

PENNNANT HILLS AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL CLUB INC.

ANNUAL REPORT 1997

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THE PENNANT HILLS AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL CLUB Inc.

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PENNANT HILLS N.S.W. 2120

OFFICE BEARERS 1997

PATRONS :	Kerry James Ken MacRae
PRESIDENT :	Lindsay Thomas
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Reserves :	Terry Donohoe
Under 18 's :	Gary Brown
TEAM MANAGEMENT :	
Seniors :	Tony Burnett
Reserves :	Ben Rouvray
Under 18's :	Geoff Collins
SELECTION COMMITTEE :	
Chairman :	Steve Barratt Gary Brown Terry Donohoe Gerard Mimmo
FITNESS TRAINER :	Ken Couchman
TRAINER/FIRST AID :	David Brown Trevor Daykin John Taylor

Presidents Report 1997

I remember at Jumper Presentation Night saying that after five flags and two Senior Grade runners-up achievements in four years, season 1997 was going to be an enormous challenge to maintain that momentum.

It would also be fair to say that after all the hard work by players and coaches in rebuilding the Club over the past six and a half years we did not expect to miss the finals in all grades.

There is no doubt the loss of senior players from 1996, injuries throughout the season and five of our under eighteen players permanently with N.S.W./ A.C.T. R.A.M.S cost the Club dearly. Given this loss our under eighteens with a very young side had a good season. Thanks must go to our junior Clubs, Pennant Hills, Westbrook and Hornsby for supporting their juniors who played with our under eighteens during the season.

Whilst the National and State leaders of our code support the concept of a National under eighteens competition, the effect at Club level, especially Pennant Hills who lost five players this season to the N.S.W./ A.C.T. R.A.M.S has been a heavy blow, not only to our on-field performance but also to our policies of building success around our developing Juniors.

Financially the Club is in a sound position thanks to its sponsors, Patricks, Wormalds, Dural Country Club, Ken MacRae and all those who participated in our "sponsor a player" programme. However, despite an enormous effort from Steve Taylor, Ron Dixon and John Murray, the ticket sales in our major raffle were disappointing.

With season 1997 now behind us, lets all now work hard for 1998. It's a wonderful opportunity for another group of our developing players to join with the experienced ones to continue the development of the culture and success of our Club.

Congratulations to all those players and members who received awards for their achievements in 1997. Special congratulations to our Sydney Football League competition winners Simon Collins, (Kealey Medal - under eighteen medal), Doug Scholz (Sanders Medal- Reserves medal) and Ken Couchman (S.F.L. Reserves Leading Goal Kicker).

This is my last year as President and on the Committee. It's been a very enjoyable and rewarding experience. I want to thank all the players, the coaches, the members, and especially all those fellow committee members and match day helpers, that my family and I have had the pleasure of knowing.

Thanks also to my wife Peggy, especially for her rissoles, and my two boys Steven and David who brought us to this great Club.

To super coach Steve Barratt and Captain Courageous Gerald Mimmo, well done.

Lets get on with season 1998.

Lindsay Thomas
President 1993 - 1997

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Without your support our achievements could not have been possible.

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*The 27th Annual General meeting of the
PENNANT HILLS AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL
CLUB INC.*

*is to be held at the Pennant Hills Bowling Club
on Tuesday 30th October 1997 at 8:00 pm*

*All Life Members, Members, Players and Club Supporters are invited to
attend.*

1997 MAJOR AWARD WINNERS

*SENIORS BEST and FAIREST
"ERN HOLMES TROPHY"*

TONY REDSHAW *CHRIS MATHAK*

*BEST 1ST YEAR LOCAL
"KEN MACRAE SHIELD"*

PETER CAREY

RESERVES BEST and FAIREST

DOUG SCHOLZ *BRIAN HATHRELEY*

UNDER 18'S BEST and FAIREST

SIMON COLLINS *SEBASTIAN PORRICH*

PENNANT HILLS FOOTBALLER OF THE YEAR

JASON CLARKE

CLUBPERSON OF THE YEAR

JOHN TAYLOR AND BOB MANNING

PRESIDENT'S TROPHY

RANDAL GREEN *DANNY RYAN*

CRACK TO UPDATE?

