



Pennant Hills Demons

Australian Football Club Inc.

2017 Yearbook



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Club Patron Gus McKernan presenting the medal to James Peatling



Grand Final scoreboard



Club Stalwarts – Colin Huggins & Rod Miles

Welcome – President's Report



What a year 2017 has been! As President I could not be prouder of the efforts of our club, both on and off the field this year.

With over 230 registered players our club made the giant leap in fielding teams in each of the top 3 men's divisions in Sydney AFL – the only non-University club to do so! While this challenge would have been daunting for most clubs it did not stop four of our six teams qualifying for finals. Significant highlights included a Premier Division Premiership, Division 1 reaching a Preliminary Final and our Women's Team not only qualifying for finals in their second year but making it to a Semi Final.

Off the field we are our own harshest critics however this year should only be considered a success and makes us the envy of most Sydney AFL Clubs. The home ground game day experience continues to improve each year with games being played on both grounds simultaneously. Our social events in the Season Launch, Sportsman's Lunch and the Boat Party were extremely well attended which not only contributed to a great night but helped the club achieve another surplus for the fourth year in a row.

From the Committee's perspective the key to our continued success was when our club aspired to move from a three team club in 2012 to the six team club that we are today. Having six teams has allowed our club to offer a happy balance between competitiveness and participation which is again evident in our results this year.

2017 can only be described a rollercoaster for Chris Yard and the Premier Division squad. After being knocked out in round one of the finals in 2016 the boys were keen to make amends this year. Unfortunately, the season didn't get off to the start we'd hoped for and after round 13 we were sitting 3 Wins, 1 Draw, 7 Losses and 6 points outside finals. Round 14 will famously be remembered as the turning point of our season as we went on to win the next 8 games straight including the Grand Final becoming the first team in Sydney AFL ever to win the Premiership from 5th spot. It was a truly remarkable achievement from Yardy and the boys who should be incredibly proud as they have now reached four grand finals in the past five years, achieving the ultimate prize on two occasions. Probably the most pleasing aspect of this season was the symbolic handing down of the baton to the next generation of Pennant Hills Premiership stars. We look forward to the likes of Boag, Briggs, Carroll, Stern, Peatling, Skrivanic and Lee continue to develop into leaders of our football club for the next 10+ years.

While it is difficult to match the success of Prem's our Women's Team were not far behind. Mirroring the growth of Women's football around the country our club experienced a 45% increase in registration in 2017. There were no second year blues for our Women who came back to pre-season determined to improve on the year before. To win ten games throughout the home & away season and make it through to a Semi-Final in only their second year is a testament to the hard work the entire squad and coaching staff have put in. The girls have set the bench mark high but we look forward to another big year in 2018, hopefully with Pennant Hills fielding two Women's teams.

Seb Parker joined the coaching ranks with Jason Clarke who were determined to make Division 1 the finals contender we have come to expect. Similar to Premier Division, Div 1 have benefited from a great blend of experience players in form and youth, a mix that saw them finish the home and away season in second position. Their season came to end in the Preliminary Final against an experienced St George team who were eventual Premiers, however, I have no doubt we will be right in flag contention again next year.

This year marked a different challenge for Trent Roddan and his U19's team as a large percentage of last year's group transitioned to senior football. While working with a new group brings the challenges of building understanding & cohesion between team mates, the squad met the challenge head-on and finished the season with seven wins. Unfortunately, the U19's just missed out on finals however their hard work this year ensured the building blocks are in place for a successful 2018.

Nathan Breen, Donny Ollington & Nick Baglin all embraced the challenge of moving up a division, to Division 2 and Division 4, this year after successful 2016 campaigns. This is a massive achievement particularly for Division 2 as they come up against a division made up of Club's first or reserve grade teams. Despite the challenge, both squads exceeded expectations and had a real impact in each of their competitions. Unfortunately, Div 4 narrowly missed out on finals and Div 2 were knocked out in the first round however similar to the U19's, the building blocks are now there to improve on those performances and be a real force in their respective divisions for years to come.

While it's great to reflect on our on-field successes it is equally important that we recognise the efforts of those off the field that allow us to achieve these results. At Pennant Hills we are extremely fortunate to have a great team of volunteers. These people are the life blood of our club, who not only sacrifice their personal time and money to ensure our club runs smoothly week-in-week out but make the club an enjoyable place to be around at the same time. It's impossible to list everyone, but I would like to say a sincere thank you to Bob Wray, Glenn Gunstone, Phil Hare, Allen Abbott, Matt Lee, John Acheson, Trent Roddan, Jacques Rene, Steph Tate, Ian Parker, Phil & Kate Moraitis! You all put in a power of work and I am extremely appreciative of your help and support throughout my first year as President.

My final thank you is to our Sponsors. Without your support the reality is there would be no club. Your continued support not only allows for over 200 people to participate in a sport that they love but also brings much enjoyment on a weekly basis to the hundreds of family members, partners & friends in our local community who also have a passion for our football club. Our valued sponsors for 2017 were:

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With 2017 now coming to an official close I thank everyone again for their hard work and support and I hope we all look forward to the challenges that lie ahead of us in 2018.

Up the Dees!!

Josh Mott
President





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Assistant Coach: Andrew McLellan
Team Manager: John Acheson

Division 1 Coach: Jason Clarke
Assistant Coach: Wayne Keating
Team Manager: Michael Trenaman

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Team Manager: Josh Mott
John Acheson

Division 4 Co Coaches: Nick Baglin
Donnie Ollington
Team Manager: Phillip Hare

U19 Division 1 Coach: Trent Roddan
Assistant Coaches: Mark Carroll
Todd Williams
Brendan Gregor
Team Manager: Jennifer Williams

Women's Division 1 Coach: Daniel Fiedler
Team Manager: Allen Abbott

Physiotherapists: Lauren Wright (nee Cain)

Club Umpires: Terry Donohoe
Allen Gardiner

MATCH COMMITTEE:

Chairman: Michael Cousens
Chris Yard
Jason Clarke
Andrew McLellan



2017, a new Season, a new President and some new Office Holders and the most even Premier Division Competition for many years. Again we had 6 Senior Teams and over 200 Registered Players, all teams performing at a high level with quality player depth across all 6 teams. Our Club treats all teams the same providing support and physiotherapy for each single team each week irrespective of where in Sydney they are playing which can often be 4 or 5 different far reaches of Sydney and surrounds.

There is no secret to success – our Club survives on a broad and passionate contribution by many and a culture “Club then Team then Self”. Our Women's Team in their second year went ahead in giant leaps making Semi-Finals and then winning their First Final in only their second year of existence.

What is even more gratifying is the way the girls have merged completely into the Club and bought into the Club culture. Significantly we had our first Office Holder from the Women's Team with Stephanie Tate being appointed to the Committee and performing the role of Vice President - Administration.

The Season started with all 6 teams prominent however an uncharacteristic mid-season slump by our Premier Division Team put them in danger of missing the Semi-Finals for the first time in 14 years when their record after 11 rounds was 3/7/1 and sitting 2 games outside the top 5 with only 5 rounds remaining. What was then to unfold still has many at the Club shaking their heads in disbelief.

A run of 9 undefeated matches each of them effectively sudden death and nearly all against top 5 teams or teams contending for Finals berths, resulted in a Finals berth in 5th spot and a run through to the Grand Final culminating in a nail biting victory in the Grand Final against the strong favourites and star studded Sydney University side.

How amazing that 20 of the 22 Grand Final side came originally from our Junior Feeder Clubs and 7 of the Grand Final side were still Under 19 players who stood up manfully to the pressures and rigours of Finals football week after week, with a number of that group being amongst the best players in a Grand Final side that had no weaknesses and an even contribution from every player which underpinned the result. They are all special but this was a flag to remember!

Our lower Division Teams all performed exceptionally with only Under 19s (without their 7 stars) and Division 4 (missing Finals on percentage) failing to play Finals. Off field we had the usual challenges being primarily financial and ground access for matches and particularly for training where we continue to have probably the worst facilities in the Sydney Premier Division Competition. Not that we are accepting this but it is a hard slog mobilising Council, State and Federal assistance, we are up to the challenge though and will press on.

Our primary focus going forward is improved training conditions and playing a part in having the various tiers of Government come up with club rooms at Mike Kenny Oval which we could then call our home. We have moral support from the 3 tiers of Government and the AFL, we just need a bit more than that in practical sense to make the club house a reality. We are involved in ongoing dialogue with all the parties to this end.

Whilst our sponsorship income was down slightly on the 2016 level, we remain extremely grateful for the wonderful support we continue to receive from our sponsors in a tight economic environment. As our Treasurer will report, despite extra players and extra costs in a number of

areas, we managed to finish with a surplus for the year, an outstanding effort resulting primarily from the efforts of volunteers at the various fund raising activities and functions.

We are blessed to have a wonderful group of volunteers at our Club, far too many to name individually but their combined efforts should never be under-estimated. Likewise our Football Department headed by Glenn Gunstone and Michael Cousens together with our Coaching Group headed by Chris Yard and the all-important Team Managers, all combined to have us turn out great results across all teams and the evidence of their work was clear for all to see.

I must thank my fellow Committee Members and Office Holders, it is a spread of the workload which gives us the results we see and we are fortunate to have such great people to get it all done.

We are again indebted to Brendan Wray for managing the Club's finances and providing accurate Budgets and Financial Reports to enable all at the Club to be aware of where we were financially against our budgets. As mentioned in previous Reports our Club is now a full on business with in excess of 1,000 transactions per annum, so it is a big job to get it all processed, recorded and stay on top of it.

We remain challenged as a Club however and must never drop the ball or take our eyes off what is required to remain a great Club and one admired by other Clubs for its culture and standards. With changes in the competition structure in 2018 we will need even more helpers in order to prosper – please everyone put your hand up to do one job no matter how small, it is the combined effort of many that makes us what we are.

Bob Wray
Secretary



Grand Final crowd



PENNANT HILLS AFC FOOTBALLER OF THE YEAR

Aaron Crisfield

BEST LOCAL FIRST YEAR PLAYER KEN MACRAE SHIELD

Joshua Stern

PREMIER DIVISION BEST & FAIREST ERN HOLMES TROPHY

Aaron Crisfield

DIVISION ONE BEST & FAIREST ANGUS MCKERNAN TROPHY

Kieran Wright

DIVISION TWO BEST & FAIREST

Jackson Preedy

DIVISION FOUR BEST & FAIREST

Peter Carey

UNDER 19s DIVISION ONE BEST & FAIREST LENNY HAYES TROPHY

Jesse Vidot-Coleman

WOMEN'S DIVISION 1 BEST & FAIREST

Mikaela Mahony

CLUBPERSON OF THE YEAR

Matthew Lee / Bob Wray

PRESIDENTS TROPHY

Chris Yard

PREMIER DIVISION PLAYERS' PLAYER AWARD THE "GAZA" named after Gary Spillane

Aaron Crisfield

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

Kieran Wright

DIVISION TWO PLAYERS' PLAYER AWARD THE "TELF" named after Craig Telfer

Jackson Preedy

DIVISION FOUR PLAYERS' PLAYER AWARD THE "DOAK" named after Simon Doak

Peter Carey

UNDER 19 DIV ONE PLAYERS' PLAYER AWARD THE "PADDY" named after Patrick Matthews

Mitchell Blow

WOMEN'S DIVISION 1 PLAYERS' PLAYER

Mikaela Mahony

SYDNEY AFL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Camden Cats

SENIOR GAME MILESTONES

200 +

Damian Dell'Aquila
Matthew Carey
Peter Carey
James Fulton
Greg Hume

150 +

Daniel Witt
Aaron Crisfield
Nathan Breen

100 +

Matthew Thomas
Ranga Ediriwickrama
Harry Angel
Chris Baglin
Danny Strange



What a year season 2017 will be remembered for!

Our football operations preparation for the season ahead was strong, with all club coaches from 2016 retained, the addition of Seb Parker as assistant coach Division One, Todd Williams into a specialist coaching role, and with Stewart Woodward accepting the position of Junior Liaison Officer, we had a full football operations team locked away early.

Our Division 3 Grand Final team was promoted to Division 2, a tough assignment as most opposition clubs would either be fielding their most senior team, or we'd be up against the might of the heavily populated University teams. Our Division 5 Premiers were promoted to Division Four, again a very different proposition in football ability and competitiveness. In addition, our Women were entering their second season of AFL, and we had high hopes for the young players coming to our club into the under 19 grade.

Our practice match schedule had us playing all games at Blacktown Olympic Park, pre-xmas training was attended with good player numbers, and Coach Chris Yard was busy developing a new game plan after a disappointing end to 2016. Going into the Xmas break, there was plenty to feel confident about.

But our confidence quickly turned to disappointment, with the torrential rains that hit Sydney in March. All 3 Blacktown games had to be cancelled due to ground closures, and whilst we scrambled to get Prems and Recesses a game against Terrigal, all other grades only had one practice match against North Shore on what can only be described a sodden cow paddock. Yes, it seemed that in spite of our great pre-season plans, fate delivered us our worst pre-season preparation and, with the exception of Division 4, all grades suffered inconsistent performances in the opening rounds.

The season ahead would need a significant change in luck. But alas, it was not so ... Nick Baglin's season ending collarbone injury, then Adam Kinascch went down with a year-ending knee injury after showing so much promise, followed by Jono Gourlay, returning from a 12 month knee injury, cruelly blew out his ACL again during a best on ground performance in the "Back to the Ern" round, and the horrific leg injury to Theo Moraitis ... it was feeling like 2017 was jinxed for Penno.

But our fortunes changed and what eventually came to pass was simply amazing, and the "never say die" spirit of our club and its people really came to the fore. YD's outstanding milestone of 500 games (player and/or coach) was an achievement that is now locked away in Sydney AFL history forever, but the Prems story of 9 undefeated games to win the premiership is simply unforgettable. Plenty will be said about this elsewhere in the Year book, but on a personal note, I can only say how privileged I have been this year to be closely involved with such an awesome group of young men. Congratulations Yardy, Andrew "Macca" McLellan (Assistant Coach), and John "Scoop" Acheson (Team Manager) for your contribution to this premiership winning team.

But Prems flags aren't possible without player talent and depth and our very impressive Division One team were solid all year despite consistently losing talent to fill gaps above. Finishing 2nd after the home and away games, and not having the luxury of players dropping back for finals (which some of our opposition enjoyed), our season could have ended differently. But well done to Jason Clarke (Coach), Seb Parker (Assistant Coach) and the boys on a very successful year and making the Preliminary Final. Wayne "Razor" Keating (Assistant Coach) and Michael Trenaman (Team Manager) were also an amazing combination and my thanks to you both.

