



Pennant Hills Demons

Australian Football Club Inc.

2008 Yearbook



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The 2008 season began back in late 2007 with the reappointment of Mick Cousens as Senior coach for 2008, Simon Doak for our 2nd Division side and Tony Richardson for our U/18 Challenge Cup sides. We added some new faces to our coaching ranks with Blair Hatherley and Tim Kenny appointed as Reserve Grade coaches joined by Barnaby Howarth and Justin Barratt as coaches for our U/18 Premier side. Chris Yard was lured out of retirement and given the role of senior assistant coach for 2008. On behalf of every member of our football club I would like to thank you all for your great contribution to the successes that we have achieved both on and off the field for 2008.

The season may not have started off on the right foot with some serious injuries incurred to some senior players during our pre-season trial matches but did we finish off the season on the right foot. All teams except the U/18 Challenge Cup side made the finals. Our Reserve Grade and U/18 Premier sides fell one game short of a Grand Final appearance being beaten in each of their Qualifying Finals. But our 2nd Division and Senior sides were magnificent winners of their Grand Finals and deserved to be crowned Premiers for 2008 in each of their respective competitions.

I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on both Grand Final days. It was pleasing to see so many Demon supporters get behind our Thirsty Thirds so early on a magnificent Saturday morning at Mahoney Oval and cheer the team to a wonderful victory. This was truly evident when we all embraced the team in the middle of the ground when the final siren sounded. We continued this wonderful support through to Grand Final day for the Seniors by circling Henson Oval with our colours and voice. While our game on the field that day was clinical for all four quarters our cheering from all parts of the ground was just as clinical. We again embraced our team in the middle of Henson Oval and showed the Sydney AFL public why this club is the benchmark for all other clubs. To all members and supporters my thanks on a job well done for 2008.

Season 2008 saw us introduce an alternate jumper. This jumper was designed to stop jumper clashes that we had been having with a number of clubs over the years. I believe to this end this was achieved and was well accepted throughout the club. The club was also asked to supply club umpires for games throughout the season to which we met all our club commitments during the 2008 season. On behalf of all members of the club our thanks go to Peter Trestrail, Ian Parker, Harry Ellison and Owen Baglin for a job well done.

I wish to acknowledge and thank all team managers, runners, water carriers, boundary and goal umpires for your assistance throughout the season. I would also take this opportunity to thank Greg Castle and his staff for the efforts they have provided us with the professional physio support both on and off the field during the season.

Off field we continued our association with the ARA Group of Companies who again were our Major Sponsor for season 2008 with their business logo well emblazoned on the back of our new alternate jumpers. Our major fund raising functions for 2008 at Harold Park Trots and our annual Golf Day at the Cumberland Golf Club were well patronised. While our progressive dinner function for 2008 did not draw the same numbers as did 2007 the people who did attend again were treated to some wonderful Pennant Hills hospitality.

My thanks to all those families who donated their time and homes to again making this event so memorable. The canteen had an outstanding year and again was well managed by Alex and Peter Myers. I would also like to thank all of those who assisted during the various home games throughout the year.

Phelan Medal night this year saw us go back to back medal winners with Matt Carey being named Sydney's Premier Division Best & Fairest for 2008. We again saw a number of our players named in the Sydney representative side for 2008 with Kieran Wright, Alex Goodall, Matt Carey and Alastair Richardson. Alex Goodall, Alastair Richardson and Matt Carey were also named in the Sydney Foxtel Team of the Year squad for 2008.

Some memorable milestones for 2008 were also reached during the year with John Rakic playing his 200th game, Greg Hume 150th game and Alastair Richardson and Josh Low 100th game during the season.

To our committee for 2008 your hard work and dedication has been well rewarded with two Premierships Flags this season. While you may not have played on the field on grand final day your contribution throughout the year did play an important part in both of these wins and the success the club has had throughout 2008. I wish to thank you all for the support you have given me again through season 2008.

I wish to close this season of by taking us back to the evening of our vote count when we were addressed by Mick Cousens who brought a tear to our eye when he shared with us these words "It's not what he has done for this club but what this club has done for him and his family." This summed up for me what our club is all about. We are a family club and will always continue to be such as we welcome new families and players into our homes as each new season comes around.

While the Hawks may say following their Premiership victory in 2008 "Were a happy Team at Hawthorn" I can say that "Were are a Happy Team at Penno"

I hope to see you all in season 2009 for our shot at back to back Premierships.

PETER JACK
President - PHAFC



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Sam Dell'Aquila
Justin Barratt
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Paul Crisfield
Peter Campbell

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Football Manager: Stephen Barratt

Senior Coach: Michael Cousens

Assistant Coach: Chris Yard

Team Manager: Ian Parker

Reserves Co Coach: Tim Kenny

Reserves Co Coach: Blair Hatherley

Manager: Peter Carter

Thirlds Coach: Simon Doak

Assistant Coach: James Dawson

Team Manager: Paul Laing

Under /18 'Demons' Co Coach: Justin Barratt

Under /18 'Demons' Co Coach: Barnaby Howarth

Team Manager: Richard Varnish

Under /18 'Devils' Coach: Tony Richardson

Team Manager: Ron Hoskin

Physiotherapists: Greg Castle

Lauren Cain

Ground Manager: Sam Dell'Aquila

MATCH COMMITTEE:

Chairman: Steve Barratt

Michael Cousens

Chris Yard

Tim Kenny

Blair Hatherley

Simon Doak

Justin Barratt

Barnaby Howarth

Tony Richardson



What a season !!!

Our Club continues to be a force in Sydney Football both on and off the field. At a recent meeting of Sydney Clubs to discuss a restructure of the competition it was obvious, from comments made by other clubs, that Pennant Hills is a bench mark for other clubs in the Sydney competition.

Our committee structure has worked well again during the season with meetings each month. The work of the committee is delegated to the members of the committee.

The introduction of the 5 final series meant that the club was unable to train on Ern Holmes Oval during the week before the Grand Final. Access to the ground for training purposes during March and September has been a bone of contention for many years.

According to Council the winter season is from 1st April to 31st August and outside this time we are at the mercy of Little Athletics and Cricket who use the oval during the summer months. The club will make a formal approach to Council in attempt to secure access for training from 1st March to the last Thursday before the Grand Final in an attempt to do away with the 'argy bargy' which ensures at the beginning and the end of each winter season.

This year the league introduced a financial incentive scheme for both 'on field' and 'off field' performance. The club was successful with its 'off field' performance which has resulted in a monetary payment to the club. The success is the result of a team effort involving all committee members, coaches and team managers.

Unfortunately we fell short of achieving a monetary payment for the 'on field' performance. UNSW/ EASTS with its very successful undefeated U18 team in the Challenge Cup competition won that award.

During the year Hornsby Council upgraded the showers in the main change room and the toilets at the rear of the amenities block. A big 'thank you' must go to the junior club for instigating and negotiating the upgrade with the Council.

Nothing further has happened as regards an upgrade of the oval. The AFL (NSW/ACT) Commission is investigating various options. The cost of any upgrade will be prohibitive

The Club has enjoyed an excellent relationship, once again, with the league. Garry Burkinshaw and Alana Shackleton are to be commended for the professionalism in the way they administer the league. Change always brings with it criticism. However we will all agree that the changes introduced have been for the betterment of the competition.

The proposed restructure of the competitions, if introduced in 2009, will place an added burden on all clubs especially by home clubs having to provide all boundary and goal umpires in the lower grades and the 'splitting' of resources when playing, not at the same venue, 'away' games. Fortunately our club with the second U18 team and the 'thirsty thirds' in the second division competition has been able to manage these problems which may be experienced by other clubs. The league considers that the restructure and the entry of clubs with one team in the lower divisions will see the competition grow over the coming years.

Once again I must thank my wife Lesley for her patience and understanding on game day; whilst I am at the 'computer' of an evening and whilst attending meetings.

ALAN BRAWN

Secretary - PHAFC



PENNANT HILLS AFC
FOOTBALLER OF THE YEAR

Matthew Carey

SENIORS BEST & FAIREST
THE ERN HOLMES TROPHY

**Matthew Carey &
Alex Goodall**

BEST LOCAL FIRST YEAR PLAYER
THE KEN MACRAE SHIELD

Joshua Duncan

RESERVES BEST AND FAIREST
THE ANGUS MCKERNAN TROPHY

Ben Beaston

THIRDS BEST AND FAIREST
THE FRANK PICCOLO TROPHY

Ben Miles

UNDER18 'DEMONS' BEST AND FAIREST
THE LENNY HAYES TROPHY

Matthew Thomas

UNDER18 'DEVILS' BEST AND FAIREST
Danny Strange

CLUBPERSON OF THE YEAR

Peter Carter

PRESIDENTS TROPHY

Paul & Jill Crisfield

SENIORS PLAYERS' PLAYER AWARD
THE "GAZZA" named after Gary Spillane

Matthew Carey

RESERVES PLAYERS' PLAYER AWARD
THE "DOUGIE" named after Doug Scholz (dec)

Ben Beaston

THIRDS PLAYERS' PLAYER AWARD
THE "TELF" named after Craig Telfer

Chris Laing

UNDER 18 PLAYERS' PLAYER AWARD
THE "PADDY" named after Patrick Matthews

**Demons - Matthew Thomas
Devils - Michael Elsley**

100+ SENIOR GAMES FOR PHAFC

**Alistair Richardson
Josh Low**



Following a number of departures from the club and a couple of serious pre-season injuries to players Charlie Richardson and Damien Dell'Aquila, season 2008 may have been seen by many as a re-building year for the club.

However the coaching and playing group had other ideas. Again amongst our young talent, and the return of 2006 B&F winner Sean Jones, we were able to field an extremely competitive team in Seniors – which ultimately help filter down better players to Reserves and Third grade.

After 3 pre-season games, including a trip to play North Ringwood at Albury-Wodonga, the team highlights for Season 2008 were: -

- 4 of the 5 grades playing good football and reaching the finals (all 4 ending up top 3 at the end of the minor round)
- A rare feat in that we had 2 Premiership teams in 2008.

It is the first time the club has won a Senior premiership plus a premiership from another grade in the same year.

On an individual note the highlights were many: -

- Sebastian Parker again named Captain of the Club
- 4 players representing the Sydney AFL team; Alastair Richardson, Kieran Wright, Matthew Carey and Alex Goodall. Alastair Richardson was named Captain.
- 3 players named in the Team of the Year – Alastair Richardson, Matthew Carey and Alex Goodall
- 2 players nominated for the NAB Rising Star; Jake Trestrail and Blake McGrath
- Matthew Carey winning the Phelan Medal – the second player from Pennant Hills in succession to win the prestigious award.

