



Pennant Hills **Demons**
Australian Football Club Inc.

2009 Yearbook



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The 2009 season is now well and truly behind us and while it may not have been as successful on field as we had hoped for, following our successes in 2008 the club continued to be the benchmark in the Sydney AFL competition during 2009.

While in previous years our pre-season trial matches have incurred season ending injuries this year was injury free however this could not be said for the season proper. I cannot recall a season where as a club we have incurred so many season ending or long term injuries. This had the effect of digging deep into our player ranks during the season. The positive side of this was that it gave players the change to step up and play games at a higher level. As we come out of this in 2010 with players back from injury, the return of players from overseas and the experience gained by players this year we will be a stronger club for the 2010 season.

Our coaching staff headed by Michael Cousens and supported by Chris Yard, Blair Hatherley, Tim Kenny and Simon Doak have done a wonderful job considering the injury toll that we have encountered this year. We welcomed Simon Smyth and Jack Schwarze to our coaching ranks as coaches for our Under 18 teams and welcomed back Tony Richardson as their assistant for 2009. On behalf of every member of our football club I would like to thank you all for your great contribution to the season.

We again registered 5 teams in the Sydney AFL competition in with our 1st grade and U18 Premier sides making the finals. The Division 1 and 3 sides represented us well given their support for the 1st grade side during the season. While the final ladder position for our U18 Challenge Cup side did not truly reflect the success that this side achieved during the season. To all players thank you for a wonderful season to which you can all hold your heads high given the trying circumstances that we encountered.

Our club has not been immune from the world economic crisis that we have been through. This was reflected in a note during the season that I sent to all our club members past and present advising of our financial position for 2009. I would like to thank all those who made donations to the club following that note and a special acknowledgement to Leo Browne and the ARA Group of Companies who late in the season advised us of their ability to again sponsor the club for 2009. This has enabled us to operate with a modest surplus and leave us in a much better financial position as we progress forward to season 2010. We must also thank REAL Insurance who this year came onboard as the major sponsor for our AFL and NRL Tipping Competitions.

Off field this season our major fundraising activities continued with our association with the Cumberland Golf Club and our annual Golf Day that was well patronised. Our Trivia Night held in July was a great success and who could forget the success of the Disco Night that was well organised by Ben Beaston, Scott Myers and Luke Turner.

We continued to play our part in Sydney representative football during 2009 with Alastair Richardson, Charlie Richardson, Kieran Wright, Matthew Carey, Josh Duncan and Lloyd Shepherd all representing Sydney AFL in the annual clash with Canberra. We were also well rewarded with Alastair Richardson, Kieran Wright and Luke Bilbe named in the Sydney AFL Team of Year along with Michael Cousens who was named Coach of the Year.

As is the case in all years a number of milestones were achieved by a number of players - Jason Clarke 200th game, Tim Kenny 150th game, Brant Jack, Daniel De Looze, Jarrod Myers, Tim Young and Sam Low 100th game were recorded during the season.

I would take this opportunity to thank Greg Castle and his staff for again a wonderful job in getting our players on the field each week. To the managers, runners, water carriers, goal and boundary umpires from all teams thanks on behalf of all our players and followers. Thanks must also go to Harry Ellison and Owen Baglin for their assistance as club umpires during the season. Our canteen again was well managed by Alex and Peter Myers and for all those who assisted in the canteen or BBQ we extend our thanks.

As this will be my final report as President after 3 years in the role I would like to especially thank Alan Brawn, Bill Rankine and Steve Barratt for their support and dedication they have given me in leading this great club over the past 3 years. To the committee of 2009 your support to this club cannot be questioned again thank you all. And finally to all the players and supporters of the club I personally thank you for giving me the opportunity to be President that saw a 1st Grade Premiership, 2 3rd Grade Premierships, 2 Phelan Medallists and Club of the Year. These memories will be with me forever.

Finally I would like to acknowledge the contribution Michael Cousens has made to this club over the past 6 years as player and coach given his retirement from coaching following the 2009 season. While he will always be remembered for his outstanding record of four years of finals and two 1st Grade Premierships it is the opportunities and development that he has given to all players be it young or old to play 1st grade football that we will remember Michael for. To Narelle, Joel, Zac and Tait we thank you for allowing us the time that you have given up with Michael over the past 4 years to be with us. Also to Simon Doak our thanks for 7 wonderful years as coach of our 3rd grade side that saw 3 Premierships won and the title of "Super Coach" being bestowed upon you. To Polly and Bowen we thank you for sharing Simon with us and hope that his coaching days may now focus on the development of Bowen and his football.

In closing I would like to call on all members of our fine club to get behind the new committee for 2010. The club requires new blood and a new generation of committee members as it enters its 40th season of football in 2010 and celebrates its 40th birthday in 2011.

Again I thank you all for allowing me the opportunity to lead this great club over the past 3 years and very much look forward in continuing my assistance with the club in whatever format that may take.

PETER JACK

President - PHAFC 2009



PATRONS: KERRY JAMES A.M.
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PHAFC FOOTBALL STAFF:

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: Alex McLaren

Thirds Coach: Simon Doak

Team Manager: Paul Laing

Under /18 'Demons' Co Coach: Simon Smyth

Under /18 'Demons' Co Coach: Tony Richardson

Team Manager: Richard Varnish

Under /18 'Devils' Coach: Jack Schwarze

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

Simon Smyth

Tony Richardson



This will definitely be my last report as Club Secretary.

During the last seventeen seasons I have been a member of the committee for 14 seasons and of those 14 seasons I have been Club Secretary for 13 seasons as well as Club Treasurer for 3 seasons.

A regret that I have is that there has been no real progress on the upgrade of the facilities at Ern Holmes Oval and the widening of the playing surface. The Sydney AFL has adopted minimum guidelines and is negotiating with Hornsby Council for the provision of better facilities for home games.

The committee, for this season, whilst small in number has worked well in the interests of the Club. Others will say more about the financial challenges that have faced the committee this year. The Club needs a strong, large in number and active committee to meet the challenges it faces as it approaches its 40th Anniversary in 2011.

The introduction of a competition based on teams and not clubs meet with some resistance. The affect on our club with 5 teams was minimal as we had faced the situation of teams playing at different venues in previous years. UTS and Manly playing in Division One [the former Premier Division reserve grade competition] made their mark and showed the strength of those clubs.

We must thank Hornsby Council for the major renovation/upgrade of the turf wicket at the end of season 2008. The wicket this season was able to cope with any wet weather and was well grassed for the whole season. Round One was transferred at the request of Hornsby Council. The wet weather at the end of March / early April delayed the preparation of the wicket for the winter season. The correct decision was made as the wicket certainly stood up to the 'wear and tear' though out the season. The club should consider a request to the league that round one is an 'away' game.

The SAFL has been managed by Garry Burkinshaw, once again, in a very professional manner. Garry has worked hard to improve the 'off field' performance of all clubs and the match day operations of the competition and the Club continues to enjoy an excellent relationship with the SAFL.

Finally I must, once again, thank my wife Lesley for her patience, tolerance and support during the time that I have been involved with the club.

After the AGM I will hand over the 'memory stick'. The keyboard of my computer at home and at work will have earned a well deserved rest. I have really enjoyed my involvement with club over all the years.

If not time keeping I can now be a spectator. See you at the footy.

ALAN BRAWN

Secretary – PHAFC 2009

Presentation Night

In a departure from previous years Pennant Hills' Presentation Evening was held midweek at the prestigious Epping Club. Despite the early start for, what was to be, a long evening the attendance exceeded all expectations and was one of the best attended Presentation Evenings in recent years.

The large number of parents who attended was a pleasing feature of the evening.

Michael Cousens and Simon Doak formally announced their retirement from coaching during the evening.

Michael Cousens coached the Premier Division team for four years. The team played in the finals in each of those four years and won the flag in 2006 and 2008. Michael was selected as the SAFL 2009 coach of the year.

Michael was given a standing ovation as he left the podium, for the last time, as Club Coach.

Simon Doak coached the second reserve grade team, known as 'the thirsty thirds', for seven years. The team, during that time, played in four grade finals and won the flag on three occasions.

Life Membership was awarded to Matthew Hayman for his contribution to the Club over many years as a player and to Ian Parker for his service to the Club.