Our Division 2 boys really acclimatised as the season progressed, and whilst the elimination final was disappointing, just making the finals was impressive. Our wonderful playing depth was again proudly on display each week courtesy of our Division 2 group, and congratulations on a successful season, despite the significant step-up in division. Nathan "Boxy" Breen (Coach) has consistently shown his outstanding leadership capability, despite the team's chronic lack of match-day support over the past two seasons. The cavalry eventually arrived mid-season, with football mentors Todd Williams and Michael "Cuz" Cousens answering the call and stepping up to assist Boxy with 'extra hands' on game day and at training. I thank them both for

their huge contribution and support.

Division 4 unfortunately didn't make the finals in its first year in a higher grade, but it wasn't because of lack of commitment or endeavour, but with many new players to our club again in this grade, it came down to a last round loss that determined our fate in 2017. Suffice to say, the season ahead looks promising if all players return. Our club has been blessed to have the coaching quality of veterans Nick Baglin and Donny Ollington for this team, and whilst both will be playing in 2018, they have indicated they will not continue coaching, so it's very appropriate for me to say on behalf of the committee and players, well played boys! You have been the heart and soul of this team with a Division 5 premiership in 2016 and a very competitive and successful unit again this year in Division 4. The growth and great culture you both brought to this team leave a legacy that should sustain this side into the future. I must also acknowledge the tireless Phil Hare who stood in to help as team manager, Rod Miles (assistant coach) and Allen Gardiner who again volunteered all year as the team's club umpire. Well done guys, without your support Division 4 footy wouldn't exist at our club.

Our Women were amazing. Finals footy in just our second year, and to see the development of our second year players, along with the many new faces to the team, women's football has really been cemented into our club. Congratulations to coach Daniel (Fids) Fiedler, Todd Williams, Allen Abbott (Team Manager, runner, water carrier and adopted Father of Al's Angels) and Terry "O" Donohue (Assistant Coach and Club Umpire) for the successful performance and team unity you have created.

And, finally, to our 19's, the future of our club. With seven of the boys playing most of their footy in premier division, all now premiership winners, leaves me pondering how far ahead of all the other U19 sides our boys may have actually been this year? We were competitive all year, and again only the final rounds determined us just missing finals participation. The talent being developed by Trent Roddan (Coach) has been way beyond expectations and it's critical we see all these boys playing senior footy at our club at whatever level over coming years. I doubt any club had the talent and depth to match us at full strength, which is a fantastic indication of what's ahead in future years at Penno. Todd Williams, Mark Carroll and Brendan Gregor were fantastic coaching support for Trent and the team, and Jenny Williams' (Team Manager) contribution was first class.

A special mention to Stewart Woodward (Junior Liaison Officer) who invested many hours into promoting our club through the feeder junior club ranks, which is so critical to bringing future footballers to Pennant Hills.

Football games don't happen without great support off-field, filling jobs like ground managers, time keepers, and official roles being performed. On behalf of the players, our deep gratitude and thanks is never enough to truly acknowledge the work of the following men, Ian Parker / Col Huggins / Alan Brawn (Timekeepers), Matt Lee and Rod Miles (Ground Managers) along with the many others that helped umpire, carry drinks, set up or pack up. Thank you all.

I doubt any club receives the quality and professionalism of our club's training staff, and this year Lauren Cain and her fantastic team from Carlingford Active Sports set new standards for the competition. Most people don't see the Sunday night match reports, detailing player injuries and treatment plans or the mid-week updates on player recovery. Due to our training staff, Penno confidently gets more players back from injury faster, and our duty of prioritising player health is made simple. Well done Lauren and co for another fantastic year of support.

And finally, Football Operations are only as good as the committee supporting it, so my utmost thanks to Josh and the Committee, for providing us the opportunity to be the best we can with limited resources.

What a season 2017 will be remembered for ... Go Penno!

Glenn Gunstone
Football Manager

Premier Division Team Awards



ERN HOLMES TROPHY

Runner Up Best & Fairest
Most Consistent
Best Team Man
Most Improved
Coaches Award
Best Finals Player
Footballer of the Year
Players' Player - 'Gazza'
Best on Ground in Grand Final

AARON CRISFIELD

Ranga Ediriwickrama
Jesse Hare
Thomas Edmonds
Josh Boag
Matthew Carey
Ranga Ediriwickrama
Aaron Crisfield
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PREMIER DIVISION BEST & FAIREST TOP TEN

Aaron Crisfield	86
Ranga Ediriwickrama	68
Josh Boag	62
Tom Angel	60
Stephen Wray	52
Daniel Preen	48
Luke Skrivanic	38
Nick Hey	31
Jesse Hare	30
Theo Moraitis	26

2017 PHELAN MEDAL

Shaun Crane
North Shore Bombers

15 votes

Pennant Hills Best

Ranga Ediriwickrama

7 votes

2017 LEADING GOALKICKERS

Nick Hey	39
Theo Moraitis	27
Matt Carey	36

2017 SYDNEY AFL - NAB RISING STAR AWARD

Jack Buckley (UNSW ES Bulldogs)

Pennant Hills Nominees

Kieren Briggs
James Carroll
Luke Skrivanic

2017 SYDNEY AFL - REPRESENTATIVE PLAYERS

Matt Carey (Capt)
Stephen Wray
Theo Moraitis

2017 SYDNEY AFL - TEAM OF THE YEAR

Aaron Crisfield (Centre)
Theo Moraitis (FF)
Matt Carey (FP)
Daniel Preen (BP)

2017 PREMIER DIVISION STAFF

Coach	Chris Yard
Assistant Coach	Andrew McLellan
Runner	Glenn Gunstone
Team Manager	John Acheson
Co-Captains	Matthew Carey Thomas Angel

PREMIER DIVISION LADDER AT THE END OF 2017 HOME AND AWAY SEASON

Premier Division	P	W	L	D	For	Agst	%	PTS
Sydney University	16	12	3	1	1670	1051	159	50
UNSW/ES Bulldogs	16	11	5	0	1427	1180	121	44
North Shore	16	10	5	1	1483	1260	118	42
St George	16	9	7	0	1406	1478	95	36
Pennant Hills	16	7	7	2	1416	1145	124	32
East Coast Eagles	16	7	9	0	1340	1388	97	28
UTS Bats	16	6	10	0	1254	1594	79	24
Manly Warringah	16	5	11	0	1239	1530	81	20

2017 Elimination Final

Blacktown ISP, 27th August

Pennant Hills Demons	20	17	137
def St George Dragons	7	8	50

2017 Semi Final 1

Blacktown ISP, 3 September

Pennant Hills Demons	17	19	121
def UNSW/ES Bulldogs	6	8	44

2017 Preliminary Final

Blacktown ISP, 9 September

Pennant Hills Demons	12	13	85
def North Shore	9	10	64

2017 GRAND FINAL

Blacktown ISP, 16 September

Pennant Hills Demons	10	6	66
def Sydney University	7	18	60



Am I still dreaming? What an outstanding year 2017 turned out to be. To win another premiership is simply amazing and a reward that our magnificent club thoroughly deserves.

After going out of the finals in 2016 much earlier than we were used to, we had an extended break and time to reflect on what we had to do better in 2017, whether that be changes to personnel, training or game style.

Pre-season commenced in earnest as usual in mid-January. The attendance was great, with a number of the girls starting to enjoy additional pre-season sessions. Fitness activities were run by two of the leadership group – Tim Wales and Matt Thomas. A new addition to pre-season, was a camp for Premier Division. Held at Wisemans Ferry, we not only trained, but a key component was facilitated sessions where we looked at what was required, where we needed to grow, our strengths and weaknesses and what standards we'd hold ourselves to during the year. A few *'what I don't like about you'* sessions were also held as the night progressed, which was most entertaining but also provided some honest feedback.

Waler and Matty certainly prepared the players in the required manner for the coming season. Thanks boys!

During the majority of the home and away season, our performances were probably best described as 'inconsistent' ... a few good wins and some really disappointing displays. At the half-way point, we had won 3 games, a draw and 4 losses. Certainly not an ideal start!

We then had 3 more losses and at round 13 we were sitting in 6th place, 6 points off 5th place and 2 points from the bottom. A very unfamiliar situation for the club. The last 2 losses against St George (away) and North Shore (home at the Ern), at least had some positives and we had at last started to play 'our style' of football, albeit, without getting the right results. At the mid-season leadership group meeting, I talked about us just getting a win soon, and we'd be ok, but given the tenuous situation, we'd need to win most of our remaining games if we were to sneak into the finals. The Sydney AFL community were talking about Pennant Hills missing the Premier Division finals for the first time in 14 years. Something that I was not comfortable with and at times, was found questioning myself.

We finished the H&A season with a 5 week campaign and finally that 'win' came against Manly. After a poor first half, we were 14 pts down, but came back with a blistering 2nd half, kicking 14 goals to win by 8 goals. We won the next 2 games by significant margins, 60 and 100 pts. We then faced the top team, Sydney Uni. The boys were ready for this and started the game in fantastic form, but the game was cut short by a horrific injury to Theo Moraitis. Despite the obvious pain he was in, Theo's main concern, whilst waiting more than an hour for an ambulance to arrive, was what it meant to our finals aspirations, as the game was abandoned. It really showed that Theo and the boys were desperate to make finals. The answer was, as long as we didn't get beaten significantly by UTS in the final game, we would sneak into 5th. We ended up beating UTS by 110 points to come in at 5th place.

The finals series was upon us quickly and our form going in was certainly strong. The stats were also saying the same thing. Significant shots on goals, low scoring shots against us and a midfield group that were well on top. Despite coming into finals as the form side, we were still rank outsiders for the flag, Four tough matches lay ahead, each one

an elimination, and we knew it was going to be do-or-die all the way through.

We faced St George in the Elimination final. We dominated and were well on top in all areas. We had 37 scoring shots to 15 to win comfortably by 87 pts. We then faced UNSW in the 1st Semi Final, once again we were fantastic, our pressure and style were first rate. A number of people commented on this (stark contrast to some comments half way through the season!!!). We won comfortably by 77 pts.

Our next stop was the Preliminary Final and a short turnaround. At this time of the year, it becomes a lot about recovery, and the boys were certainly all over this element. Additional sessions were programmed – stretch / beach recovery / swimming, it was something that I was proud of.

Our Preliminary Final opponents were North Shore. They always match up on us very well and have a style similar to ours. In a tough match, we were down by 15 pts at three quarter time. The question was whether we could still find the legs to see the game out, particularly given the boys had had a tough run of physical games over three consecutive weeks of finals. We certainly did find that 'something' in the last quarter and went on to win by 21 pts; a barnstorming finish of six goals and keeping the opposition goal-less. The momentum was huge and we were certainly riding the wave. We had to move on quickly. We had made another grand final, our 4th in 5 years, quite a remarkable feat. We'd tasted premiership glory in 2015 and we wanted more!

Our Grand Final opponent was Sydney University. They finished minor premiers and won easily to progress straight through to the Grand Final. Enough research and analysis had been performed on our opposition, we knew what we were up against. Our style etc remained as it had for the previous 19 games. The battle was on and it was, as expected, a tight affair. Sydney Uni were coming into the Grand Final extremely fresh, having only played 1 game of footy in 5 weeks.

At half time, there was still nothing in it, the difference being 3 pts. The third quarter saw us get out to a 3 goal lead which was cut back to 2 with a late goal by Uni. We went into the final break with that 2 goal lead, feeling anything but secure and we knew Uni would be desperate and still had more to give. The message for us was simple, to stay true to what we had done over the past 9 weeks; to stick with our structure and style in one last gut-bursting effort. Oh, and there was one final piece of inspiration ... to do 'IT' for club legend, Gus McKernan. Given his health situation, the boys were asked to give one more – kick, tackle, handball, punch, 1 percenter, second effort ... whatever it took to push through to the finish with our noses in front. The last quarter was another battle. Uni had the ball camped in their forward line for the first 10 minutes, but, thankfully could only return 6 pts. Reggie then scored a long range goal at the 13 minute mark to take the lead back out to 2 goals. The predictably tight affair continued until the 24 minute mark when Uni scored a goal and then they got another 26 minutes in. The scores were tied. We were certainly looking tired, but managed to get the next centre clearance and rushed the ball forward. From the marking contest, the pill fell to King Carey who kicked the most important goal of his life – on his non-preferred right foot. We had achieved the unthinkable, winning by 6 points; the first side to win from 5th place in the Sydney first grade competition!!!! What a moment when the siren sounded ... sheer euphoria! Such a proud moment and something that will stay with us all for life. Ranga Ediriwickrama was awarded the Rod Podbury Medal for Best on Ground. Special mention to the Demons crowd again,



standing in huge numbers behind our goals in the last quarter, you were magnificent – loud and proud for our great club!

On top of the premiership, we had a number of other highlights throughout the season:

Debuts - To have 10 boys debut in a premiership season is remarkable. Congratulations to Maine Vidler, Mitch Trenaman, Ryan Lepore, Mikey Carroll, Josh Stern, Kieren Briggs, Pat De La Mare, Craig Maynard (the accidental debutante!), Ash Conway and James Peatling.

Rising Star Nominations – Kieren Briggs, James Carroll and Luke Skrivanic

Milestone Games – One I personally love as it shows the 'stickiness' and loyalty of our group

100 games - Harry Angel, Ranga Ediriwickrama, Matt Thomas

150 games – Aaron Crisfield, Daniel Witt

200 games – Damian Dell'Aquila, Matthew Carey

Sydney AFL Team of the Year – Aaron Crisfield (Centre), Theo Moraitis (Full Forward), Matt Carey (Forward Pocket) and Daniel Preen (Back Pocket)

Sydney AFL Representatives – Matt Carey (Captain). Stephen Wray and Theo Moraitis

We used 41 players throughout the year – the most we've had for a good number of years. Seven players in the grand final were 19 years or under, two were still 17 and nine were under 21 ... a fantastic mix of youth and experience which we blended into an unstoppable force by season's end!

Football clubs are run by many wonderful people and plenty of special people to thank:

The playing group – what a truly wonderful group that I am proud of and love to work with. Just genuine guys that are able to get the best out of themselves when required. We were challenged for significant parts of the year, but showed character and resilience.

Leadership Group – Led by Co-Captains Matt Carey and Tom Angel, along with Damian Dell'Aquila, Aaron Crisfield, Ranga Ediriwickrama, Tim Wales, Matt Thomas and Nick Hey. A fantastic group that provides plenty of feedback on what's working and what's not.

John Acheson – JA does so much for the club, be it club notes, milestone write-ups, club history, assistant bar manager and, of course, team manager for the Premier Division. JA, I value everything you have done for myself and the club.

Loz and the physio team. Every year, they continue to do an awesome job, and the commitment shown to the club as a whole is greatly appreciated by everyone.

Andrew McLellan – Assistant coach / Board man. A role that he has performed for the past 4 years. Fantastic to see an old Penno guy get rewards. Macca's dedication and friendship are enormously valued and appreciated.

Josh Mott and the committee – You guys never really get in the way of the football activities and allow us to do our jobs. You work tirelessly to

look after all aspects of the club and whatever is needed is always done, and done well. Sydney AFL look up to our club, well done all.