Season 2008 will go down as a watershed year for the club.

While we have won two previous Senior premierships, I think it is fair to say that this is the first year that we have really dominated the competition – winning all finals by big margins, including an emphatic 104 point win in the Grand Final.

Other clubs must now look at us as one of the powerhouse teams in the competition – a far cry from the position we held in the early 1990s.

Finally the on-field support provided throughout the year by coaches, team managers, runners and physiotherapists is the envy of most Sydney AFL clubs.

STEVE BARRATT

Football Manager - PHAFC

Senior Grade Team Awards



ERN HOLMES TROPHY

Runner Up B&F

Most Consistent

Best Team Man

Most Improved

Coaches Award

Best Finals Player

Best Player in Grand Final

Footballer of the Year

Players' Player - 'Gazza'

MATTHEW CAREY & ALEX GOODALL

Charlie Richardson

Aaron Crisfield

Matthew McCamey

Mitch Aitken

Brant Jack

Alistair Richardson

Clint Setford

Matthew Carey

Matthew Carey

SENIORS BEST & FAIREST TOP TEN

Matthew Carey 97

Alex Goodhall 97

Charlie Richardson 56

Aaron Crisfield 50

Sebastian Parker 46

Kieran Wright 46

Mitch Aitken 42

Jake Trestrail 41

Brant Jack 40

Alistair Richardson 38

2008 PHELAN MEDAL

Sydney Australian Football League - Senior Grade

Matthew Carey (PH) won the 2008

Phelan Medal with 17 votes

2008 LEADING GOALKICKER

Nick Campbell 58

2008 SYDNEY AFL - RISING STAR AWARD

Nominees

Jake Trestrail

Blake McGrath

2008 SENIOR TEAM STAFF

Head Coach

Michael Cousens

Assistant Coach

Chris Yard

Runners

Barnaby Howarth

Justin Barratt

Team Manager

Ian Parker

Captain

Sebastian Parker

V-Capts

Alistair Richardson

Charlie Richardson

SENIOR GRADE LADDER AT THE END OF THE 2008 HOME AND AWAY SEASON

	P	W	L	D	For	Agst	%	Pts
UNSW-ES	18	15	3	-	2040	1483	137.5	60
Pennant Hills	18	14	4	-	2211	1278	173.0	56
St.George	18	14	4	-	1760	1398	125.9	56
East Coast	18	13	5	-	2089	1328	157.3	52
Nth Shore	18	10	8	-	1632	1721	94.8	40
Sydney Uni	18	8	10	-	1775	1766	100.5	32
West Suburbs	18	6	12	-	1475	1780	82.8	24
Balmain	18	4	14	-	1414	2152	65.7	16
Campbelltown	18	4	14	-	1256	2120	59.2	16
Wollongong	18	2	16	-	1439	2065	69.7	8

2008 GRAND FINAL

Henson Park on Saturday, 20th September

Pennant Hills	20	12	132
def East Coast	3	10	28



Having recently reviewed my equivalent article published in the PHAFC 2007 handbook, I embarrassingly noticed that my report spanned a ridiculous number of pages. So in the interests of time, book space and paper I'll endeavour to keep this as brief as I can.

From the outset all I can suggest is 'what a year!' But perhaps more specifically, what a day that was September 21st 2008. A 104 point victory on Grand Final day, against our local rivals in East Coast, on a day that threw up some genuine challenges from a 'weather' point of view (all be they a stark contrast to what we endured back in 2006). Needless to say it was a tremendous culmination of 10 months work that began way back in November/December 2007

Perhaps the most pleasing aspect of what we were able to achieve in 2008 comparative to 2006 (and 2007 for that matter) was the following. We were, without question, the best team in the competition throughout the season as well as when it counted most, namely, the final series! This cannot be argued in literally every department. We were

- Quicker
- Fitter
- More skilled
- More physical
- More adept to playing conditions (case in point being our terrific wins in the slop at Wollongong in the 2nd Semi and then the heat and wind at Henson Park on Grand Final day)
- More disciplined to process and most importantly
- More unified as a playing group than any other side in the competition.

Plain and simple, we proved ourselves to be a side who could face any opposition, on any given day be it rain, hail or shine, on any given ground, in any given match situation and win!!! Now this is not to suggest that the season didn't have its ups and downs from a team and player management point of view. There was much to 'look after' relative to player injury, individual and collective form, RAM's commitments, etc, etc but to everybody's credit, no one lost sight of the long term opportunity as the season went on its typical roller coaster journey and in the end we achieved the ultimate in both an uncompromising but spectacular fashion.

If there was one critical point of the season it would have to have been the Round 10 game versus North Shore at Ern Holmes. The reality of where we were genuinely placed at that stage of the season came out in the form of a 46-point defeat at the hands of an opponent who at that stage had enjoyed a season that could be best described as 'mediocre'. This 126 point turn around after we'd beaten the Bombers by some 80 points in Round 2 was the 'lightening bolt' we needed to put some objectivity behind the subjective feeling that despite a win loss of record of 7 and 2, we weren't travelling as well as our position on the ladder might've suggested. To everyone's credit it sparked a run of form, discipline and resolve that I think set the tone for the rest of the season and in the end, was the catalyst for that magnificent afternoon on September 21st.

Outside of the premiership win, there were many other highlights for season 2008 that as the senior coach of the club one can't help be extremely satisfied

- Another reserve grade finals campaign reached which was sadly cut short by nothing less than player availability in the end. A terrific effort from the playing group but specifically Tim Kenny and Blair Hatherley in their first year as coaches. Well done boys.
- Third grade premiers in second division of the Sydney AFL. A terrific achievement from Doaks, his players and his support staff to achieve back to back flags. It was a very pleasant Saturday morning when the whole club went and cheered the thirsties on to what was a terrific victory.
- Under 18 Demons finalists again under the guidance of debutant coaches Justin Barratt and Barnaby Howarth who were ably supported by Tony Richardson and his team of Devils. A terrific effort from all involved with many players within the squad putting their hands up as being worthy of first grade consideration in 2009.
- The Phelan medallist for season 2008 in Matthew Carey. Well done King on keeping the Phelan in Penno hands two years running.
- The 3 players who gained selection in the Sydney AFL 2008 team of the year, namely Matthew Carey, Alex Goodall and Alastair Richardson.

These outcomes again typify a season that was as big collectively across the club as it was individually for the first grade premiership team. To all involved thanks again for the opportunity to be a part of it.



As I sign off for season 2008, at the risk of being repetitive to previous handbook submissions, might I offer the following acknowledgments (in no necessary order)

- To Pig, Robbo, Laino, Doakes, Dawson, Jib, Fat and Tony – as coaches and friends you again didn't stop 'supplying' knowing that your individual goals may have to be compromised for the sake of senior success. I hope you took incredible pride from what you did both within your specific groups but also in helping bring another first grade flag to our footy club.
- Greg and Lauren – once again for your professional and tireless support throughout the season. Thanks for getting the lads up and ready week in week out with such amazing effect.
- Ian Parker – it once again has been a blast Chicko. Thanks for being there.
- Peter Jack – I hoped you enjoyed your first senior flag as club President. Whilst club of the year in 2007 was nice, being the premiership club is a lot sweeter which I'm sure you agree.
- JB – Congratulations on the manner in which you've handled the devastation of last year's semi final injury. Talk about getting on with things. Be it coaching, speaking, being my runner, carrying water. ... you did it all! I was really glad to see you enjoy the win on GF day despite the fact that deep down I'm sure you would've been busting to be more directly involved. You've handled yourself so well this year for which I commend you.

- To the PHAFC committee – for once again the faith shown and tireless efforts from all of you.
- To Yards – I could not have done it without you big fella. It was positively awesome working with you. I only hope that you gained as much from working together as I did. Not only was the outcome special, but the laughter along the way was priceless
- To the parents, wife's, girlfriends, families and friends of all of us – once again nothing can or could be achieved without your support
- The players – be you one of the 22 that walked the field on GF day, be you one of the 18 players who'd played first grade in 2008 but missed out on the big one, or be you someone who played essentially 2's, 3rds or 18's all year, thanks for your attentiveness, your support and your willingness to take on what I encouraged. I've once again loved working with all of you. I sincerely hope that you've gained more than you've lost in working with me.
- To my immediate family – Relly, Joel, Zach and Tait. Once again thank you. There's little more that I can say



Ern Holmes Trophy & Phelan Medallist 2008
MATTHEW CAREY

Ern Holmes Trophy 2008
ALEX GOODALL





In closing though there is one final group that I'd like to acknowledge as a whole, namely my extended family.....The Pennant Hills AFC.

As I said on the Sunday night following the vote count, I've been humbled by what many have suggested I've brought to this club. However, words can only partly describe what this footy club has brought to me, Relly and the boys. It's brought us surrogate grandparents, parents, uncles, aunties, little sisters, little brothers, big sisters or big brothers or in short.... a family in Sydney that prior to me coaching we didn't have. You'll never know what that has meant to us.

We wish everyone associated with the club every success

Sincerely to all at the PHAFC

Mick, Narelle, Joel, Zach and Tait Cousens

MICK COUSENS

Senior & Club Coach - PHAFC



Raising the Bill Hart Trophy as Premiers!

SEB PARKER & MICK COUSENS

Reserve Grade Team Awards



ANGUS McKERNAN TROPHY

Runner Up B&F

Most Consistent

Best Team Man

Most Improved

Coaches Award

Players' Player - 'Dougie'

BEN BEASTON

Peter Barnes

Luke Turner

Patrick McLaren

Sam Dunell

Blake McLean

Sam Low

Ben Beaston

RESERVE GRADE BEST & FAIREST TOP TEN

Ben Beaston	55
Peter Barnes	45
Luke Turner	45
Scott Myers	38
Blake McLean	36
James Ellison	35
Nick Low	34
Shaun Jones	34
Jak Hancock	30
Matthew Carter	30

2008 SANDERS MEDAL

Sydney Australian Football League - Reserve Grade

Leigh McWhirter (Syd Uni) won the 2008

Sanders Medal with 13 votes.