DOAKS RETIRES





PENNANT HILLS AFC
FOOTBALLER OF THE YEAR

Lloyd Shephard

SENIORS BEST & FAIREST
THE ERN HOLMES TROPHY

Alastair Richardson

BEST LOCAL FIRST YEAR PLAYER
THE KEN MACRAE SHIELD

Matthew Thomas

RESERVES BEST AND FAIREST
THE ANGUS McKERNAN TROPHY

Jak Hancock

THIRDS BEST AND FAIREST
THE FRANK PICCOLO TROPHY

Chris Laing

UNDER18 'DEMONS' BEST AND FAIREST
THE LENNY HAYES TROPHY

Nathan Varnish

UNDER18 'DEVILS' BEST AND FAIREST

Zachariah Fenn

CLUBPERSON OF THE YEAR

Jack Schwarze

PRESIDENTS TROPHY

Lauren Cain

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

Alastair Richardson

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

Jak Hancock

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

Steve Hodgson

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

Demons - Nathan Varnish
Devils - Mitchell Frankish

100+ SENIOR GAMES FOR PHAFC

Daniel Delooze
Tim Young
Jarrold Myers
Brant Jack
Sam Low

200+ JUNIOR GAMES FOR PHAFC

Jason Clarke



Season 2009 started with a new competition structure. The competition was 'divisionalised' with our normal Reserve grade playing in Division 1 (against strong opposition Manly and UTS) and Third grade 'promoted' to Division 3. This made our task of winning multiple premierships in 2009, like we did in 2008, that much more difficult.

To make matters even more difficult our pre-season training was messy. Grounds in the Hills district were hard to find and then when we finally did get onto Ern Holmes the weather closed the oval for much of the time. Bad weather even caused us to move our first home game of the season to the opposition's oval!

The club welcomed back three members of our 2006 premiership team that were not available in 2008 in Damian Dell'Aquila (knee), Lloyd Shepherd (cricket) and Alex Fraunfelder (interstate) to help bolster some losses from the 2008 premiership team.

After 3 pre-season games, including a trip to play Ainslie in Canberra, the team highlights for Season 2009 were:-

- 2 of the 5 grades playing reaching the finals
- the Senior team playing in its 6th consecutive finals campaign, but ultimately finishing forth after losing the 1st Semi final to UNSW/ES

On an individual note the highlights were many:-

- Alastair Richardson & Charlie Richardson were named co-captains of the Club
- 5 players representing the Sydney AFL team; Alastair Richardson, Kieran Wright, Matthew Carey, Damian Dell'Aquila and Lloyd Shepherd. Alastair Richardson was named Captain.
- 3 players named in the SAFL Team of the Year – Alastair Richardson, Kieran Wright & Luke Bilbe
- Michael Cousens named SAFL Coach of the year
- 1 player was nominated for the NAB Rising Star; Matt Thomas
- Alastair Richardson runner-up in the Phelan Medal – for the second time.

The first decade of the 21st century has been a very good one for Pennant Hills. In this decade the Seniors made the finals 9 times for 3 premierships, plus we had multiple premierships in Thirds and U18s. 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.

STEPHEN BARRATT

Football Manager



Senior Grade Team Awards



ERN HOLMES TROPHY

Runner Up B&F
Most Consistent
Best Team Man
Most Improved
Coaches Award
Coaches Award
Best Finals Player
Footballer of the Year
Players' Player - 'Gazza'

ALISTAIR RICHARDSON

Damian Dell'Aquila
Lloyd Shepherd
Brant Jack
Luke Bilbe
Tom Angel
Charlie Richardson
Kieran Wright
Lloyd Shepherd
Alistair Richardson

SENIORS BEST & FAIREST TOP TEN

Alastair Richardson	116
Damian Dell'Aquila	65
Lloyd Shepherd	64
Brant Jack	61
Luke Bilbe	49
Matthew Carey	45
Charlie Richardson	41
Kieran Wright	40
Daniel Delooze	32
Aaron Crisfield	31

2009 PHELAN MEDAL

Sydney Australian Football League - Senior Grade
Brydon Coles (Nth Shore) won the 2009
Phelan Medal with 19 votes

2009 LEADING GOALKICKER

Kieran Wright 47

2009 SYDNEY AFL - RISING STAR AWARD

Nominees
Matt Thomas

2009 SYDNEY AFL - REPRESENTATIVE PLAYERS

Alastair Richardson (Captain)
Charlie Richardson
Matthew Carey
Josh Duncan
Lloyd Shepherd
Kieran Wright

2009 SENIOR TEAM STAFF

Head Coach	Michael Cousens
Assistant Coach	Chris Yard
Runners	Barnaby Howarth Simon Smyth
Team Manager	Ian Parker
Co-Captains	Alistair Richardson Charlie Richardson
V-Captains	Brant Jack

SENIOR GRADE LADDER AT THE END OF THE 2009 HOME AND AWAY SEASON

	P	W	L	D	For	Agst	%	Pts
East Coast Eagles	18	14	4	0	2062	1136	182	56
West Suburbs	18	13	4	1	1896	1239	153	54
UNSW-ES	18	12	6	0	1939	1572	123	48
Pennant Hills	18	11	7	0	1714	1279	134	44
Campbelltown	18	10	8	0	1494	1708	87	40
Sydney Uni	18	9	9	0	1700	1608	106	36
Nth Shore	18	7	11	0	1565	1851	85	28
St.George	18	6	12	0	1365	1947	70	24
Wollongong	18	4	13	1	1095	1718	64	18
Balmain Dockers	18	3	15	0	1212	1989	61	12

2009 GRAND FINAL

Bankstown Olympic Park, 19th September

East Coast Eagles	22	12	144
def UNSW-ES	13	12	90



It's November 2008; the eve of the 2009 season for the Pennant Hills football club. The euphoria of our most recent premierships success at both the first and third grade levels were long gone whilst the extremely competitive seasons had by both the reserve and under 18 grades were also a distant memory. The dream of a history making 'back to back' season for our wonderful footy club was on our doorstep and only time would tell whether we could realize this dream, notwithstanding the difficulties of accomplishing such a feat; arguably one of the hardest things for a playing list to do at any level of the game. Needless to say, the sheer 'romance' of this being possible was enough to make me want to 'do it all again'; a feeling that was only compounded by the pre-season departures from the playing group due to AFL draftings, families and individuals moving to Melbourne, retirements, overseas travel, long term injury, etc., etc.

So the questions were posed

- Could our list withstand the pressures of this monstrous task?
- Could our group grow to another level in an attempt to compensate for the quality of the individuals leaving our list albeit for exciting and appropriate reasons?
- Could the coaching staff take a step to another level as well?
- Could our whole support base around the club, manage their own expectations of what this group could realistically achieve?

Only time would tell!

And by the end of the season, time definitely told a story. It told it loud and clear. But it was up to each individual as to which story they chose to consider. The obvious path might've been to believe that

- We'd failed
- We didn't win enough games to finish top 3 and as a consequence were never really going to contest the flag needing to win 3 consecutive finals to reach the big one
- Plain and simple we were unable to withstand the rigors of a consecutive flag chase

From a purely objective standpoint, the above assessment from outsiders looking it might've been a reasonable conclusion to reach. However, from my perspective, which is obviously a very internal one, I felt that there was a very different story to tell. A story that for me, declared 2009 as one of the most gratifying and emotionally fulfilling seasons that I've had the pleasure of being involved since joining the Pennant Hills coaching ranks back in 2006.

For me, 2009 was a season that

- Demonstrated tremendous heart and spirit
- Resulted in an incredibly admirable degree of individual and collective growth,
- Was made up of on-field performances that were often 'stacked' against real adversity and 'trying' circumstances
- That established a true leadership group that represented themselves, their peers as well as their jumper with pride, optimism and focus
- That essentially a coach couldn't help but be extremely proud of because not one individual took a backward step from what we were trying to achieve

And why did this sense of satisfaction exist on my part???

- We once again had an affirmative win/loss home and away record
- Between rounds 12 and 17 we won 6 games in a row
- We never lost to Wollongong, St George, Campbelltown, Sydney University and North Shore – which couldn't be said for East Coast, UNSW and Western Suburbs (the 3 teams who finished above us) in that they lost to either one or some of the mentioned teams during the course of the season
- We were only one win off finishing 3rd on the eve of the finals
- We once again did reach the 'business end' of the season – namely the finals and
- We comprehensively won the elimination final

This was despite the fact that we

- Endured an incredibly interrupted pre-season. Arguably our worst ever
- We had only 12 of the 22 premierships players in 2008 remain with the club in 2009 (as previously mentioned) not to mention other player departures across all grades within the senior list
- Between the specific departures/unavailability of Laine Spencer, Clint Setford and Nick Campbell from 2008, we in effect lost 170 goals of offensive power as was the mentioned players return last year (including finals)
- At no stage ever throughout the season were we able to put our best side on the paddock in that we lost several players to serious and/or long term injury on a ridiculously frequent basis throughout the season.

