role just how we want you to. Your commitment to training and talks with your coach about your role show your maturity and rounded out your game.

Marcus Bottle- Zip Zip!!! THAT STEP!!! You created room that wasn't even there as our perfect 5/8th giving your outside runners good ball and room to move throughout the season showed you can direct the side. You backed up so well at half-back!!! Defensively, you were a gun and once you eyed the target, there was no chance for them.

Mitchel Rodger- Your tackling technique is out of control! We know this because of the slaughter you left behind you each week should have had you with many injuries. You were imperative to the success of our team. You show no fear and latch on like a cheetah and JUST DON'T LET GO!!! It's brilliant to see! You're a big asset to this team Mitch!

Paddy Cornell- What an addition to our club!! We are so happy you joined us this year, bringing your natural and 'adjusted for League' skill sets to our team was such a boost to morale!!! Thank you so much for juggling your commitments elsewhere to play for us- you are a polite, well-mannered asset to the team and bought a lot of confidence to your teammates.

U12 SILVER

Coach: Darrin Forster & Paul Cavallaro

Trainer: Todd Newton

Manager: Ade Heaney

It was an absolute pleasure to coach the U12 silver team this year. We could not have been more proud of the way the team came together and approached training and game days. We had 7 new players join the team this year and we were excited for the season to start when we saw the skill level in the newly formed team.

The boys didn't disappoint, finishing the regular season in 2nd position with 9 wins and 3 losses. We would've loved to have made the grand final this season, unfortunately we did finish the year one game short, losing a close semi- final against the eventual premiers - Bosco

****Taj Forster****

Taj had an outstanding season, proving himself as a true ball player. His quick footwork, keen vision, and ability to challenge opponents stood out. Transitioning to fullback this year allowed him more space to create chaos for the opposition.

****Flynn Duhigg****

Although listed as a back, Flynn played with the intensity of a forward, making significant gains at the start of our sets. His contributions were invaluable, and his call up to the gold team reflected his impressive improvement this year.

****Koby Hyde****

Koby is undoubtedly the fastest player on our team. While he started the season quietly, he ended on a high note, scoring several excellent tries.

****Zac Macquire****

Zac brings energy and enthusiasm to both training and games, excelling in multiple positions. His toughness and relentless spirit shone through when he bravely tackled one of the biggest players in the competition.

****Caleb Hoekstra****

Caleb consistently delivers strong performances and is an invaluable asset to our team. His commitment and leadership make him a joy to coach and a much valued member of the team.

****Zach Wilson (c)****

In his first year with us, Zach quickly proved his leadership abilities and earned the captaincy. As a halfback, his attacking skills were a great asset, but his defensive tenacity, especially against larger opponents, truly impressed. He made a significant impact and was honored with the Players' Player award.

****Beau Elkin****

In his first year at Cronulla Caringbah, Beau proved to be a fantastic addition to our team. As a complete footy player, he made a significant impact in every match, playing a crucial role at 5/8 and forming a strong partnership with our halves Zach W and Taj F.

****Jake Milton****

After playing a few games last year, Jake earned his place on the team this season. He gives his all in every match and is versatile enough to play in both the forwards and backs, providing valuable options. Jake consistently delivers in both attack and defense, never failing to impress

****Quintin Heaney****

As vice-captain, Q's leadership and dominance in the back row were invaluable to the team. He never shied away from contact and led by example every game.

****Jock McDonnell****

Returning to the club this year, Jock's larrikin sense of humor, combined with his hard running and outstanding defensive efforts in the forwards, made a huge impact.

****Reyne Newton****

A new addition to the team this season, Reyne stepped up in the forwards and showed tremendous growth. His hard running, impressive post-contact meters, and strong defense made him a pleasure to coach.

****Crue Crothers****

Crue cemented his spot in the team with his relentless efforts both in training and on the field. His hard work made him an excellent addition to the forward pack.

****Hasan Fahs****

Hasan had a fantastic season, continually improving his game. He played with heart in the middle, particularly in the match against Brighton, where he led by example against a much bigger pack.

****Kai'ryn Vella****

Known as "The Raging Bull," Kai plays one way—hard and straight. He leads the pack with powerful runs, is a strong defender, and stands as a key leader in the forwards.

****Lucas Cavallaro****

Lucas consistently improved his craft as a young footballer throughout the season. His sharp delivery out of dummy half and rock-solid defense, especially against bigger opponents, made him a valuable member of the team.

****Ruben O'Reilly****

Ruben had a great season as another new recruit. He slotted into the team seamlessly, adding strength and depth to our forward pack.

The coaching team would like to thank all the legend parents for your support and help during the year. You do make our jobs easier and more enjoyable. It's an honour and a privilege to coach these awesome young men and whilst we're disappointed the season is over, we're now counting the days for next season as it's going to be a cracker of a year.

Darrin, Paul and Todd



U12 GOLD

Coach - Cain Best

Manager - Niketa Patterson

Trainers - Luke Rye, Kyle Stanley

2024 Premiers!!

What a year this team had in 2024, 454 points scored for the season and only 1 try leaked all year, the stats show they were the most dominant team in all the CJRL graded divisions which is some achievement. The scary part is as the season got to the serious end the boys were only getting better winning their semi final 34-0 and then the grand final 32-0. Look out 2025.

2024 was a massive year for this group of boys with a lot happening outside of weekend footy with PSSA teams being selected and some being in high school, but the boys took it all in their strides and turned up every week and bought into our culture and played for their mates every game to get the job done.

This year we changed around the coaching staff with Kyle Stanley, Luke Rye and Niketa Patterson coming on board and the boy's success can be attributed to this change. It was a pleasure having all three involved with the team and we all are looking forward to raising the bar with this special group of boy's again next season.

Ohio Pure - Ohio is our quiet leader and captain of the team; he played his best game of the season in the GF against Engadine who previously challenged him in the prior game played. He played the entire 40 minutes with no break and was relentless in everything he did. Ohio plays his best football when he is challenged.

Levi Bateman - Levi had a good year; he was thrust into being our right edge backrower early in the year and had to adjust to the new structure the team was playing with. He had his best game against De La Salle in Round 10 where his defence was outstanding.

Jackson Best - Jackson had another great season a danger on the right edge in attack and defence. A prolific try scorer and key edge defender in our lego defence structure. He had one of his best moments in a game against Engadine where they had 4 sets on our line, and he had to make a late try saving tackle where he can across and smashed the opposing kid on the try line and dislodged the footy.

Nolan Grantham - Nolan had a good season and is such a natural and instinctive footballer. Nolan can play at fullback, on an edge or in the halves which is such a great asset for a kid to have growing up at this age. Nolan's best game for the year against Kurnell where he scored a scintillating individual try.

Braydin Kauria-Henry - Braydin was new to the team this year and I do not think words would be able to sum up the 2024 year this kid has had. Selected as the starting Fullback in the NSW PSSA team in only his third year of football is unbelievable and an outstanding achievement. He is the most damaging and dangerous ball runner in NSW for this age group and look out because he is still learning the game.

Noah Kelly - Noah this year was thrust into the fullback spot and had his best season so far underpinned by his 2nd half in the grand final where he scored a great individual try with great footwork and set up another.

Taj Morris – Taj had another great season and really hit top form in the last two games of the year being the semi and GF where I thought he was Man of the Match in both games. His effortless try in the GF was beautiful to watch.

Henrik Bateup – Henrik was another new addition to the team this year having previously played up an age group his entire playing career. A talented footballer on both sides of the ball in attack and defence and he really owned his last 3 performances of the year playing the complete team game where he showed great football maturity.

Nixon Rye – Nixon had another good season. He never misses in defence and does a lot of the 1% plays in the middle in defence which underpins our unbreakable wall of defence. He added a kick to his game late in the season and always runs well from dummy half to get us out of trouble. Hi best game came against Taren Point where he scored two great tries.

Koah Stanley – Koah unfortunately picked up a season ending injury early in the competition and only got to play 3 games for the year. Testament to this kid though, he showed up to nearly every training session after this and even got to run on for the grand final. Looking forward to seeing you back in 2025 for a massive season ahead.

Ryder Tepania – Ryder had another solid year; he finished the season off very strong. A damaging ball runner and a key ball carrier in our get out sets to get our sets rolling forward. His best game came against Taren Point where he scored 3 tries.

Marley Wilson – Every season we get the same from Marley, the best compliment you can give this kid is his best and worst game are very similar as his effort and need for contact areas are unmatched for a kid at this age. Late in the season he made a beeline to get himself into the goal kicking caper and made 7 from 7 to finish the season.

Oscar McDonnell – Oscar came to us this year having previously played in the silver comp. I think this kid’s development in the team underpins the culture of this team and it was great seeing Oscar’s development especially his brutal defence. A great kid and great to have him part of the team. A key highlight of the year came when Oscar crossed for his first try of the year against Taren Point and all the boys got behind him.

Roman Vula – Roman had another solid season, he plays the game hard and loves getting in the middle and mixing it with the bigger boys. This year we pushed him out to an edge backrow spot and he also had to adjust to the new structure the team was playing with. Roman is another in this team that does the 1% plays for the team that may go unnoticed but not to the coaching staff, he is a great kid and will take on anything we throw his way.

Archie James – Archie was another new addition to the team this year, and to see his growth as a player and as a kid once he settled into the team was glorious to see. His one of one defence by the end of the year was brutal and he went within a whisker of scoring a great try in the GF. Looking forward to seeing Archie’s further growth next year.