2008 LEADING GOALKICKER

Scott Myers 41

2008 RESERVE GRADE STAFF

Co Coaches

Tim Kenny

Blair Hatherley

Team Manager

Peter Carter

Captain

Sam Dunell

Vice-Captain

Michael Hossen

RESERVE GRADE LADDER AT THE END OF THE 2008 HOME AND AWAY SEASON

	P	W	L	D	For	Agst	%	Pts
East Coast	18	16	2	-	1845	743	248.3	64
Pennant Hills	18	15	2	1	2039	675	302.1	62
UNSW-ES	18	15	2	1	1946	801	242.9	62
Sydney Uni	18	12	6	-	1794	909	197.3	48
St.George	18	10	8	-	1506	1176	128.0	40
North Shore	18	9	9	-	1416	1260	112.2	36
Wollongong	18	6	12	-	1208	1507	80.1	24
West Suburbs	18	4	14	-	1103	1543	71.5	16
Balmain	17	2	16	-	614	2332	26.3	8
Campbelltown	18	0	18	-	259	2784	9.3	-

2008 GRAND FINAL

Henson Oval on Saturday, 20th September

East Coast	12	15	87
def Sydney Uni Blue	2	5	17



After consecutive defeats in the past 2 grand finals, and the retirement of coaches DK & Yardy, the Reserve Grade side at Pennant Hills could be forgiven for wondering what 2008 would hold. In reality, all it took was multiple post season drinks with the players and some serious discussion at the Pymont Bridge Hotel over lunch, for the 'Pig & Robbo' combo to commence.

By no means did we believe we would be of the coaching pedigree as our predecessors, yet we knew that with over 45 years of playing experience between us, we had something to offer the players and the club. In addition, there was a deep fire burning inside from the Grand Final losses in recent seasons. On a more positive note, we had bigger belief in our players who were 'with us in the trenches' last year, as well as those who were newcomers from outside the club, and graduates from the Under 18's of 2007. In all reality, our season mirrored the prior years past with some really hard games, interspersed with a bunch of relatively easy games. East Coast, Sydney Uni, and UNSW gave us solid contests throughout the year (which we labelled our 'Milestone' games). These serious contests were evidenced by our loss to Sydney Uni in Round 4 and Draw with UNSW in Round 8. However, amongst these 3 opponents, were in all honesty milder-challenges from the remaining 6 opposition teams. This created a massive challenge for both the playing-group and the coaching staff – Firstly trying to get the boys 'motivated' for the less difficult weekends, then secondly to 'physically prepare' them for the Milestone opponents when they eventually came along. For the longer-term benefit of Sydney AFL, I honestly and enthusiastically anticipate that the other 6 clubs have a strong off-season and develop their Reserve Grade squads. 'Broad competition' can only be good for the game.

Amongst the milestone opponents, we envisaged all along that East Coast (the premiers from the past 2 seasons) were the 'benchmark'. It turned out that that would be how the year would go - our great rivals taking their 3rd flag in a row.

Yet this report is about us, and that is where we leave our opponents. We fielded an astounding 57 players in the 2008 year (26 of which played First Grade). Many players returned from last year, but also 4 who returned from previous seasons at Penno (Shaun Jones, Luke Turner, Michael Holgate & Robbie Mayak - all of whom played in the Preliminary Final). There were also 9 brand new players to our club (such as Matt Eddy, Darren Boulet, Ben Beaston, Brad Ryan) and 10 graduates from either last years' or this years' Under 18's (such as Jak Hancock, Nick Low and Matt Carter). Once again however, the team was unstable each week with an average of 6 changes made to our side from the previous week. These changes were a combination of injuries, university exams, snow-trips, random holidays, weddings etc. As coaches it really taught us the value of keeping a consistent message throughout the season in regards to how we saw the game to be played. Whilst this instability was a challenge, it was fortunate to have so many quality footballers to choose from each week, and many times we were reminded of the strength of playing in a footy club like Pennant Hills.

In the end, the Finals series would prove to be a massive disappointment. From the atrocious conditions in Wollongong against East Coast, to the meek end against Sydney Uni, we really can't say it was a successful year. With the quality of players we had in our squad, our goal as coaches was (as a bare minimum) to make the Grand Final – we ardently believed we had the talent to 'go all the way'. Admittedly, we were tranquillised late in the year with considerable injuries where we lost 4 key players, plus we had 9 players on the field in the Finals series, who were 'carrying an injury' of sorts into each of these games. This in effect prevented them from training 2 nights a week, and also their ability to run out a full game at 100%.

Injuries aside, falling short of our season-goals really taught the players a lesson in realising that Finals, (and especially making it into a Grand Final) never comes easy, and that "hard-work and co-operation as a 'Football Team' is the only way we can achieve our goals". The exciting aspect for Season 2009 is that the post-discussions we've had with the majority of the playing group reflects agreement and commonality between us all, and that this is what is needed to WIN in Finals!

As coaches, we were probably taught an even harsher lesson as to how to prepare for a Final series and manage a playing group throughout the year. Something we have played over & over in our heads for the weeks since, and will continue to analyze for many more.

So from the disappointing end to the year, to some HUGE positives for us in 2008:

Peter Carter – with our new coaching duo, it was only natural for us to add a new 3rd party to the combination. Pete turned out to be a brilliant manager for us this year with him consistently taking on roles beyond Team Manager, such as Water-boy/man, Goal Umpire & Boundary Umpire.

Never did he complain, but ALWAYS did he have a joke to share with us or a smart comment for us to laugh at. Pete we greatly appreciate your help this year, but more so, your great friendship that was forged this year also.

Tom Ellison – Tommy realised early in the year that if he was to become an even better guitarist at Uni, he could ill-afford the damage to his hands that would no doubt come throughout the year by playing footy. So when he volunteered with such enthusiasm at the beginning of the year to be our Runner we honestly couldn't deny him. He was keen and thorough in everything he did for us, but better than that he was an asset to our football side, something all involved in our side appreciated.

Lauren Cain – she's our Physio for a few years now at Penno, yet never does her quality of work or passion of the club wane. It's hard to heap accolades on such a person within our club but put quite simply - "Loz was invaluable to our club as a whole!" Always good for a laugh, never offended by undirected crass-comments from players, and strong enough to rule out a player if need be - Loz was professional in every sense. She's a huge asset to the club and we honestly hope she continues her association for years to come!

Cuz /Yardy / JB / Fat & Doaks - our fellow coaches taught us every week how to think like experienced coaches. We never felt intimidated or out-ranked at the selection table. We like to think that the high success of the First Grade side was a combined effort across all coaching staff to manage our players in a fashion to get the better sides above us all to compete every week. So to the 5 of you who helped us this year, a sincere thank you, but also for the sheer fun you brought to the job for us!

Award Winners – To the Awards Winner - **Ben Beaston, Peter Barnes, Luke Turner, Sam Dunell, Sam Low, Patrick McLaren and Blake McLean** - you were all successful because of your relentless efforts and attitude every week. Votes and recognition do not come along for being a brilliant individual. Rather, your excellence was acknowledged and rewarded for your commitment to the Team's success. We thank you for contributing the way you did, and look forward to your role modelling again in 2009.

Before we sign-off, we would like to express our emphatic congratulations to the First Grade Team for the victory in their Grand Final against East Coast. In what was a very proud day for the club, the collective Reserve Grade squad on the hill was passionately supporting the boys, and you couldn't help but be emotional at the victorious result. As we left the ground, it was pleasing to see our Reserve Team celebrate the victory, and we hope it's the catalyst that inspires them to want to 'play' in our own premiership in 2009.

Finally, it is hard to convey the season as a whole in a report such as this. The only real way is to express to the Players/fellow-Coaches/Supporters and Administrators the sincere thanks for their effort in a physical, financial and mental capacity, to help the Reserve Grade side perform this year. Although it may have been a disappointing end to our year as players, by no means was it a year that we hold any regrets with. With any sort of adversity there is always a lesson to be learnt, and with those lessons learnt, we will be winning a flag for this football club before our time is done.

Enjoy the off-season !!!

BLAIR HATHERLEY & TIM KENNY

Reserve Grade Coaches - PHAFC

Third Grade Team Awards



FRANK PICCOLO TROPHY

Runner Up B&F
Most Consistent
Best Team Man
Most Improved
Coaches Award
Players' Player - 'Telf'

BEN MILES

Drew Bilbe
Nathan Ryan
Martin Schindelm
Nick Ryan
Matthew Hayman
Chris Laing

THIRD GRADE BEST & FAIREST TOP TEN

Ben Miles	76
Drew Bilbe	56
Steve Hodgson	55
Jarrold Myers	44
Patrick Barclay	44
Kent Weir	40
Michael White	39
George Aitken	35
Daniel Smith	31
Ryan McClelland	31

2008 ARMSTRONG MEDAL

Sydney Australian Football League - Division Two
Mark Dixon (UNSW Bulldogs) won the 2008
Armstrong Medal with 19 votes.

2008 LEADING GOALKICKER

Johnny Rakic 62

2008 THIRD GRADE STAFF

Coach	Simon Doak
Assistant Coach	James Dawson
Team Manager	Paul Laing
Captain	Johnny Rakic
Vice Captains	Nathan Ryan George Aitken

THIRD GRADE LADDER AT THE END OF THE 2008 HOME AND AWAY SEASON

	P	W	L	D	For	Agst	%	Pts
Sydney Uni - Blue	18	16	2	-	2170	572	379.3	64
Pennant Hills	18	15	2	1	1840	667	275.8	62
UNSW-Bulldogs	18	14	3	1	1653	805	205.3	58
Moorebank Sports	18	11	3	-	1475	912	161.7	48
UTS	18	8	9	1	1350	1173	115.1	34
Sydney Uni - Red	18	8	10	-	1122	1359	82.5	32
UNSW-Wales	18	6	12	-	1313	1664	78.9	24
Manly-Warringah	18	6	12	-	916	1553	58.9	24
Macquarie Uni	18	2	15	1	517	1903	27.1	10
Holroyd-Parra	18	1	17	-	398	2146	18.5	4

2008 GRAND FINAL

Mahoney Park on Saturday, 13th September

Pennant Hills	18	10	118
def Sydney Uni Blue	13	5	83

Third Grade Coaches Report



The 2008 SAFL Second Division competition was reduced to 10 teams with Balmain and the Southern Shark's not fielding sides. This gave us a balanced competition with each team playing each other twice. There was also the usual turn over of players which brings an influx of new talent as we quietly began our title defence.

The team started with 12 straight wins including round two against last years runners up, where the wet weather assisted in creating a score of 4.6(30) to 2.10(22). A crucial 3 point win against our rivals Sydney University Blue in round 9 was followed up by a gritty win away against SWS by 30 points. Round 14 was our wake up call. Injuries, work commitments and untimely snow trips meant that the team lost to the Bulldogs by 55 points at Mahoney oval. The side bounced back with three more wins guaranteeing a top two finish. The minor premiership came down to the final game against Uni Blue. We lead by 20 points at half time but were out muscled and lost by three points in the last 2 minutes. This loss and a training injury to Bilbe shocked and motivated the squad with the players finding renewed energy, focus and desire.