In further acknowledging the positive season that we had in addition to the actual winning performances as outlined above might I add

- We gave 43 players the opportunity to represent our club at the first grade level; 12 of which had never played first grade for Pennant Hills before – Matt Thomas, Jackson Ferguson, Jack Schwartz, Jay Lewis, Dave Ferrier, Patty McLaren, Dan Keating, Nick Low, Dan Witt, David Smith, Ted Widmar and Luke Turner
- We were one vote away from winning a 3rd consecutive Phelan Medal – Alastair Richardson; not withstanding his club best and fairest year as well as his selection as the Sydney AFL Representative and Sydney AFL team of the year captaincy's
- In addition to Alistair, we had 5 players selected in the Sydney AFL representative team who, for the first time, conquered the previously unassailable ACT side. Lloyd Shepherd, Charlie Richardson, Matt Carey, Josh Duncan and Kieran Wright
- We had 5 players represent the Sydney Swans at reserve grade level – Aaron Crisfield, Cam Smith, Matt Thomas, Matt Carey and Dan Witt with Charlie Richardson and Alex Goodall also being invited to participate but being unavailable due to injury
- We were overwhelmed with potential 'most improved' award candidates behind the eventual winner Luke Bible on the back of his Sydney AFL team of the year selection.
- We had players assuming ownership and responsibility in numerous aspects of the clubs operations be it on field or off field activities
- We were pivotal in the successful launches of the Sydney AFL shop piece facilities at both Bruce Purser in Round 1 versus East Coast as well as under lights at Blacktown in Round 18 versus Western Suburbs. In addition we were involved in an under lights tribute game at the Sydney University No.1 oval against the Sydney University Students on Anzac Day



The long and the short of it is this (at the risk of being controversial). When I first began coaching Pennant Hills back in 2006, having been a member of the playing group in 2004 and for part of 2005, I felt it was a club that was somewhat lacking in passion, character, drive and courage to sacrifice personal gain for the sake of the collective good and I might I stress, this opinion is with no disrespect to anyone. It wasn't a blatant reality but a subtle one and there existed an opportunity to challenge such sentiments and change them; and change them the players have. The bottom line is that in a game such as ours, a bit of working class mentality never goes astray and with our backs against the wall as they were time and time and time again throughout season 2009, the playing group came through and a prouder reality I can't help but testify.

As I close on season 2009 let me suggest some names that might see the club supporter base lick their lips in anticipation when they return or are again available for season 2010, which couldn't be picked on 2nd semi final day against UNSW....the eventual grand finalists for 2009

- Alex Goodall
- Alex Fraunfelter
- Matthew Carey
- Sebastian Parker
- Lloyd Shepherd
- Daniel Delooze
- Justin Barratt
- Josh Duncan

Just to name a few (Get excited Gus ☺). These possibilities combined with the spirit that exists amongst the playing, the improvement that has been realized by so many in the last 12 months along with the prospect of so many talented under 18's and 16's coming into the mix next year, the playing list (I think) couldn't be in better shape, and with that, there is no better time to step aside.

As I sign off for season 2009 might I offer the following acknowledgements (in no necessary order)

- To Pig, Robbo, Doakes, Smythy and Tony – as coaches and friends you were a great team to be a part of. My sincerest thanks for being involved
- Lauren and Greg (especially Lauren) – thank you once again for your professional and tireless support throughout the season. It was without doubt the most incredible year from an injury point of view and you never missed a beat
- Ian Parker – In the words of Whitney Houston – “I will always love you!” ☺
- Peter Jack – Another great season Surly
- To the PHFC committee – For once again the faith shown
- To Yards – A coaching relationship entered, a lifelong friendship gained
- 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 43 that played first grade through the season 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.





But in signing off for the very last time in my tenure as coach from 2006 through to 2009 might I say two things

Firstly, to my immediate family – Relly, Joel, Zach and Tait; a heartfelt thank you. To Relly in particular, you have been the most patient, encouraging, understanding and mutually embracing support that anyone could wish to have had by their side. Your contribution to the cultural growth, as well as the on and off field success of this football club over the last four years is without peer. Whilst you might have been audibly silent your positively influential actions and behaviors around the football club in bringing Mums, girlfriends, sisters and families to the fray spoke volumes; a charter that no one asked you to assume but an opportunity that you graciously and effectively recognized as well as realized. With much love.

Secondly to EVERYONE associated with the Pennant Hills Football Club; thank you for providing me with the most successful and personally fulfilling experience that I've ever had in football. The memories and feelings will never waver nor my red and blue heart ever change. Good luck to all for season 2010 and beyond. Embrace the inevitable changes for the terrific opportunities they will undoubtedly provide

MICK COUSENS

2009 Club & Senior Team Coach



Reserve Grade Team Awards



ANGUS McKERNAN TROPHY

JAK HANCOCK

Runner Up B&F	Nicholas Baglin
Most Consistent	Ben Miles
Best Team Man	Daniel Keating
Most Improved	David Smith
Coaches Award	Marc Summers
Players' Player - 'Dougie'	Jak Hancock

RESERVE GRADE BEST & FAIREST TOP TEN

Jak Hancock	57
Nicholas Baglin	49
Ben Miles	48
Richard Laing	40
Patrick McLaren	40
Sam Dunell	37
David Smith	33
Nathan Wright	28
James Ellison	27
David Ferrier	25

2009 SANDERS MEDAL

Sydney Australian Football League - Reserve Grade
Leigh McWhirter (Syd Uni) won the 2008
Sanders Medal with 13 votes.

2009 LEADING GOALKICKER

Scott Myers	41
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2009 RESERVE GRADE STAFF

Co Coaches	Tim Kenny Blair Hatherley
Team Manager	Alex McLaren
Captain	Sam Dunell
Vice-Captain	Michael Hossen

RESERVE GRADE LADDER AT THE END OF THE 2009 HOME AND AWAY SEASON

	P	W	L	D	For	Agst	%	Pts
UTS	18	18	0	0	1804	757	238	72
Manly Warringah	18	15	3	0	1768	833	212	60
East Coast Eagles	18	13	5	0	1486	974	153	52
Sydney Uni	18	11	7	0	1541	979	157	44
UNSW/ES	18	11	7	0	1343	1136	120	44
Pennant Hills	18	7	11	0	1309	1200	109	28
Western Suburbs	18	5	12	1	971	1546	63	22
Wollongong	18	4	13	1	799	1607	50	18
North Shore	17	4	14	0	1023	1573	65	16
St George	18	1	17	0	693	2129	33	4

2009 GRAND FINAL

Blacktown Olympic Park, 19th September

UTS	21	10	136
def East Coast Eagles	5	7	37



Well, what a difference 12 months can make! Last year we were playing off for a Grand Final berth and this year missing the finals series. I think it is fair to say that many of our players (and Coaches for that matter) found out what it really takes to be competitive year on year. There is no doubt with the way the Sydney AFL structured our comp that the addition of UTS and Manly from the grades below has made it a much stronger competition. Something that perhaps we didn't quite adapt to that well? Personally I think it is one of the better initiatives from the Sydney AFL to re-structure the comp. We yearned for regular hard contests last year and had to contend with perhaps 4 or 5 hard games all year. I think we will all learn a lot from this year with the realization that we are now finding ourselves a fair way off the pace with the top sides in Division 1. With that being said, I think it just gives us such a massive opportunity to fulfill the potential that I think we never really had the opportunity to explore this year.

Now to wrap up the year I suppose you could ask, what happened? And Why?

No doubt there was a few hugely contributing factors. I believe a much disrupted pre-season was probably a major contributing factor to the whole clubs fortunes this year. There was not the usual numbers that we normally get in January. Combined with a lot of issues with regards to bad weather and the unavailability of a ground to train on. Too many times we had to contend with road running instead of skill work or drill based running exercises. This lack of solid fitness base I think led to the horror run of injuries that plagued the whole club all year. I don't think we were unlucky with injuries, I think there was an element of unpreparedness of players to have their bodies fully fit for a big year of footy.

Leaving aside the negative aspects of the year let's focus onto some of the good things that happened in 2009. It was certainly a year to blood a lot of players into the Division 1 team for the first time. Guys like Adam Dallas, Darcy Chivers and Andrew Carey really made ourselves and Doaks happy to give them a go in a higher grade and see what they could do. It can only benefit them in their future career to see how the game is different in a higher grade. I really hope to see those guys in Division 1 on a regular basis.

Similarly we welcomed a few new faces into the senior club at Pennant Hills. Marc (Daryl) Summers came down from Gosford, Cody (no nickname as yet) Stucker from the Northern Territory, Dave (Fez) Ferrier from Echuca, and Dan (Flea) Keating from Perth. Of course there is the guys who have come up from last year's U/18's team in Nick Baglin, Matty Thomas, Jack Schwarze and Dan Witt to name a few. This element of new faces always interests a coach at the start of the year and I can honestly say that it was a pleasure to have all these guys join our senior club and embrace their rise in ranks. I hope that they continue with the club next year and play many a game in the blue and red in years to come.