Brad Takairangi “Taka Award” (MVP) – Braydin Kauria-Henry
Les Bell Award (Coaches Award) – Taj Morris
Scott Sorenson Award (Team Spirit) – Oscar McDonnell



U13 SILVER

Coach Michael Griggs
Trainer Corey Aston
Trainer Anthony Pellegrino
Manager Sue Mulhane

Players player Billy Opai
Most improved Ryder Johnson
Coaches Award Jack Collins

Firstly, thank you to all parents, grandparents, supporters and all those that followed our boys throughout this year. A huge thank you to Corey for all his support and expertise as trainer. To Anthony for putting his hand up and taking on the role of medical officer and to our enthusiastic manager of the year Sue. It was an extremely positive year from everyone involved.

From our very first trial game (which we lost) it was clear the team had the kind of qualities you hope for as a coach. They played tough and for each other. They never gave up and put in 100% right to the final whistle no matter what the score. This was no more evident than in a great away win against Bosco where the boys defended their tryline for four straight sets to hold on for one of the toughest wins I have seen.

These qualities never wavered over the entire year. We gave away size in every game, but a fast moving defence and the confidence and skill to move the ball saw us reach the semi finals. A fantastic effort and vast improvement from where most of the boys came from last year. Our team:

Hunter – Our most dangerous back. Part of our lethal left. Big talent!

Bede – Big, fast and skilful. Loads of potential.

Chase - ‘Mr Versatile’ Played everywhere in our team but enjoyed the tough stuff the most.

Jay – Really tough kid that is going to get better and better.

Harley – Great kid! Super respectful and never misses a training session. Took plenty of tough hit ups.

Lennox – Inspirational captain. Super talker and tackling machine.

Ryder – Most improved and tough as nails. A great kid with an awesome attitude to training and playing.

Will – The harder a game gets the more he likes it and the better he plays.

Spike The ‘speedster’. Limited opportunity with injury and hopefully see him back next year.

Sasha – Showed glimpses of what he can do in his first year of league. Would love to unlock more of that potential.

Brae – Plays above his weight. Great service from dummy half and awesome defensive technique.

Nate – The ‘hitman’ Loves putting shots on the opposition, his teammates and anyone that comes near him. One of our best!

Manny – Came back from injury. Great step. Nice passing game and solid defence. Will only get better.

Travis – Part of our lethal second row. One of the best every game. Could kick, score tries and tackle all day.

Billy – Awesome kid, awesome player. What a year! His improvement from last year was outstanding.

Toa – Courageous prop who lifts when the game gets tough.

Max – Our halfback. Unselfish player with great passing game and goalkicking skills. Solid year.

Jack – The ‘Rock’. Always puts the team first. Super respectful kid and a pleasure to coach.

Iggy – What an improvement! Listened, trained hard and a different player by the end of the season.

To all the boys I loved how you never wanted to finish training on time. We even added an extra session because you wanted to improve. It was awesome to watch you have fun with your mates and become better players over the year which is the reason we all do it for. Hope you all stick together as players and mates.

All the best

Mick

CRONULLA CARINGBAH SHARKS
U/13's SILVER 2024



Back Row: Anthony Pellegrino (Trainer), Billy Opai, Jay Mulhane, Bede Smith, Travis Showell
Middle Row: Michael Griggs (Coach), Nate Simon, Harley Christmas-Wills, Toa Martin-Marama, Hunter Aston, Sasha Pellegrino, Jack Collins, Corey Aston (Trainer)
Front Row: Ryder Johnston, Iggy Bridgewater, Max Griggs, Will Cooper, Spike Pearce, Manny Hinton, Brae Wicks
Absent: Chase Perera, Lennox Holz

TEAM PHOTOS
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U14 SILVER

Coach - Brad Kelly

Manager - Dave Nickerson

Trainers - Nathan Redmayne

This season was an outstanding achievement for our Under 14s, building on last year's progress and finishing as minor premiers with only two losses all year. It was a huge accomplishment, reflecting the hard work and dedication from all the boys. Our season was once again built on our defence, where we boasted both the best attack and defence in the competition. The boys showed tremendous spirit and skill, never backing down from a challenge. Although we were just beaten in the Major Semi-Final, it took a length-of-the-field intercept to stop us, proving how close we were to going all the way.

Our team was bolstered by some new additions this season, which strengthened us across the park:

Bear Laffan was brilliant at fullback, returning the ball with strength and making crucial one-on-one tackles to save as many tries as he scored.

Reid Fraizer continued to play well above his weight, never shying away from putting his body on the line with big hits.

Jaxon Redmayne was a powerhouse with ball in hand, running strong lines and always being in the right place for his halves to set him up.

Tyson Brennan, another one of our smaller players with a big heart, was fearless at the collision, consistently shutting down attackers.

Billy McDonald, a fantastic new addition, was a strong ball runner and tackler, always eager to learn and improve at training.

Kash Lemke was a creative force, loving a line break or cheeky short kick, and setting his outside backs into beautiful holes.

Hayden Meagher, our chief playmaker, guided the team around the park with precision and foresight, always thinking one step ahead.

Will Nickerson, our captain, led from the front with a huge work ethic in both attack and defence, dominating as a ball runner and setting the standard for the team.

Cooper Kelly mastered the dummy-and-go, consistently bringing down opponents twice his size with textbook defence.

Tommy Lopes was always elusive out of dummy half, stealing easy metres and keeping defenders guessing.

Saad Aukuso was an unstoppable force in the forward pack, carrying multiple defenders on every run and getting the team into great field position.

Sam Shatte took his game to a new level this year with improved fitness and toughness, always a strong ball runner and tackler.

Declan Lusby was fit, fast, and always hungry for the ball, making huge runs and getting us on the front foot.

Cody Williams had his best season yet, constantly breaking past the advantage line as a dynamic and mobile backrower.

Nash Thomas held the middle together with strong ball-playing and tireless defence, playing big minutes every week.

Cooper Mace, another excellent addition, was relentless with his physical aggression, both in his runs and his tackles.

Riley Polo was safe under the high ball and rarely finished a game without a huge tackle or barnstorming run. He also led the team song with enthusiasm and great vocals! Finally,

Max Clifton was practically unstoppable when in beast mode, racking up massive run metres and delivering highlight-reel defence in every game this season.

A huge thank you to Dave Nickerson as team manager, Sean Thomas for his game day support with running water and messages, and to all the parents for your ongoing support of the coaches and the boys. Your involvement was invaluable.

Looking forward to next year, we are determined to build on this season's success and push even further. With this level of talent and commitment, there's no doubt we can go all the way! Let's bring home the premiership in 2025!



U14 BRONZE

Coach - Blair Tumeth

Manager - Lisa Sothern,

Trainers - Megan Bard, Nav Tumeth

Hey Cbah,

Happy rugby league! Happy, happy rugby league!

What a game! What a way to end a season! Bluey scores on the bell to tie up the scores and Cale steps up and slots it after the hooter to make you boys the 2024 champions! The end of an unbelievable journey that started long, long ago in February, training down on the sand at Greenhills, the boys bitching and moaning about doing fitness (that didn't really change all season) but just getting the team back together and playing footy together again.

We were really lucky, we had 4 new guys join us this year and they KILLED IT in what was for some their very first season. What an introduction! Ash, Big Al, Jack Mack and Cal, fit straight into our team, which had been building for a while. Even back at the very start, down on the sand, the boys seemed like a really tight group who enjoyed each others company and enjoyed pushing each other to get better. I had a quiet feeling we could be a good football side and we might do something this season.

To all the boys, those whom I met this year and others I've been coaching for a while now, I just wanna say a massive thank you. You are an awesome group of young men to coach and I truly feel so lucky to be able to call myself your coach. You are special group, fantastic footballers to a man, tough as teak, brave as all get out and coming to training or games always lifts me up and brings a smile, ear to ear, to my face (even on the days I yell at you.)

So I really wanna say a heartfelt thank you, on behalf of myself and all the parents for the journey you guys have taken us on this year. It was truly awesome to watch you guys grow as individuals and, more importantly, as a team. It was an amazing ride.

That came to the most unbelievable ending! That GF was a game that myself and all your parents will look back on and smile about for the rest of our days!

As always, the end of season means we give out 3 individual awards, which, as anyone who has ever heard me speak knows, I hate! Not because the winners aren't utterly deserving and their efforts should be rightly recognised, but because I think each and everyone one of you are all a vital part of a great team and it's the efforts of the team which is the true reward. I thought you all, to a man, played your hearts out this year. I thought you all, to a man, put your bodies on the line for each other this year. I thought you all, to a man, really matured as footballers and as young men. I wanna make special mention of our 3 boys who put their bodies so on the line they ended up with season ending injuries. They damaged knees and shoulders and fingers and had to spend the rest of the season watching on. Lach, Drew and Mariano played a VITAL part in our season and seeing those boys storm the field to celebrate the GF with their team was one of my season highlights.

I cant wait for next year, I'm already in planning for season 2025. I can't say enough thank you's to the Cbah executive family who work literally NON-STOP behind the scenes so that we get to play footy each week. To all the parents who show up and man the canteen and barbie and keep the club ticking over.

To manager Lisa who organises everything for our team all year. To Megz , who never, ever, ever! stops working for our team. To Aaron, who was dead set ELITE (Alfie like) with the water bottle this year and kept the boys heads in the game once the clock had started ticking. To Dan and Nav and Fitzzy who came down to training when they could to help me yell at the boys. But mostly thank you to the boys. I had a ball this season. I loved it

when we were winning. I even loved it when we lost, because of the way you all responded. I thought you all really rallied AS A TEAM! That's what I loved the most and I thought you were all dead-set champions long before the GF.

Season 2025 is coming! I expect us ALL to be there! We'll be doing pre-season once again. I'll see you all on the sand.