The Second Semi final against the first placed Uni Blue was played at a ferocious pace. The skills and fitness training paid dividends as we stunned the Blue side. R Laing and Boulet dominated in the ruck giving the on ballers of Myers, Weir, C Laing, and Aitken first use of the ball. Hayman with 4 goals was the main target among multiple forward options. The centre half back and back line held their structure as a disciplined unit. They held the opposition's key forward to just two goals enabling a solid 55 point win. The great team effort entitled the squad a week off to recover from the bumps, bruises and injuries and set up the opportunity for the back-to-back title bid.

Thirsties had a prior chance in 2003 and 2004 of completing a back-to-back sequence but unfortunately lost to Uni Blue in 2004. The team had redeemed themselves with a win in 2007 after 2 years without a final appearance and now had the ultimate opportunity to go one better than prior Thirsties teams. Nothing was left to chance in the preparation and build up with the team understanding that there was a job to be done. The league's eleventh hour change of venue moving the Grand Final game from Kelso to picturesque Mahoney, did not affect the game preparation or game plan.

The Grand Final was a high quality game between the two best teams in the competition. An intense rivalry added some extra spice to the occasion. Both sides play a fast running game with key forward targets and the result was going to come down to skill execution, team structure, and desire on the day. Hayman kicked the first goal of the game before Blue took a 10 point lead with Archer kicking two majors mid way through the 1st quarter. The Thirsties then settled with Hume kicking two goals before Carrouthers, drifting forward, snatched a goal for an 8 point lead at the first change. The game plan was around individual and team goals summarised in one word, "deliver" and deliver the team did as they pulled away to a 20 point lead at half time with goals to Randazzo, McClelland and Captain Rakic while our unyielding defence only allowed Archer two goals.

The half time break allowed the team to refocus on the individual and team jobs. The plan was to continue the all out attack and increase the scoreboard pressure so that there could be no Uni Blue comeback. Uni Blue scored the first goal before Hayman skillfully juggled the ball into the air during a contest and flung his body around the ball snapping it over his shoulder. Having kicked the end of the ball it only travelled 10 m towards goal before it bounced and spiked at right angles over a defender and across the line for a freakish goal. More goals followed to both sides with Archer kicking two late goals. At the third quarter break Thirsty Thirds had increased the lead to 28 points and Uni Blue only had a slim chance.

The lads were brought in to the three quarter time huddle and given their positions and instructions for the final quarter. Quietly they were spoken to about opportunity, commitment, desire and the passion before loudly being reminded of the team goal and word "deliver". Deliver the result, Deliver Redemption for the missing out on the minor premiership, Deliver redemption for losing by 50 points on this ground and again against this team by three points four weeks ago. **GO OUT AND DELIVERRRRRRRRRRR!!!!!!**

With the request ringing in their ears, along with the Demon supporter's cheers they went out for the final quarter.... and delivered. Hume kicked 3 and Hayman kicked 2 with both players kicking bags of 5. Also Captain Rakic in his last game chimed in with his second. The margin blew out to 46 before Archer pegged two goals back. The Thirsties were scoring so fast that the score board could not keep up and for a few minutes the margin looked closer then it was. The margin was 35 when the sweet sound of the final siren allowed the Thirsty Thirds to achieve the definitive goal and deliver the Second Division flag back-to-back in front of enthusiastic club support. It was an exceptional display, further capped off by J Myers wining the match ball after a brilliant dominating performance on the ball.

This season 59 players played thirds with 8 players winning 2007 and 2008. Three of these players also have medals from 2003 while M White and Rakic also have 2001 honours. There are many wonderful volunteers to thank. To James Dawson our Assistant coach, dedicated team manager Paul Laing, club umpires and support staff, you are the reason for our successful year. Thanks also to Captain Rakic who finishes his Pennant Hills Career with 204 games and back-to-back flags, as well as Vice Captains Nathan Ryan and George Aitken for your leadership and support. Third grade is also a reflection of the commitment and input of the Seniors and Reserves coaches of Cousens, Yard, T Kenny, Hatherley and the committee's enormous efforts.

Thirds are very proud to deliver the 2008 Flag that the whole club can celebrate and that can be unfurled alongside Pennant Hills 2008 Premier division title. The club's depth and players' camaraderie created a competitive enthusiasm and passion in 2008 with the following players providing stand out performances in our premiership year...

Best & Fairest: Ben Miles, otherwise known as Magic, was the creative and flamboyant Thirds half back for the majority of the year. In finals he took the position to a new level, formulating attacking raids from his stylish ball skills. He had an outstanding defensive work rate with second and thirds efforts driving the team forward with creative bursts of flair. Using his football smarts and overhead marking skills to turn around with interest opposition attacks. Congratulations Ben.

Runners Up: Drew Bilbe is the Best and Fairest runner up this year. Bilbe on his return to Pennant Hills quickly settled in to an on ball position and produced consistent outstanding result. He dominated the square with his skills and hardness for the ball and became one of our major go to players. His strength in marking and tackling made him a very important and respected team member. His commitment to training saw a late season injury which promoted him to the coach's panel as a mid field expert. Drew also polled the highest number of votes for a Thirties player in the leagues Armstrong medal. Well done Drew.

Most Consistent: Nathan Ryan the teams Vice Captain was the Mr Consistent of Thirds this year. His passion and commitment to training and the team was sensational. He was always at training and on many occasions assisted running the drills. He was first picked in the back line and kept the troops organised and in formation. He always put his head over the ball and led from the back. This positive attitude, his consistent outstanding play and leadership was a major reason for the team's success in 2008.

Best Team Man: Martin Schindhelm was a first year player for the Thirsties. He played nine games and twice kicked two goals which were always capped off with a celebration. When not on the park he supported the team assisting on match day with goal or boundary umpiring or running. He showed significant improvement over the year in his skills and understanding of the game and was also the first and last one at any of the team functions.

Most Improved: Nick Ryan came to us from rugby. He had natural fitness and talent and after some work on his kicking he turned into a very important member of the side. His love of tackling opposition players and attacking the ball made him an ideal utility player. He played 12 games and kicked 6 goals when he had opportunities up forward. He had a great season capped off with a grand final medal in his first year.

Coaches Award: Matthew Hayman battled through early season injury before settling in as a senior member of the Thirds side. He was very versatile playing in defence, the ruck and up forward. He peaked coming into the final series, dominating the second semi final win with 4 goals and a best on ground performance. For the Grand Final he initially went to the wrong ground due to a last minute venue change but this did not phase him as he marked everything that came his way at Centre half forward, kicking 5 goals including a remarkably athletic over head snap. He was the target that the team trusted as they looked to deliver the ball into the forward line. He is a pleasure to coach and it is just fantastic that after so many years of football he achieves a premiership.

Players Player: Chris Laing was an excellent new recruit from Balmain. He started playing off half back and the wing before a sensational performance against SWS in the middle showcased his talent. He then became an established member of the on ball rotations. He quickly gained the nickname NAILS and the respect of his team mates with his focused attack on the ball.

Added to these award winners are the following team members who had outstanding finals series - **G Aitken, J Myer, Hodgson, Hackett, Carouthers, McClelland, Hume, M White and B Ryan**. Others to have a fantastic seasons were Rakic with the Golden Boot for the division with 61 goals, Breen, D Smith, Leeds, Jackson, and Barclay.

It was daunting launching into the 2008 season after the 2007 flag. To successfully defend the title is a wonderful feeling of relief and exhilaration. Thirds - a new bench mark of success has been set. Celebrate the effort that was required to achieve this goal. Another successful chapter has now been added to the history, traditions and characters of Third grade along with the stories and memories to enjoy remembering. There is always a new challenge and for those of you who accept. it's **ALL THE GO FOR THREE IN A ROW.**

As coach it has been the ultimate triumph to go back-to-back, thank you to everyone who supported and assisted Thirds on our journey. I wish you all well as you DELIVER success in your future challenges.

SIMON DOAK

Third Grade Coach - PHAFC

Under 18 Grade Team Awards - 'Demons'



LENNY HAYES TROPHY

Runner Up B&F
Most Consistent
Best Team Man
Most Improved
Coaches Award
Best Finals Player
Players' Player - 'Paddy'

MATTHEW THOMAS

Jack Schwarze
Nathan Varnish
Daniel Witt
Stuart McCreanor
Todd Darvas
Cameron Smith
Matthew Thomas

U/18 'DEMONS' BEST & FAIREST TOP TEN

Matthew Thomas	83
Jack Schwarze	67
Cameron Smith	61
Nathan Varnish	45
Blake McGrath	41
Benjamin Jones	38
Jackson Ferguson	37
Daniel Witt	34
Ashwin Govender	28
Benjamin Urwin	26

2008 KEALEY MEDAL

Sydney Australian Football League - U/18 Premier
Anthony Robertson (Nth Shore) won the 2008
Kealey Medal with 27 votes

2008 LEADING GOALKICKER

Ashwin Govender 43

2008 UNDER 18'S STAFF

Co Coach	Barnaby Howarth
Co Coach	Juston Barratt
Team Manager	Richard Varnish
Captain	Matthew Thomas

U/18 LADDER AT THE END OF THE HOME AND AWAY SEASON

	P	W	L	D	For	Agst	%	Pts
NS Bombers	16	15	1	-	1540	649	237.3	60
Pennant Hills	16	12	4	-	1414	837	168.9	48
East Coast	16	11	5	-	1110	945	117.5	44
Campbelltown	16	10	6	-	1040	890	116.8	40
Wollongong	16	9	6	1	1073	983	109.1	36
NS Bears	16	8	8	-	1101	1167	94.3	32
St.George	16	4	11	1	794	1211	65.5	16
St.Ignatius	16	2	14	-	565	1649	34.2	8
West Suburbs	16	0	16	-	976	1282	76.1	-

2008 GRAND FINAL

Henson Oval on Saturday 20th September

North Shore	15	11	101
def East Coast	8	11	59



If the success of a football team depends on the development of every member of the squad, then the 2008 U/18 teams were irrepressible. When pre-season began late in 2007, we had a group of highly talented, individual footballers, but at season's end we saw two very tight-knit teams (Devils and Demons) who would completely unselfishly give anything they needed in order to ensure the success of Pennant Hills as a football club

The Demons had a very successful year on the field, progressing to the Preliminary Final where we lost to the East Coast Eagles. Although we didn't obtain the ultimate prize as a team, individually our players continued to boost Pennant Hills' reputation as a nursery for AFL talent development.