It was not all doom and gloom for us this year however. We did have some memorable wins and some very creditable performances worth mentioning. I thought our best win of the year was our Round 1 win against East Coast (triple premiers). A gutsy and hard fought victory on their home turf over our biggest foe was an amazing way to start the year. Similarly our win against North Shore on Past Players Day was equally as enjoyable. For all those who witnessed Pigs three quarter time address to the players you will understand how much beating North Shore still means to this club!!

A fantastic couple of games against the benchmark side in UTS were also very encouraging for us. Clearly our best quarter of the year was against UTS in the third when we kicked 8 goals against the best team in the

comp and led by 1 point at the last break. The second time we met them running into the finals we were only down by 2 goals at the last break. No team had stuck it to UTS like we did this year and they were the days that the coaches were very proud of the efforts from all the players.

It would be remiss of us to not recognize some fantastic seasons from certain players. Jak Hancock obviously had a tremendous year having to deal with many different positions depending on what the team needed and still won the Best and Fairest. Nick Baglin was almost dropped mid-season due to a lack of form. But he found his niche as a small forward and for a guy straight out of U/18's and not much bigger than a Year 4 student he showed an amazing willpower to compete. He was a true inspiration to this team and the whole club, well done Bags!

Other guys to have really big years I thought were Benny Miles, Sam Dunell (who was battling a chronic knee problem all year), Patty McLaren and Dave Smith. They were all consistent, solid contributors to the side all year and more than anything else showed that they were not going to lie down this year and accept defeat. This was something to be admired from all within our club.

We now express our thank you's for the year - firstly to our right hand man on the sideline, Alex McLaren. As coaches we appreciated your willingness to share your thoughts on the game with us, as well as run a tight ship with regards to getting us organised all year. Thanks a lot mate. Secondly to our physio team of Greg and Loz. There are not many more superlatives that can be said about what you do for us as a club. All I can say is that as a football side, the Penno Resses team thanks you for your professionalism, but more importantly the care and personal attention you give each player. It is not forgotten on any player that is certain.

Smythy and Yardy, we'd like to thank you for the fun that you bring to the job, and also great assistance in helping us field a side each week when sometimes we never thought we could. I still can't believe YD played a couple of games for us...!!

Doaks - congratulations on a stellar coaching career at Penno. Your personal enthusiasm for the job has made your time here a great success. All those flags are a testament to the culture and attitude that you have cultivated in the Thirsties and you have made the club better for it.

Cuzzy - you have left an indelible mark on this club. Like none before you. From both of us, thank you for your friendship and trust in our opinion over the last 2 years. We appreciated the respect you gave our opinion at "The Table", and more importantly the jokes that were to be had every Thursday. I think we'll all miss those days greatly.

To next year, what do we do? There is only one thing to do, train our backsides off in the pre-season and ensure we give ourselves the best possible chance to rectify the issues that I described earlier in this report. There are NO shortcuts to success boys, but when you all do the hard work together the rewards are all that much sweeter. So let's make sure we are on the track in January at the first session and win that bloody flag that we all deserve.

Enjoy your summer!

PIG & ROBBO

Reserves Co-Coaches - PHAFC 2009

Third Grade Team Awards



FRANK PICCOLO TROPHY

CHRIS LAING

Runner Up B&F	Sam Low
Most Consistent	Andrew Carey
Best Team Man	Michael White
Most Improved	Adam Dallas
Coaches Award	Darcy Chivers
Players' Player - 'Telf'	Steve Hodgson

THIRD GRADE BEST & FAIREST TOP TEN

Chris Laing	76
Sam Low	56
Steven Hodgson	55
Jake Trestrail	44
Anthony Brawn	44
Leighton Corr	40
Joshua Heffernan	39
Kent Weir	35
Jesse Fenn	31
Richard Laing	31

2009 ARMSTRONG MEDAL

Sydney Australian Football League - Division Four
Robbie Morrison (Moorebank Sports) won the 2009
Armstrong Medal with 15 votes.

2009 LEADING GOALKICKER

John Rakic	38
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2009 THIRD GRADE STAFF

Coach	Simon Doak
Team Manager	Paul Laing
Captain	John Rakic
Vice Captain	Michael White

THIRD GRADE LADDER AT THE END OF THE 2009 HOME AND AWAY SEASON

	P	W	L	D	FF	For	Agst	%	Pts
Nor West	16	15	1	0	0	1767	588	301	94
UNSW/ES	16	15	1	0	0	1717	611	281	94
UTS	16	10	6	0	0	1274	900	142	63
Macquarie Uni	16	9	7	0	0	1288	906	142	56
Moorebank Sports	16	7	9	0	0	1055	1118	94	44
Pennant Hills	16	6	10	0	0	911	1177	77	38
Penrith	16	5	11	0	0	1053	1385	76	31
Southern Power	16	5	11	0	0	766	1301	59	31
Holroyd-Parra	16	0	16	0	0	354	2199	16	0

2009 GRAND FINAL

Blacktown Olympic Park, 12th September

UNSW/ES	9	4	58
def Sydney Uni Blue	10	12	48

Thirds Coaches Report



The 2009 SAFL season saw a restructured competition with the Thirds being promoted up to Division Three after winning the Premiership for the past two years. The Nor-West Jets and Penrith were also in the Division Three competition, while our arch rivals Sydney Uni went up to division two and the NSW/ES, Sydney and Macquarie university's second sides dropped down to Division four. This created a more balanced and challenging competition for the nine remaining teams. Also after the recent successful years at Pennant Hills there were a lot of player movements and retirements that impacted third grades depth. These transitions however opened up a lot of opportunities for the younger and newer players.

There were some new additions during preseason training with the arrival of Chivers, Dallas, J Fenn, Heffernan and Stitt while Strange, Watson, Govender, Wordsworth, McGlone and Elsley graduated from under 18's. They joined the blue and red blooded players such as Rakic, Hatherley, M White, Hume and Hayman to complete the squad. In the tougher competition every game was going to be crucial. The first game was against UTS who would be one of the teams at our level, challenging for the fourth finals spot. This game showed the increased standard, with Thirds losing by 30 points in extremely wet conditions. For this game there were only 3 players on the bench, which was a reoccurrence throughout the season.

The next three games saw confidence building wins, suggesting that a finals berth was a possibility. The first against Parramatta saw the unfurling of the 2008 Premiership flag which flew magnificently over The Ern. These games also saw the return of some Pennant Hills old boys, with Spencer and Brawn leading by example. The next 6 games against tough opposition tested our resolve as all the results went against Thirds. Opposition sides grew extra legs as they challenged the dual premiers. The positive side of the coin was that there were plenty of opportunities for the younger and rookie players to perform against quality opponents. Everyone's development and improvement strongly shone through. Two losses to teams under us on the ladder would prove decisive at the end of the season. With results hard to come by, the hard fought win away against Southern Power was a great feeling. The new Third grade players showed their potential, teaming up with an outstanding returning Jake Trestail for a well deserved win. Another boisterous rendition of "It's A Grand Old Flag" was sung after the Cuz, Hodgson and Rakic inspired win v Parramatta for my 100th coached game.

With three games to go, Thirds had to beat Macquarie Uni to have any chance of the top four so this game was our final. The game was played at a high level of intensity with Laing, Trestail, Stitt and Hodgson performing brilliantly. Rakic kicked 4 goals and an inspirational four efforts in a row by Chivers carried the team across the line for our best result of the season. Unfortunately, the form did not continue and we lost the final two games with the last game being against the eventual Premiers UNSW/ES Bulldogs.

It was great to see the players develop as the opportunities were given to them. Many of last year's premiership players and new players made appearances in reserve grade over the year. Being able to play with the Old Pennant Hills boys was also a highlight for many of the players. The tough year was not helped with injuries to Govender, Watson, Owers, M White, Power and the mid season departure of Hume and McClelland.

The season saw 68 players fielded for Thirds and the balanced nature of the year saw 57 collect Best and fairest votes. Once again there were many tireless and much appreciated volunteers to thank. To our dedicated team manager Paul Laing, the team's physio Chelsea Low and the Club umpires thank you for your time and effort this year. Thank you also to Captain John Rakic and Vice Captain M White for your leadership and support. Thirds rely on the leadership, commitment and effort from the Seniors and Reserves coaches Cousey, Yard, Kenny and Hatherley and the Club President, board and supporters, which is greatly appreciated.