Glenn Gunstone – The man in pink. Gunner was the team runner all year and another guy that I could turn to for advice ... he's a valuable, extremely positive sounding board and a ripping guy that also does plenty of work for the football side of the club.

Other team coaches - Jace, Boxy, Donnie, Bags, Trenta and Fids. A dedicated group of guys that also put in a massive amount of time and effort for their teams and the club. Top work boys.

Michael Cousens – Once again, Chairman of Selectors. My main sounding board and positive critic on approach / style / player form. Most importantly, not just a football aficionado, but above all, simply a great mate.

My wonderful daughter Isabelle – you put up with me through the extended period of bad moods, what with all those early season losses. I love how you talk about the club and I know that it means a lot to you. Thanks so much for your support Sweet.

The Pennant Hills football family. In a tough year personally for myself with the passing of my mother mid- season, the support and good wishes I received from the Demons football family, including current and past players, the committee, supporters and others, was very touching and will remain with me for a long time! Enjoy the premiership glory.

Chris Yard

Premier Division Coach

'Local and Loyal' 2.0



Aaron Crisfield - Best & Fairest Winner



King and that moment!!!



Premier Division

Division One Team Awards



ANGUS MCKERNAN TROPHY

KIERAN WRIGHT

Runner Up Best & Fairest	Anthony Brawn
Most Consistent	Maine Vidler
Best Team Man	Jack Leedham
Most Improved	Scott Brain
Coaches Award	Sam Howard
Players' Player - 'Dougie'	Kieran Wright

DIVISION ONE BEST & FAIREST TOP TEN

Kieran Wright	114
Anthony Brawn	91
Nick Low	55
Maine Vidler	49
Sebastian Parker	43
Thomas Abbott	35
Ryan Lepore	34
Kieron Coaldrake	33
Adam Nixon	29
Patrick Witt	27

2017 SNOW MEDAL

Ryan Kennedy	29 votes
Sydney University	

Pennant Hills Best

Kieran Wright	11 votes
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2017 LEADING GOALKICKERS

Anthony Brawn	57
Jack Leedham	17



Kieran Wright - Best & Fairest Winner

2017 DIVISION ONE STAFF

Coach	Jason Clarke
Assistant Coach	Wayne Keating
Runner	Darren Green
Team Manager	Michael Trenaman
Captains	Jake Gunstone Patrick Witt

DIVISION ONE LADDER AT THE END OF 2017 HOME AND AWAY SEASON

Division One	P	W	L	D	For	Agst	%	PTS
St George Dragons	18	15	3	0	1382	925	149	60
Pennant Hills	18	13	5	0	1254	794	158	52
Sydney University	18	13	5	0	1337	1015	132	52
Camden Cats	18	12	6	0	1332	1138	117	48
Western Magic	18	11	7	0	1598	989	162	44
UTS Bats	18	9	8	1	1055	1218	87	38
Macquarie University	18	7	10	1	988	1089	91	30
Balmain Tigers	18	4	14	0	1006	1521	66	16
Southern Power	18	3	15	0	790	1358	58	12
Holroyd Parramatta	18	2	16	0	932	1627	57	8

2017 Qualifying Final

Blacktown ISP, 26 August

Sydney University	9	7	61
def Pennant Hills Demons	3	3	21

2017 Semi Final 1

Blacktown ISP, 3 September

Pennant Hills Demons	13	13	91
def Camden Cats	10	4	64

2017 Preliminary Final

Blacktown ISP, 9 September

St George Dragons	9	6	60
def Pennant Hills Demons	7	10	52

2017 GRAND FINAL

Blacktown ISP, 16 September

St George Dragons	12	7	79
def Sydney University	5	5	35



Looking back at Season 2017, it emphatically falls under the "What If" category.

When you line up 2017 against the great Season we had in 2015 (although it still hurts to think of it!), in the statistical sense, 2017 was the better season. In the course of the Home and Away season we won 1 more game, averaged a couple more points For and conceded some 160 fewer points (so much so we were the No.1 defensive team in the competition). And that is certainly something to be celebrated.

Pre-season saw the team boosted with a promising bunch of U19's graduating into Senior football and a couple of Club Legends in Seb Parker & Kiz Wright taking a step back from Premis. That mix of old and new was the perfect addition to what was a very talented group from 2016, although an underperforming one.

We played some truly great footy throughout the Home & Away season. A rare 10 goal victory at Olds Park against the eventual Premiers stands head and shoulders above the rest, but a comeback victory versus Camden, a tackling pressure clinic at Macquarie University and a rousing 1 point win against our arch rivals Sydney Uni were also highlights of the season.

What was a definite improvement over the 2016 Season was our consistency. Winning 13 games is the obvious indicator, but losing the other 5 by an average of only 13 points shows just how much we had improved.

All this was done with an ever-churning list of players. Due to Premis injuries, our injuries, the obligatory holidays and a Div2 side whose players were putting increasing pressure on those not performing in Div 1 saw an incredible 57 different players run out at some stage during the year. Hardly the stable unit that you would equate to such an impressive season.

The other glowing stat was the number of players that were promoted up into Premis. No fewer than 10 saw games in the Late Match, with Mitch Trenaman, Leppa, Mainey and Paddy Del seeing decent stints, all which bodes well for the future. Though no debut was celebrated more than that of Craigy Maynard and against the arch-enemy North Shore no less! With Shep purportedly stepping down, the CHB position in Premis looks to be sorted for the next 10 years!

Enough of the back slapping, let's get to the "What If" part of the season ... that unfortunately coincided with the most important bit – Finals. There's no point in avoiding the issue, losing the competition's leading goal kicker to an O/S holiday, our second most prolific goal kicker to a solid bout of the flu, guys heading off to the snow during the week – the writing was on the wall that we were in for a very challenging finals series. But the icing on the cake was the Coach heading overseas himself. Yes, I did, and yes I am still kicking myself over it, and yes I am deeply apologetic!

History will show that in the first week we suffered our worst loss for the season. We bounced back the next week, then in the Preliminary Final we gave the opposition a 50 point start, stormed home only to finish desperately short (8 points!), all against a dubiously stacked St George side! As the saying goes – "Life is too short to worry about what if's" – but seriously one has to wonder what we could have done had things been different.

Clearly, we have the ability to take the next step. The question is, do we want it enough to make a few sacrifices??

It has been 21 seasons since Div 1 last won a Premiership, in that period the Club has lifted a total of 14 Premiership Cups. Enough is enough. It's about time Division One, the seconds, re-joined the party!

To the Award Winners:-

Best & Fairest – Kieran Wright.

To say I was excited when Kiz (for the 7th season in a row) said he would be playing Div.1 in 2017 would be an understatement. When it actually came to fruition and he ran out with us come round 1 I was jumping for joy. Dominating across both the back line and through the midfield his talent for reading the play stood him head and shoulders above the rest of the competition. He picked up possessions at will, along with a well-deserved B&F.

As important, and arguably what I appreciated more, was the leadership and intensity/professionalism he provided to the group. He guided the young guys on the field, providing that immediate direction and feedback that a Coach just cannot provide...and I cannot recall even one of Kiz's famous tirades. Shit – I think he even cracked a smile this year – maybe he is mellowing in his old age, well done mate.

Runner Up B&F – Anthony Brawn

Whatever I have written over the last couple of years about the great man – ditto. But this year he went one further in his amazing achievements. With Ziks leaving the Club I was worried where we would get our goals from. Step up to the plate one A Brawn, where he not only increased his own output, he increased it so much that he covered both his and Ziks total goals for Season 2016 and ended up winning the League goal kicking award, at the ripe of old age of 42! In the words of the great Bill Lawry "he's a legend the man, he's a champion, I love him, I want to boof him".

Most Consistent – Maine Vidler

Maine is an exceptionally talented athlete. Something that I can't relate to, but certainly can appreciate. He is also an exceptional weirdo. Now that's something I can relate to, and something I do love. For a kid who only picked up the game a couple of seasons back, Maine has come along in leaps and bounds. And when I say that I mean quite literally! His energy and enthusiasm saw him play some very impressive footy in Div1, so much so it saw him promoted to Premis. A team favourite, the sky really is the limit with Maine.

Most Improved – Scotty Brain

Brainy was one the Div 2 players belting the door down at the selection table that I was referring to earlier. When he got his chance he didn't look back. Very much in the Mainey mould, athletically he is very impressive, and as the season went on his skills and game sense got better and better. His ability to play forward, back and even in the ruck saw him as the ultimate utility player, and again like Maine, his future looks very bright.

Best Team Man – Jack Leedham

Div 1, traditionally, has been a quiet bunch – you could almost describe them as being introverted. Consistently one of my biggest challenges has been getting the boys to bust out of that mould and create an atmosphere during a game. Well this year that wasn't an issue as Jack was the man that I could rely on to get the boys up and about. With his



boundless energy and unique sense of humour his voice was a major motivator that helped drive the team to better places. Not only that, but as a small forward he was the perfect foil to Brawny, so much so that he was our 2nd highest goal kicker. There's no doubt he would like to have the end of the season over again, but in my eyes it was more of a reflection of how much he loves the team and how disappointed he was in his body failing him when it mattered most. I would love to say he will come back more mature from the experience ... but this is Jack we are talking about!

Coaches Award – Sam Howard

After winning the U'19's B&F the year prior Sam looked a certainty to play a lot of Prem's footy. Alas that was not to be as despite debuting in Rd 1 with Prem's, he saw himself dropped to Div 1 and but a few matches later again dropped to Div 2. Clearly, he possessed the talent, but in his own words mentally he would find his mind wandering during a game – something that in 19's he could get away with, but clearly not in Senior football. To his credit, showing maturity beyond his years he took it on the chin, and instead of throwing it all in fought his way back into Div 1 and played some very, very good football, the football that we were expecting from him back at the start. Yet more challenges were thrown at him late in the season with a hammy injury putting Finals football in jeopardy. Once again, despite the writing being in the wall he did all he could to get himself fit and give himself a chance for selection, ultimately falling short. Whilst Sam probably didn't see the development in his football this year that he would have been hoping for, his mental attitude towards Senior football certainly did develop, something he should be very proud of.

Last but not least, a few of thankyou's.

To **Wayne Keating**, my partner in crime for the last 6 seasons. It has been a different dynamic this year coaching alongside of you, something I have enjoyed immensely. You are a champion.

We bid a sad farewell to the great Phil Scarlett as he moved to the country out near Goulburn-way (even the locals find him uncouth!) but a bid warm welcome to Michael Trenaman. Organising Div 1 is a thankless and improbably difficult task, but one he performed brilliantly. Thank you.

The other Coaches and Committee, once again it was a pleasure to work alongside you. What-ever it is that you are doing – let's keep doing it. It's working!!

Jason Clarke
Division One Coach



Division One

Division Two Team Awards



FRANK PICCOLO TROPHY

Runner Up Best & Fairest
Most Consistent
Best Team Man
Most Improved
Coaches Award
Players' Player - 'Telfs'

JACKSON PREEDY

Evan Danilo
Adam Dallas
Fraser Nixon
William Johnson
Joel Cousens
Jackson Preedy

DIVISION TWO BEST & FAIREST TOP TEN

Jackson Preedy	67
Evan Danilo	59
Jed McChlery	49
Ben Miles	44
Adam Smith	41
Jordan Rene	34
Harry Rivers	34
Adam Dallas	28
Will Johnson	27
Brett Thompson	26

2017 SANDERS MEDAL

Andrew Eurell 21 votes
Western Suburbs Magpies

Pennant Hills Best

Evan Danilo 17 votes (Eq 3rd)

2017 LEADING GOALKICKERS

Fraser Nixon 35
Brett Thompson 21



Jackson Preedy - Best & Fairest Winner

2017 DIVISION THREE STAFF

Coach Nathan Breen

Team Manager Josh Mott
Assistant Manager John Acheson

Captains Josh Mott

DIVISION THREE LADDER AT THE END OF 2017 HOME AND AWAY SEASON

Division Two	P	W	L	D	For	Agst	%	PTS
North Shore	18	17	1	0	1896	537	353	68
UNSW/ES Bulldogs	18	17	1	0	1759	777	226	68
Penrith Rams	18	13	5	0	1536	740	208	52
Western Suburbs	18	11	7	0	1290	1040	124	44
Pennant Hills	18	10	8	0	1356	1138	119	40
East Coast Eagles	18	10	8	0	1200	1045	115	40
Sydney University	18	6	12	0	1183	1340	88	24
Wollondilly	18	6	12	0	839	1350	62	24
Randwick City	18	4	13	1	850	1763	48	18
South West Sydney	18	4	13	1	731	1720	43	18
UTS Bats	18	3	15	0	892	1633	55	12

2017 Elimination Final

Kanebridge Oval, 27 August

Western Suburbs 11 14 80
def Pennant Hills Demons 4 4 28

2017 GRAND FINAL

Blacktown ISP, 16 September

North Shore Bombers 9 4 58
def Western Suburbs Magpies 6 4 40

Division Two Coach's Report



Season 2017 was always going to be a real test for the Pennant Hills Demons 3rd grade side. Jumping up another division, the second time in 3 seasons from 3rd to 2nd division, despite not winning the flag in either of the previous seasons, would mean that this team would have to perform very well just to be competitive, let alone imagining we could make the finals. This team would no longer be able to adopt the lower grade vibe, where individual brilliance would be enough for team success and as such a new culture needed to be cultivated; a culture formed around player development and improvement, fostering the under 19 graduates into senior football and applying pressure for spots on the boys in Division 1. Developing and instilling this new approach in all the players was perhaps the biggest challenge faced by this side in 2017, especially as the team began the season under-manned and under-staffed.

By losing last season's Grand Final, the team felt keenly the frustration of the lost opportunity that was season 2016 and no-one would have begrudged the boys the opportunity to go around again in the lower grade, toeling up lower ranked sides and playing for personal career highlights. But in the best interests of the Club and in our efforts to provide the boys with the best opportunity to improve, the decision to nominate for a higher grade in Division 2, although ambitious, was a welcome move for me as the coach and for most of the playing group.

Truth be known, I was nervous about the prospects for season 2017 and this was cause for more than a few sleepless nights when cricket finally began to draw to a close. Many of the previous year's team were no longer playing or had been selected in higher grades, including the likes of Pinker, H. Angel, Mace, Leedham, Hodges, Vidler and Trenaman, just to name a few. As a third grade side coming into Division 2, the prospect of playing four first grade sides and four premier division reserve grade sides was daunting. Predictions for the year probably would have put us outside the finals race and the first three rounds suggested that might be on the money. With only one win (with a stacked side and against eventual last place) and two losses, the season looked like it would be a 'long one'! What's more, the other side promoted from Division 3, last season's arch-nemesis Wollondilly Knights, also had a horror start with three bad losses. After our round 3 performance, an insipid effort against Wests, a stern word or two was needed and it was a wake-up call to all the playing group that we were now playing in a serious footy competition. It was a real '*man-up or get out*' moment!