Cheers. Blair

- Outstanding Effort Award** – Finn Diamond
- Player of the Year** – Finn Barry
- Players Player Award** – Cale Simmonds



U15 GOLD

Coach - Cain Best
Manager - Sanat Hewetson
Trainers - Trevor Taylor

15 Gold boys has exemplified perseverance, determination & toughness throughout this year. The team faced significant challenges that threatened to derail their season. Despite these setbacks, the boys have shown incredible spirit and resilience, demonstrating that adversity can fuel greater success.

We entered the competition with a talented and well-balanced squad, bleeding 6 silver players. Unfortunately, within the first few games, injuries struck, sidelining several of the team’s key players. Ranging from minor strains to more serious long-term setbacks. These injuries threatened to derail their season as the team lost vital key positions.

One of the most significant outcomes of the injury crisis was the emergence of the team’s lesser experienced players that were thrust into key positions & starting roles. Despite their relative inexperience, these players adapted quickly to the demands of the competition, contributing not just energy and passion but also vital performances in key matches.

This season will be remembered not only for the lack of numbers & injuries they endured but for the way they overcame them. Through determination, player flexibility, and the contributions of every squad member, they turned a potentially disastrous situation into a campaign filled with pride and success.

We would like to give great thanks to the 15 & 14 Silver players & coaching staff that supported us throughout the season, in true club spirit you guys backed up after your own games. With out your involvement it would have been a very different result in many games.

Thank you to the Parents in supporting us all throughout the year, I am sure you are as proud of the boys as we are.

Regarding the coaching staff, Cain & I would like to show our appreciation to the last-minute call out for support from Sanat, Chase & Milo stepping up into keys roles. I must admit we were a bit concerned on how we were going to get through the season, however you guys were fantastic & again thank you. (also, thanks to Josh for always being there to help & support).

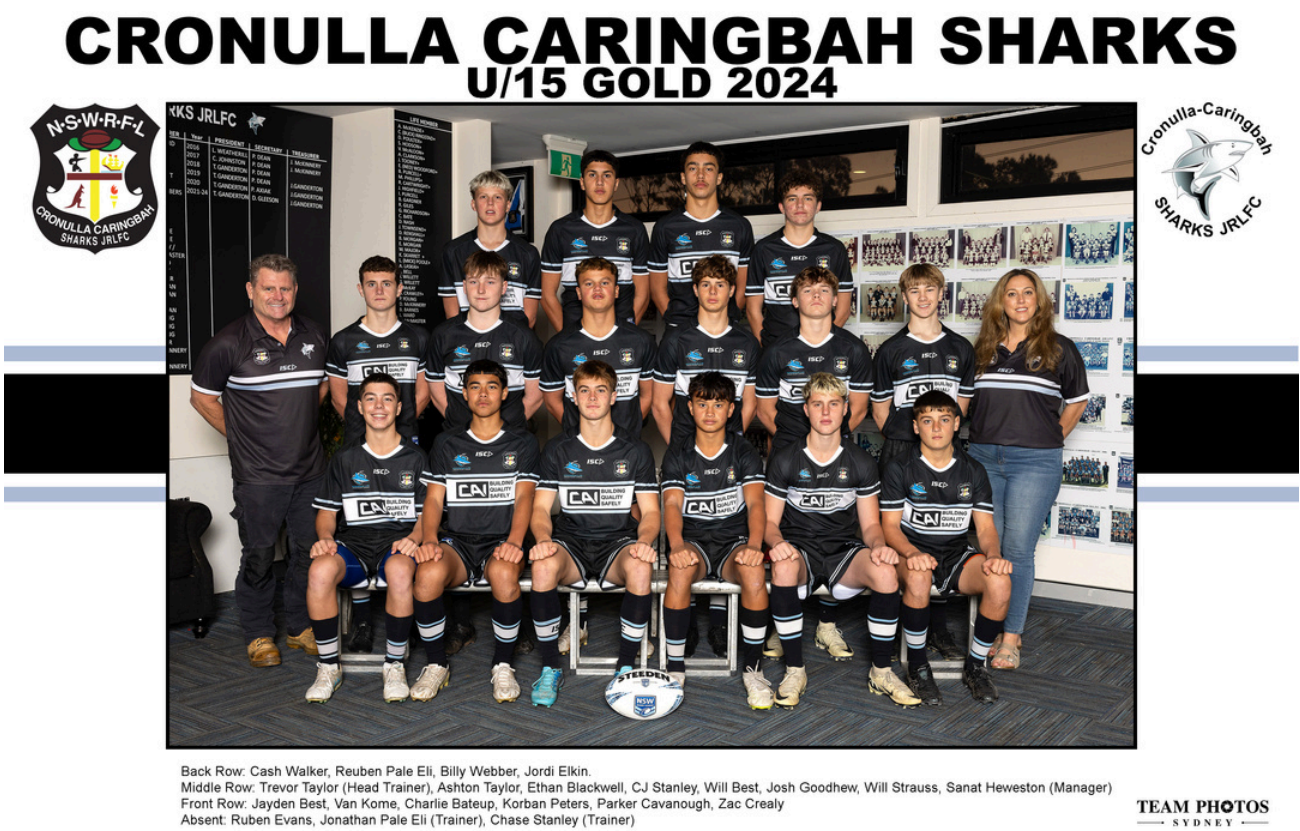
Boys it was going to take an incredible effort to win 4 years running & we nearly pulled it off!

It was a very hard pill to swallow losing our last game; however, you learn more from your losses than your wins. We will be back bigger harder stronger next year.

It was a privilege being involved this year again, watching you all develop not only as better players but becoming great young men!

Cain & Trev.

Coaches Award - Cash Walker
Best Back - Ashton Taylor
Best Forward - Reuben Pale Eli



U15 SILVER

Coach - Pat Driscoll

Manager - Niki Teasel

Trainers - Lachlan Peachey, Todd Ganderton, Ben Mathews

After playing juniors together at Cbah, in what now seems like an eternity ago, Peach and I decided to give coaching a go. Ironically, we ended being linked to the 15's silvers which was the same comp we won back in the day for the club. We joined the boys for pre-season at Greenhills along with the 15 Gold's squad led by Cain and Trev, and were immediately impressed with all the boy's efforts on those Sunday mornings. Unfortunately, due to some late withdrawals, we were barely able to make up two U15's squads, which certainly had an effect during the year, but didn't dampen the boy's spirits. The season itself was made up of many close calls, with all but one game decided by 12 points or less. Unfortunately, we were on the wrong end of most of these close games, where the short numbers may have taken a toll. Due to a combination of a fixture bye and bad weather, there was a five-week period between May and June where the boys didn't play a game. But despite these circumstances, the boys continued to show up to training and use this period to improve as individuals and as a team. This improvement was most evident in a Round 12 game against Como, who were leading the comp at the time. We started the game with 11 players and finished with 10, but competed the whole match, even looking a chance to take the lead in the second half. The boys defended their line on multiple occasions making effort after effort against a Como team who looked shell shocked after sneaking away with a closely fought win. The fight shown in this match continued for the rest of the season including in a last round victory over Gymea to clinch a finals spot, into a 14-12 semifinal loss to De La, where we were denied a match winning try in the final moments. It will be great to see the boys return next year, as Peach and I certainly saw enough improvement for them to be a real force next season!

Ben Lowe

Ben was Mr consistent for the team the whole year, repeatedly playing above his weight in the middle, playing big minutes while also developing his passing game. This same consistency was on display when playing up for Gold's during the year and doing a great job in different positions.

Braxton Matoka

Brax joined the team late, and certainly added strength to our pack. Each game he was getting stronger and stronger playing more minutes and developing into a real attacking threat as well as a defensive force. He unfortunately suffered a bad broken leg, which ended his season early. Hoping you can recover well and return next year Brax!

Charlie Whitford

Charlie was a much needed late addition to the squad. Both a great ball runner, and great worker in defence, Charlie's versatility meant he filled in at many different positions for the team. He also became a real leader towards the back end of the season, taking the tough carries over and over again.

Darcy Teasel

Darce was one of the biggest improvers throughout the season, which comes as no surprise as he was also one of the most consistent trainers. Playing in the outside backs, Darce often broke through the line when taking carries, and put his body on the line in defence, including against Como where he ended up colliding into the interchange chairs while making a cover tackle.

Dylan Madgwick

A smartarse talker who backed it up on the field, Dylan led from the front each game he played, scoring multiple tries with a combination of strength and footwork. He deservedly played games up for the Gold’s, and despite missing multiple games in the middle of the season, came back just as strong as before to close the season out.

Jayden Hoban

Jayden was an obvious halves choice due his vocalness, as well as his work ethic at training where he continually worked on his kicking and skillwork. His presence on the field was always known, as he directed the other boys on the field. I was most impressed with Jayden when he backed his running game, using his quickness and footwork to avoid tacklers. Hope to see more of this next year!

Jude Oldfield

Nicest kid going around, but you wouldn’t know if you watched him play. When Dylan was unavailable, Jude became a real leader in the middle. He ran the ball direct with speed, and turned into a weapon in defence, making bone rattling tackles game after game where opposition players looked to avoid him. Another huge improver!

Kaelem RYAN

Mature beyond his years, Kaelem showed impressive footy IQ both at training and during games, often shutting down opposition attacking plays and putting his teammates through gaps on the field. He showed great toughness battling several injuries, but unfortunately had to finish the season early. Hoping he can recover from injury and return next year!

Lennox Houldin

A supremely talented ball runner, Lennox became a go to man in attack, possessing strength and speed, as well as great footy skills which were on display for one try in particular where he caught the ball of a kick off before beating multiple defenders to score. He certainly wasn’t out of place when playing up for Gold’s on multiple occasions. Great season Lennox!

Levi Robson

Another big improver with a big engine, Levi overcame a disrupted season to develop into a really strong attacking weapon. His combination of speed, skill and ability to make cover tackles, led him to moving from the centres to fullback, and despite being new to the position, he made it his own. Excited to see how he will develop at the position in the future!