The 2009 was a transition year with new players taking their opportunities and showing outstanding improvement. The even nature of the team meant there was tough competition for spots and individual honours. The following players, however, provided standout performances and deserve recognition from their peers

Best & Fairest: Chris Laing continued on from last year's brilliant form and won this award from playing just 5 games with Thirds. In each of these games he cleaned up opponents as well as all the votes with his run, tackling, skill and attack on the ball. His efforts saw him become an established member of the reserve grade side. His nickname of Nails says it all. Congratulations Chris on an outstanding performance.

Runners Up: Sam Low was a late arrival to thirds this year but he quickly made his presence felt by always giving 110% and leading by example around the park. On a few occasions when he came to the sideline suggesting a rest he was politely told that there would be a quarter time break in a little while, which he could wait for. He also played only 5 games for Thirds this year and was quickly promoted to reserve grade due to his skill, determination and never give up attitude. Well done Sam.

Most Consistent: Andrew Carey established himself as a courageous Third grade defender in only his second year at the club. His development was fantastic to see as he spoiled opposition's attacks and created play by using his pace out of the backline. He always attacked the ball and this attitude, his consistent performance and solid training attendance was a major reason for his personally successful year.

Best Team Man: Michael White always gives 100% to the team, the club and his football and is an influential Vice Captain. His efforts in Thirds saw him promoted to play a few games in reserves before a complicated foot injury sidelined him for the rest of season. Playing in seconds or the injury did not stop him from turning up at the Third grade game to offer support, complete a task or assist in coaching. He also supported the club with the selling of tipping tickets and his efforts are duly recognised with this award. Thank you Mic your efforts are much appreciated.

Most Improved: Adam Dallas was one of our successful first year rookies. After a strong preseason concentrating on ball skills he took advantage of his opportunities in the early rounds to establish himself as a thirds player. Further training and game time developing the footy smarts saw him progress to positions up the ground and then on to the ball. Towards the end of the season he was one of thirds most reliable players and his performance warranted a call up to reserve grade for the rest of the year. The year has been a great personally successful journey for Adam. His extra training efforts and commitments have been rewarded and he will be back even better next year.

Coaches Award: Darcy Chivers was another first year rookie who successfully took to the game. He trained hard in the preseason taking time to focus on learning the correct skills. His positive attitude, willing nature and sporting attributes saw him pick up the skills very quickly. He was always looking to improve and over the season his match experience had him holding down key positions like Centre halfback and Centre Half forward. He accepted each challenge and his inspirational run up the wing against Macquarie involving four repeat efforts showed how far he had developed as a football player. With one years experience Darcy will be back next year and will continue growing into an accomplished footballer. A great first year Darcy and everyone looks forward to watching you achieve future success with Pennant Hills.

Players Player: Steve Hodgson had an outstanding season, with thirds and reserve grade appearances. Whenever or wherever he played he gave total commitment and dominated the on ball, or half forward positions. His encouraging talk and leadership on the field endeared him to the other players and he is rightly recognised as the Thirds Players Player. Well done in winning this prestigious award from your peers. The team looks forward to lining up with you on the field again next year

Others to have a fantastic season were John Rakic, Martin Schindhelm, Ronan Wordsworth, Warwick Jackson and Karl Laing. These players were ably supported by Leighton Corr, Jessie Fenn, Josh Heffernan and David Corder, Chad Fleah and Nathan Breen. It was also great to see Tim Young and Sam Low chalk up their 100th game for the Pennant Hills club and Matthew Hayman being awarded Life Membership.

The 2009 season did not bring the three in a row premiership that was hoped for though it was successful in different ways. In a much stronger competition the side won 6 of 16 games and still was in finals contention till the end. The 6th spot finish, 3 wins and percentage from 4th spot was a fair reflection given the reduced depth and loss of key positions coverage. The players showed determination, desire and significant improvement over the year to build up experience and skill levels in preparation for the 2010 season.

After seven terrific years, this year brings a closure to my coaching of Third grade. In hindsight I did not realise what I was getting into when I started and it has proven to be a wonderful journey. Everyone's support, especially from my wife Polly, and the very junior demon Bowen, has delivered an experience that I have personally developed from and loved. The successes have been sweet, whether it's a premiership for Thirds, the club or just seeing a player improve and reach towards their potential. I feel honoured and humbled that I was offered and held this important position in such a great and successful club. The memories, stories, friends and acquaintances will be cherished in my Red and Blue heart.

As I sign off as coach from another successfully completed year, I would like to convey a special thank you to all the players, supporters and club officials for your assistance and support. It has been a pleasure and rewarding experience to be a part of it all and to be able to give something back to the club and the game. As a die hard supporter, I wish continued success to all, as the next footy season arrives with anticipation, excitement and red and blue expectation. May the passion, traditions and legend of the Pennant Hills Demons and the mighty Thirsty Thirds continue to deliver success.

SIMON DOAK
Thirds Coach – PHAFC

Under 18 Grade Team Awards – 'Demons'



LENNY HAYES TROPHY

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

NATHAN VARNISH

Jackson Potter
Mitchell Antman
Lauchlan Urwin
Kane Clark
Don Bull
Nathan Varnish

U/18 'DEMONS' BEST & FAIREST TOP TEN

Nathan Varnish	96
Jackson Potter	70
Aaron Duncan	63
Tim Wales	63
Ted Widmer	56
Don Bull	52
Jay Lewis	43
Joel McInerney	39
Oliver Tweeddale	34
Fraser Nixon	31

2009 KEALY MEDAL

Sydney Australian Football League - U/18 Premier
Kane Murphy (St Ignatius Riverview) won the 2009
Kealy Medal with 21 votes

2009 LEADING GOALKICKER

2009 UNDER 18'S STAFF

Co Coach	Simon Smyth
Co Coach	Tony Richardson
Team Manager	Richard Varnish
Captain	Nathan Varnish

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

	P	W	L	D	FF	For	Agst	%	Pts
Nth Shore	18	16	2	0	0	1885	588	321	89
East Coast Eagles	18	15	2	1	0	1711	778	220	86
St George	18	14	3	1	0	1800	757	241	81
Pennant Hills	18	12	6	0	0	1668	759	220	67
Wollongong	18	12	6	0	0	1358	1132	120	67
UNSW/ES	18	5	12	1	0	1072	1463	73	31
Balmain Dockers	18	5	13	0	0	860	1880	46	28
St. Ignatius	18	4	12	0	1	821	1382	59	24
Campbelltown	18	4	13	1	1	569	1954	34	15
West Suburbs	18	2	16	0	0	599	1960	31	11

2009 GRAND FINAL

Blacktown Olympic Park, 19th September

North Shore	8	9	57
def St George	6	9	45



Under 18 football is about developing young players, so that they can reach their potential. The transition from junior to senior football can be a large step, and coaches Tony Richardson and Simon Smyth were excited about the prospects of our young list. When the season started we had a talented (and very young) group of individuals, by season's end most of the group were capable of playing committed team football. Developing players to play football at the level required to succeed at senior football meant that the following key areas were focused on during the season:

- 1 on 1 football – Fast transitions after turnovers, to ensure we worked hard to win the ball back.
- Ball movement – Moving the ball quickly and precisely, as well as backing yourself to take risks.
- Leadership – Empowering each player to make decisions on the field.
- Structures – Learning different set-ups, to maximize the opportunity of winning the ball, and then creating for your teammates.
- To continue to work hard when the player hasn't got the ball through shepherds, blocks, tackling and talk.

We did struggle for most of the year to field two under 18s sides, due to representative commitments, injuries, study commitments, and players selected to play firsts and seconds for Penno. We do need around 30 players to field one under 18s side, and given the constraints outlined in this paragraph, all 30 would be guaranteed a game most weeks during the year.

Our season took a couple of weeks to get going, due to the unavailability of many players with TPP commitments. Round 3 against Riverview saw us hit our straps, as we recorded the 1st of our 6 wins of 100 points or more. The feature of our early season play was our ability to string together 4 or 5 quick handballs, to free up a player in space. We then hit slight hurdles against eventual grand finalists, St George and North Shore, but learnt a lot from those losses, and took confidence away from knowing that we remained competitive for most of the game.

At the halfway point of the season, we were well placed at 6-3, and in 3rd spot. The highlight of the season for us undoubtedly occurred in Round 10 against East Coast. It was after this 31 point win (only East Coast's 2nd loss for the season), that the self-belief of each member of the group increased, knowing that we could match it with the other top teams. Our forwards were dangerous, our midfield won the footy, and our backline withstood 7 or 8 minutes of pressure at a time. This form continued over the coming weeks, with the pleasing thing being that we never had the same team 2 games in a row. Whichever 22 took the field, knew their roles, and executed them perfectly for the team.