Another loss in Round 4, but against eventual Grand Finalists UNSW, saw the emergence of some new talent. Adrian Colautti and Harry Rivers led a band of U/20 players to a much better performance and as a result the Demons game play had improved. This resulted in pleasing wins in the next two rounds, playing some very good football. Then the most disappointing game of football for the year saw the Demons slump behind the win/loss ratio again, after getting pumped out at Penrith. The cultural shift that had been trying to grow force was quashed in four quarters of embarrassing, dare I say it, lower grade effort. The Club then assessed that some help was needed and, after a few discussions, Michael Cousens, Todd Williams and Glenn Gunstone got on board to offer some much needed assistance and advice to the playing group. Immediately, there was a response and Penno was back in the winner's circle for the next three games, albeit by slender margins against sides that were in similar ladder positions. We were always being hunted, but managed to hold on.

Penno was then stopped twice in a month by eventual Premiers North Shore whose only blemish was in the last round, when they obviously rested players. However, we were able to take positives out of both clashes with the Bombers, holding them to less than 100 points both

times and, at the time, being the closest team to beating a very good side. Another disappointing loss in the second last round put Penno's finals spot in doubt as we moved outside the top 6 for the first time since the 4th round. The outcome of our final H&A match took on the aspect of a season-defining moment. Against lowly ranked UTS at MKO, the Demons stormed home in the most dominant performance of the season, thrashing the Bats by more than 22 goals, with a cameo performance by Richie Laing who kicked five goals in his only match in more than two seasons. The win and a much improved percentage were enough to get Penno into the finals.

Looking back, although it was an enormous achievement to reach the finals, I think everyone at the elimination final against Wests, would agree that it was a very disappointing result as the team were out-muscled, out-enthused and, in the end, out-classed by a team that just wanted it more than us. It had been a long season and it was a real struggle to maintain the endeavor and intensity needed to compete in a high stakes finals match. Disappointing though it was, to finish our first season in Division 2 winning more than we lost, is a huge achievement and a credit to all the players that donned the red and the blue.

The most pleasing aspect of this achievement was the emergence of the younger players. The likes of Will Johnson, Harry Rivers, Jed Corbett, Adrian Colautti and the U/19s who stepped up to fill in, Oliver Williams, Jon Nati, Michael Fiedler, Mitch Blow, Will Anson and Cooper Pascoe, who all had their first taste of senior football. All of these boys displayed just how skilful they are, their ability to beat their opponent in one-on-one contests, take responsibility for their role and dominate in patches of football will leave them in good stead for seasons to come. Four of these young players were rewarded with higher honours, Anthony Woodward, Joel Cousens, Aiden Russell and eventually Best and Fairest winner Jackson Preedy, who was elevated to Division 1 as their leading ruckman and never looked back.

On top of this, was the way in which experienced clubmen were able to fit in around and lead these younger players; names such as Ben Miles, Adam Dallas, Adam and Dave Smith, Josh Mott, Tim Acheson and Fraser Nixon, all held the fort in regular appearances, ensuring the team style and culture wasn't lost despite using 66 players.

Perhaps it was the high churn of players through the team that contributed to the side's disappointing bow out of the finals and is where improvement must be made at this level of football ... we need a core of quality, committed players who are prepared to see the full season out. This side has all the ability in the world and in the very near future should be competitive flag contenders. They had the ability this year and, should the competition remain similar, they will have it again next year, however it is the players themselves that have to believe it, and then live it! Training habits and focus must improve no matter who the team is training with. Standards and expectations should always be held to the highest common denominator and not the lowest and a certain degree of confidence or swagger needs immediate attention. Regardless of the opposition's club grade, belief in our ability as footballers to stick to the game plan, back your mate to get the job done and play positive creative, and not reactive, footy is essential for success. All traits I witnessed in patches this season.

Congratulations must go to a numbers of the boys. To all those who pulled on a third grade jumper and were then able to achieve higher honours in Division One, well done! Your development, whether it be in its infancy or be nearly complete, putting this pressure on the players above you, is what breeds success!

Division Two Coach's Report



Secondly, to Jackson Preedy, Division 2 Best and Fairest and Players Player, the love affair is finally complete! Your hard work around the ground is recognised by both coaches and players. In just the 11 games you polled enough votes to be the run-away victor. Jackson is a natural ruckman. He has a great leap and is able to compete against much taller ruckman, week-in and week-out. He is a dangerous resting forward, but easily does his best work around the ground, where he is able to use his superior skills to gather and release other players time and time again. Jackson also thoroughly enjoys a running kick for goal, something he did with regularity during the year.

Runner up B&F was Evan Danilo. Big Ev is a genuine character, but is inclined to get the coach riled up from time to time. His size enables him to treat many an opponent with disdain when contesting for the ball, either in the air or at ground level. This was recognised by the umpires as he was the highest-placed Demon in the league's Sanders Medal, coming equal 3rd in the competition. Ev possesses fantastic natural footballing ability, just ask him! When Ev gets passionate about team performance there is no better player in the Division 2 competition. But when he goes chasing kicks, the side's structure can suffer. He is a great contested footballer and sometimes I wish he'd just hold his spot and the lad's down-field can deliver the ball to him on a platter.

Finally, I would like to say some thank you's. To the club committee another season fielding six sides (four men's teams, a women's and U/19's), is an awesome achievement. Only the University sides are able to play the top 3 grades of the Sydney AFL and their 3rd grade sides finished in the bottom half of the table.

To Lauren Wright and the team at Carlingford Active. Physios, keeping the players on the ground is a tough ask and you manage the treatment, communication and game day so well.

To Michael Cousens, Todd Williams and Glenn Gunstone, your understanding of what was needed mid-year in this grade was greatly appreciated, but to also be the ones to put your hands up to help out was amazing, especially with all the other roles you play at the club!

Todd, your presence at all those games certainly made an enormous difference.

To Trent Roddan and the U/19s for filling a few much needed spots during the year. I know it's a nervous time when they are on the field, but my boys love it and I hope you do as well.

To Bags and Donny, I pillage your side and we have our domestics at the round table but it's all about the passion we have for our sides doing well. You boys have done a great job in producing footballers and good luck for next year. To Clarke and Yardy, Friday nights are often long, but I think we broke the record this year... three times ...with players being called up on the afternoon of a game. North Shore, Wollondilly and then the Prelim Final. I dread the Friday and Saturday updates, but congratulations on fantastic seasons. The depth at Pennant Hills was on show in the last two weeks at Blacktown and YD what a display of belief and extraordinary coaching, not just during the finals, but for the 5 weeks leading up to them. You truly stand by the Local and Loyal mantra.

Last but not least, to Motters who coached, managed and 'Presided' this year; it was a huge task and you can't get enough; thanks for the work you do! And, then of course, to JA. Saturday mornings are easier whenever you are around. From supplying the lollies, to team sheets, to drink bottles when I forget and then managing on game day or goal umpiring if you are needed, you are the ironman of the Pennant Hills Demons. You have helped me immensely and all the while you were managing 1st grade to a premiership. Thank you very much.

To wrap up, I'll be back next year for another season of football. I hope to see everyone else back for another crack at a flag because it is a great club to play footy at and the impact this club has on people's lives, should never be underestimated.

EHBT,

Nathan Breen
Division 2 Coach



Division Two

Division Four Team Awards



BEST & FAIREST

PETER CAREY

Runner Up Best & Fairest	Tim Wolnizer
Most Consistent	Hayden Vandermeer
Best Team Man	Hayden Elmir
Most Improved	Jak Stromquist
Coaches Award	David Owen
Players' Player - 'Doaks'	Peter Carey

DIVISION FOUR BEST & FAIREST TOP TEN

Peter Carey	69
Tim Wolnizer	55
Alex Huggins	42
Donnie Ollington	42
James Fulton	39
David Owen	38
Hayden Vandermeer	36
Zac Baglin	34
Aaron King	32
Jak Stromquist	32

2017 ARMSTRONG MEDAL

Callum Andrews	23 votes
St George Dragons	

Pennant Hills Best

Tim Wolnizer	6 votes
Mitchel de Vries	5 votes

2017 LEADING GOALKICKERS

Peter Carey	24
Michael Baglin	16



Peter Carey - Best & Fairest Winner

2017 DIVISION FOUR STAFF

Co-Coaches	Nicholas Baglin Donald Ollington
Team Manager	Phillip Hare
Co-Captains	Matt Miles Greg Hume
Club Umpire	Allen Gardiner

DIVISION FOUR LADDER AT THE END OF 2017 HOME AND AWAY SEASON

Division Four	P	W	L	D	FA	For	Agst	%	PTS
St George Dragons	17	15	2	2	0	1686	565	298	60
Western Magic	17	13	4	2	0	1584	795	199	52
Sydney University	17	11	6	3	0	1418	690	206	44
UTS Bats	17	11	6	1	0	1447	980	148	44
UNSW/ES Bulldogs	17	11	6	1	0	1282	893	144	44
Pennant Hills	17	10	7	1	0	1059	1182	90	40
Southern Power	17	6	11	0	1	923	1181	78	24
Manly Warringah	17	5	12	1	3	687	1421	48	20
East Coast Eagles	17	2	15	1	1	596	1668	36	8
South West Sydney	17	1	16	0	7	315	1622	19	4

2017 GRAND FINAL

Blacktown ISP No 1, 17 September

St George Dragons	4	13	37
def UTS Bats	2	5	17

Division Four Coaches Report



Season 2017 was always going to be about 'finding our feet' in a higher grade, after winning the Division 5 flag last season and earning promotion to Division 4. We set ourselves an objective to be competitive every week whilst, at the same time, providing maximum opportunity for as many as possible to play footy, striving for that happy balance between competition and participation.

We started the season with three wins on the trot, the first an away game and then two at home. Round 3 versus UNSW/ES Bulldogs was a tightly fought contest that saw the Dees get up by one straight kick in a game that went down to the wire.

The next week we were off to Olds Park in what would be our worst loss of the season (by 142 pts) to a St George side, the eventual premiers, that was well above Division 4 standard. With some mixed results over the next month of footy, Round 9 saw us away at Sydney Uni, where we suffered another large defeat (by 105 pts). At the half-way mark of the season, we were sitting in 5th spot and our goal was now set on making a run at playing finals.

As the weeks rolled on our results pretty much were going to form with an 'encouraging' loss to St George at home, going down by only 30 pts which was a significant improvement on the shellacking we received in Round 4. Another tight one at home in Round 13, this time against UTS, saw us with a slender 2 pt margin when the final siren sounded. The next week we returned to the "Ern" to play 2nd placed Western Magic and our mid-season injury toll didn't help our result, losing again to a side at the pointy end of the ladder. Round 15 saw us score probably our best win for the season, by 29 pts over UNSW/ES Bulldogs at Blacktown No 2. Coming into the final two rounds, we were placed fourth and our destiny was firmly within our control as the final two matches were against teams lower on the ladder.

With club veterans Peter Carey and Greg Hume both notching up their 200th games in the Round 16 match in the Shire, and with a spot in the finals beckoning, you'd have thought the team had ample incentive to demolish the lowly ranked Southern Power! But the Footy Gods are fickle and we just couldn't kick straight that day ... Penno had 22 shots (5 goals, 17 behinds) to Power's 13 shots (8 goals, 5 behinds) and we lost by 6 pts. What a missed opportunity, not just for our finals prospects, but the team was devastated for PC and Civil missing out on celebrating with a win in their milestone games. Other results that round also went against us and we were left with a simple formula to qualify for finals ... to win our last game at home versus Sydney Uni! Unfortunately, we stumbled again at the final hurdle and we could not come through with the win, meaning we finished 6th, one place shy of the final five. Notwithstanding the disappointing finish, to step-up a grade and

still be in contention for finals come the last round is an achievement not to be under-estimated.

Even though in the end we just fell short of playing finals, we feel that we ticked off most of the boxes for what we wanted to achieve way back at the start of the year. We used 58 players, 5 more than last season. We had 5 first timers to AFL and around 20 who were either new to the footy club or were returning to the club after time away. What we lost in player experience from 2016, we made up for in youthful enthusiasm which was nicely complemented by the 'older heads'. The most pleasing thing about this was that, by the end of the year, our younger players were starting to find consistency making the signs for the future very positive.

Congratulations to James "Bozo" Fulton, Peter "PC" Carey and Greg "Civil" Hume who all played their 200th games for the club during the season.

Congratulations to PC on winning the B&F and Players Player double. A great season on your return to the club.

A huge thank you to the committee who gave us both the opportunity to coach again this year in what has been a very enjoyable season.

To Lauren for arranging the physio's this year, once again a fantastic job and to the guys and girls who perform this task week-in and week-out, thank you.

To Phil Hare, thanks for your help throughout the season in getting things organised, especially getting players signed up at late notice. To Al Gardiner, our club umpire, a massive thank you. Without you we wouldn't get to go out and run around and do what we enjoy.

Rod Miles, without your assistance over the last 2 years we don't know how this would have all ended up. Allowing us both to be able to coach could not have been done without you, So, a massive thanks!

To Liam, thanks for helping run water again this season and everyone else who helped out throughout the year.

To YD, Clarke, Boxy and Cuz, thank you to all of you for your support and guidance throughout the season and always being available to bounce ideas off you. To Trent, thanks so much for your assistance and patience with training, allowing us to train together and also build a relationship between us and the future of the club.

Go Penno!

Nick Baglin & Donny Ollington
Division 4 Co-Coaches



Division Four

Under 19 Division One Team Awards



LENNY HAYES TROPHY

Runner Up Best & Fairest
Most Consistent
Best Team Man
Most Improved
Coaches Award
Golden Fist Award
Players' Player - 'Paddy'

JESSE VIDOT-COLEMAN

Mitchell Blow
Oliver Williams
Dominic Moraitis
Jonathan Nati
Connor Matthews
Michael Fiedler
Mitchell Blow

U/19 DIVISION ONE BEST & FAIREST TOP TEN

Jesse Vidot-Coleman	95
Mitchell Blow	75
Connor Matthews	54
Lincoln Pearson	41
Jonathan Nati	40
Jordan Adams	38
Benjamin Matthews	33
Oliver Williams	32
Christopher Allan	31
Nicholas Eynaud	24

2017 KEALY MEDAL

Jesse Vidot-Coleman 26 votes
Pennant Hills Demons

Pennant Hills Next Best

Ben Matthews 4 votes

2017 LEADING GOALKICKERS

William Anson	16
Mitchell Blow	11

2017 U/19 DIVISION ONE STAFF

Coach	Trent Roddan
Assistant Coaches	Mark Carroll Todd Williams Brendan Gregor
Team Manager	Jennifer Williams
Captain	Anthony Johnston
Team Runner	Nigel Blow

U/19 DIVISION ONE LADDER AT THE END OF 2017 HOME AND AWAY SEASON

U/19 Division One	P	W	L	B	FFFA	For	Agst	%	%Won
North Shore Bombers	16	14	2	1	0	1390	504	276	87.50
St George Dragons	15	12	3	1	1	1035	526	197	80.00
UNSW/ES Bulldogs	16	10	6	1	0	1072	732	146	62.50
East Coast Eagles	15	7	8	2	0	719	865	83	46.67
Pennant Hills	16	7	9	2	0	859	1026	84	43.75
Sydney University	15	3	12	2	1	742	1189	62	20.00
Manly Warringah	15	1	14	2	0	375	1350	28	6.67

2017 GRAND FINAL

Blacktown ISP, 10 September

St George Dragons	10	13	73
def North Shore Bombers	6	10	46



Under 19 Division One

Under 19 Division One Coach's Report



First of all, congratulations to all involved in the Club this year. To win a second Premier Division flag in 3 years is a massive achievement! For us to have 7 of our U19 squad in the winning team on Grand Final Day is testament to the hard work of many groups, including our Junior clubs, the Academies, NEAFL teams and the AFL NSW/ACT development program, to produce such high calibre players at such a young age.