Ryze Williams

Ryze showed huge improvement this season. When short on numbers in defense, he got in opposition faces, wrapping up the ball and closing down attacking raids. He also became one of our loudest voices on the field, communicating both in attack and in defense, often noticing things before they happened. Through practice at training, he got more and more comfortable catching high balls and shutting down opponent attacking kicks.

Sunny Ganderton

We threw Sunny in the deep end this season, putting him in a new position at Hooker, but he was certainly up to the challenge. He always showed his footy smarts, catching markers out of position and taking his opportunity, while also doing the tough stuff when needed. Sunny became our Mr fix it, playing every forward spot to great effect and even filling in at fullback and wing on occasions.

Taine Littlejohn

Fair say to this kid developed as a footy player this season. He went from being our mainstay fullback, before being forced to play as our only half due to injuries etc. In this time, Taine led the team around with great success, doing all the organising and in- play kicking. This added responsibility seemed to build Taine’s confidence in both his passing and his hugely effective dummy and running game, which became too much for opposition player’s to handle later in the season.

Tom Coady

Tom is an energetic presence both on and off the field, who possesses both great speed and footwork with the ball to make him a damaging outside back for oppositions to deal with. His communication with others, and defensive pairing with Ryze improved dramatically during the year, often shutting down attacking raids for the opposition in crucial situations.

Tully Mathews

Always making the extra effort at training and in games, Captain cranky led from the front all year long. Showing real leadership not only with his words pre game, but also with his actions on the field, taking the line on with gusto while often not having much in the gas tank. His skills really came through, showing an ability to ball play, offload on the edge and becoming a real tryscorer.

William Lanham

It was clear early on that Will was a clever dummy half player, but what came more evident during the season was that he was an absolute workhorse. Often making 5 tackles a set, Will made huge defensive plays to prevent the opposition from scoring on multiple occasions. He also showed great versatility playing as a middle forward, and taking over the goal kicking duties to great effect when Jayden was away.

We would also like to thank Nash, Will, Saad, Declan, Bear and Jackson who played up during the year, showing why they were the team to beat all year in the 14’s.

On a final note, I would like to thank Nikki, who volunteered as Manager and helped us clueless lot out every game day fixing last minute issues. Also thanks to Gando, who linked us to the team, and answered our rookie coaching questions on a weekly basis and also to Cain and Trev for providing communication and insight before and during the season. Finally, thanks to Peach for taking up the coaching role with me, as I certainly would not have been able to do it alone.

CRONULLA CARINGBAH SHARKS
U/15's SILVER 2024



Back Row: Braxton Matoka, Jude Oldfield, Taine Littlejohn
Middle Row: Lachlan Peachey (Coach), Benjamin Lowe, Kaelem Ryan, Tom Coady, Darcy Teasel, Lennox Houldin, Pat Driscoll (Coach)
Front Row: Ryze Williams, Charlie Whitford, Jayden Hoban, Tully Mathews (Captain), Levi Robson, Sunny Ganderton, William Lanham
Absent: Dylan Madgwick

TEAM PHOTOS
SYDNEY

U16 BRONZE

Coach - Nathan Garner

Manager - Luke Richardson, Jane Lakiss

Trainers - Kaden Garner, Luke Richardson,

Well , it was an interesting Season to say the least, punctuated by wet weather, funky haircuts, boom boxes and a great bunch of kids who are rapidly evolving into fine young men.

Some boys were playing rugby league for their first time and a lot of other boys came from different clubs all for the common goal of playing some footy and making some new mates.

At times we played some great Footy and we won well, other times we just fell off a cliff! That's life! But to the boys credit they dusted themselves off and had another dig the following week.

Rugby league is a tough and uncompromising contact sport; A resilience and confidence building sport.

It was quite exciting to watch our boys show longer periods Of resilience Towards the later part of the season.

Surely with another season under their belt as a unit that resilience will last for longer periods during a game and equate into more Wins.

A Special thanks To our head coach Wiremu and Trainer Nathan for mentoring And Developing the boys over this past season, They have both worked tirelessly and showed real dedication to the boys personal growth and development as footy players - they've been fantastic and should be applauded for their efforts.

Some of the tries scored this year were just magnificent and a reflection of the boys taking notice at training being willing to make mistakes, learn, develop and grow. Well, done lads!

In addition a special thanks to Nicole and Jane for their work and support, and a special thanks to the Cronulla Caringbah Rugby League administration.

Luke Manager

Player's Player - Rizal Peters

Best Back - Jayden Macklin

Best Forward - Matt Sinclair -

Wadhan &

Liam Bruce

CRONULLA CARINGBAH SHARKS



Back Row: Patrick Zhong, Jai Flynn, Kyjuan Tekura, Alex Chilton, Josh O'Conner, Luke Richardson (Manager)
Middle Row: Marty Hunter (Trainer), Liam Mitchell-Bruce, Declan Garner, Jared Thompson, Jayden Macklin, Harry Wilson, Nathan Garner (Trainer)
Front Row: Ky Bayless, Caleb Richardson, Andre Andiaz, Brady Tomkins, Jaydon Toko, Chris Bell, Josh Aquilina
Absent: Matthew Sinclair-Wadham, Ben Lantouris, Rizal Peters, Wiremu Peters (Coach)

TEAM PHOTOS

U17 GOLD

Coach - Cameron Johnston

Manager - Lloyd Bevan, Celeste Johnston

Trainers - Brian Thompson, Mason Boudville

U17 Gold 2024 yearly report

Well what a ride it's been. We started the year with only 10 available players as 5 of us were still busy with rep commitments and otherwise not available.

From the start of the season we were always going to be paddling up stream. Once we were all on deck we started to string the wins together. However injuries started to creep in from playing short each week and not being able to recruit to a grand final team hurt as well.

You boys were resilient. The 6 wash out rounds made it hard to stay interested but you rose to the occasion week in week out. We had

Rea and Toks back in the mix mid season to help with training which also gave us a much needed lift and it was very much appreciated by all of us, so thank you fellas.

We won some, we lost some but still stayed strong and made the semis only falling one game short of the GF. It hurt but you handled it well and it made us coaches and your parents very proud. Being in a footy team is way more than just playing rugby league, you become mates for life and create bonds that last forever.

Our forwards Natane, Harley, Bevo, Jacko Guyer and Zane you were brutal and never stopped working. What you boys did with no subs was inspirational. Stand proud lads you are work horses.

Jack Ennis our Captain, Max and Kado you three are freaks. The amount of defence you boys did was amazing and you ran our plays perfectly. Considering how much time you had your hands on the ball you made very few mistakes. Solid season for you three.

Zeke, you are something else. You are our X-factor. Every time you touch the ball everyone on the field takes notice. You changed the game more times than you realised. The interest you cause in the middle takes all the heat off our halves by allowing space and lets our shape play out with less pressure. You are one of the most dominant players in our comp.

Our backs Lewis, Archie, DJ, KG and Will Gray, the old saying that forwards decide who wins and backs decide by how much was text book with you five that's for sure. The runaway tries and fringe running ending in points was great to watch. KG you have always been my go to as a coach. I can put you anywhere on the field and you play it to the max. You are one of those players that every team needs and you always lead by example.

Special mention to Nixon. A kid that just can't take a break with season ending injuries 3 seasons in a row. You just keep turning up and play some quality footy. Even when you were injured you turned up to training and all of our games. The world is run by those that turn up, people like you Nixon, don't ever change mate.

Our utility players Jack Birt, Clay and Nash, you boys filled in where you were needed. You never complained and did what was asked of you and all played an important part in the team. Jack, you were put in a few different positions during some games and held your own, well done.

I would like to thank all the parents that did the duties on home games. Thank you for trusting us to coach your sons, we had a great time during the season. This group of boys made our hair fall out but also made us laugh every week with their sense of humour.

Thanks to Celeste for managing the team from behind the scenes and washing the jerseys every week (and they were filthy). Thanks to Lloyd Bevan for doing the desk you hold yourself well mate. Thanks to Brian Thomson, mate that strapping pre games was a dead set work out in itself, thank you legend. To our trainers Kane, Mason and Callum, thanks for all your help at training and on game day. Also thanks to our ballboys Nolan, Issac and Nate.

Special mention to Cameron and Rayni Pearse of Roof Reports, our main sponsor for the last two years. You not only supplied our jerseys but fed us pizza and covered all our strapping tape costs (and there was a lot of strapping tape). Thank you for your support once again legends, it is very much appreciated!

I love you boys and after 13 years coaching you will all be part of my life forever and like i told you after our last game i am only ever a phone call away if you need me.

Congratulations to the boys that have been here from the beginning and have now played 200 games for the mighty CCsharks Max, KG, DJ and Mason.

We have some great things in place for 2025... Let's Go 🖤🖤🖤



U18 SILVER

A great year for this team winning the comp. The bulk of these boys have been together for three years and having come so close the previous two years made it all the more sweeter. There was no way they were going to let anything stop them this year. There are so many words to describe this team so rather than take up too much space here is what they have : Resolve, determination , heart, courage ,camaraderie, character and will to win. An outstanding group of young men who bonded to create this outstanding team.

Brandon Darke: Played every game in the important position of fullback. He is so dependable, I cannot recall him missing a tackle or dropping a kick all year. Not to mention the huge amount of metres he ran every game. He would always beat the first tackle. As Fish says "he has more steps than the opera house".

Seth Barker: Fast, courageous and reliable. Struggled with injuries this year but showed great determination to push on through them

Joel Bates: Cometh the hour, cometh the man. Batesy has a habit of stepping up in the big moments with a crucial tackle, a long run , a big hit or a try

Ryan Thompson: Asked to be switched to the centres this year and it definitely suited him. With his speed and size was able to break the line and make plenty of metres.