Round 15 saw a change of fortune for us, starting with our trip to Wollongong. A 6 point loss saw us lose 3 straight games in a row to Wollongong, North Shore and St George, the 3 teams that finished 1st, 2nd and 3rd at the end of the finals. We still took heart out of our competitiveness and that there were glimpses of good form during these games. Round 18's demolition of Wests at Blacktown Olympic Park gave us great confidence heading into the finals, and we had qualified in 4th position.

Our elimination final against Wollongong was an even affair for the entire game, although we looked to be mainly in control over most parts of the ground. With 8 minutes to go, we held a 17 point lead, and looked to have done enough to qualify for week 2 of the finals. However, football is a great leveler, and a goal with 30 seconds to go saw Wollongong in front by 3 points, and they held on until the final siren. The result was bitterly disappointing, and as most of our 2009 players will still be eligible in 2010, there is one way of atonement, and that is to be premiers in 2010.

Despite our elimination in week one of the finals, the season itself was a huge success, with the overall development of the squad, the fact that 3 players played Senior Football, 5 made the U/16 State Team and 13 players represented the Starz, Pioneers or Heat in TPP Carnivals. Another exciting aspect is the fact that a large majority of the squad has another 1 or 2 years left in the U/18's, making an exciting future for the club ahead.

Thank you to all of the parents, families and friends for supporting the team this year, and volunteering to assist with match day duties. Our strongest appreciation must go to Team Manager, Richard Varnish, who not only organised parents and players to assist with these duties on a weekly basis, but was also responsible for recruiting enough players to have both a Premier and Challenge Cup team. Richard, your support this year has been phenomenal, and greatly appreciated. Also, thanks to John Tweedale, Barnaby Howarth and John McInerney for their more regular roles as runners and water carriers.

Most importantly, thanks to all of the players, who have represented this great club with distinction, and a commitment to each other and to the red and blue jumper. What started out as a group of kids wanting to play footy has evolved into a group of mates, who will always be there for each other. Congratulations on all you have achieved and thank you for allowing the coaching staff to share this journey with you.

SIMON SMYTH & TONY RICHARDSON

Coaches Under 18 Demons - PHAFC

Under 18 Grade Team Awards – 'Devils'



BEST & FAIREST TROPHY

ZACHARIAH FENN

Runner Up B&F	Fraser Nixon
Most Consistent	Gavin Taylor
Best Team Man	Jacob Richards
Most Improved	Mitchell Frankish
Coaches Award	Crispin Demetriou
Players Player	Mitchell Frankish

U/18 'DEVILS' BEST & FAIREST TOP TEN

Zachariah Fenn	77
Fraser Nixon	47
Gavin Taylor	41
Jacob Richards	40
Nicholas De Gorter	31
Oliver Brodie	26
Alec Moraitis	24
Mitchell Antman	23
Benjamin Martin	23
Mitchell Frankish	22
Josh Unis	21
Timothy Graham Robertson	20

2009 HART METAL

Sydney Australian Football League - U/18 Challenge Cup
Rhys Vince (Southern Power) won the 2009
Hart Medal with 18 votes

2009 LEADING GOALKICKER

2009 UNDER 18'S DEVILS STAFF

Coach	Jack Schwarze
Manager	Richard Varnish

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

	P	W	L	D	FF	For	Agst	%	Pts
Syd Uni	16	15	1	0	0	2181	530	412	94
Southern Power	16	14	2	0	0	1231	651	189	88
Penrith	16	12	4	0	0	1327	598	222	75
Moorebank Sports	16	10	6	0	0	1166	917	127	63
Pennant Hills	16	9	5	0	2	869	1039	84	56
East Coast Eagles	14	5	11	0	0	780	944	83	31
Macquarie Uni	16	3	13	0	0	549	1381	40	19
Holroyd Parramatta	13	2	11	0	3	581	1577	37	13
Manly Warringah	10	2	8	0	6	525	1572	33	13

2009 GRAND FINAL

Blacktown Olympic Park, 12th September

Sydney Uni	16	14	110
def Southern Power	2	5	17



The U18 Challenge cup team, more commonly referred to as 'The Devils', struggled prior to the '09 season to even make the numbers required to enter a team in the competition. However, with a late surge of interest, the decision was made and a team was entered. Unfortunately this turned out to be the common theme throughout the year with 1 forfeit due to lack of numbers and many other close calls. The way the boys would react to this would set the standard for the year. Many games we would have a team of only 14. Many games we would come face to face with a team of 20+. MANY GAMES WE WOULD WALK AWAY VICTORIOUS!! This is a true testament to the courage and commitment shown by those players who turned up each week knowing full well they may not even get to run onto the field that day. Traits in my eyes shown also by the parents.

Success in '09

In the football community success is generally measured by the premiership. The ultimate goal. Although we didn't manage to snare a premiership cup of our own, our on field success was still far and beyond what may have been predicted at the commencement of the season. To walk away with 9 wins, 7 losses and only narrowly missing out on finals is an achievement in itself. Not to mention the fact that players who were performing well for us would be rewarded by having their chance to play with premier cup. Out of the 42 players who played Devils, 28 also played games with premier cup.

Off field success can be hard to measure. It may simply be determined by ones perception. When you have boys each week volunteer to double up and help premier cup by playing with them after their own games, that's success. When these boys help the club by supporting the older grades or lending a hand in the canteen or on the bbq, that's success. Even when we have strong numbers turn up to bbqs throughout the year or club functions, that's success.

My Gratitude

So much would not have come to be if it weren't for the help of so many. To Simon and Tony, your knowledge and passion for the game truly influenced my own coaching style. Your help on selection and game days never went unappreciated by the boys or myself so I thank you. To Richard Varnish, for overseeing everything behind the scenes and Henri De Gorter for controlling everything come game day, I thank you. To the dads who put on the running shoes and ran water, I thank you. To Penny Demetriou for standing in the goals waving your flags, I thank you. To the parents who travelled far and wide to support your boys, I thank you. To Lucy, Chelsea and Tamara for strapping the boys and attending to any injuries and Greg for his 1 celebrity appearance, I thank you. To the Pennant Hills AFC committee for doing everything you do to make sure the boys have a game to play of a weekend, I thank you.

Finally to the boys. Footy just wouldn't be the same if we didn't have players. For showing your commitment at training and, of course, game days, I thank you. For providing me with entertainment whether it be through players missing goals from two metres out, players coming out of their shell and doing something miraculous or players who simply show how much they love playing footy, I thank you. And finally for throwing/ dragging me though the mud and Charles Mac so that I had literally nothing to drive home in, I DON'T thank you.

I had an absolute blast coaching the Devils this year so to everyone, I thank you.