- 7 players were either already on an AFL scholarship, or were signed to one in 2008
- 9 players competed in the 2008 U/15 or U/16 Zone State Trials at Riverview
- 2 players were in the 2008 U/18 RAMS squad
- 34 players played for the Demons team
- 5 players played for senior teams during the season

Given 2008 was the first coaching gig both Demons' coaches had ever undertaken, we knew we were going to receive a lot of help, and we were served it up by the truckload.

Our assistant coaches Paul Crisfield, Josh Low and Alastair Richardson gave advice, tactics and expertise as often as they were asked, and were invaluable in getting us as far as the preliminary final.

Our manager Richard Varnish who provided team lists, guernseys, boundary umpires and goal umpires every weekend, would often provide us with what we were looking for before we'd even asked for it. He made two green rookie coaches lives a lot easier

The coaches of both the Demons and Devils sides formed a relationship that was based on the old adage of "you scratch my back, and I'll scratch yours." Tony Richardson was constantly volunteering his services if it meant it would ensure the success of the club as a whole. His right hand man Ron Hoskin, who strongly advised us at the beginning of the year that any offer to manage either side would result in divorce, is still happily married so we congratulate him on his mediation skills, and thank him for his tireless work all year.

Also to everyone who ran water, goal or boundary umpired, replacement managed, worked on the barbecue, or helped out in any other way, you really did make things run a lot smoother than they otherwise would have.

We would also like to thank all of our players for making coaching so enjoyable. Despite the fact that both of us need to move on from coaching, we had a fantastic time right throughout the year getting to know all of our players so well. The future for the football club is so bright with the 2008 U/18's being its future. We hope we have helped both our Demons and Devils improve both on and off the field, because we know you have all helped us

Thank you for improving us

BARNABY HOWARTH & JUSTIN BARRATT

Under 18 'Demons' Co Coaches - PHAFC

Under 18 Grade Team Awards - 'Devils'



BEST & FAIREST TROPHY

DANNY STRANGE

Runner Up B&F	Fraser Nixon
Most Consistent	James Clare
Best Team Man	Mitchell Frankish
Most Improved	Jacob Richards
Coaches Award	Ben Martin
Players Player	Michael Elsley

U/18 'DEVILS' BEST & FAIREST TOP TEN

Danny Strange	63
Fraser Nixon	61
James Clare	59
Jacob Richards	46
Ryan Green	36
Daniel Clarke	36
Tim Wales	35
Stuart McCreanor	34
Michael Elsley	30
Todd Darvas	27

2008 CHALLENGE CUP B&F MEDAL

Sydney Australian Football League - U/18 Challenge Cup
Tyrone Armitage (Manly-Warringah) won the 2007
Best & Fairest with 26 votes

2008 LEADING GOALKICKER

Aswin Govender	9
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2008 UNDER 18'S DEVILS STAFF

Coach	Tony Richardson
Assistant Coach	Ron Hoskin

U/18 LADDER AT THE END OF THE HOME AND AWAY SEASON

	P	W	L	D	For	Agst	%	Pts
UNSW-ES	18	18	-	-	1953	613	318.6	72
Macquarie Uni	18	14	4	-	1346	833	161.6	56
Sthn Sharks	18	10	8	-	1230	1137	108.2	40
Manly-Warringah	18	10	8	-	1106	1028	107.6	40
Moorebank Sports	18	8	10	-	1113	1111	100.2	32
Penrith	18	6	12	-	846	1383	61.1	24
East Coast	18	4	14	-	858	1368	62.7	16
Pennant Hills	18	2	16	-	616	1595	38.6	8

2008 GRAND FINAL

Henson Oval on Saturday 15th September

UNSW-ES	23	18	156
def Southern Sharks	4	5	29



Under 18s is the bridge between junior and senior football. In order to standardize our approach, and to ensure that all those involved with our 2008 squad understood what was required, Justin, Barnaby, and I set up the "Pennant Hills AFC Under 18s Football Handbook" which included a very broad game plan, team expectations, and operations. Our objective was to improve the football of every member of our squad, and in the process to win as many games as possible.

If the sole measure of success for our Challenge Cup side is on-field success then 2008 was not a great year. The Devils finished last on two wins in 18 matches. However, on many other measures our 2008 season was very successful. Of the 44 players who played for the Devils in 2008, twenty-five also played for the Demons.

Players such as: Ben Martin; Blake McNabb; Matthew Miles; Alex Moraitis; Jacob Richards; James Clare; and Michael Elsley all had opportunities to play at a higher level which they may not have got at a club without a Challenge Cup side. These players should all be back in 2009 and be better footballers as a result of their 2008 experience.

The Devils also produced some outstanding talent during 2008. Tim Wales (Geelong scholarship player), Ryan Green, and Stuart Mc Creanor (in his first year of football), all started with the Devils and all proved to be terrific Demons players as the year developed.

Danny Strange was Devils B&F, and somehow managed to have an outstanding year in both Devils and Demons. Danny played 12 games at each level, and was one of the first players to volunteer to play a second game when we were short of numbers. Danny is the type of "head over the ball" player who are the beating heart of all successful football teams.

Ashwin Govender has a unique record in under 18s at Penno; he topped the goal kicking in the Demons with 43, and for the Devils with 9. Ash, along with Fraser Nixon also volunteered to back up with two games when required.

The Coaches Award this year goes to Ben Martin, and Ben's efforts in 2008 deserve special mention. Obviously our results in 2008 meant that our backline was under pressure. Ben played on the opposition's best forward every week, usually a taller player, and he was rarely beaten. His football improved, and his positive attitude was a great example for all of us.

The rationale for fielding a Challenge Cup and a Premier 18s side is best summed up by Todd Darvas' season. Todd played 6 for the Devils and 14 for the Demons. Towards the end of the season he was struggling for form in the Demons. He came back and played for the Devils against Macquarie Uni and "got a ton of it", won his place back with the Demons, and finished the year playing good football.

My thanks to all those who contributed in 2008, and particularly to the players. I really enjoyed working with Justin and Barnaby, and hopefully they have finally completed my football transition from the 1970s to 2008! Thanks to a tireless team manager in Ron Hoskin, Neil Strange who doubled as team manager in Ron's absence and who volunteered for anything else required, and Neil's wife Robyn, Terry Frankish, Peter Richards, Greg Martin, Phil Moraitis, David Nixon, and physio Lucy McGrath.

TONY RICHARDSON

Under 18 'Devils' Coach - PHAFC

Player Records - 2008



OPEN AGE TOTAL:	NAME:		2008	SENIORS	RESERVES	THIRDS	UNDER 18	CLUB GAMES TOTAL:
303	YARD	Chris	1			1		303
213	HATHERLEY	Blair	1		1			250
204	RAKIC	John	19			19		204
189	CLARKE	Jason	20	20				205
188	CAREY	Peter	12	12				221
154	HUME	Greg	10			10		169
148	KENNY	Tim	19		19			189
131	DOAK	Simon	8			8		131
131	HAYMAN	Matthew	9			9		131
129	CHERRIE	Stephen	9		9			129
122	McCAMEY	Matthew	19	19				153
113	LOW	Josh	19	14	5			136
101	RICHARDSON	Alastair	18	17	1			119
99	PARKER	Sebastian	13	11	2			135
99	YOUNG	Tim	1			1		99
93	JACK	Brant	20	20				105
91	LOW	Sam	10		9	1		109
89	WHITE	Michael	18		1	17		89
84	CLARKE	Andrew	18		16	2		124
84	MYERS	Jarrod	15		6	9		111
83	DELOOZE	Daniel	10	4	6			115
81	JACKSON	Warwick	16			16		81
79	BILBE	Luke	21	19	2			92
78	CAREY	Matthew	21	21				113
76	SULLIVAN	Michael	8			8		113
72	HOLGATE	Michael	20		15	5		128
70	MAYAK	Rob	14		14			70
70	SPENCER	Laine	18	15	3			70
68	JONES	Shaun	12	6	6			68
68	WIDMER	Samuel	14	5	9			98
64	MORAITIS	Jonathon	14	4	10			77
63	SETFORD	Clint	16	16				63
60	HOSSEN	Michael	19	7	12			94
59	RANDAZZO	Paul	15		8	7		86
57	WRIGHT	Kieren	21	21				57
55	GOODALL	Alex	21	21				71
54	RICHARDSON	Charlie	12	10	2			85
53	HACKETT	Wayne	6			6		53
53	MYERS	Scott	21	10	11			99
53	PORTER	John	8		5	3		53
52	BARCLAY	Patrick	20		7	13		52
52	GAGGIN	Jarryd	20	3	17			81
47	AITKEN	Mitch	21	19	1	1		95
46	LAING	Richard	8		2	6		77
46	RYAN	Nathan	20		1	19		46
44	YOUNG	Ben	15			15		60
41	MILES	Ben	20		7	13		53
40	CAMPBELL	Nick	19	19				50
40	HODGSON	Steven	10		1	9		51
38	CRISFIELD	Aaron	19	19				51
38	RANKINE	Brendan	17		15	2		63
38	TRESTRAIL	Jake	20	19	1			65
36	CARLINI	Aaron	11			11		36
35	DUNELL	Sam	19		19			35
35	ELLISON	James	17	4	13			67
33	McCLELAND	Ryan	18			18		33
32	BARNES	Peter	20	3	17			47
32	WEIR	Kent	17			17		32
31	AITKEN	Lucas	1			1		39
31	WRIGHT	Nathan	13	9	3	1		31
30	BILBE	Drew	17			17		47
29	ANGEL	Tom	19	13	6			43
29	McLAREN	Patrick	19		18	1		29
29	TURNER	Luke	21		21			59
27	AITKEN	Nicholas	11			11		39
26	MILL	Bart	16	15	1		2	46
24	McLEAN	Blake	17	3	13	1		24
22	HANCOCK	Jak	20		18			56
21	CARTER	Matthew	21	4	17			54
21	LOW	Nicholas	21		21			53
21	WALES	Ben	6			6		21
20	McMULLEN	Joel	1			1		20
18	LAING	Chris	18			18		41
17	BEASTON	Ben	17	10	7			17
17	CORR	Leighton	17			17		17
17	McLAREN	Robert	17		14	3		17
17	REED	Scott	11	11				21
17	RYAN	Brad	17		8	9		17
16	BOULET	Darren	16		10	6		16