Jett Dunn: A new player to the team this year and slotted straight in. A very talented player and I reckon the fastest in the comp. I would encourage Jett to keep going as he is capable of having a future at higher levels if he so desires.

Josh Simpson: Ditto for above: a new player for this team who slotted straight in. Simmo really took the bull by the horns. Right from the word go he took control by calling the shots and guiding us around the park

Riley Tomkins: Our half back had a fantastic year. He missed the last couple of games due to a bad off field injury. It is a testimony to the respect and high esteem all the boys had for Riley, that they had his name on their wrists and the call before GF was... Let's do it for Riley

Joel Fraser: The quintessential team man. Due to availabilities and injuries he covered the important positions of five eight, hooker and half back and excelled at all. His 14th straight year at the club and I reckon his best

Brody Olley: Our JWH -leader of the pack. Inspired the other forwards with his back fence runs and fierce tackling. Always runs on with passion and enthusiasm

Jackson Allouche: The Axe. One of the lightest players in the comp and one of the best tacklers. Great technique, often picked up far bigger players and drove them into the ground. Great dummy half service too

Damian Griffin: If Brody's our JWH, Damo's our Spencer Leniu. Winning rugby league games starts with the front rowers going forward and dominating in defence and we had the best in the comp. Damo always inspired our other players to greater heights.

Ryan Van Der Weegan: Very consistent, never had a bad game. Archetypical second rower, damaging runner, powerful defence. One of our leaders

Max Lizzo: Vice captain, goal kicker ,runner, ball player , communicator, versatile and all round big asset to the team

Shayne Lynch: Another player with all the hallmarks of what you want in a second rower. Big,fast and strong. Good hole runner and classic tackling style

Will Fisher: Great team man. Always had a huge impact in attack and defence. Solid and reliable, equally at home at front or second row. Good rugby league head on his shoulders

Noah Gilsenan: As previously mentioned , it all starts in the front row engine room and G also had a huge impact. The other team would breathe a sigh of relief when one of the starting front rowers were rotated but soon realised that there would be no respite from this weapon.

Sonny Williams: Is there anything Sonny can't do? He can play winger, centre, fullback ,second row or prop all with equal aplomb. He could fill in anywhere according to the team's needs and I always had absolute faith in him. He never let us down. Players(and people) like Sonny are a pleasure to coach

Noah McCallum: I shouldn't get too carried away with all the superlatives I could go on with for Noah because, as you all know, he is my son. But I will anyway because I am so very proud. He is an inspirational leader through both words and actions and played a significant part in moulding this bunch of wholesome blokes into a magnificent team unit

Simon Salib: Has been part of the team for a long time. He was happy to play anywhere that was best for the team and wherever he ended up, he always gave it his all. He has plenty of of fire and passion

Brandan Toko: One of those players who would play anywhere, do anything I asked of him willingly and with full commitment. Thanks, Toko

Jared Barron: Jumped out of the blocks early, he was in for a huge season before it was cut short with injury. Very well respected as a bloke and admired for his footy ability, it was a cruel blow for both Jared and the team

Max Fish: I saved the best for last. Fish may not have had a lot of game time this year, but he is the heart and soul of this team. He leads the team song and he is instrumental in developing our camaraderie. I think it significant that after the GF, he was the one who the boys hosted on their shoulders holding the trophy

Matt Barron: He was much more than our trainer this year, but more like a co-coach. We were always on the same page and worked very well together.He also communicated very well with the boys and they had a lot of respect for him. Thanks Matt, I appreciated your help immensely.

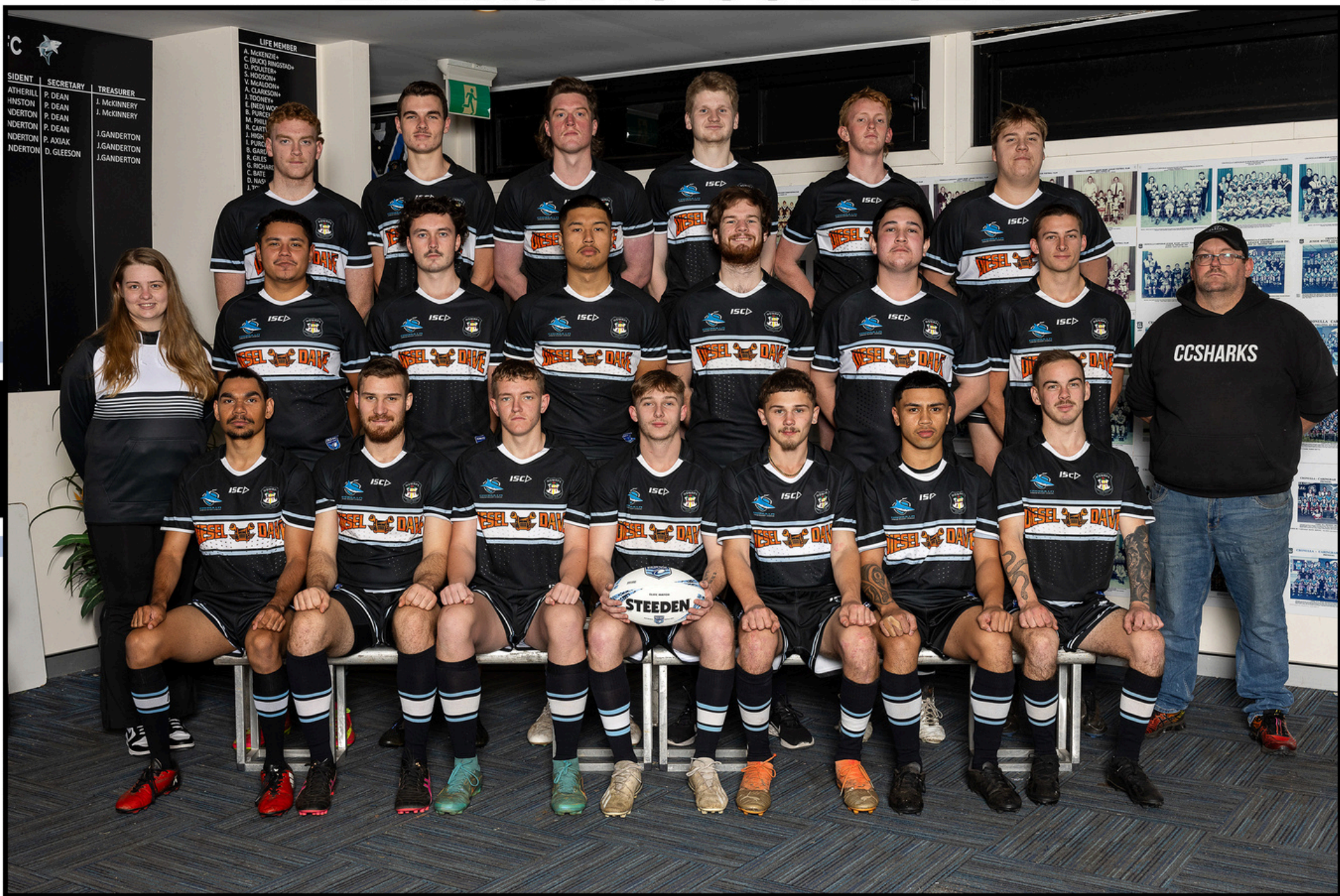
Karen Fraser: The super manager of the century, things run smoothly with Karen in charge. She is a very nice person and so easy to get along with. Thanks again Karen. Our boys have played 14 seasons together now

Grant "bomber " Barker came along a few times during the year to put the boys through his torture sessions. It helped a great deal in their physical and mental toughness. Juicy for helping as a trainer. Also special mention to Max Johnson, Darry and Gando and thanks to SouthSide Physio for helping out on GF day. Last but not least, all the families and friends who supported us throughout the year and helped bond this team into something so very special.



EMERGING CUP

CRONULLA CARINGBAH SHARKS EMERGING CUP 2024



Back Row: Campbell Ramsay (Captain), Ben Ritchie, Corey Ogden, Angus Morgan, Cory Griffin, Jaylan Whipps
Middle Row: Caitlin Joubert (Manager), Jabez Jimenez, Aiden Ellem-Brooks, Javier Ramirez Lay, Luke Joubert, Brett Leavai, Callum McKay, Dave Griffin (Coach)
Front Row: Nathan Carroll, Yarran Sekeres, Damian Griffin, Troy James (Captain), Jacob Sant, Kingzston Makua-Pori, Jaiden Lloyd
Absent: Bailee Raines, Carson Gabriel, Charles Hudson, Cooper McFadden, Hayden Powe, Kymani Smith, Sam Harris, Mitchell McGrath (Trainer)

TEAM PHOTOS
— SYDNEY —

OPEN MEN SILVER

Coach - Krackers

Manager - Juicy

Trainers - Phillip Green, Greg Vaughan

I took a phone call in February and got told by Krackers your my manager, Rewi and Matty said to grab ya, we're getting the A Grade back together. I saw a team of youth and experience come together. Even had a Father and Son combination. Our Jersey represented this with the mixing and sharing of Cultures. From the Whànau to the Mob to the young Cronulla Caringbah lads that come thru the system and then the Bash Brothers came. We had a Team.

We were fit and full of enthusiasm but I stupidly opened my mouth and said we were a Gold Team. Two games against two good Gold sides proved that we were in fact a Silver team. By trying to assist Junior League with there Super Saturday it backfired when they dropped us down to the Silver competition and penalised the Team minus seven (-7) points. With countless attempts to have that ridiculous decision overturned I was unsuccessful. NSWRL has a lot to answer for!!! I apologise to all you boys.