JACK SCHWARZE

Under 18 Challenge Cup Coach

Player Records – 2009



OPEN AGE TOTAL:	NAME:		2009	SENIORS	RESERVES	THIRDS	UNDER 18	CLUB GAMES TOTAL:
306	YARD	Chris	3		2	1		306
239	BRAWN	Anthony	6		1	5		239
223	HATHERLEY	Blair	11		7	4		261
219	RAKIC	John	15			15		219
201	CLARKE	Jason	12	10	1	1		217
159	KENNY	Tim	11		11			200
157	HUME	Greg	3		1	2		172
144	DOAK	Simon	13			13		144
143	HAYMAN	Matthew	12		11	1		143
141	McCAMEY	Matthew	19	19				172
132	LOW	Josh	19	17	2			155
120	RICHARDSON	Alastair	19	19				138
109	JACK	Brant	16	15	1			121
104	YOUNG	Tim	5			5		104
101	LOW	Sam	10		5	5		119
100	DELOOZE	Daniel	17	15	2			132
100	MYERS	Jarrold	16		15	1		127
99	BILBE	Luke	20	20				112
98	WHITE	Michael	9		3	6		98
95	CAREY	Matthew	17	17				130
94	JACKSON	Warwick	13			13		94
91	CLARKE	Andrew	7		6	1		131
87	SHEPHERD	Lloyd	16	16				87
83	HOLGATE	Michael	11		10	1		139
82	WIDMER	Samuel	14	13	1			112
77	MORAITIS	Jonathon	13	11	2			90
77	WRIGHT	Kieren	20	20				77
76	SPENCER	Laine	6		2	4		76
71	RICHARDSON	Charlie	17	17				102
70	DELL'AQUILA	Damian	20	20				84
67	AITKEN	Mitch	20	20				115
67	MYERS	Scott	14	13	1			113
66	GAGGIN	Jarryd	14	5	9			95
63	BARCLAY	Patrick	11		9	2		63
60	LAING	Richard	14	5	6	3		91
57	GOODALL	Alex	2	1	1			73
56	MILES	Ben	15		13	2		68
54	PORTER	John	1			1		54
51	CRISFIELD	Aaron	13	13				64
51	DUNELL	Sam	16		16			51
49	ELLISON	James	14	8	6			81
48	HODGSON	Steven	8		3	5		59
48	RYAN	Nathan	2			2		48
47	CAMPBELL	Nick	7	4	3			57
47	McLAREN	Patrick	18	2	16			47
47	SCOTT	Ben	1			1		91
47	WEIR	Kent	15		13	2		47
46	TURNER	Luke	17	13	4			76
45	ANGEL	Tom	16	16				59
45	BARNES	Peter	13	7	6			60
44	TRESTRAIL	Jake	6		2	4		71
43	WRIGHT	Nathan	12	6	6			43
41	CARLINI	Aaron	5			5		41
38	HANCOCK	Jak	16	2	14			72
37	LOW	Nicholas	16	2	12	2		69
36	McCLELAND	Ryan	3			3		36
35	LAING	Chris	17		12	5		58
35	STEPHENSON	Josh	7		2	5		35
34	SMITH	David	19	10	9			54
32	CORR	Leighton	15		6	9		32
31	BEASTON	Ben	14	13	1			31
30	BREEN	Nathan	14		8	6		58
26	COUSENS	Michael	3			3		26
24	CARRUTHERS	Tristan	10		7	3		24
24	SMITH	Cameron	17	14	3			59
23	LAING	Karl	11			11		23
23	SCHINDHELM	Martin	14			14		23
22	CARTER	Matthew	1	1				55
21	CAREY	Andrew	13		2	11		21
19	DUNCAN	Josh	5	5				30
19	FRAUNFELTER	Alexander	3	2	1			19
19	McLAREN	Robert	2		2			19
19	OWERS	Daniel	4			4		38
18	BAGLIN	Nicholas	18		18			59
18	LESTAL	Dean	1			1		18
18	THOMAS	Matthew	17	15	2			55
17	FERRIER	David	17	3	14			17
17	WITT	Daniel	17	13	3	1		42
16	CHIVERS	Darcy	16		1	15		16
15	CORDER	David	12		1	11		41

Player Records – 2009



OPEN AGE TOTAL:	NAME:		2009	SENIORS	RESERVES	THIRDS	UNDER 18	CLUB GAMES TOTAL:
15	DALLAS	Adam	15		4	11		15
15	FLEAY	Chad	10		2	8		15
15	SUMMERS	Marc	15		15			15
15	WORDSWORTH	Ronan	15			15		54
14	KOUTOUZIS	Stephen	13		10	3		49
14	WHITE	Chris	2			2		14
13	STRANGE	Danny	13		4	9		37
12	SCHWARZE	Jack	12	6	5	1		57
11	FENN	Jesse	11			11		11
11	HEFFERNAN	Joshua	11			11		11
11	STUCKER	Cody	11		8	3		11
10	KEATING	Daniel	10	2	8			10
10	PASTRAS	Paul	9			9		27
10	POWER	Dave	1			1		46
8	FENAROLI	Josh	8		5	3		34
8	LEEDS	Matthew	1			1		20
8	WATSON	Rasha	8			8		40
7	ARGYLE	James	5			5		7
6	GOVENDER	Ashwin	6		1	5		48
6	LEWIS	Jay	6	6			9	26
6	McGLONE	William	6			6		33
6	WIDMER	Ted	6	3	3		11	39
5	ELSLEY	Michael	5			5		24
5	PARKER	Daniel	5			5		28
5	STITT	Victor	5			5		5
4	WHITE	Greg	4			4		4
3	FERGUSON	Jackson	3	1	2		5	19
3	RICHARDS	Jacob	3		2	1	21	50
2	CLARE	James	2		2		17	40
2	WALES	Tim	2		2		15	29
2	WAN	Chris	2			2		2
1	FENN	Zachariah	1			1	24	25
1	FRANKISH	Mitchell	1			1	19	35
1	VARNISH	Nathan	1		1		18	38
0	ALLARS	Jack	0				1	1
0	ANGEL	Harry	0				20	20
0	ANTMAN	Mitchell	0				24	34
0	BAGLIN	Chris	0				1	1
0	BRIDIE	Ben	0				3	3
0	BRODIE	Oliver	0				12	12
0	BULL	Don	0				17	17
0	CANTRALL	Michael	0				5	5
0	CLARK	Kane	0				16	16
0	COALDRAKE	Nick	0				1	1
0	COCKS	Luke	0				13	27
0	COLWELL	Brad	0				12	27
0	DANILO	Evan	0				18	18
0	DE GORTER	Nicholas	0				19	19
0	DEMETRIOU	Crispin	0				14	14
0	DUNCAN	Aaron	0				16	17
0	FENAROLI	Kyall	0					37
0	FENAROLI	Louis	0				9	9
0	GOURLAY	Jonathan	0				6	6
0	GRAHAM ROBERTSON	Timothy	0				4	4
0	GREEN	Ryan	0				12	32
0	HUNTER	Scott	0				1	1
0	LADOMATOS	Alex	0				2	2
0	LINAKER	Ben	0				18	22
0	LUBBE	Divan	0				1	1
0	MARTIN	Benjamin	0				13	29
0	McINERNEY	Joel	0				9	9
0	McNABB	Blake	0				8	16
0	MILES	Matthew	0				14	27
0	MORAITIS	Alec	0				14	34
0	NIXON	Adam	0				3	3
0	NIXON	Fraser	0				25	56
0	PALLIER	Heydon	0				3	3
0	PANDOULIS	Jonathon	0				1	1
0	POTTER	Jackson	0				12	13
0	RIVERS	Thomas	0				8	9
0	ROJAS	Daniel	0				1	1
0	SAMARASINGHE	Chamath	0				4	4
0	SIMMINDS	Jac	0				5	5
0	SIMPSON	Jake	0				1	1
0	STILLMAN	Elliott	0				1	1
0	TAYLOR	Gavin	0				18	18
0	TURNER	Jackson	0				17	18
0	TWEEDALE	Oliver	0				13	13
0	UNIS	Josh	0				9	9
0	URWIN	Lauchlan	0				16	16
0	WITT	Patrick	0				4	4
0	WRAY	Stephen	0				12	12
0	WYBENGA	Simon	0				8	8

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)
2009	Ian Parker	(S)
2009	Matthew Haymen	(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	46
2008	Nicholas Campbell	58
2009	Kieran Wright	47



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
2009	Alastair Richardson

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
2009	Lloyd Shepherd

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
1996	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
2009	Lauren Cain

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
2009	Matthew Thomas

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
2009	Jack Schwarze

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
2009	Peter Jack	Bill Rankine	Alan Brawn

* Deceased

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)
2009	Michael Cousens	Alastair Richardson Charlie Richardson	Brant Jack	Fourth (SydneyAFL)

2009 AFL LISTED PLAYERS EX PENNANT HILLS AFL

Scott Reed	Collingwood
Lenny Hayes	St Kilda
Mark McVeigh	Essendon
Jarrold McVeigh	Sydney
Kieren Jack	Sydney
Ranga Ediwickirama	Geelong
Blake McGrath	St Kilda



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 Benger
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	Ben Beaston	Ben Miles	Matthew Thomas / Danny Strange*
	Alex Goodall			
2009	Alastair Richardson	Jak Hancock	Chris Laing	Nathan Varnish / Zachariah Fenn



Season 2009 was again a successful football year for the Demons in that we fielded five teams and were successful in having several of these teams in the final series.

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 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 2010 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.

PETER JACK
President





PENNANT HILLS AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL CLUB INC.

Unaudited Statement of Income and Expenditure for the year ended 30 September 2009

INCOME	\$
REGISTRATION FEES	26,191
FUND RAISING & FUNCTIONS (NET)	26,388
SPONSORSHIP	34,767
SUNDRY	12,884
TOTAL	<hr/> \$100,230 <hr/>
EXPENDITURE	
FOOTBALL	82,630
SUNDRY	3,934
TOTAL	<hr/> \$86,564 <hr/>
OPERATING SURPLUS / LOSS FOR SEASON	<hr/> \$13,666 <hr/>
MEMBERS' FUNDS	\$88,212

BILL RANKINE

Treasurer, PHAFC Inc.



It's only a few days since we celebrated the finals performances of three of our teams who "did us proud" in their Grand Finals, doing their bit to represent our Club, the Pennant Hills Junior Australian Football Club, to the best of their ability - yet it seems like only last week that the season began.