Player Records - 2008



OPEN AGE TOTAL:	NAME:	2008	SENIORS	RESERVES	THIRDS	UNDER 18	CLUB GAMES TOTAL:
16	BREEN Nathan	16		5	11		44
16	EDIRWICKRAMA Ranga	8	6	2		1	28
16	EDDY Matthew	16	4	12			16
15	OWERS Daniel	1			1		34
15	SMITH David	11			11		35
14	CARRUTHERS Tristan	14			14		14
14	DUNCAN Josh	13	13				25
13	LANE John	13		5	8		13
12	LAING Karl	4			4		12
12	RYAN Nicholas	12			12		12
12	WHITE Chris	12			12		12
10	McGRATH Blake	10	8	2		8	18
9	POWER Dave	9		1	8		45
9	SCHINDHELM Martin	9			9		9
9	VAN AREND Vincent	9			9		9
8	CAREY Andrew	8			8		8
7	LAMBERT Robert	7			7		7
7	LEEDS Matthew	6			6		19
7	SMITH Cameron	7	6	1		14	42
7	WARNOCK Matthew	5		3	2		7
5	SMITH Stephen	5			5		5
4	HSU Alex	4			4		4
2	ARGYLE James	1			1		2
2	GARDINER Tim	2			2		2
2	MENEY Vincent	2			2		35
2	WILLIAMS Clint	2			2		2
1	HOOK John	1			1		1
1	KOUTOUZIS Stephen	0				13	36
1	THOMAS Matthew	1		1		20	38
0	ANTMAN Mitchell	0				10	10
0	BAGLIN Nicholas	0				20	41
0	BRADY Dave	0				2	2
0	BUCKLEY Steve	0				1	1
0	CLARE James	0				21	21
0	CLARK Daniel	0				20	20
0	COCKS Luke	0				14	14
0	COLWELL Brad	0				15	15
0	DARVAS Todd	0				20	20
0	DAVIES Matthew	0				10	10
0	DIGGES Matthew	0				2	2
0	DUNCAN Aaron	0				1	1
0	DUNDERDALE Arthur	0				12	12
0	ELSLEY Michael	0				19	19
0	FENAROLI Josh	0				10	26
0	FENAROLI Kyall	0				19	37
0	FERGUSON Jackson	0				11	11
0	FRANKISH Mitchell	0				15	15
0	GOVENDER Ashwin	0				22	42
0	GREEN Ryan	0				20	20
0	HOSKIN Samuel	0				13	13
0	JONES Ben	0				9	9
0	KUHN Mitchell	0				15	15
0	LEWIS Jay	0				11	11
0	LIMBREY James	0				3	3
0	LINAKER Ben	0				4	4
0	MacLARIN Peter	0				6	6
0	MARTIN Benjamin	0				16	16
0	McCREANOR Stuart	0				15	15
0	McGLONE William	0				14	27
0	McNABB Blake	0				8	8
0	MILES Matthew	0				13	13
0	MORAITIS Alec	0				14	20
0	MURCHINSON Nick	0				13	13
0	NIXON Fraser	0				25	31
0	O'HAGAN Connor	0				2	2
0	PEARCE Alex	0				13	13
0	RICHARDS Jacob	0				19	26
0	RIVERS Tom	0				1	1
0	SCHWARZE Jack	0				19	45
0	STRANGE Danny	0				24	24
0	TUCKERMAN Aaron	0				8	8
0	TURNER Jackson	0				1	1
0	URWIN Benjamin	0				13	27
0	VARNISH Nathan	0				19	19
0	WALES Tim	0				12	12
0	WATSON Rasha	0				19	32
0	WIDMER Ted	0				18	22
0	WITT Daniel	0				13	25
0	WORDSWORTH Ronan	0				22	39
0	ZAMMIT Nathan	0				4	4

Honour Rolls



100+ GAMES (Open Age)

Chris Yard	303 *
Rod Miles	233
Anthony Brawn	233
Terry Donohoe	220
Paul Gooley	216
Blair Hatherley	213 *
Stephen Monahan	208
John Rakic	204
Doug Scholz (dec)	196
Trevor Daykin	190
Jason Clarke	189 *
Peter Carey	188 *
John Murray	179
A (Tony) Hill	166
Greg Hardy	165
James Fulton	158
Justin Kerley	157
Craig Hartley	155
Greg Hume	154 *
Danny Ryan	153
Terry J Hill	153
Randal Green	150
Danny Cater	149
Tim Kenny	148 *
Frank Piccolo	148
Chris MacDonald	147
Gerard Mimmo	146
Tim Hall	143
Ashley Bell	143
W (Bill) Carey	141
Gary Spillane	139
Mick Toy	136
Peter Dixon	133
Matthew Hayman	132 *
Simon Doak	131 *
Paul Whelan	129
Stephen Cherrie	129 *
David Power	126
John Goswell	124
Bruce Higgs	124
Andrew Ballantyne	123
Matt McCamey	122 *
Ron Van Vliet	120
Stephen Barratt	119
Grant Croese	117
David Direen	116
Grant Smith	116
Daryl Vella	116
Todd McKernan	115
Paul Camilleri	114
Josh Low	113
Warren Miles	113
Michael Barr	112
Mark Collings	112
Kerry James	112
Eric Joiner	112
Paul Folkard	111
Chris Mahar	111
Matthew Gray	110
Peter Mathers	110
Tim Potter	109
Michael Coen	107
Ken Couchman	107
Greg Barnes	106
John Rae	106
Andrew Buchanan	103
Steven Paterson	103
David Thomas	103
Stephen Edwards	102
Russell Green	102

Rod Somerville	102
Alistair Richardson	101 *
Peter Cunnane	100
Hayden Hill	100
Robert Reinten	100
Brian Seletto	100

* Currently Players

CLUB LIFE MEMBERS

1973	Barry Sparks (dec)	(S)
1975	Kerry James	(S)
1976	Ern Holmes (dec)	(S)
1980	Ken MacRae	(S)
1980	Rod Miles	(P)
1980	Danny Cater	(P)
1981	Terry J. Hill	(P)
1981	W. (Bill) Carey	(P)
1982	Greg Barnes	(P)
1983	Warren Quintrell	(S)
1983	Trevor Daykin	(P)
1984	A. (Gus) McKernan	(S)
1985	Greg Hardy	(P)
1986	Chris Macdonald	(P)
1986	A. (Tony) Hill	(P)
1988	Paul Thrupp	(P)
1989	Doug Scholz (dec)	(P)
1991	Gary Spillane	(S)
1994	Stephen Monahan	(P)
1995	Stephen Barratt	(S)
1995	Terry Donohoe	(P)
1995	Stephen Paterson	(P)
1997	Randal Green	(P)
1997	Ken Couchman	(S)
1998	John Taylor	(S)
1998	Ron Dixon	(S)
1998	Lindsay Thomas	(S)
1998	Gerard Mimmo	(P)
1998	Chris Yard	(P)
1998	Paul Gooley	(P)
1998	Justin Kerley	(P)
1998	Michael Barr	(P)
1998	Todd McKernan	(P)
1999	John Murray	(P)
2000	Andrew Ballantyne	(P)
2000	Danny Ryan	(P)
2000	Peter Dixon	(P)
2000	Jason Clarke	(P)
2001	Anthony Brawn	(P)
2001	Tim Hall	(P)
2002	Blair Hatherley	(P)
2003	Frank Piccolo	(P)
2003	Paul Browne	(P)
2003	Alan Brawn	(S)
2004	John Rakic	(P)
2004	Leo Browne	(S)
2005	Colin Huggins	(S)
2006	James Fulton	(P)
2006	Craig Hartley	(P)
2006	Peter Carey	(P)
2008	Barnaby Howarth	(S)
2008	Greg Hume	(P)
2008	Simon Doak	(P)

(S) - denotes Service Life Member

(P) - denotes Player Life Member

LEADING SENIOR GOAL KICKERS

1971	Kerry James	47
1972	Kerry James	51
1973	Kerry James	64
1974	Kerry James	52
1975	Eric Joiner	62
1976	W. (Bill) Renwick	84
1977	Wes Smith	65
1978	A. (Tony) Hill	59
1979	Maurie Gale	38
1980	A. (Tony) Hill	46
1981	Stephen Edwards	78
1982	Stephen Edwards	72
1983	Stephen Edwards	22
1984	Steve Bird	96
1985	David Reed	47
1986	Rob Barrett	86
1987	Ken Couchman	29
1988	Allen Gardiner	69
1989	Allen Gardiner	33
1990	Ken Couchman	27
1991	John Murray	35
1992	David Brown	39
1993	Randal Green	55
1994	Randal Green	58
1995	Randal Green	82
1996	Randal Green	68
1997	Anthony Brawn	30
1998	Peter Bennett	51
1999	Anthony Brawn	60
2000	Anthony Brawn	33
2001	Adam DeLooze	31
2002	Shaun Jones	27
2003	Anthony Brawn	38
2004	Laine Spencer	64
2005	Laine Spencer	50
2006	Laine Spencer	41
2007	Laine Spencer	41
2008	Nicholas Campbell	58



ERN HOLMES TROPHY

1971	Ted Clark
1972	Rod Miles
1973	Rod Miles
1974	Kevin Williams
1975	Trevor Daykin
1976	Trevor Daykin
1977	Denis Lenaghan
1978	Danny Cater
1979	Keith Delooze
1980	Pat Wellington
1981	Pat Wellington
1982	Mick Toy
1983	Mick Toy
1984	Gary Spillane
1985	Russell Lieschke
1986	Dick Morton
1987	Glen Hutchison
1988	Neil Pearson
1989	Brett Smith
1990	Gary Spillane
1991	Chris Yard
1992	Paul Whelan
1993	Paul Gooley
1994	Gerard Mimmo
1995	Peter Dixon
1996	Peter Bennett
1997	Tony Redshaw
1998	Chris Mahar
1999	Anthony Brawn
2000	Barnaby Howarth
2001	Barnaby Howarth
2002	Tim Nunan
2003	Tim Nunan
2004	Anthony Brawn
2005	Justin Barratt
2006	Shaun Jones
2007	Justin Barratt
2008	Matthew Carey & Alex Goodall

PENNANT HILLS AFC

FOOTBALLER OF THE YEAR

1986	David Brown
1987	Glen Hutchison
1988	Gary Spillane
1989	Stephen Barratt
1990	Tony Redshaw
1991	Chris Yard
1992	Paul Whelan
1993	Stefan Carey
1994	Gerard Mimmo
1995	Randal Green
1996	Tony Regan
1997	Jason Clarke
1998	Chris Mahar
1999	Anthony Brawn
2000	Barnaby Howarth
2001	Barnaby Howarth
2002	Peter Carey
2003	Nick Potter
2004	Ryan Talbot
2005	Kieran Jack
2006	Justin Barratt
2007	Alistair Richardson
2008	Matthew Carey