For the U19s Division 1 squad this year, we unfortunately didn't make the finals, even though we again finished the regular season in 5th place, and in any other year would have been in the finals. However, the U19 Division 1 competition had a reduced team number this year after Western Magic dropped out mid-season (due to lack of numbers), so Sydney AFL reduced the finals qualification to only the top 4 teams.

At one stage we felt we were home for a finals spot, in 4th place with only 2 rounds to go, as our nearest rivals, East Coast, were one win behind us and needed to play the top two teams in their final 2 matches and we didn't expect them to win either of them. All we had to do was win at least one of our last two matches against St George and Sydney Uni to cement a spot. At 3Q time in the St George match we were only 2 points down and had been in the contest for most of the match, however they came home strong in the final quarter and ended up winning by 13 points. Later that day East Coast produced the upset of the season. With a bye in Premis, they had put many eligible players back into their U19s side and ended up beating top-of-the-table North Shore by just 1 point. This was a massive blow for us and it meant we needed to beat Sydney Uni in our final match (which we had been able to do earlier in the year) and East Coast (playing at home) had to lose to St George (which they did, but only by 1 point).

However, the script again wasn't playing out in our favour as Sydney Uni Premis (who our Premis ended up beating in the Grand Final, in case you hadn't heard) also had a bye in the last round, meaning their U19s team was strengthened, and, as our Premis finals race heated up, our colts were low on top level players ... the curse of being a development focused club! We ended up losing the final match of the year 57 to 94 and our season was done.

In terms of the squad for the year, we had 45 players take the field in U19s (including 14 U17 permit players), with 8 players playing Premis, 1 playing Div 1 and 4 playing Div 2 through the year. Also, not one of our squad played in every game for the year, which again highlights the issue we face with consistency in team continuity and structures. We also had a very bad run of long term injuries to key players this season, including a ruptured spleen, 2 with major ankle ligament damage, 3 ACL injuries, and our captain with a very nasty broken nail.

On a positive note, 2017 saw some great progression in quite a number of the team. When we had the ball we generally played well, linking up well as a team. Probably our biggest issue was recovering when the opposition won the ball.

Our backline led by Michael Fiedler, Mitch Blow and our most improved Jon Nati were strong this year, with one-on-one accountability a key. They were backed up well by our captain Anthony Johnston, Jono Dixon, Jack Edwards and, new to the game, Brendan O'Sullivan, also providing some relentless backline pressure.

Our centre clearances improved as the year went on, with Jesse Vidot-Coleman outstanding all year with dominant ruck-work and giving our mids first use of the ball. Oliver Williams, the Matthews twins (Ben and Connor) also improving with their blocks for each other and link-up with Jesse. Also providing great support were our wingers, including Harry Gregor, Ollie Nockles, Cooper Pascoe, Luke Lawrence, Sam Plummer and Matthew

Browne, which led to some exciting clearances.

Our forwards probably didn't really settle as we would have liked this season, and we tried quite a number of players and combinations up front. Certainly Will Anson had a very strong year and was close to most improved as he provided a strong leading target and improved massively in his ground play. Chris Allen and Lincoln Pearson were also strong targets and the two Coopers were always about looking for a sneaky goal. Dominic Moraitis' hardness at the contest led to many opportunities and he was another player that developed into a solid performer through the year.

Jesse Vidot-Coleman's dominance in the ruck was highlighted and rewarded as the clear winner of the Sydney AFL U19s Div 1 Best and Fairest Award, the Kealey Medal, winning by 7 votes, with 10 of our players polling votes in 2017 (2 of them being U17 Permit players which is a great effort).

In our Club's best and fairest and players player awards, 5 of the top 11 players were U17 permit players, highlighting the quality of the young players we have coming into the side. Again, Jesse was the winner, 20 votes clear of runner-up Mitchell Blow who also won the Players Player award with a strong performance this season.

Our elite U19s players and their achievements for the year include:

- Luke Skrivanic - TAC Cup U18 Allies, Swans Reserves NEAFL, Sydney AFL Rising Star nominee, Sydney AFL Premis GF Winner;
- Mike Carroll - TAC Cup U18 Allies, Swans Reserves (NEAFL), Sydney AFL Premis GF Winner;
- Kieren Briggs - GWS Giants Reserves (NEAFL), Sydney AFL Rising Star nominee, Sydney AFL Premis GF Winner;
- James Peatling - U17 Futures (U17 RAMS), GWS Giants Reserves (NEAFL) Sydney AFL Premis GF Winner;
- Josh Stern - Swans Reserves (NEAFL), Best First Year Local Player (Ken MacRae Shield), Sydney AFL Premis GF Winner;
- Cooper Lee - Swans Reserves (NEAFL), Sydney AFL Premis GF Winner;
- Jordan Adams & Harry Maguire – Under 16 RAMS.

I'm happy to call this season a success, simply because we finished in the same spot as last year in the regular season comp, but more so, because we have developed a strong young team to come through for next year, and most importantly we were able to support our Premis team in winning another flag for the club.

I was again lucky to have the help and support of many people though the year, so a huge thank you to the following:

Mark Carroll - Assistant Coach, Todd Williams - Assistant Coach, Brendan Gregor - Assistant Coach, Jenny Williams - Team Manager, Nigel Blow - Runner

Thanks also to Lauren and her team at Carlingford Active Health, for ensuring we have the best physios and medical staff in Sydney AFL at each a game (and sorry we made you work so hard this season).

Finally, thanks from all involved with the U19s group (including players and parents) and for the amount of work that is done by our Club Committee each year. It's only with their support and dedication that we can operate such a large club, and be so successful in the AFL Sydney competition. Well done to all!

Trent Roddan
Under 19 Coach

Women's Division One Team Awards



BEST & FAIREST

MIKAELA MAHONY

Runner Up Best & Fairest	Alexandra Wade
Most Consistent	Ellie Jones
Best Team Person	Alison Bruce
Most Improved	Dani Greyling
Coaches Award	Madeline James
Best Finals Player	Emma Wade
Players' Player	Mikaela Mahony

WOMENS DIVISION ONE BEST & FAIREST TOP TEN

Mikaela Mahony	107
Alexandra Wade	69
Ellie Jones	66
Laara Lewis	63
Hayley Lowe	63
Charlotte Owen	54
Eleanor Rugg	37
Laura Donohoe	34
Lauren Dowle	34
Madeline James	34
Brooke Roditis	34

2017 JAMES MEDAL

Courtney Corr	24 votes
Western Magic	

Pennant Hills Best

Mikaela Mahony	11 votes
Ellie Jones	11 votes

2017 LEADING GOALKICKERS

Alison Bruce	16
Lauren Dowle	10



Mikaela Mahony - Best & Fairest Winner

2017 WOMENS DIVISION ONE STAFF

Coach	Daniel Fiedler
Assistant Coach	Terry Donohoe
Team Manager/Runner	Allen Abbott
Co-Captains	Ellie Jones Eleanor Rugg
Club Umpire	Terry Donohoe

WOMENS DIVISION ONE LADDER AT THE END OF 2017 HOME AND AWAY SEASON

Womens Div One	P	W	L	D	FF	FA	For	Agst	%	PTS
Wollongong Saints	17	16	1	0	0	0	1541	176	876	64
Manly Warringah	17	15	2	0	0	0	1186	182	652	60
Western Magic	17	15	2	0	0	0	1533	258	594	60
Pennant Hills	17	10	7	0	0	0	847	567	149	40
East Coast Eagles	17	10	7	0	0	0	866	660	131	40
North Shore Bombers	17	8	9	0	1	0	694	650	107	32
Sydney University	17	8	9	0	0	0	678	717	95	32
UNSW/ES Stingrays	17	6	11	0	1	0	481	688	70	24
Wollondilly Knights	17	6	11	0	2	0	451	943	48	24
Camden Cats	17	6	11	0	0	0	377	1046	36	24
Campbelltown Blues	17	5	10	2	0	0	272	854	32	24
Auburn-Penrith Giants	17	5	11	1	1	0	353	805	44	22
Newtown Breakaways	17	4	12	1	1	1	267	1048	25	18
South West Sydney	17	3	14	0	0	5	257	1209	21	12

2017 Elimination Final

Henson Park, 27 August

Pennant Hills Demons	6	12	48
def East Coast Eagles	5	5	35

2017 Semi Final

Kanebridge Oval, 2 September

Western Magic	12	9	81
def Pennant Hills Demons	1	1	7

2017 GRAND FINAL

Blacktown ISP, 17 September

Wollongong Saints	7	3	45
def Western Magic	3	5	23



In the second season for Penno's Women's Division One, we hoped to build on what we had created last year, which was the strong team and club culture that Pennant Hills is best known for, by building strong relationships with team-mates, the men's teams and club officials alike. To further develop our football skills was the biggest challenge of the year, and a key component was recruiting new women who were excited to learn a new sport and challenge the returning player's skills and knowledge of the game in the process. We had only 13 returning players from last season, meaning we needed to develop the core of a whole new women's team. By the end of the season we had 34 registered players, with the 21 new recruits impressing early, as they were lifted and inspired by the passion and drive for success of the incumbent players, who brought with them the experience of playing the inaugural season in 2016.

Returning Co-Captains Ellie Jones and Eleanor Rugg were joined by last year's best and fairest Mikaela Mahony, to form the 2017 leadership team. The season gave us a tough draw to start with, playing last season's top three sides in the first 4 rounds. Even though we went down to all three, we knew that with continued hard work at training, we would get a few wins on the board soon enough. By round 4 we were 11th out of the 14 teams in the competition, but we were still confident and determined to achieve our goal of making finals, and to see where the season took us from there. Throughout the whole season we had excellent turn outs at training. On a couple of occasions, there were up to 29 players attending a training session, highlighting how much these players wanted to go deep into September footy.

By round 5, the new women had become accustomed to the routine physicality of the game, and were learning what it takes to play competitive, full contact footy and what it means to be a 'Penno Demon'. From here we aimed to start what I called "hashtag the streak", in which we aimed to start a winning streak to see how far we could go with it. On a "#thestreak" of two wins, we were unexpectedly defeated by Sydney Uni, who we had heavily underestimated. This was a key turning point for the learning curve in the season and taught everyone that there were no easy wins and pre-game routines and warm-ups were not to be taken lightly. This loss had us coming 9th at the end of round 7, with the top 3 teams already well ahead of the rest of the crop. The training sessions in the following weeks were the best of the season, and this paid dividends as we strung together some excellent play-on running footy. We were rebounding from the backs, running through the lines with delivery by hand and by foot, demonstrating that what we had practiced all year was beginning to pay off.

By round 13 we were coming 4th, after giving up on the "#thestreak" motto; instead just encouraging everyone to "go harder than your opponent, beat them to the ball, and we will win this game". Winning 6 games in a row was amazing enough for the women to be elated, but they were all still driven and at this point were looking to keep this momentum up for the finals series. All of the players had learnt our game tactics by this point and were executing it to perfection, with skills still developing, our hardness at the ball and numbers around the footy, proved that we would be a force to be reckoned with come September.

Of all the wins this season, the best came against East Coast in round 11 at their home ground – this was the Eagles women's first season, but our players were told of the rivalry that exists between our two clubs and that there was more on the line than just the four points. This game felt like all the hard work during the season had truly paid off, with the Demons all playing for one another, and passing the ball out the

back multiple times to kick the ball down the ground (the old back to go forward trick). It was truly a glorious win, and is probably the best win this team has had in their two years of existence, winning 53-20. I remember telling manager Allen Abbott after this game that I thought we were truly in it to make the grand final, and we could even dream to win the competition.

Besides winning 6 in a row, the girls absolutely loved the support from the entire club, which again, was as outstanding as last year. Throughout the season we had help and support from other coaches, players and managers, which was always welcomed and of course shows just how far we've grown as a local community club. Furthermore, the girls always loved the social events the club had planned, even organising their own themed pub crawls to see more of each other. The team had truly become more than just that, they'd become a family and that is what this club is all about.

By the end of round 17 (the end of the normal season), we had finished 4th on the ladder, with the top 6 going through to the finals series. Of all teams to play in the first final, it felt like it was destiny to play rival East Coast (5th) for the second time this season. For this match we had picked our best 22 for the first time this season, which was very exciting and we were looking forward to seeing just how well they could play as a unit. East Coast came out firing, and were definitely not a push-over, as they did not give up for all 4 quarters of the game. We started the game well, finishing the first quarter with a 28-6 scoreline. East Coast fought hard the rest of the game, but our backs were solid enough to keep them away, therefore winning our first ever finals game 48-35. It was a great moment for the girls and the club, and we now had our sights set on each game that would come next.

Unfortunately for us, we were knocked out by what I thought was the strongest side we'd played all year, by Grand Finalists Western Magic. We'd lost Co-Captain Ellie Jones with a broken collar bone from the first week of finals, and we did all we could to stop their run but in the end the Magic were just too fit and too fast for us. As disappointing as losing was, we had to be proud of our effort not only this game, but in the season as a whole. Next year, the aim is hopefully to get two women's teams with one playing in a newly formed Women's Division 2 competition. We will need nearly double the number of players as we had in our squad this year, so I am excited to see what new players will be coming through, not just the new ones to the game, but also the talent that will come through from juniors and youth ranks.

A few special mentions:

- Todd Williams, who was again excellent every time he helped out and took the girls for skills, drills and game structure sessions. I have learnt a lot from Todd and the effort he puts into this club all together is second to none. Todd's favourite and most famous quote was his emphasises on "executing the skill", which was oft heard repeated fondly by the girls, even when Todd wasn't there.
- Terry Donohoe, who helped out immensely throughout the season as the assistant coach and our very own club umpire, and was great to have around all year.
- Jess Taylor, thank you for being our physio all year and helping the girls through what could be a record number of finger injuries for any footy season ever, as well as nearly being a counsellor for some of the girls as well.

Women's Division One Coach's Report



- Yardy, for going into detail and taking time out of your schedule to help our ruckman develop their skills ... really great mate, thanks!
- Finally, to Al Abbott, who is truly the heart and soul of this team, doing the managerial duties, organising goal umpires (and doing it himself), being part of the social nights, taking your time off work, and getting around the girls in general, you are a positive and generous role model, and I hope this club heavily rewards you one day for all the hard work you put into not just our team, but to this great club.