Mother Nature was not on our side with numerous washouts and lack of training due to ground closures which further made the teams chances of playing finals slim. They had to remain undefeated to be any chance, things didn't go to plan with unfortunate injuries and Joeys stacking their team and we suffered our first Silvers loss, The team showed great resilience throughout the year and have certainly sent a warning to other clubs for next year.

Thanks to the under 18's and Emerging Cup players that slotted in thru the year. Great Club spirit right there. The A Grade future is looking promising with some good Senior teams coming through the Club.

Congrats to Dingo (Cal) for making and playing a blinder in the Luke Lewis Cup Representative Team for Cronulla Junior League. Special thanks to our Trainer Phil, he has more clubs than Tiger, and to Vaughany, the Team thank you for your expertise, best in the business.

Mick (Krackers) thanks for the Season, it was great to see the Team come together as one, and you were a huge part of that. I took a poll and the boys are happy and look forward to having you back next year. You and Rewi will get the boys a Premiership in 2025.

Thanks to all our 2024 Team Sponsors, One Up Building, Caringbah Hotel, DLB Insurance & Risk Solutions, Catalyst Cruises, DTC Projects PTY LTD, First Hand Beer, the Team appreciated your support and look forward to having you back next season. Next Season promises to be bigger and better.

2025 is our Year lads so get amongst it again.

Thanks again for the Season,
see you all in the pre-season.

Best and Fairest - Desmond Brown

Player's Player - Desmond Brown

Best Forward - Samson Manua

Best Back - Bronson Emery

Most Improved - Jesse Romaine



U8 LEAGUE TAG

Coach: Derick Peachey Trainer: Tupou Sopoaga Manager: Melissa Mullin

Our team has had an incredible journey in their first year of league tag! Despite the challenges of weather disruptions and limited training, it's clear the girls have shown great resilience and growth.

Their dedication to learning new positions and understanding the game while also building strong bonds with each other is a testament to their potential. They are setting a strong foundation for future success, both individually and as a team. The pride they show in wearing their club colours reflects the spirit of sportsmanship and teamwork.

It's wonderful to see young athletes come together and evolve like that!

Indi Scott: Indi had a fantastic season! Her quickness with the ball and strong tagging skills have been a great asset to the team. Well done, Indi!

Isla Peachey: Your tagging, palming, and ball-running skills, combined with solid commitment and teamwork, have been a huge boost to the team's performance. Well done, Isla!

Florence Garlato: Each week your dedication and effort have been amazing to watch. Excited to see what you will bring next year! Well done, Florry!!

Addysin Rayment: Always right there to disrupt the opposition when defending and ready to tag. It was great to see your focus and abilities grow throughout the season. Well done Addy!

Isabelle King: What an all rounder you are Issy. Your speed, ball-running, and tagging skills made you a valuable player. I hope you enjoyed your first season and continue to grow in the game! Well done Issy!

Hazel Lewis: Such a key playmaker for the team Hazel! 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.

Macy Jamieson: Your quick hands and solid tagging skills, along with her ability to stop the opposition and be ready for the next play, made you a crucial part of the team. Well done, Macy!

Shizella Thorne: What a force to be reckoned with on the field! Your speed and agility, darting through the opposition, made a standout player. Well done, Shizella, on a great season!

Madison Fleming: Such a strong and dependable player Madi! Your consistency in both running with the ball and tagging have been a great asset to the team. Well done, Madi!

Ocean Rain Taylor Talipeau: Ocean you have had a remarkable season! Your solid tagging, quickness with the ball, and supportive attitude as a cheerleader have really contributed to the team's spirit and performance. Great job, Ocean!

Savannah Sopoaga: With consistency and speed on the field, your solid tagging and effort throughout the season have made a big difference for the team. Well done, Sav!

What a great first season girls! Focusing on skill improvement and enjoying the camaraderie with friends sounds like a great plan for next year.

It's wonderful to hear the support from parents and supporters—it's such a big part of the experience.

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



U9 LEAGUE TAG

Coach - Paul Gallen
Manager - Maria Stroh
Trainers - Ryan Stroh

This was our first season together as a team, and first ever season of League Tag for all. The girls have come a long way from round 1 considering the inconsistent season with wash outs. I think we did pretty well! Thank you to everyone that helped out this season with training, warm ups, canteen, bbq duties and anything else.

It's hard for me to write something individually about each girl as they all made our team, a team, in their own ways. Whether that be putting their hand up to be DH or FR, sharing the ball around, taking turns to sit out, or just playing with a smile on their face, I am so proud of each and every one of them and how far they have come.

It was such a pleasure to coach and manage these little ladies. We all made some beautiful friendships, and I cannot wait for next season.

Sportsmanship Award - Sasha James
Player's Player - Macy Gallen
Coaching Staff Award - Audrey Goon Chew

CRONULLA CARINGBAH SHARKS U/9 GLT 2024



Back Row: Keylee Sinclair, Winnie Johnstone, Aysha Salmon, Maria Stroh (Manager)
Front Row: Maggie Hind, Macy Gallen, Kivami Stroh, Audrey Goon Chew, Lucy Whitehorn, Ada-Rose Peach, Abigail Hill, Sasha James
Absent: Macy Smith

TEAM PHOTOS
— SYDNEY —

U15 LEAGUE TAG

Coach - Gavin Smith

Manager - Chantelle Pusell

Trainers - Ryan Stroh

This is a newly formed team which was brought together by predominantly a few different groups of girls at Cronulla High with my daughter Harper being one of those girls. As it was a new team the girls needed a coach, so I put my hand up.

We started the season with 15 girls, some that had played League Tag before and the majority not. Being a new team to the comp, we were automatically placed into the Gold Division of the Girls 15's. This is now a team of 15 girls that had never played together before, being coached by a coach that had never coached before & playing in the Gold Division.....The combination of this was evident in the score line of the first few games.

But with the assistance of the Super Coach – Gando who came down to training days and coached the coach to be a coach for the girls showing us his skills and drills. This gave the girls some guidance and confidence. We were all learning. Thanks Gando !!

We started with just one day of training, but with the girls being so keen, they asked me if they could train twice a week. I was impressed and couldn't refuse. Over time, I slowly but surely remembered the girls names and got to know them all. They're a great bunch of girls too!

As weeks progressed, we hadn't won a game nor even scored a point. But their positive attitudes and hunger to improve kept them pushing and to never give up trying their best every game. They were all very passionate on the field too.

To give them that extra motivation, there was a \$50 prize for the first girl to score a point this season which was jackpotting \$10 every week we didn't score.

At around Round 7, we requested to be dropped down to the Silver Division which they did. This was the turning point for the girls. From Round 8 we started in Silver Division where the team became a team and showed a heap of improvement. We started figuring out the most suited positions for each of them where they then started to really gel as a team. By about Round 9 we still hadn't scored a point, but the girls stepped it up and we finally broke the drought and scored 2 tries in this game. With Steph scoring the first try of the season then, Isobel backing it up with the 2nd. We were all so stoked to get points on the board!! The Jackpot was up to \$100 at this point and was broken up fairly with the try assists taken into account.

The next step was to win a game. We were playing De La in about Rd 10 or 11 where we were down 10 – 0 at half time. Then with their hunger to win and specially to beat De La , the girls scored two awesome tries and converted a goal to take them to a 12 – 10 lead with about 3min to go. They just had to hold on. De La came close to scoring, but the girls defence was unreal and held them out to the buzzer where they won their first game. It was so good !Like winning the G.F.

They were so stoked, and we were so proud of them. One thing we didn't actually think about waswinning a game. One thing we weren't prepared for was singing the club song. We didn't know it. Luckily, Cali did, so they ripped in and sung it loud and proud. This win was my highlight of the season!

With a win behind them, their confidence grew and went on to winning a few more games leading into the Semis. With a tough start to the season in Golds, we didn't have the points to get through to the semis. However we were close, and if we were in Silver from the start of the season it may have been a different storey.

All in all, I just want to say thanks to the team for having me as a coach that was learning to be a coach. We all grew over the season where I want to thank all of you girls for being a great bunch. It was so awesome to see the improvement. From the team that you were at the start of the season to the team that you were at the end of the season are two very different teams. Well Done girls, it was also great for us as parent to see you be a part of a great bunch of friends, and then transform that into being a part of the awesome team that you became! Thanks for everything and looking forward to next season.

Also want to thank, Maria and Ryan for your help with training, managing and game days. Chantelle for managing and game days. Denelle for game days and everyone else for their assistance.

Once again, a big thanks to Gando for everything you did for us.

Most of all, thanks to all of you 15's girls for being part of this amazing team.

Let's do this again in 2025.

CRONULLA CARINGBAH SHARKS

U/15 SILVER GLT 2024



Back Row: Sahra Fordhamstroh, Isobel Gleeson, Poppy Maloney
Middle Row: Emily Vella, Tia Hale, Ryley Ciraldo, Cali Stroh, Gavin Smith (Coach)
Front Row: Ava O'Brien, Allegra Sponberg, Sienna Seldon, Evie Clerke, Piper Edson, Harper Smith, Steph Bellenger
Absent: Teileah Pusell

TEAM PHOTOS
— SYDNEY —

U14 GIRLS TACKLE BLACK

Coach - Jason Demetriou, John Tinker

Manager - Melina Tinker

Trainers - Chad Brustolin

The 2024 season has been a highly enjoyable season. The girls have built a team on some strong foundations of respect, support and togetherness.

We started the season wanting to improve our defence both individually and collectively as a team. That defensive mindset grew throughout the season and although it cost John and I with cookies and doughnuts every time we didn't concede a point. The girls went on to concede only 30 points for the regular season, which played a pivotal role in allowing the girls to go through the season undefeated.

The girl's ability to grow in their game knowledge and shape-over-structure footy style throughout the season was evident with girls playing multiple positions as we often switched from 13 a side to 11 a side. There never a moan or complaint as we would often play with 19 to 20 players, while ensuring all the girls got shared game time. This is a testament to the spirit of the team.