PRESIDENTS TROPHY

1983	Gus McKernan
1984	Greg Barnes
1985	Shane Farrell
1986	Andy Hughes
	Graeme Turnbull
1987	Wal Hannon
1988	Mick Coen
1989	Debbie Stapley
1990	Lori Jones
1991	Gary Spillane
1992	Craig Oates
1993	Ken Couchman
1994	Stephen Barratt
	Kim Klomp
1995	Alan Guild
	Craig Headland
	Ken Couchman
	Craig Tate
1997	Randal Green
1998	Danny Ryan
1999	John Murray
2000	Blair Hatherley
2001	Alan Brawn
	Ian Parker
2002	Martin Dulke
2003	Andy Smyth
2004	Simon Doak
2005	Danny Ryan
2006	Michael Cousens
2007	Paul Laing
2008	Paul & Jill Crisfield

KEN MACRAE SHIELD

1984	Tim Hickey
1985	David Reed
1986	Gerard Thripp
1987	Jamie McNeil
1988	Kevin Kirk
1989	Justin Kerley
1990	David Thomas
1991	Chris Yard
1992	Peter Dixon
1993	Michael Carey
1994	Matthew Daykin
1995	Chris Mahar
1996	Barnaby Howarth
1997	Peter Carey
1998	Adam Delooze
1999	Dylan Triegaardt
2000	Kristen Williams
2001	Ryan Talbot
2002	Alex Huggins
	Sebastian Parker
2003	Justin Barratt
2004	Kieran Jack
2005	David Boers
2006	Nicholas Campbell
2007	Aaron Crisfield
2008	Josh Duncan

BEST CLUBPERSON

1971	Roy Peake
1972	Kerry James
1973	Michael Mack
1974	Danny Cater
1975	Ken MacRae
1976	Robert Dwyer
1977	Reg Myers
1978	Shirley McKernan
1979	Tony Hayward
1980	Not Awarded
1981	H. R. (Bert) Hardy
1982	David Power
1983	Harry Noad
1984	Mat Steen
1985	Mike Farrell
1986	Shane Farrell
1987	Steve Paterson
1988	Ken Sims
	Peter Clarke
1989	Wal Hannon
1990	Andy Buchanan
1991	Don Ballantyne
1992	The McKernan Family
1993	The Dixon Family
1994	Jennette Elliott
1995	Peggy Thomas
1996	Trevor Daykin
1997	John Taylor
	Bob Manning
1998	John Mahar
1999	Danny Ryan
2000	Craig & Donna Telfer
2001	Cherie Brown
2002	Tim Potter
2003	Scott Howell
2004	Greg Castle
2005	Peter & Alex Myers
2006	Sam & Di Dell'Aquila
2007	Judy Jack
2008	Peter Carter

Executive Officers - Honour Roll



YEAR	PRESIDENT	TREASURER	SECRETARY
1971	Roger Nobes	Geoff Severn	Barry Sparks
1972	Kerry James	Barry Sparks	Barry Sparks
1973	Kerry James	Geoff Severn	Barry Sparks
1974	Kerry James	Graham Sayer	David Underwood
1975	Kerry James	Barry Sparks	A. (Tony) Hawley
1976	Ken MacRae	Barry Sparks	Robert Dwyer
1977	Ken MacRae	Murray Withers	Robert Dwyer
1978	Ken MacRae	Simon Martin	Robert Dwyer
1979	Ken MacRae	Eric Joiner	Robert Dwyer
1980	Ken MacRae	Tony Hayward	Shirley McKernan
1981	Ken MacRae	Creagh Bown	Shirley McKernan
1982	Stan Edwards	Peter Camilleri	Shirley McKernan
1983	Stan Edwards	Peter Camilleri	A. (Tony) Hill
1984	Peter Camilleri	E. (Ted) Brink	Mike Farrell
1985	Peter Camilleri	Doug Reed	Mike Farrell
1986	Mike Farrell	Doug Reed	Mike Farrell
1987	Derek Heelan	Doug Reed	Kay Nyhuis
1988	Derek Heelan	Roy Bohmer	Mike Farrell
1989	Derek Heelan	Roy Bohmer	Mike Farrell
1990	A. (Tony) Yard	Roy Bohmer	Don Ballantyne
1991	A. (Tony) Yard	Shirley McKernan	Don Ballantyne
1992	A. (Tony) Yard	Shirley McKernan	Don Ballantyne
1993	Lindsay Thomas	Richard Vella	Robert Knight
1994	Lindsay Thomas	Richard Vella	Alan Brawn
1995	Lindsay Thomas	Richard Vella	Alan Brawn
1996	Lindsay Thomas	Ross Scott	Alan Brawn
1997	Lindsay Thomas	Ross Scott	Alan Brawn
1998	Peter Clarke	Ross Scott	Moya Paris
1999	Peter Clarke	Ross Scott	Moya Paris
2000	Peter Clarke	Ian Parker	Moya Paris
2001	Leo Browne	Alan Brawn	Alan Brawn
2002	Leo Browne	Tim Hall	Alan Brawn
2003	Leo Browne	Michael Sullivan	Alan Brawn
2004	Leo Browne	Michael Sullivan	Alan Brawn
2005	Leo Browne	Alan Brawn	Alan Brawn
2006	Leo Browne	Alan Brawn	Alan Brawn
2007	Peter Jack	Bill Rankine	Alan Brawn
2008	Peter Jack	Bill Rankine	Alan Brawn

Coaches & Captains Honour Roll



YEAR	COACH	CAPTAIN	VICE-CAPTAIN	RESULT
1971	Kerry James	Kerry James	Errol Grieve	Third (3rd Div)
1972	Rod Ward	Rod Ward	Graeme Eime	Fourth (2nd Div)
1973	Graeme Eime	Graeme Eime	Norm Pilbeam	Runners-Up (2nd Div)
1974	Eric Joiner	Eric Joiner	Graham Howatt	Runners-Up (2nd Div)
1975	Eric Joiner	Eric Joiner	Graham Howatt	PREMIERS (2nd Div)
1976	Wes Smith	Wes Smith	W.(Bill) Renwick	PREMIERS (2nd Div)
1977	Wes Smith	Wes Smith	W. (Bill) Taylor	Fifth (1st Div)
1978	Wes Smith / Maurie Gale	Maurie Gale	David Direen	Sixth (1st Div)
1979	W (Bill) Thrupp	Maurie Gale	Keith Delooze	Fifth (1st Div)
1980	Pat Wellington	Pat Wellington	Maurie Gale	Fifth (1st Div)
1981	Pat Wellington	Pat Wellington	Keith Delooze	Third (1st Div)
1982	Ray Johns	Russell Matheson	John Goswell	Runners-Up (S.F.L.)
1983	Ray Johns	Russell Matheson	Rod Miles	Sixth (S.F.L.)
1984	Warren Ledger	Warren Ledger	A.(Tony) McGiven	Fourth (S.F.L.)
1985	Guy Wynn	Gary Spillane	Graham Crispin	Sixth (S.F.L.)
1986	Rob Barrett	Rob Barrett	Adam Harris	Third (S.F.L.)
1987	R. Barrett / G.Spillane	R. Barrett / G.Spillane	Mick Toy	Fourth STATE
1988	Gary Spillane	Gary Spillane	Mick Toy	Fourth (STATE)
1989	Ray Johns	Stephen Barratt	Doug Scholz	Seventh (STATE)
1990	Ken Tucker	Stephen Barratt	Mick Coen	Eighth (STATE)
1991	Ken Tucker / Gary Spillane	Stephen Barratt	Gary Manuel	Seventh (S.F.L.)
1992	Rob Phillipson / Trevor Clisby	Stephen Barratt	Gary Spillane	Seventh (S.F.L.)
1993	Leo Browne	Stephen Barratt	Trevor Clisby	Fourth (S.F.L.)
1994	Leo Browne	Kim Klomp	Peter Dixon	Sixth (S.F.L.)
1995	Stephen Barratt	Gerard Mimmo	Peter Dixon	Runners-Up (S.F.L.)
1996	Stephen Barratt	Gerard Mimmo	Peter Dixon	Runners-Up (S.F.L.)
1997	Stephen Barratt	Gerard Mimmo	Peter Dixon	Sixth (S.F.L.)
1998	Peter Bennett	Gerard Mimmo	Tony Redshaw	Runners-Up (S.F.L.)
1999	Peter Bennett	Anthony Brawn	Tim Hall / Paul Gooley	Third (S.F.L.)
2000	Peter Bennett	Anthony Brawn	Tim Hall / Barnaby Howarth	PREMIERS (SydneyAFL)
2001	Danny Ryan	Anthony Brawn	Tim Hall / Barnaby Howarth	Fourth (SydneyAFL)
2002	Danny Ryan	Anthony Brawn	Ashley Bell / Peter Carey	Seventh (SydneyAFL)
2003	Danny Ryan	Anthony Brawn	Ashley Bell / Tim Nunan	Fifth (SydneyAFL)
2004	Danny Ryan	Barnaby Howarth	Ashley Bell / Sebastian Parker	Fourth (SydneyAFL)
2005	Danny Ryan	Barnaby Howarth	Sebastian Parker	Third (SydneyAFL)
2006	Michael Cousens	Michael Talbot / Sebastian Parker		PREMIERS (SydneyAFL)
2007	Michael Cousens	Sebastian Parker	Justin Barratt / Alistair Richardson	Third (SydneyAFL)
2008	Michael Cousens	Sebastian Parker	Charlie Richardson / Alistair Richardson	PREMIERS (SydneyAFL)



YEAR	SENIORS	RESERVES	THIRDS	UNDER 19s / 18s (*denotes Devils)
1971	Ted Clark			
1972	Rod Miles			
1973	Rod Miles			
1974	Kevin Williams			
1975	Trevor Daykin			
1976	Trevor Daykin			
1977	Denis Lenaghan	William (Bill) Carey		
1978	Danny Cater	William (Bill) Carey		J. Goswell
1979	Keith DeLooze	K. Ronberg		Kevin Clift
1980	Pat Wellington	David Sutherland		Brendan Hellard
1981	Pat Wellington	W. Falkenberg		J. Tweedale
1982	Mick Toy	V. Hill		G. Ryan
1983	Mick Toy	J. Dempster		G. Ryan
1984	Gary Spillane	G. Woods		P. Pickett
1985	Russell Leischke			
1986	Dick Morton	Wayne Mason		Martin Hickey
1987	Glen Hutchison	Tony Burnett		Woody Longford
1988	Neil Pearson	Randall Green		Stewart Williams
1989	Brett Smith	Mick Langford		Andrew Ballantyne
1990	Gary Spillane	Mick Langford		Glen McKernan
1991	Chris Yard	Mick Langford		Glen McKernan
1992	Paul Whelan	John Bassett		Patrick Matthews
1993	Paul Gooley	Glen McKernan		Jason Clarke
1994	Gerard Mimmo	Jason Clarke		Ian Wheatley
1995	Peter Dixon	Craig Hartley		Grant Broderick
1996	Peter Bennett	Danny Ryan		Mark McVeigh
1997	Tony Redshaw	Doug Sholz		Simon Collins
1998	Chris Mahar	Blair Hatherley		Sebastian Parker
1999	Anthony Brawn	Andrew Yates		Sebastian Parker
2000	Barnaby Howarth	Robert Mayak	Frank Piccolo	Lachlan Howarth
2001	Barnaby Howarth	Robert Mayak	John Rakic	Adam Smyth
2002	Tim Nunan	Tim Potter	Frank Piccolo	Adam Smyth
2003	Tim Nunan	Luke Montgomery	Craig Hartley	Michael Hossen
2004	Anthony Brawn	Scott Cummings	Jason Walton	Matthew Carey
2005	Justin Barratt	Jarrod Myers	Craig Hartley	Hayden Bengier
2006	Shaun Jones	Ben Fitzpatrick	Joel McMullen	Jake Trestrail / Nick Low*
2007	Justin Barratt	Jake Trestrail	Nathan Sullivan	Josh Fenaroli / Vincent Meney*
2008	Matthew Carey Alex Goodall	Ben Beaston	Ben Miles	Matthew Thomas / Danny Strange*



Season 2008 has been a very successful football year for the Demons. We fielded five teams again this year and were successful in having four of these teams in the finals and more importantly Premiership winning teams in Senior – Premier Division and Third grade.