In conclusion, finishing the season in 4th place, with a finals win under our belt, was an excellent step-up from last year's efforts. We came 8th last season with 5 wins, and smashed it this season, more than doubling our wins (11 in total) and halving our ladder position, 8th to 4th. It was great to see the growth and development of not just the girls from last year, but also the new ones from this year, and I hope to see you all again in 2018 for another season of improvement and success!

Daniel Fiedler

Women's Division One Coach



Women's Division One

Player Records – 2017



OPEN AGE TOTAL	NAME:		First Played	2017	SENIORS	DIV 1	DIV 2	DIV 4	Womens	Under 19	CLUB GAMES TOTAL
342	CLARKE	Jason	1991	15		3	8	4			358
336	BRAWN	Anthony	1991	19		19					336
320	YARD	Christopher	1989	0							320
229	WRIGHT	Kieran	2006	20		20					229
224	PARKER	Sebastian	1997	20		20					260
212	DELL'AQUILA	Damian	2004	19	17	1	1				226
207	FULTON	James	1996	12			2	10			236
202	CAREY	Matthew	2003	20	19	1					237
201	CAREY	Peter	1996	13				13			234
200	HUME	Greg	1992	11				11			215
186	MYERS	Jarrold	1999	10			2	8			213
185	MILES	Ben	2004	18		4	13	1			197
177	WIDMER	Samuel	2003	16	6	10					207
159	BREEN	Nathan	2007	13			13				187
153	WITT	Daniel	2007	17	13	4					178
152	CRISFIELD	Aaron	2006	19	18	1					165
144	ANGEL	Thomas	2006	18	18						158
143	BAGLIN	Nicholas	2007	6			1	5			184
143	DALLAS	Adam	2009	17			17				143
137	SMITH	David	2001	15			14	1			157
133	SHEPHERD	Lloyd	2004	16	15	1					133
130	WIDMER	Ted	2007	13	7	6					163
129	HUGGINS	Alex	2001	10			5	5			131
124	WALES	Tim	2008	18	18						158
120	NIXON	Fraser	2007	20		4	16				192
119	DANILO	Evan	2009	19			19				153
119	TURNER	Luke	2004	16		14	2				149
113	ANGEL	Harry	2009	17	11	6					168
112	STUCKER	Cody	2009	11		5	6				112
109	EDIRWICKRAMA	Ranga	2006	19	18	1					121
105	BAGLIN	Christopher	2009	16			9	7			139
104	THOMAS	Matthew	2007	15	11	4					141
102	CARTER	Matthew	2006	1			1				135
100	STRANGE	Danny	2008	18			8	10			124
98	DE GORTER	Nicholas	2009	1			1				132
96	EDMONDS	Thomas	2010	20	20						130
93	GUNSTONE	Jake	2011	19		19					123
91	ABBOTT	Thomas	2011	18		18					126
91	LOW	Nick	2006	17		14	3				123
91	WRAY	Stephen	2009	20	20						120
87	WITT	Patrick	2009	18	1	17					109
85	MOTT	Joshua	2006	7			7				113
84	NIXON	Adam	2009	13		12	1				119
84	RODDAN	Trent	2010	2				2			84
81	VILE	Lachlan	2013	9		9					81
76	SCARLETT	Matthew	2007	5			5				91
75	HARE	Jesse	2011	21	19	2					107
72	LAING	Richard	2004	1			1				103
71	WOLNIZER	Tim	2004	13				13			71
70	DUNN	James	2012	1			1				78
66	PREEN	Daniel	2013	16	13	3					87
65	SMITH	Adam	2013	13		1	10	2			65
60	MORAITIS	Theo	2012	12	12						89
60	PINKER	Regan	2011	21		20	1				100

Player Records – 2017



OPEN AGE TOTAL	NAME:		First Played	2017	SENIORS	DIV 1	DIV 2	DIV 4	Womens	Under 19	CLUB GAMES TOTAL
59	COUSENS	Michael	2004	0							59
58	BAGLIN	Michael	2012	13				13			58
58	HEY	Nicholas	2012	18	18						84
56	HARE	Phillip	2013	2				2			56
56	HODGES	Stewart	2011	18		13	5				106
54	MILES	Matthew	2008	11				11			81
53	WATTS	Glenn	2011	2		1	1				53
52	LEEDHAM	Jack	2015	17		17					52
52	MCMULLAN	Joel	2006	8				8			52
52	REDPATH	Paul	2004	5				5			52
51	LUSCOMBE	Campbell	2013	20	19	1					95
51	OLLINGTON	Donald	2014	15				15			51
49	ACHESON	Timothy	2011	16			16				68
48	MAYNARD	Craig	2015	16	1	9	6				48
46	OMISORE	Adam	2013	1				1			46
45	DE VRIES	Mitchel	2012	16			6	10			103
41	MACE	Nathan	2013	19	2	16	1				90
40	THOMPSON	Brett	2013	19		7	12				92
39	VIDLER	Maine	2015	21	4	16	1				58
38	COALDRAKE	Kieron	2013	18		12	6				77
38	GOURLAY	Jono	2009	4	1	3					46
38	PREEDY	Jackson	2015	20		9	11				58
38	TRENAMAN	Mitchell	2013	20	12	8					87
37	MULLINS	Carter	2014	5				5			37
34	RENE	Jordan	2012	15		6	9				88
33	HARDMAN	Jeff	2015	8				8			33
32	BRAIN	Scott	2015	17		14	3				51
32	COUSENS	Joel	2013	21		3	17	1			67
32	LEPORE	Ryan	2016	18	5	13					32
31	BOAG	Josh	2015	20	19	1				1	54
30	DAVIS	Elicia	2016	17					17		30
30	PREEN	Matthew	2015	20	15	3	2				63
30	WHITE	Christopher	2010	7				7			30
29	FURLONG	Cian	2015	13		5	8				35
26	BUYINK	Brandon	2016	12			11	1			26
26	CARROLL	James	2013	17	14	3					55
26	GUFF	Emily	2016	15					15		26
26	JONES	Ellie	2016	15					15		26
26	MAHONY	Mikaela	2016	16					16		26
26	WADE	Alexandra	2016	14					14		26
25	COLLIS	Georgia	2016	13					13		25
25	LEWIS	Laara	2016	14					14		25
25	RUGG	Eleanor	2016	13					13		25
24	WEBB	Taylor	2016	14					14		24
23	COOPER	Nathan	2014	3	3						36
23	TATE	Steph	2016	10					10		23
22	MCCHLERY	Jed	2016	11			11				31
21	DUNN	Cameron	2016	2			2				21
21	GREYLING	Dani	2016	14					14		21
21	WOOD	Jessie	2016	10					10		21
20	OWEN	David	2016	9				9			20
20	STEPHENS	Jack	2016	4			3	1			20
20	STEPHENS	Nicholas	2016	4			3	1			20
20	SWANTON	Jonathan	2015	6				6			20

Player Records – 2017



OPEN AGE TOTAL	NAME:		First Played	2017	SENIORS	DIV 1	DIV 2	DIV 4	Womens	Under 19	CLUB GAMES TOTAL
19	RIVERS	Harry	2013	18			18				70
18	COULSON	Jessy	2016	9					9		18
17	DE LA MARE	Patrick	2016	16	3	13				5	38
17	HOWARD	Sam	2016	16	1	10	5				34
17	PEARSON	Isaac	2015	17		16	1				56
17	SKRIVANIC	Luke	2016	13	13					1	22
16	ADAMS	Jacob	2014	3				3			17
16	JOHNSON	Will	2016	16			14	2			31
16	OWEN	Charlotte	2017	16					16		16
16	PATTEN	Jack	2015	0							38
16	RODITIS	Brooke	2017	16					16		16
16	WOODWARD	Anthony	2014	15		11	4				66
15	CORBETT	Jed	2016	15			15				31
15	JAMES	Madeline	2017	15					15		15
15	KING	Aaron	2016	8				8			15
15	VENES	Jarrold	2017	15				15			15
15	WADE	Emma	2017	15					15		15
14	BRUCE	Alison	2017	14					14		14
14	DONOHUE	Laura	2017	14					14		14
14	DOWLE	Lauren	2017	14					14		14
14	LEE	Cooper	2014	13	13					2	42
14	STERN	Joshua	2016	14	14					3	31
14	WOOLLETT	Benjamin	2015	14			12	2			40
13	APAP	Rebecca	2017	13					13		13
13	CONWAY	Ashley	2017	13	1	7	3	2			13
13	COOPER	Ellie	2017	13					13		13
13	REEDY	Hayden	2014	11			2	9			30
12	BAGLIN	Zac	2015	9				9			26
12	DODD	Alice	2017	12					12		12
12	ELMIR	Hayden	2017	12				12			12
12	GARDINER	Cameron	2017	12				12			12
12	HAUGHTON	Rachel	2017	12					12		12
12	JAMES	Chloe	2017	12					12		12
12	LOWE	Hayley	2017	12					12		12
12	POTTER	Jackson	2007	3	3						25
11	COLAUTTI	Adrian	2015	11			9	2			21
11	STOCKWELL	Laura	2017	11					11		11
11	STROMQUIST	Jak	2017	11				11			11
11	VANDERMEER	Hayden	2014	11				11			28
11	VILE	Matthew	2013	1			1				39
10	CARROLL	Michael	2015	10	9	1				3	24
10	ELSMORE	Rachel	2017	10					10		10
10	KINDLER	Gareth	2017	10				10			10
10	RUSSELL	Aidan	2015	10		1	7	2			42
10	SCOTT	Alicia	2017	10					10		10
9	MASCHIO	Emilio	2017	9				9			9
9	MESSENGER	Drew	2017	9		1	7	1			9
7	BRIGGS	Kieren	2015	7	7						17
7	MARSHMAN	Samuel	2017	7				7			7
7	NIXON	Meaghan	2017	7					7		7
7	WHITE	Hayley	2017	7					7		7
6	JOHNSTON	Will	2015	6				6			14
6	LIMBREY	Brendan	2017	6			5	1			6
6	MORRIS	Lucy	2017	6					6		6

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6	MURPHY	Stuart	2017	6				6			6
6	ZADRO	Renata	2017	6					6		6
5	EYNAUD	Nicholas	2016	2	2					3	18
5	PARK	Brad	2017	5				5			5
5	PEATLING	James	2016	5	5					1	10
4	KNIGHT	Peter	2017	4				4			4
4	MOWAT	Olivia	2017	4					4		4
3	BALDRY	Mike	2017	3				3			3
2	BLOW	Mitchell	2017	2			2			16	18
2	FORD	Lachlan	2017	2				2			2
2	KINASCH	Adam	2015	2		2				4	7
2	NATI	Jonathan	2017	2			2			15	17
2	WILLIAMS	Oliver	2015	2			2			16	21
1	ANSON	Will	2016	1			1			12	27
1	FIEDLER	Michael	2016	1			1			14	32
1	GREGOR	Laura	2017	1					1		1
1	HARVEY	Demi	2017	1					1		1
1	O'BRIEN	Bailey	2017	1				1		1	2
1	PASCOE	Cooper	2017	1			1			13	14
0	ADAMS	Jordan	2017	0						8	8
0	ALLAN	Christopher	2014	0						11	55
0	BROWNE	Matthew	2016	0						14	15
0	COTTAM	Joshua	2017	0						1	1
0	CROMPTON	Daniel	2017	0						6	6
0	DIXON	Jonathan	2017	0						10	10
0	EDWARDS	Jack	2017	0						12	12
0	GREGOR	Harrison	2016	0						16	23
0	JENSEN	William	2017	0						2	2
0	JOHNSTON	Anthony	2016	0						10	28
0	KINDLER	Russell	2017	0						6	6
0	LAWRENCE	Luke	2017	0						5	5
0	MAGUIRE	Harry	2017	0						2	2
0	MATTHEWS	Ben	2017	0						12	12
0	MATTHEWS	Connor	2017	0						10	10
0	MICALLEF	Aiden	2017	0						1	1
0	MORAITIS	Dominic	2015	0						13	27
0	MUNOZ	Izaack	2017	0						2	2
0	NATOLI	Josh	2017	0						12	12
0	NEWTON	Joshua	2017	0						3	3
0	NOCKLES	Oliver	2017	0						8	8
0	O'SULLIVAN	Brendan	2017	0						9	9
0	PEARSON	Lincoln	2016	0						13	20
0	PLUMMER	Samuel	2017	0						9	9
0	PORCHE	Brodie	2017	0						3	3
0	PULO	Lachlan	2017	0						1	1
0	VIDOT-COLEMAN	Alec	2017	0						10	10
0	VIDOT-COLEMAN	Jesse	2016	0						15	32
0	WOODHEAD	Cooper	2017	0						11	11
0	WOODHEAD	Jake	2016	0						1	2

Honour Rolls



100+ GAMES (Open Age)

Jason Clarke	342*
Anthony Brawn	336*
Chris Yard	320*
Blair Hatherley	242
Rod Miles	233
Kieran Wright	229*
John Rakic	227
Sebastian Parker	224*
Terry Donohoe	220
Paul Gooley	216
Damian Dell'Aquila	212*
Stephen Monahan	208
James Fulton	207*
Matthew McCamey	207
Luke Bilbe	206
Matthew Carey	202*
Brant Jack	201
Peter Carey	201*
Greg Hume	200*
Doug Scholz	196#
Trevor Daykin	190
Jarrod Myers	186*
Ben Miles	185*
John Murray	179
Samuel Widmer	177*
A (Tony) Hill	166
Greg Hardy	165
Robert Watts	160
Tim Kenny	159
Nathan Breen	159*
Peter Barnes	158
Justin Kerley	157
Craig Hartley	156
Frank Piccolo	154
Danny Ryan	153
Terry J Hill	153
Daniel Witt	153*
Josh Low	152
Aaron Crisfield	152*
Simon Doak	150
Randal Green	150
Danny Cater	149
Alastair Richardson	149
Chris Macdonald	147
Gerard Mimmo	146
Cameron Smith	146
Matthew Hayman	145
Tom Angel	144*
Adam Dallas	143*
Tim Hall	143
Ashley Bell	143
Nicholas Baglin	143
W (Bill) Carey	141#
Gary Spillane	139
David Smith	137*
Mick Toy	136
Peter Dixon	133
Lloyd Shepherd	133*
Alex Goodall	131
Ted Widmer	130*
Paul Whelan	129
Stephen Cherrie	129
Alexandar Huggins	129*
David Power	126
John Goswell	124
Bruce Higgs	124
Tim Wales	124*