That spirit was evident on grand final day as for the first time, the girls were under pressure largely due to the spirited performance of our fellow club friends in Caringbah white. It was 10 all at the halftime break and losing our leader to a collarbone injury, the girls composed themselves and went on to play some excellent footy in the second half, scoring tries through a set piece, a good structured shift and some great eyes up footy. I don't want to single any girls out as this has been a full team effort and all the girls equally deserve the accolades of a very successful season.

I would like to say a few special thank you to our amazing support team.

- Chad Brustolin (Trainer) appreciate all your help and passion throughout the season.
- Mel Tinker (Manager) does an amazing job providing information for the parents and coordinating all the requirements that allow the team and coaches to focus on footy.
- John Tinker (coach) the quiet achiever whose knowledge and support has been a huge asset to the girls and myself. I can't thank him enough for all his efforts throughout the season.
- Parents - thank you for the amazing support and dedication you have provided the girls this season. It's been an absolute pleasure coaching the girls this that's largely down to the amazing support of our parents.

I would also like to thank our club president Gando for allowing me the opportunity to coach the girls and be involved in this great club.

Coaching this group has been a privilege and I look forward to the step up to the U/16's next season. The foundations the girls have built this team on, along with further development, I have no doubt the girls will be ready.

One last thing to say,

"LOVE THAT GIRLS".

JD



U14 GIRLS TACKLE WHITE

Coach - Bradley Takairangi

Manager - Carolyn Cavanough

Trainers - Mark Sheridan

It was a challenging start to the season for our girls who were originally without a coach. Brad, Sherro and myself put our hands up to try and make it work as best as we could with our own work and footy commitments and we are glad we did because it was a season to remember! We set some standards and values from the beginning in an attempt to guide our girls throughout the season and help them grow both on and off the field. Although there were many washed out games & field training sessions, Reborn Fitness became our second home throughout the season where we continued to work hard and build upon the girls skill sets. Our grand-final match up against the Cronulla Caringbah Black team was a game that we had all been eagerly anticipating. Our final words to the girls before they ran out was that we didn't care what the score would be at full time, as long as they had fun and played hard for each other. The girls displayed our team values fighting hard all the way until the end, and seeing the belief in their eyes as they came off the field at half time with a 10-all score line was enough for us to feel like winners! Massive shout out to our super manager Caz for being the glue that held us (very loose coaches 😂) together all season, your hard work for our girls didn't go unnoticed 🙏.

Kahlia- with no one wanting to play fullback happily put her hand up to learn a new position for the team and did well. Also did a great job as designated goal kicker.

Jayde- one of our most consistent players who carried the ball strongly out of the backfield every game.

Katahra- joined us midseason bringing plenty of strike for us out wide with her dancing feet and pure footy ability.

Lola- a little pocket rocket who always played well above her weight in both attack and defence with some great runs and solid contact all year.

Lucia- one of the biggest improvers overall from last year. Loved seeing the development in her game going from a bench player to starting winger who came up with some great 1 on 1 tackles.

Ruby- another great addition to the team who bought a real attacking threat everytime she ran the ball. Was a pleasure to coach.

Indie- the teams little general who not only steered the ship all year but also played tough every game always putting her body in front of the bigger bodies and really began to learn the craft of being a halfback.

Lara- absolutely smashed the opposition every week in defence with great technique putting her head in places that others wouldn't. Always willing to learn and ask questions.

Mia- miss consistent who put her body on the line week in week out leading our line speed weekly. Also came out of her shell later in the year with some nice variations around the ruck.

Maddy- just knew what you will get from Mads who had barnstorming runs and also lead the line with strong defence.

Zara- our captain who always lead from the front in both attack and D. Super strong, fit and fast who played like a warrior all year. Great season!

Dallas- unfortunately got injured half way through the year but always turned up and did so well to make it back and rip in for the girls on Grand Final day.

Tilly- Another girl we loved coaching and improved out of site from last year. Her fearless approach to Defence was unreal to watch pulling off some absolute bell ringers.

Aimee- made the most of coming off the bench fire power with big runs and bone crushing tackles

Phoenix- new to rugby league who's got some great leg speed when she carries the footy and will only get better next year.

Frankie- jack of all trades who played in multiple positions for the team and would carry the ball strongly!

Chloe- first time playing any sort of football who got better throughout the year with no doubt scoring in her first start a highlight.

Zahli - was solid off the bench with her energy and speed. able to slot in where needed.

Piper and Cali were both missed at the end of the season with both improving in their skills and confidence particularly in defence.

Great season girls. thanks to the parents and families for all the support and getting behind the girls. Also Ox in the blue shirt, cheers mate.

Can't wait for big things next season 🙌.



U16 GIRLS TACKLE

Coach - Jason Tonna
Manager - Karen Weppler
Trainers - Scott Sommerville, Greg Woolley

The u16 Girls 2024 Season was a memorable one for all involved, my first year at the club and felt at home from day one. Our season started later than most teams as we were waiting on numbers to field a side when the call came from the Engadine Dragons who where in the same boat as us and requested a merger which worked perfectly for both teams and ensured the girls got to play and both team colours represented over the competition rounds.

We had some good wins through the season and learnt some lessons along the way, we had several first timers and most in their second & third years of football, so our skill level was at different skill sets. We started to build momentum then the rains hit and felt like we were back at round one. The rain taught us a new way to train with sessions in the jujitsu gym, boxing on the beach & sessions in the surf club, Once the rains stopped and we got to train consistently the girls developed at a rapid rate and continue to learn things up till our final game.



Our girls finished third overall and saw us take on Como at Como for a spot in the Grand Final which we knew would be a tough task as they had beaten us by 30+ on both occasions, we had a good prep and the girls knew what was needed to win the game, we started well but the bounce of the ball didn't go in our favour and we were down 16-0 at half time, the girls were still confident that we could win the game at half time but it wasn't to be going down 22-10 in our best game of the season.

I would like thank my staff Kaz our manager for her endless efforts behind the scenes, Scott & Greg our trainers for the helping with our sessions and the efforts with this girls, the parents for their continued support and getting the girls to training & games, to Gando our president thank you for giving me the opportunity to join a great club, and finally to my playing group you all have amazing attitudes and a will to learn which made my job easy, I loved every minute of the season and its all because of you girls, you have reignited my love for coaching one again and I will forever be grateful for that, good luck with Lisa Fiaola selections & hope to see you all back next year.

To all players, parents & staff have a safe and relaxing off season & see you all in the new year.


Jason
Coach u16 Girls

Best and Fairest -
Annaliese De Gioia
Player's Player -
Shilo-Maia Bristowe
Coaching Staff Award -
Sienna Best



CRONULLA CARINGBAH SHARKS

U/16 WOMENS TACKLE 2024



Back Row: Karen Weppler (Manager), Shannon Griffin, Annaliese De Gioia, Shylo-Maia Bristowe, Najeida Fong
Middle Row: Scott Sommerville (Trainer), Zahri Lester, Bronte Paterson, Olivia Carson, Charlotte McCormack, Savannah Price, Sienna Best, Jason Tonna (Coach)
Front Row: Kyanne Armstrong, Tegan Boyce, Jayde Bowron, Lennox Sommerville, Rylee Bowron, Amber Raudaschl, Abbey Weppler
Absent: Charlotte Wisdom, Molly Weppler, Shiloh Fepuleai, Rylee Woolley, Greg Woolley (Trainer)

TEAM PHOTOS
— SYDNEY —

U18 GIRLS TACKLE

Coaches: Brett Kimmorley, Steve Price, Kev Taumata

Manager: Leah Tinning-Salib

Trainers: Sean Smith and Todd Ganderton

The 2024 season saw a new group of girls come together for the Cronulla Caringbah Sharks U/18 team. Despite starting as a fresh group, the team quickly gelled, showing incredible commitment, hard work, and dedication throughout the season. The girls not only trained hard but also worked tirelessly for each other, forging a strong bond on and off the field.

Throughout the rounds, the team displayed impressive skill and determination, losing only one game. Unfortunately, we were unlucky in the semi-final, but every player should hold their head high after a season of growth, enjoyment, and learning.

Key Focus Areas in 2024:

- 1. Commitment and Hard Work:** The girls showed outstanding commitment to their training and each other. From the start of the season, every player gave 100%, working together to improve and grow.
- 2. Skill Development:** One of the primary focuses of the year was to enjoy playing rugby league while learning the core skills of the game, particularly tackling and attacking. The progress the girls made in these areas was remarkable, with consistent improvements seen throughout the season.
- 3. Team Spirit:** Being an awesome teammate was a key message that resonated with the group. Each player supported and encouraged one another, contributing to a positive and unified team environment.

We were fortunate to have an outstanding coaching team this year, with Noddy, Pricey, and Kev leading the way. Their expertise, passion for the game, and commitment to the team were evident at every training session. The coaching staff not only helped the girls develop their skills but also instilled a love for the game and the importance of teamwork.

A massive thank you goes to all the girls for their dedication and hard work throughout the season. The coaches / trainers—Noddy, Pricey, Kev, Smithy and Gando,— loved training this talented group and watching them grow both as players and as teammates. It's been a rewarding season, and we're already looking forward to what next year will bring!



OPEN WOMEN'S TAG LEAGUE (1)

Most consistent player - Tayla Bell

Managers Award - Mady Glenn

Coaching Staff Award - Kira Hensley

What an amazing bunch of young ladies...

The Open Womens (1) League Tag team had an awesome season !

It was a difficult season for us all with the amount of rained out games this year, but the girls were always happy to take the field. We had a team of 18 young ladies this year and very thankful we did as some of our girls unfortunately were sidelined with injuries.