The cost of such a success is not only measured in physical effort and playing skills, but in the ability of a club to unite behind its teams and deliver the resources to train, kit out and field these five teams. These costs are born via several avenues, the major contributor being the financial support Pennant Hills Demons receives from its major sponsors.

We are blessed at Penno to have had the support this year of several such sponsors.

The ARA Group has again been magnificent in its support in being the clubs major sponsor again. The ARA Group is a premier building services and specialised building products company in Australia. An Australian-owned and operated business, the ARA Group is focused on companies that have a strong product technology, market position, brand recognition and sound management necessary to continue operating as an independent company. I take this opportunity again on behalf of our club to thank the principals of the ARA Group in Leo Browne and Ed Federman for their long-term interest and continued support of our club.

The Pennant Hills Bowling Club has again continued to be a sponsor and make available to our club the wonderful facility they offer to our players and members for their use. To be able to meet after training for a sausage sandwich and team selections, to have access to their function rooms and enjoy the warmth, good spirit and cooperation of their management and staff replaces the club room facilities we do not possess. We encourage all members and friends to consider the Pennant Hills Bowling Club when having a night out, the food and drinks are excellent and well priced, the ambience is friendly and family oriented.

We welcome aboard Pac Dirt who this year joined our sponsors as a Bronze Level. Pac Dirt is the Civil Engineering and Earthworks operation for the PacLib Group. The next time you or your company requires Civil Engineering and Earthworks remember the company that supports your team.

We extend our thanks to Anthony at A Cut of Class Hairdressers in Thorby's Arcade at Thompson's Corner for their weekly award for our Reserve grade best player. Each week this player was awarded with a voucher for a hair cut of their choice.

We as Penno supporters must be ever vigilant in spotting and approaching prospective sponsors. Unless you ask you will never know at what level a business or company might be in a position to offer financial or material support for your club. Season 2009 planning has already commenced and having regard for the success of the club this year I believe we offer a great vehicle to present and advertise any form of product. Our club is growing in numbers and therefore consumers. To all club players, members and supporters please keep your ear to the ground and advise any committee member of any reasonable prospect or lead.

To our entire sponsors and supporters a heart felt thanks, every bit counts and through your generosity we will continue to play Australian Football in the Pennant Hills District.

Many Thanks,

PAUL LAING

Sponsorship & Marketing - PHAFC





PENNANT HILLS AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL CLUB INC.

Unaudited Statement of Income and Expenditure For the year ended 30 September 2008

INCOME	\$
REGISTRATION FEES	25,314
FUND RAISING & FUNCTIONS	75,812
SPONSORSHIP	31,497
SUNDRY INCOME	14,743
TOTAL INCOME	<hr/> \$147,366 <hr/>
EXPENDITURE	
FOOTBALL	150,828
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	<hr/> \$150,828 <hr/>
OPERATING SURPLUS / LOSS FOR SEASON	<hr/> -\$3,462 <hr/>
MEMBERS FUNDS	\$74,546

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Treasurer, PHAFC Inc.



In season 2008 PHJFC had 169 Players, 9 teams, 3 Finals teams, 2 Grand final premiership teams. Plus 1 all Australian awarded player, 1 association best and fairest, 2 runner up association best and fairest, 5 AFL Scholarship award recipients, 10 North west player representatives and the only 200 club game player achievement in our 43 year History. Season 2008 was a fantastic year for the Pennant Hills Junior AFL club by any standards.

Your achievements have made us proud.

Congratulations to Michael Cousens and the Senior club on their Premierships in the Premier League and Simon Doak Second Division. The continued growth in the relationships between the two clubs provides a clear pathway for junior football in the district; this is also enhanced in the Senior Club policy to promote young footballers into the highest level of football they can achieve.

Congratulations to Glen Gunstone in the under 14's and Bob Duncan in the Under 15's for your premierships and Richard Reid for the under 12's making the finals. Congratulations to Michael Cantrall for the association Best and Fairest, Aaron Duncan for your runner up award, Jackson Potter for being named in the All Australian AFL Under 15 team as well as 200 Club Games milestones. Congratulations to Aaron Duncan, Jackson Potter, Jac Simmons, Lachlan Urwin and Joel McInerney for your AFL Scholarships. We will be watching your progress over the forthcoming years; hopefully following in the footsteps of the other current AFL players that have begun their AFL career at our club. Thankyou to our continued sponsors, Barry Smith Holden, Martin Bullock Lawyers, West Pennant Hills Sports Club and our behind the scene sponsors Linda Gregor Design, Upstream Printing and National Weighing - your financial and facility assistance make this club run smoothly.

Season 2008 began late in 2007 with Brendon Gregor and his team of enthusiasts holding skills training runs for the younger age group and didn't that benefit the boys during their early games. Auskick had a new team of Co-coordinators and coaches in 2008 with Gareth Richards, Chris Meney and John Edwards educating our new players to skills that they used in Gala Days, and half time AFL Games, well-done team. Our New Under 9's Team was formed under Penno Veterans, Steve Monahan and Dave Thomas, with a combined playing history of over 400 games the players were always going to get the best skills education coaches could provide. Steve's enthusiasm and address's at the breaks were always inspiring, even for 9 years olds.

The under 10's Red and Blue continued with their terrific team friendship from the previous years with Terry Donohue and Brendon Gregor's guidance, Paul Hanson and Kevin Eynaud both helped with these teams in Assistant Roles. Terry's team just missed out on the finals and the development of both teams is sure to see them in the finals in the coming seasons - keep at it boys. The Under 11's under Scott McNeillage, ably supported by Danny Ryan continued to build in 2008 and with the help of some of the under 10 Players gave their all in every game they played.

The Under 12's recruiting guru, Richard Reid found a heap of new players in 2008, and with the boys abilities and Richards tactical coaching made their ways to the finals, only to be beaten by experience, keep at it team perhaps 3rd time lucky in 2009. In 2008 with the boys developing at different rates and our club policy to give every player new or experienced a game, we decided to split the previous years combined under 12/13 into separate teams in their own right to form an Under 13's under David Pinker.

The 13's team found its way into division 1, which was in hindsight a jump too quick for a new team. The boys played their best every week with the help of the under 12's, were competitive but did not have the depth of experience to make the finals - watch this team in 2009 with new recruits and experience under their belt.

In the Under 14's we couldn't keep Glen Gunstone out of coaching for long and he took up the reigns of the victorious Under14's after only one year off, and what a squad he had. Two of the stars from the previous years under 14's played in their correct age group and combined with a talented player group and some of the Under 13's from a Grand Final winning team. Michael Cantrall's association best and fairest was fitting for the direction he gave the team on the field, bringing all the other talented players into the game. It was a rewarding premiership for this team.

Our biggest challenge in 2008 with the U15 's was to combine two very talented player groups. The first from Westbrook JAFCL who could not field a team in their own right with the Pennant Hills U15's, and who better than Bob Duncan. Bob who has steered the team to 3 successive final campaigns, only this time take the FLAG - a first for Bob in Junior footy. Well done boys for getting on with footy and to the parents for supporting your boys in their endeavours to continue playing this great game. Five of the boys received AFL scholarships and numerous boys made representative grades which meant each week was a juggle with the playing group. A great grand final and the result is typical of what this team has been about all year. A premiership was well deserved for all your hard work. Lets see you in 2009 finish off your junior footy in the same way.

To Kevin Eynaud as our coaches mentor and skills coach, on behalf of all the coaches thank you for your efforts and hard work throughout the year with the teams. The teams always enjoyed your involvement.

During the season I have heard many parents tell me what a great club we have, and I can only agree, but a club is the people who work behind the scenes. The willingness to do more than just watch their sons play football, these who are prepared to give up their time, the parents in the canteen and barbecue, the goal umpires, boundary managers and to the committee.

Brendon and Linda Gregor, John Acheson, Greg Swanton, David Nixon, Bill Carey, Terry Donohoe, Margret Wordsworth, Philipa Scammell, David Pinker, Steve Monahan and John Edwards, thankyou for your tireless efforts in your committee roles this year, you have made the club fire on all cylinders, thank you.

In 2009 we are looking for more parents to assist, a number of the committee have only a year left before their sons move onto the senior club. An hour of your time per week makes our great club run smoothly - share the role with a fellow parent in 2009, and continue to make this an even greater club.

To my wife and family thanks for your continued support and to finish off, playing footy with friends is double the fun so bring a friend in 2009 and show them what a great time you can have playing AFL.

GO PENNO!!!!

PHILLIP MORAITIS

President - PHJFC



Capt SEB PARKER leads the Demons out for the 2008 SydneyAFL Grand Final

Jubilant Coach MICK COUSENS exalts his players in the rooms after winning the 2008 SydneyAFL Grand Final



Capt SEB PARKER and Coach Mick Cousens after winning the 2008 SydneyAFL Grand Final

Coach SIMON DOAK, Capt JOHN RAKIC and President PETER JACK after the 'Thirsty Thirds' won their 2008 Premiership





Pennant Hills "DEMONS" Senior Grade - 2008 Grand Final team - photo taken before 1st bounce.



Pennant Hills "DEMONS" Third Grade - 2008 Grand Final team - photo taken before 1st bounce.

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