Andrew Ballantyne	123
Ron Van Vliet	120
Fraser Nixon	120*
Stephen Barratt	119
Luke Turner	119*
Evan Danilo	119*
Grant Croese	117
David Direen	116
Grant Smith	116
Daryl Vella	116
Nick Campbell	116
Todd McKernan	115
Paul Camilleri	114
Warren Miles	113
Stephen Paterson	113
Harry Angel	113*
Sam Low	112
Michael Barr	112
Mark Collings	112
Kerry James	112
Eric Joiner	112
Cody Stucker	112*
Paul Folkard	111
Tim Young	111
Matthew Gray	110
Peter Mathers	110
Tim Potter	109
Ranga Ediriwickrama	109*
Michael White	108
Warwick Jackson	108
Michael Coen	107
Ken Couchman	107
Daniel Delooze	106
Greg Barnes	106
John Rae	106
Chris Baglin	105*
Matthew Thomas	104*
Andrew Buchanan	103
David Thomas	103
Stephen Edwards	102
Russell Green	102
Rod Somerville	102
Mathew Carter	102*
Peter Cunnane	100
Hayden Hill	100
Robert Reinten	100
Brian Seletto	100
Paul Randazzo	100
Barnaby Howarth	100
Danny Strange	100*

* current player
deceased

PHAFC 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 Hayman	(P)
2010	Tim Kenny	(P)
2010	Josh Low	(P)
2010	Matthew McCamey	(P)
2011	Peter Jack	(S)
2012	Sebastian Parker	(P)
2012	Brant Jack	(P)
2012	Luke Bilbe	(P)
2012	Judy Jack	(S)
2013	Kieran Wright	(P)
2013	Alastair Richardson	(P)
2014	Matthew Carey	(P)
2014	Damian Dell'Aquila	(P)
2014	Peter Campbell	(S)
2015	Jarrod Myers	(P)
2015	Ben Miles	(P)
2016	Peter Barnes	(P)
2016	Samuel Widmer	(P)
2016	Robert Watts	(P)
2017	Nathan Breen	(P)
2017	Aaron Crisfield	(P)
2017	Daniel Witt	(P)

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LEADING SENIOR GOALKICKERS

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
2010	Nick Bills	34
2011	Brandon Jack	28
2012	Ranga Ediriwickrama	54
2013	Ranga Ediriwickrama	48
2014	Sam Zikman	47
2015	Theo Moraitis	29
2016	Theo Moraitis	39
2017	Nicholas Hey	39



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
2010	Kieran Wright
2011	Kieran Wright
2012	Alex Goodall
2013	Matthew Thomas
2014	Alex Goodall
2015	Tom Angel
2016	Matthew Thomas
2017	Aaron Crisfield



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	Alastair Richardson
2008	Matthew Carey
2009	Lloyd Shepherd
2010	Kieran Wright
2011	Kieran Wright
2012	Matthew Carey
2013	Matthew Thomas
2014	Alex Goodall
2015	Damian Dell'Aquila
2016	Nathan Breen
2017	Aaron Crisfield





PRESIDENTS TROPHY

1983	Gus McKernan
1984	Greg Barnes
1985	Shane Farrell
1986	Andrew 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 Hedland
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
2010	Henri De Gorter & Family
2011	Mitch Frankish
2012	Tracey Baglin
2013	Jarrold Myers
2014	Thomas Edmonds
2015	John Acheson
2016	Josh Mott
2017	Chris Yard



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	Sebastian Parker & Alex Huggins
2003	Justin Barratt
2004	Kieran Jack
2005	David Boers
2006	Nicholas Campbell
2007	Aaron Crisfield
2008	Josh Duncan
2009	Matthew Thomas
2010	Nick Bills & Jackson Potter
2011	Brandon Jack
2012	Thomas Edmonds & James Dunn
2013	Matt Vile & Regan Pinker
2014	Nick Hey & Theo Moraitis
2015	Campbell Luscombe
2016	Jack Patten
2017	Joshua Stern



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	Any 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
2010	Josh Low
2011	Maria Campbell
2012	Melissa Parker
2013	Phil Scarlett
2014	Jackie & Wayne Keating
2015	Allen Abbott
2016	The Rene Family
2017	Matthew Lee & Bob Wray





PENNANT HILLS - SYDNEY AFL MEDALLISTS

Phelan Medal

Alex Goodall	2014
Kieran Wright	2011
Matthew Carey	2008
Charlie Richardson	2007
Gary Spillane	1988
Mick Toy	1983

Sanders Medal

Hayden Bengier	2006
Doug Scholz	1997 & 1998
Steve Monahan	1993
Paul Woods	1984
Jim Dempster	1982

McFarlane Medal

Nathan Breen	2016
Peter Mathers	1975 & 1976

Armstrong Medal

Alex Huggins	2013
John Rakic	2001
Frank Piccolo	2000 & 2003

Kealy Medal

Jesse Vidot-Coleman	2017
Lukas De Vries	2015
Dean Connors	2002
Simon Collins	1997
Grant Broderick	1995
Patrick Matthews	1992
Stuart Williams	1988
Brendan Hellard	1980



Rod Podbury Medal

- Best on Grand in Premier Division
Grand Final

Ranga Ediriwickrama	2017 (Win)
Damian Dell'Aquila	2015 (Win)
Scott Reed	2008 (Win)
Barnaby Howarth	2000 (Win)
Chris Yard	1996 (Loss)

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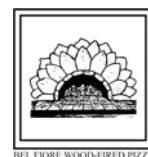
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Executive Officers – Honour Roll



SEASON	PRESIDENT	VICE PRESIDENT	VICE PRESIDENT	SECRETARY	TREASURER
1971	Roger Nobes			Barry Spakrs	Geoff Severn
1972	Kerry James			Barry Sparks	Barry Sparks
1973	Kerry James			Barry Sparks	Geoff Severn
1974	Kerry James			David Underwood	Graham Sayer
1975	Ken MacRae			A. (Tony) Hawley	Barry Sparks
1976	Ken MacRae			Robert Dwyer	Barry Sparks
1977	Ken MacRae			Robert Dwyer	Murray Withers
1978	Ken MacRae			Robert Dwyer	Simon Martin
1979	Ken MacRae			Robert Dwyer	Eric Joiner
1980	Ken MacRae			Shirley McKernan	Tony Hayward
1981	Ken MacRae			Shirley McKernan	Creagh Bown
1982	Stan Edwards			Shirley McKernan	Peter Camilleri
1983	Stan Edwards			A. (Tony) Hill	Peter Camilleri
1984	Peter Camilleri			Mike Farrell	E. (Ted) Brink
1985	Peter Camilleri			Mike Farrell	Doug Reed
1986	Mike Farrell			Mike Farrell	Doug Reed
1987	Derek Heelan			Kay Nyhuis	Doug Reed
1988	Derek Heelan			Mike Farrell	Roy Bohmer
1989	Derek Heelan			Mike Farrell	Roy Bohmer
1990	A. (Tony) Yard			Don Ballantyne	Roy Bohmer
1991	A. (Tony) Yard			Don Ballantyne	Shirley McKernan
1992	A. (Tony) Yard			Don Ballantyne	Shirley McKernan
1993	Lindsay Thomas			Robert Knight	Richard Vella
1994	Lindsay Thomas			Alan Brawn	Richard Vella
1995	Lindsay Thomas			Alan Brawn	Richard Vella
1996	Lindsay Thomas			Alan Brawn	Ross Scott
1997	Lindsay Thomas			Alan Brawn	Ross Scott
1998	Peter Clarke			Moya Paris	Ross Scott
1999	Peter Clarke			Moya Paris	Ross Scott
2000	Peter Clarke			Moya Paris	Ian Parker
2001	Leo Browne	Ian Parker	Kevin Talbot	Alan Brawn	Alan Brawn
2002	Leo Browne	Ian Parker	Kevin Talbot	Alan Brawn	Tim Hall
2003	Leo Browne	Ian Parker	Kevin Talbot	Alan Brawn	Michael Sullivan
2004	Leo Browne	Ian Parker	Kevin Talbot	Alan Brawn	Michael Sullivan
2005	Leo Browne	Ian Parker	Kevin Talbot	Alan Brawn	Alan Brawn
2006	Leo Browne	Ian Parker	Peter Jack	Alan Brawn	Alan Brawn
2007	Peter Jack	Paul Laing	Stephen Barratt	Alan Brawn	Bill Rankine
2008	Peter Jack	Paul Laing	Stephen Barratt	Alan Brawn	Bill Rankine
2009	Peter Jack	Sam Dell'Aquila	Stephen Barratt	Alan Brawn	Bill Rankine
2010	Peter Campbell	Ian Parker	Stephen Barratt	Bob Wray	Vanessa Turner
2011	Peter Campbell	Ian Parker	Tony Richardson	Bob Wray	Brendan Wray
2012	Peter Campbell	Ian Parker	Tony Richardson	Bob Wray	Brendan Wray
2013	Peter Campbell	Ian Parker	Tony Richardson	Bob Wray	Brendan Wray
2014	Phil Hare	Ian Parker	Tony Richardson	Bob Wray	Brendan Wray
2015	Phil Hare	Ian Parker	Glenn Gunstone	Bob Wray	Brendan Wray
2016	Phil Hare	Josh Mott	Glenn Gunstone	Bob Wray	Brendan Wray
2017	Josh Mott	Steph Tate	Glenn Gunstone	Bob Wray	Brendan Wray

*Deceased

Coaches & Captains – Honour Roll



SEASON	COACH	CAPTAIN	VICE CAPTAIN	BEST & FAIREST	RESULT
1971	Kerry James	Kerry James	Errol Grieve	Ted Clark	Third (SFA Div3)
1972	Rod Ward	Rod Ward	Graeme Eime	Rod Miles	Fourth (SFA Div 2)
1973	Graeme Eime	Graeme Eime	Norm Pilbeam	Rod Miles	Runner Up (SFA Div 2)
1974	Eric Joiner	Eric Joiner	Graham Howatt	Kevin Williams	Runner Up (SFA Div 2)
1975	Eric Joiner	Eric Joiner	Graham Howatt	Trevor Daykin	Premiers (SFA Div 2)
1976	Wes Smith	Wes Smith	W. (Bill) Renwick	Trevor Daykin	Premiers (SFA Div 2)
1977	Wes Smith	Wes Smith	W. (Bill) Taylor	Denis Lenaghan	Fifth (SFA Div 1)
1978	Wes Smith, Maurie Gale	Maurie Gale	David Direen	Danny Cater	Sixth SFA (Div 1)
1979	W. (Bill) Thrupp	Maurie Gale	Keith Delooze	Keith Delooze	Fifth SFA (Div 1)
1980	Pat Wellington	Pat Wellington	Maurie Gale	Pat Wellington	Fifth SFA (Div 1)
1981	Pat Wellington	Pat Wellington	Keith Delooze	Pat Wellington	Third SFA (Div 1)
1982	Ray Johns	Russell Matheson	John Goswell	Mick Toy	Runners Up (SFL)
1983	Ray Johns	Russell Matheson	Rod Miles	Mick Toy	Sixth (SFL)
1984	Warren Ledger	Warren Ledger	A. (Tony) McGiven	Gary Spillane	Fourth (SFL)
1985	Guy Wynn	Gary Spillane	Graham Crispin	Russell Leischke	Sixth (SFL)
1986	Rob Barrett	Rob Barrett	Adam Harris	Dick Morton	Third (SFL)
1987	Rob Barrett, Gary Spillane	Rob Barrett, Gary Spillane	Mick Toy	Glen Hutchison.	Fourth (State)
1988	Gary Spillane	Gary Spillane	Mick Toy	Neil Pearson	Fourth (State)
1989	Ray Johns	Stephen Barratt	Doug Scholz	Brett Smith	Seventh (State)
1990	Ken Tucker	Stephen Barratt	Mick Coen	Gary Spillane	Eighth (State)
1991	Ken Tucker, Gary Spillane	Stephen Barratt	Gary Manuel	Chris Yard	Seventh (SFL)
1992	Rob Phillipson, Trevor Clisby	Stephen Barratt	Gary Spillane	Paul Whelan	Seventh (SFL)
1993	Leo Browne	Stephen Barratt	Trevor Clisby	Paul Gooley	Fourth (SFL)
1994	Leo Browne	Kim Klomp	Peter Dixon	Gerard Mimmo	Sixth (SFL)
1995	Stephen Barratt	Gerard Mimmo	Peter Dixon	Peter Dixon	Runners Up (SFL)
1996	Stephen Barratt	Gerard Mimmo	Peter Dixon	Peter Bennett	Runners Up (SFL)
1997	Stephen Barratt	Gerard Mimmo	Peter Dixon	Tony Redshaw	Sixth (SFL)
1998	Peter Bennett	Gerard Mimmo	Tony Redshaw	Chris Mahar	Runners Up (SFL)
1999	Peter Bennett	Anthony Brawn	Tim Hall, Paul Gooley	Anthony Brawn	Third (SFL)
2000	Peter Bennett	Anthony Brawn	Tim Hall, Barnaby Howarth	Barnaby Howarth	Premiers (Sydney AFL)
2001	Danny Ryan	Anthony Brawn	Tim Hall, Barnaby Howarth	Barnaby Howarth	Fourth (Sydney AFL)
2002	Danny Ryan	Anthony Brawn	Ashley Bell, Peter Carey	Tim Nunan	Seventh (Sydney AFL)
2003	Danny Ryan	Anthony Brawn	Ashley Bell, Tim Nunan	Tim Nunan	Fifth (Sydney AFL)
2004	Danny Ryan	Barnaby Howarth	Ashley Bell, Sebastian Parker	Anthony Brawn	Fourth (Sydney AFL)
2005	Danny Ryan	Barnaby Howarth	Sebastian Parker	Justin Barratt	Third (Sydney AFL)
2006	Michael Cousens	Sebastian Parker, Michael Talbot		Shaun Jones	Premiers (Sydney AFL)
2007	Michael Cousens	Sebastian Parker	Alastair Richardson, Justin Barratt	Justin Barratt	Third (Sydney AFL)
2008	Michael Cousens	Sebastian Parker	Alastair Richardson, Charlie Richardson	Matthew Carey, Alex Goodall	Premiers (Sydney AFL)
2009	Michael Cousens	Alastair Richardson, Charlie Richardson	Brant Jack	Alastair Richardson	Third (Sydney AFL)
2010	Kevin Enyaud	Alastair Richardson, Sebastian Parker	Damien Dell'Aquila	Kieran Wright	Fifth (Sydney AFL)
2011	Kevin Enyaud	Matthew Carey, Damien Dell'Aquila	Brant Jack	Kieran Wright	Fifth (Sydney AFL)
2012	Chris Yard	Matthew Carey, Damien Dell'Aquila		Alex Goodall	Second (Sydney AFL)
2013	Chris Yard	Matthew Carey, Damien Dell'Aquila		Matthew Thomas	Second (Sydney AFL)
2014	Chris Yard	Matthew Carey, Damien Dell'Aquila		Alex Goodall	Second (Sydney AFL)
2015	Chris Yard	Matthew Carey, Damien Dell'Aquila		Tom Angel	Premiers (Sydney AFL)
2016	Chris Yard	Matthew Carey, Tom Angel		Matthew Thomas	Fifth (Sydney AFL)
2017	Chris Yard	Matthew Carey, Tom Angel		Aaron Crisfield	Premiers (Sydney AFL)