The girls took to the field each and every game giving it their best each week. They had many laughs along the way.

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

The determination throughout the season and particularly in the a nail biting semi-final against Kurnell saw us head to the Grand Final.

We knew that we were going to have to play hard.. Joeys are an amazing team and had won the last few Grand Finals together. We were hoping to show them how good we were and gave it all we had... We held them to 6-0 for 24 minutes before they scored in the last minute of the first half. Joeys threw everything they had at us and scored a few more tries, our girls tried hard but fell short with Joeys being the better team on the day. This saw an end to the season as 'Runners - Up' this year. (Final Score was 18-12).

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

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

We hope to see them all again next year !!

A big thankyou to the Club for their assistance and support throughout the year !

Thankyou to Jono for his assistance in the finals allowing the girls take the field and stepping in as our coach !

Thankyou to Darryl, Todd and our ball boy Luke for being there for us also !



OPEN WOMEN'S TAG LEAGUE (2)

No report

30S WOMENS TAG

Best and Fairest - Lisa MacKay
Coaches Award - Nikki teasel
Most Improved - Christina Falloon

As the season for our women's 30 league tag team has come to a close, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on our journey together. Throughout the season, we faced numerous challenges, including the unpredictable weather that led to both ups and downs in our performance. Unfortunately, we couldn't establish the consistency we had hoped for, but I'm proud that we navigated through it all with determination and sportsmanship.

I want to express my heartfelt gratitude for allowing me to be your coach for this age group. It has been a rewarding experience, and I am grateful for the memories and the fun we shared on and off the field. Your hard work, dedication, and teamwork have not gone unnoticed, and I have no doubt that each of you has grown both as players and individuals.

I would also like to extend my thanks to the committee for their unwavering support and commitment to our team. Your behind-the-scenes efforts do not go unnoticed and have been instrumental in our journey this season. Additionally, I am grateful to everyone involved with our team, from the supporters cheering us on from the sidelines to the volunteers ensuring our games ran smoothly.

As we part ways for now, I want to wish each and every one of you the very best in your future endeavors, both on and off the field. Remember to carry the lessons you've learned this season with you, and may they bring you success in all your future pursuits.

Thank you once again for a memorable season. Keep pursuing your passion for the game and continue striving for excellence.

Warm regards,
Jonathan (Jono) Te Wara

CRONULLA CARINGBAH SHARKS O/30 WOMENS LT 2024



Back Row: Christina Falloon, Blake Carroll, Riah Holmes, Ashley Karauria-Henry, Jonathan Te Wara (Coach)
Front Row: Nikki Teasel, Liania Pender, Shannon Hughes, Maria Stroh, Melissa Riccio, Maret Beare
Absent: Andrea Giraldo, Anna Tran, Clare Ryan, Jolene Sylvana Haddad, Kirsty Goodwin, Lisa Mackay, Madeleine Boughtwood, Nikki Birch, Sarah Jones, Rebecca Murray

TEAM PHOTOS
— SYDNEY —

O 35'S TAG SILVER (1)

Like all teams, 2024 was a very frustrating year with the stop/start of the competition due to bad weather.

Unfortunately this kind of season doesn't help with Men over 40 and the interrupted season was also filled with injuries.

Nevertheless the boys continued to turn up and have a go as we always do.

There were some highlights and we were close to a semi final birth, but it just wasn't to be this year.

Standout players were Aron Willet, Nathan Sellings and Mitch Butcher.

Side note-

Congratulations to Trev and Gando's team for winning the 'Another Day Cup' played between the two CC over 35's teams.

Thanks to the club and the boys for the year, we'll be back next year and giving it another crack.

Dom.

O 35'S TAG SILVER (2)

In what can only be described as the most thrilling, nail-biting, almost-epic campaign of all time, the Over 35's Silver Tag team came agonizingly close to reaching the finals. A team that embodies every core value of tag football – passion, determination, and an alarming number of ice packs with Beers – we fought valiantly, but ultimately fell just short of the ultimate goal.

Early Season Optimism

The season kicked off with more than just a glimmer of hope with a flood of new signings. The team showed up to the first game expectations were high, as were some of the players' blood pressure readings. Never had we had a wealth of talent, years gone past we always had to call the odd ring in, but Noooo not this year. This year we had to ask guys to rest up!

We quickly realised that a buddy system would have to be introduced, we looked more like a Gridiron offense & defence team. Often confusing the opposition & unfortunately our selves as well.

We had some fantastic games & a great lot of laughs on & off the field. Welcome to the new boys (Lukes merry men) you all fitted in great, we enjoyed you banter & piss taking. To the old boys, again thanks for your support & friendship. You make an old man feel young again, hope to see your smiling faces next year.

Thanks to Gando for keeping the team rolling & being a fantastic president.

Big shout out to our manager Finn for getting us sorted this year. (Finally got his licence so we can all ice & drink up on the way home.)

Conclusion

Boys we may not have reached the finals, but you have won something far more important: bragging rights at the pub. And isn't that what old man sports are really all about?

Regards
Trev
(Rocket!)



OFFICE BEARS

Year	Chairman	Secrtary	Treasurer
1987	C.Bate	B.Morgan	L.Ward
1986	P.Mahony	B.Morgan	L.Ward
1985	C.Bate	B.Morgan	G.Seward
1984	C.Bate	B.Morgan	B.Johansen
1983	M.D'Arch	R.Chambers	R.Barnes
1982	M.D'Arch	R.Chambers	R.Barnes
1981	G.Richardson	R.Chambers	M.D'Arcy
1980	G.Richardson	R.Chambers	G.Seward
1979	G.Richardson	K.Withall	R.Stubbs
1978	E.Topper	C.Bate	G.Seward
1977	E.Topper	C.Bate	J.Alford
1976	J.Tooney / C.Bate	H.Alkamn	E.Connon
1975	J.Alford / E.Scott	R.Rattery / M.D'Arcy	
1974	M.Philips	H.Alkman	T.Devane
1972	R.Rattery	D.Renshall	
1969 - 1971	J.Tooney	W.Purcell	J.Tooney
1968	J.Redman	W.Purcell	J.Tooney
1967	E.Woodford	W.Purcell	
1966	E.Woodford	J.Redman	
1963-1965	E.Woodford	W.Heley	
1961 - 1962	A.Clarkson	R.Connolly	J.O'Brien
1960	A.Clarkson	R.Connolly	P.Burns
1959	R.Connolly	A.Court	R.Moat
1956 - 1958	S.Beaver	B.Gardenere	S.Cullan
1953 - 1955	A.Clarkson	S.Hodgson	
1951-1952	J.Ringstand	S.Hodgson	
1949 - 1950	A.McKenzie	J.Ringstad	D.Poulter
1947 - 1948	A.McKenzie	J.Ringstad	R.Moat

Year	Chairman	Secretary	Treasurer
2022 - 2024	T.Ganderton	D.Gleeson	J.Ganderton
2021	T.Ganderton	D.Glesson	J.Ganderton
2020	T.Ganderton	P.Dean	J.Ganderton
2019	T.Ganderton	P.Dean	J.Ganderton
2018	T.Ganderton	P.Dean	K.Corbin
2017	C.Johnston	P.Dean	J.McKinnery
2016	L.Weatherill	P.Dean	J.McKinnery
2015	S. Martin / L.Weatherill	G.Piper / N.Piddington	J.McKinnery
2013- 2014	R.Giles	G.Piper	J.McKinnery
2012	R.Giles	N.Piddington	G.Piper
2011	R.Giles	N.Piddington	S.Young
2010	R.Giles	M.Russel	S.Young
2007 - 2009	R.Giles	C.Gorman-Brown	S.Boylan
2003 - 2006	G.Bloor	P.Savill	S.Boylan
2002	G.Bloor	T.Ismay	K.Miller
2000 - 2001	G.Bloor	T.Ismay	T.Ismay
1999	G.Bloor	T.Ismay	J.Wood
1998	G.McMaster	S.Martin	R.Rennie
1997	G.McMaster	S.Young	R.Rennie
1994 - 1996	G.McMaster	P.McCue	G.Best
1993	G.McMaster	L.Ward	G.Best
1992	G.McMaster	P.McCue	G.Best
1991	C.Bate	R.Chambers / J.Buckley	R.CHambers
1990	C.Bate	R.Chambers	L.Ward
1989	W.Major	R.Chambers	T.Willet
1988	R.Chambers	B.Morgan	L.Ward

LIFE MEMBERS

Alan Clarkson (Deceased)

Alan McKenzie (Deceased)

Alex Laski

Anthony Beare

Betty Morgan (Deceased)

Bevan Gardiner

Bob Morgan

Brendan Fernley

Brett Barnes

Brian Crawley (Deceased)

Brian Thomson

Cameron Johnston

Celeste Johnston

C.Ringstad (Deceased)

Charlie Bate

Craig Jonas

Darcy Renshaw (Deceased)

Darren McKinnery

Dave Poulter

Dean Gillard

Don Nash

Edward Woodford

George Richardson

Graeme Bloor

Greg Hearnden

Greg McMaster

Greg Vaughan

Greg Willett

Glenn Piper

Isabell Purcell

Tooney (Deceased)

Jeij McKay

Jim Townsend (Deceased)

Jimmy Crompton

John Highfield (Deceased)

Ken Scarratt (Deceased)

Les (Mick) Poole

Les Bell

Lyle Ward

Matthew Barron

Bradley Whetters

Matthew Whetters

Max Phillips

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Pamela Dean

Phil Young

Ramy Gendy

Robert Cartwright (Deceased)

Ross Giles

Scott Porter

Steve Hodson

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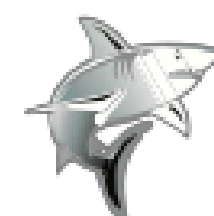
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