Junior football has basically become a year round business with so much development work being done in schools all through the year and with that there comes the responsibility of the Club to be involved in local clinics in the name of football and Club recruitment. So back in November and December in 2008 we had various members of the committee giving up some of their time to attend school clinics to make sure we were attracting new players to the Club. Also at this time we had a few Sunday morning runs to get back into the swing of it and say hello to some early new recruits and old timers, alike.

January and February have us gearing up for registration and taking the first few steps into football operations with ground availability and team nominations been sent through to the GSJAF. Pre season training gets under way and then March hits and we are back into full swing with midweek training in the warm evening glow of Wednesday nights.

It's April and the seasons underway and then, before you know it, it's over.

2009 was again a very successful year for our Club and success is measured in many ways at a junior football club.

- Player and Auskick registrations up from 169 in 2008 to 212 in 2009. (Player 173, Auskick 39) 10 teams from U9's to U16's
- Our U14 Div 2 team being awarded the North West Team of the Year, for all round outstanding behaviour
- Five teams reaching Finals, with two Premierships in the U14 Div 2 and U12 Div 3 and one Runner-Up, U11 Red. Congratulations to players, coaches and managers of these teams
- 17 players making the North West representative teams from U11 to U16's, plus Kevin Eynaud and Jak Hancock being selected in coaching roles and Tom Rivers being appointed U16 Co-captain
- Starz players U13: Luke McAllister, Campbell Luscombe, U14: Theo Moraitis, Lachlan Sawtell, Kyle Brynes, Tayler McCann, U15: Chris Baglin, Curtis Rowe, Adam Nixon, Jack Allars, Michael Cantrall, Lachlan Ford, U16: Elliot Stillman, Matthew Digges, Jonathan Pandoulis.
- Two top five finishes in GSJAF Best and Fairest Awards
- Promotion of two of our umpires. One to Orange Shirt and one to Youth Football
- A strong and constant presence from St John Ambulance volunteers ensuring our players health and safety was paramount
- All players being fitted out with a new Pennant Hills polo shirt, Auskickers with a Pennant Hills t-shirt and all new players to the Club receiving a football
- An outstanding Trivia Night, social function and fundraiser that made around \$5,000 in profit.
- The appointment of a Coaching Mentor, Kevin Eynaud, who was able to spend many hours with coaches in one on one development.
- A new sponsor, Vasha Valley Meats
- Continued great support from our major sponsor, Barry Smith Holden, and other sponsors Martin Bullock Lawyers, West Pennant Hills Sports Club and business partners Upstream Print Solutions, Linda Gregor Graphic Design and National Weighing & Instruments. Thanks to one and all.
- Sound financial management of the Club with rising costs and revenue under pressure
- Ex Pennant Hills Junior, St Kilda champion Lenny Hayes playing his 200th AFL game. A first for our Club.

The football nursery is where it all starts and our growing numbers of Auskickers, year on year, is testament to the great job done by Gareth Richards, John Edwards and new comer Shayne Harris. There are many positive words fed back to the Club on the efforts of coaching and management team. The kids have great fun at training and gala days with the highlights being half time at the Swans v St. Kilda game and Pennant Hills seniors home game. If success is measured in smiles then these Auskickers are back to back premiers.

We ran two U9's this year which meant finding a new coaching group. The U9 Blue's, a new team, were under the tuition of coach Wayne Keevers and manager Lloyd Grigg, this team is a work in progress and from all reports there was steady development as the year rolled on. The U9 Reds were superbly lead by Steve Monahan, who with the patience of Job, and assistance from manager Paul Dale, has developed this team into a strong unit over two years. A combination of Blue and Red to be reckoned with in years to come.

Barry Parker and Matt Corbett ably assisted by Dave Thomas ran a good U10 team in 2009. The development of the whole team could be seen in the boys who got a chance to play U11 finals and held their own. This team can really look forward to playing some great football in 2010.

U9's take note. Two years ago our current U11's were the lesser lights of the competition, this year they finished second and fourth, after playing each other (unfortunately) in the first semi final. The U11 Reds, a tactically smart team, went on to be runners-up thanks to the hard work of Terry Donohoe and his able assistant Kevin Eynaud and manager Andrew Kinasch. Across the other side of the oval on training nights were coaching duo Phillip Moraitis and Paul Hanson and manager Dirk Wolhoff, working away on this most improved outfit, the U11 Blues, whose form throughout the year stunned many an opposition team. Again, a combination of Blue and Red to be reckoned with in years to come.

Taking it all before them in 2009 was the Premiership winning U12 Div 3 team. With Scott McNeilage at the helm and Mark Carroll to assist and Glenn Ford to support, this team dominated the year and were deserved runaway winners on Grand Final day. Well done to you all.

Guts, determination and fair bit of skill saw the U13 Div 2 team make the finals which made it back to back to back finals for this team. Richard Reid continues to deliver as coach and with assistance from Kym Viant and Malcolm Drummond the team is obviously well prepared to take on any battle.

Our U14 Div 2 team covered themselves in glory by not only being the Premiers, but by also receiving the prestigious honour of being named the North West Team of the Year for outstanding behaviour. Through the hard work and dedication of coach David Pinker, his assistant Rob Norman and manager Rob Sawtell, this team has set a great example for all to see.

With a combined U15 and U16 competition run over three divisions we fielded an U16 Div 1 and Div 3 for season 2009. It was great to welcome back former junior Jak Hancock as coach, who did a power of work in training and educating the boys as they ultimately prepare to enter the senior footy ranks over the next few years. In support of Jak was team captain Tom Rivers, who showed great leadership qualities, Brendan Gregor and Glenn Gunstone as Div 3 coaches and the wise and experienced combination of Greg Martin and John Acheson as managers. Both teams worked well throughout the year, but ultimately consistency cost them as they fell short of making finals. The challenges as I see it, facing the Club over the next three years, that our committee will be working on are:

- A growing club with limited training and playing space.
- A facility in need of upgrade and therefore the responsible apportionment of funds.
- The need to recruit new people to the committee as families move on.
- Continuing to provide the best family and community based football experience to boys and girls in the Sydney north west.

I believe the committee is keen and eager to continue to lead this Club with the knowledge that there is support from the parent groups across all teams. Knowing that there are people ready and willing to take on their duty at set up, on the BBQ, in the canteen, at pack up, to help at a social function – whatever it may be – makes it easier to do the job we do.

At the Annual General Meeting in October all committee positions will be open for nominations and we welcome new parents and friends of Pennant Hills to consider taking on this very important duty in providing a wonderful healthy sporting environment for our kids.

Also, the committee decided at the start of the year that all coaching positions would be declared vacant at the end of the season and thereby paving the way for new parents who have an interest in coaching, to come forward to be considered.

There are always many people to thank at the end of a football season and I would like to recognise those who did so much in 2009.

David Pinker who played a number of roles this year as VP and Football Operations Manager and worked tirelessly in making the Club run smoothly. Bill Carey as VP and Ground Manager, his experience and guidance is greatly appreciated. John Acheson a great support and wise, cool head who does a great job as Treasurer. Philippa Scammell, our hard working Secretary who was willing to take on any task. Phillip Moraitis who leaves no stone unturned in doing his upmost for the club in running the canteen ensuring customer and Club equally benefit. Sylvia Contreras our happy, smiling Canteen Manager – where would we be without her! Terry Donohoe as GSJAF North West Juniors representative and awards coordinator, both are big jobs that he does superbly. David Nixon another with a dual role, Ground Manager and Umpire Coordinator which he does with a minimum of fuss, but to great effect. Richard Reid a passionate Recruitment Manager who puts in many hours at school clinics and gala days looking for the next recruit. Linda Gregor, Publicity Officer the one reason we come up so good in print, look and feel. Andrew Kinasch in the important role of Property Manager making sure we have all we need. John Edwards, Auskick Coordinator making sure that the Club nursery is in good order and the future looks rosy. Greg Swanton Weekly Dateline never missed a print deadline. Natalie Pinker and Kate Moraitis for their support and energy around our social functions. And finally to Margaret Wordsworth our Registrar, who after 14 seasons of outstanding service to the Club has been awarded Life Membership. As she moves on to follow her sons into the senior club, we wish her all the best and thank her for contribution. You are always welcome back.

Well that was 2009.

I am proud to be President of this Football Club and look forward to contributing in 2010 in any way I can. Thanks to Linda, Laura and Harrison for supporting me in my passion for football and this Club.

BRENDAN GREGOR

President
Pennant Hills JAF





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*First Sydney AFL Game at
Blacktown Olympic Park*

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4 M. AITKEN	24 J. THOMAS	41 M. CAREY
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6 B. JACK	28 C. SMITH	44 J. SCHWARZE
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