Best & Fairest – Honour Roll



YEAR	SENIORS	RESERVES	THIRDS / FOURTHS	UNDER 19s / 18s	WOMEN'S
1971	Ted Clark				
1972	Rod Miles				
1973	Rod Miles				
1974	Kevin Williams				
1975	Trevor Daykin	Peter Mathers			
1976	Trevor Daykin				
1977	Denis Lenaghan	William Carey		John Goswell	
1978	Danny Cater	William Carey		John Goswell	
1979	Keith Delooze	Kevin Ronberg		Kevin Clift	
1980	Pat Wellington	David Sutherland		Brendan Hellard	
1981	Pat Wellington	Wayne Falkenberg		John Tweeddale	
1982	Mick Toy	Vince Hill		Geoff Ryan	
1983	Mick Toy	Jim Dempster		Geoff Ryan	
1984	Gary Spillane	Paul Woods		Pat Pickett	
1985	Russell Lieschke				
1986	Dick Morton	Wayne Mason		Martin Hickey	
1987	Glen Hutchison	Tony Burnett		Woody Longford	
1988	Neil Pearson	Randal 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 Scholz		Simon Collins	
1998	Chris Mahar	Blair Hatherley		Sebastian Parker	
1999	Anthony Brawn	Andrew Yates		Sebastian Parker	
2000	Barnaby Howarth	Robert Mayek	Frank Piccolo	Lachlan Howarth	
2001	Barnaby Howarth	Robert Mayek	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 / Nic Low	
2007	Justin Barratt	Jake Trestrail	Nathan Sullivan	Josh Fenaroli / Vincent Meney	
2008	Alex Goodall / Matthew Carey	Ben Beaston	Ben Miles	Matthew Thomas / Danny Strange	
2009	Alastair Richardson	Jak Hancock	Chris Laing	Nathan Varnish / Zachariah Fenn	
2010	Kieran Wright	James Ellison	Blair Hatherley	Tom Edmonds	
2011	Kieran Wright	Matt Carter	No team	Chris Baglin	
2012	Alex Goodall	Jason Clarke	No team	Mathew Baglin	
2013	Matt Thomas	Anthony Brawn	Alexandar Huggins	Bradley Keough	
2014	Alex Goodall	Pat Witt	Alexandar Huggins	Brayden Tos	
2015	Tom Angel	Brant Jack	Darren Boulet / Carter Mullins	Jordan Rene / Adrian Colautti	
2016	Matthew Thomas	Anthony Brawn	Adam Dallas / Nick Baglin	Sam Howard	Mikaela Mahony
2017	Aaron Crisfield	Kieran Wright	Jackson Preedy / Peter Carey	Jesse Vidot-Coleman	Mikaela Mahony

2015 - Div 3 & Div 5 Teams

2017 - Div 2 & Div 4 Teams

2006 - 2009 - 2 U18 Teams

2015 - 2 U19 Teams

Treasurer's Report – Financial Overview



Pennant Hills Australian Football Club Inc.
Unaudited Statement of Income and Expenditure for the year ended 30 September 2017

			2017	2016
		TURNOVER	EXPENSE	NET
INCOME			NET	NET
	Registrations	\$56,286	-	\$56,286
	Memberships	\$3,695	\$360	\$3,335
	Sponsorships	\$65,823	\$6,598	\$59,225
	Canteen/Bar	\$27,173	\$13,120	\$14,053
	Clothing Merchandise	\$4,470	-	\$4,470
	Fundraising	\$80,307	\$54,247	\$26,060
	Sundry Income	\$1,766	-	\$1,766
	Total Income	\$239,520	\$74,325	\$165,195
EXPENDITURE				
	AFL Affiliations/Umpires		\$41,057	\$41,057
	Coaches Expenses		\$13,000	\$13,000
	Ground Hire/Footballs/			
	Equipment/Clothing		\$39,750	\$39,750
	Insurance		\$13,116	\$13,116
	Player Care			
	(Physiotherapy/Medical)		\$38,940	\$38,940
	Sundry Expenses		\$12,942	\$12,942
	Total Expenditure		\$158,805	\$158,805
OPERATING SURPLUS		\$239,520	\$233,130	\$6,390
TOTAL MEMBERS FUNDS @ 30.9.17			\$93,283	\$86,893

Amazingly we again managed to cover our ever-increasing costs despite a reduction in sponsorship dollars, the result being a small surplus for the year of \$6,390. One only needs to look at what we need to turn over these days to get 6 teams on the field, almost \$250,000, with nothing in player payments.

Yes the sponsorship was down a little but that clouds the magnificent contribution our sponsors make each year to keep the Club viable. Let there be no doubt, without our sponsors we have no Club so let's be sure to support them at every opportunity.

This year it was the fundraising efforts that made the difference with a number of functions contributing to a big increase in income in this area, including our resurrected Sportsman's Lunch which was a great success socially and financially. Take a bow Matt Lee!

In 2018 we expect to have at least one extra team which will bring with it further financial challenges. We will only be able to meet these challenges with contribution from everybody within the Club. Registration costs we have maintained at the lower end of the Premier League Scale in recent years but the constant increasing costs will put pressure on that area in 2018. It is essential all players, coaches, team managers etc recognise this critical area and work together to have the payments in prior to Season start.

Overall I think the Club can be pretty proud of its financial position but as stated in the past it only takes one bad season to put the Club on the back foot for years to follow.

Thank you to all of those in and around the Club for your contribution to our positive financial result, it is the result of efforts by many all added together to achieve a meaningful result. A bit like Penno on the field!

Brendan Wray
Treasurer



Firstly, I would like to say what a fun-filled year it has been for all our physiotherapy staff on the field and within the clinic at Carlingford Active Health. We've all loved being involved with the PHAFC for yet another fantastic year.

On behalf of all the team at Carlingford Active Health, we would like to formally congratulate the Premier Division boys for winning the 2017 Sydney AFL Grand Final in a stellar performance. The atmosphere at Blacktown ISP was electric throughout the whole game and certainly helped give us the winning edge. No surprises from us that the winning goal scorer was none other than Matthew "The King" Carey in the final few minutes when scores were drawn at 60-60! Let's hope this spurs you all on for a productive pre-season and an even better 2018!

I will keep this report as concise as possible, but we cannot go on without thanking a significant number of people. Thank you to the PHAFC Committee, Coaches and Managers for allowing me to personally 'strap on the boots' again this season and lead the charge for our Physiotherapy team. Now having two children, it was definitely a juggle to enable myself to be on-field each and every game and for Kieran to continue playing, but we made it happen and wouldn't have wanted it any other way. This would not have been possible without our rotating babysitting schedule on the home front, but also to my fantastic staff. So to Daniel, Emma, Jordan, Bec, Jason, Jess, James, Jono, your tireless efforts week-in and week-out at trainings and games was amazing. Thank you for being flexible enough to pick up an extra game or to change grounds at short notice when required. It is great that most of you will be continuing on in 2018 with the Demons, but to Jason, who's commitments will change for next season, thank you for your last 2 years of dedication to our club. You have been an absolute asset to have as part of our team and you will be missed dearly. I hope you are able to come to the odd game next year.

Our on-field physios saw everything this season from skin cuts to total knee dislocations. This year's injury list was quite long and many of the boys were coming in week after week for injury clinic with all sorts of weird and wonderful injuries and complaints. Extra hands on deck were required during the Premier Division games, with 3-4 physios running frantic trying to tape up and prepare the majority of the boys.

A highlight during grand final week for us would have to be assisting both Stephen "Stinger" Wray and Matt "BOP" Preen to turn around in 6 days to play the Grand Final despite sustaining a lateral ankle sprain and an AC joint sprain, respectively. It's amazing what motivation playing in a Grand Final can give you!

Thank you once again for allowing our team to be part of the success of the Demons this year. Rest up and enjoy the remainder of the year. Get keen for another big footy season in 2018!

Lauren (Cain) Wright

Head Physiotherapist PHAFC
APA Sports Physiotherapist
Director Carlingford Active Health

TEAM	PHYSIOTHERAPIST
Premier Division	Lauren Cain/Daniel Chichian
Division 1	Emma Gilseman/Jordan Long
Division 2	Jason Hann/Daniel Chichian
Division 4	Jason Hann
19's Division 1	James Campbell/Rebecca Yabsley
Women's Division 1	Jessica Taylor/Rebecca Yabsley



Physios at Work



This is my fourth and final year as President of the Pennant Hills J AFC. It has indeed been an honour to volunteer as President of this club alongside so many dedicated and inspirational community volunteers.

Season 2017 has been an outstanding year, once again achieving so much together. We weren't quite sure what to expect after the brilliant 50th year that was 2016, but this year has proved to be just as good. We have placed players into 20 teams this season, which is the largest team representation ever: ranging from increased presence in Auskick U8's to our new Junior and Youth girls teams, to our North West alliance teams and a very solid representative team in the U17 youth boys group. We have installed the new "Bill Carey" memorial scoreboard at Ern Holmes Oval. We have also won our 52nd and 53rd premiership flags. All in a few months over winter... not too bad really!

Season Results

We had some great results on the field: including 8 teams into the finals series leading to two teams winning premiership flags - the U9 Blue Junior Boys and U12 Division 2 Junior Boys. Well done to the boys, coaches, team managers and parents.

Youth Girls Footy

We entered five Youth Girls football teams in the competition this year – the new U12 Junior Girls team, U15/1, U15/2 and two JV U18 Girls teams: one with the Baulkham Hills Hawks played in the Western Sydney competition and one with the Kellyville/Rouse Hill Magpies played in the Sydney Harbour competition. The U12 and both U15 teams are part of a North West Club Alliance with Hornsby and Westbrook. Girls footy will continue to grow in the Sydney AFL region in 2018 with the addition of an U10 age group next year. So all up, Sydney Harbour will have 4 youth girls offerings in 2018 – U10, U12, U15, and the U18 age group.

Development & Representative Football

We provided 16 Pennant Hills' players to the U9, U10, U11 and U12 Development Days that were held over the Queen's Birthday long weekend. The club was also well represented in the North West regional representative carnival this year hosted at Mike Kenny Oval. Overall, Pennant Hills fielded 17 players into the representative competition. The boys played very well with the North West Region teams finishing within the top teams on the day.

The club also had players selected into the following top level representative teams:

- U12 PSSA NSW Schools Championship – Parkes, NSW
 - Roman de Vallance – Pennant Hills
 - Cameron Mitchell – Pennant Hills
 - Hugh Plowman – Pennant Hills
- U15 CHS/CIS/CCC NSW All Schools Championship – Albury, NSW
 - Sam Eynaud – Pennant Hills
 - Jonathan Moran – Pennant Hills
 - Marc Sheather – Pennant Hills
 - Liam McCallum (Westbrook, Northern Lights Alliance)
 - James Rene (Westbrook, Northern Lights Alliance)
 - Braeden Campbell (Westbrook, Northern Lights Alliance)
 - Sam O'Connor (Westbrook, Northern Lights Alliance)
 - Matthew Hall (Hornsby, Northern Lights Alliance)
- U15 Australian All Schools Championship – Perth, WA
 - Sam Eynaud – Pennant Hills
 - Jonathan Moran – Pennant Hills
 - Marc Sheather – Pennant Hills
 - Braeden Campbell (Westbrook, Northern Lights Alliance)

Sydney Harbour Regional "Kieren Jack" Awards Night

Penno Juniors had a successful night at the Kieren Jack Sydney Juniors Awards this year. We won a swag of individual and Rep "All Star" team awards:

- Laura Moran won the Silver Whistle umpires award for Northwest region.
- Sam Eynaud, Nick Colley and Pierce Rosman were included in the Under 17's Representative Carnival All-Stars.
- Mitch Kunigiskis was included in the Under 13's Representative Carnival All-Stars.
- And Harry Maguire was runner up Best & Fairest for U17 division 2!

Club Awards

The Club Best & Fairest (Youth) was awarded to Issac Protogeris and the Club Best & Fairest Runner Up (Youth) was Nick Colley. The Club Best & Fairest (Junior) is awarded to Cameron Mitchell and the Club Best & Fairest Runner Up (Junior) is Oliver Kissane.

Our Junior Coach of the Year goes to Bernie Hallam, who had a great year with our U9 Blue team, getting them all the way to the U9 North West Final and taking out the flag. Our Youth Coach of the Year is awarded to Gareth Richards, who has done an exceptional job with our youth girls teams over the past two years - being the "glue" between the club and our growing girls teams.

See you all in some capacity in 2018 and Go Penno!!

Dean Moran

President Pennant Hills J AFC



Chris Yard & Terry Daniher



Established in 1982, Westbrook Junior AFC marked its 35th birthday in 2017. We are deeply woven into the fabric of AFL Sydney Juniors and continue to be a leading club with initiatives driving growth and development not only for ourselves, but across the region.

Youth Alliances

Our partnership with Hornsby Berowra Eagles is going strong and the Northern Lights brand has become further established with all Youth age groups falling under the Alliance structure. We also welcomed Pennant Hills Juniors Demons into the U15 age group this season to ensure the objectives of participation and development could be offered by all three clubs.

Girls Growth

From one team in 2016, we now have three teams participating. The North West Lightning, an alliance between Westbrook, Pennant Hills and Hornsby, has been outstanding. There is such positive energy with these teams that every time they play at Mike Kenny Oval, it ends up being the highlight of the round.

Representative & Development Day Carnival success

The Sydney Juniors Representative & Development Day Carnivals held over the June long weekend were a great success. We had a scare early in the week with huge rainfall predicted, but the grounds opened and 65 teams and 4000 visitors made their way to Cherrybrook which was pumping with the sounds of cheers & sirens for over 30 hours. The efforts of the volunteers from Westbrook, Regional Committees and AFL Sydney Juniors, and the umpires, coaches & managers were much appreciated.

Player Development & Longevity

This season has seen the benefits of the club's focus on Auskick over a long period. In 2017, we have had 7 players receive 10 year service awards, 5 players reach 100 game milestones, and 28 players make their 50th game milestone. Thank you for your loyalty and love of the game.

Towards 2018 - Volunteer change of guard

The results we deliver are due to the hard work of many. Whilst we never set an objective of premierships, the fact that we won two Premierships (U14/1 Northern Lights and U11/2 Red) and a record 8 teams played past the first round of finals is reward for doing the right things.

After 5 years as President and 10 years of dedicated service, I have decided it is time to step down and allow for a transition to new volunteers while I have some time left in Junior football. I am proud of the brand we have built, our values, and our lead on initiatives. Clubs add a lot to communities and give purpose to many. This is a legacy we must ensure continues and the step to being involved is not a big one. Westbrook is a fantastic junior football club; your help next year will ensure we keep it that way.

Paul Vink

Club President
Westbrook JAFC



Chris Yard chaired off after 500 games as a player & coach



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