1ST GRADE PREMIERSHIP MATCHES RECORD OF RESULTS

1977 - 1997

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CLUB	SEASONS	PLAYED	WON	LOST	DRAWN
Bankstown	5	10	10	0	0
Balmain	15	37	29	8	1
Baulkham Hills	5	14	8	6	0
Campbelltown	14	34	12	22	0
East Sydney	21	55	20	33	2
Liverpool	6	17	15	1	1
North Shore	21	54	17	36	1
Newtown	10	24	12	12	0
Parramatta	10	22	13	9	0
St. George	21	55	25	30	0
Sydney University	7	16	7	9	0
Western Suburbs	21	53	24	29	0
TOTALS		387	192	195	4

Notes :

1. Competition Titled:

1977 - 1981 1st Division
1982 - 1986 S.F.L.
1987 - 1990 State League
1991 - S.F.L

2. Club Named :

1977 - 1986 PENNANT HILLS A.F.C.
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1991 - 1992 THE HILLS A F C Inc.
1993 - PENNANT HILLS A. F. C. Inc.

1997 Sydney Football League .

SANDERS MEDAL
KEALEY MEDAL
LEADING GOAL KICKER

Reserves
Third Grade
Reserves

DOUG SCHOLZ
SIMON COLLINS
KEN COUCHMAN

Representative Players

GREG BYRNE
PETER BONNETT

SENIOR COACH'S REPORT 1997

Coach	Steve Barratt	~~Peter Bennett~~
Manager	Tony Burnett	~~Joan Mamar~~
Captain	Gerard Mimmo	~~Tony Redshaw~~
Vice Captain	Peter Dixon	
Ass. Coach	Kym Beasland	
Runner	Alan Guild	

Peter Bennett

BEST & FAIREST "ERN HOLMES TROPHY" C-M
RUNNER-UP B&F
MOST CONSISTENT
COACH'S AWARD
MOST IMPROVED
BEST TEAM MAN
BEST 1ST YEAR LOCAL "KEN MACRAE SHIELD"
THE PENNANT HILLS FOOTBALLER OF THE YEAR

TONY REDSHAW
PETER DIXON
GERARD MIMMO
CHRISTOPHER YARD
CRAIG BRODERICK
CAMERON COLVILLE
PETER CAREY
JASON CLARKE

Pre-season training normally is a good indication of how well your season will be for you, and this year for the senior side was no exception. Even though we had the numbers the quality was not there. Many senior players had work commitments on Tuesday and Thursday night, while quite a few took the opportunity to have a late start this year. This compounded the loss of a few senior players so consequently we did not have the conditioning that Pennant Hills has been renown for in recent years.

We won the first game against Baulko but lost the next five games to sides that had obviously improved from last year. It is amazing how the SFL competition could change in one year. We had a mini-revival in the middle part of the season when we beat Baulko, Easts and Balmain in four weeks but could not go on with it against Wests and North Shore. In fact we went close on a number of occasions in beating the top sides but our overall fitness did not help us in the last quarter in these games.

It can be said that Pennant Hills never gave up and even when we had many injuries and young players doubling up we were still competitive. However when the scores were tight and we required that extra effort to get us over the line we came up short, and again this can be attributed to our slow start to pre-season and our general attendance at training over the whole year.

Not playing in this year's finals is a major disappointment for the players, particularly those who trained strongly throughout the season. We must turn things around next year so that the respect we have earned over the last couple of years is not lost.

Looking to next year we must draw on some of the lessons of this year, such as:-

- * Sides can dramatically turn their performance around from one year to the next.
- * Having a strong foundation is vital to your overall performance, so a strong pre-season is a must.
- * Our club success of the last few years has been based mainly on the commitment of our local players, therefore that commitment from the players must continue.

Many thanks to Tony Burnett and Ken Couchman who provided great assistance throughout the year and the 4 years prior. To the coaches, Terry Donohoe and Gary Brown thank you for your support and hope next year is better for you. From the players, the efforts of David Brown and Trevor Daykin were much appreciated.

Finally to the players, I thank you for the many memories from the past three seasons as your coach. I started in 1995 with a goal of coaching a first grade premiership at Pennant Hills but unfortunately we fell short by a couple of goals last year. All the best to players and I hope you achieve the goals you set yourselves in the years ahead.

STEVEN BARRATT

FIRST GRADE COACH 1995-1997

The Pennant Hills Australian Football Club gratefully acknowledges
PATRICKS NIGHTCLUB
for their support and sponsorship of the First Grade team in 1997.



NEW SOUTH WALES AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE LTD

1997 PHELAN MEDAL

(SYDNEY FOOTBALL LEAGUE) FIRST GRADE

The 1997 Phelan Medal was won by Simon Wilson of St George with 16 votes.

*PENNANT HILLS PLAYERS VOTE COUNT TALLY **

CHRIS MAHAR	8
ANTHONY BRAWN	5
TONY REDSHAW	5
PETER BENNETT	3
STEPHEN BROWN	3
JASON CLARKE	3
CHRIS YARD	3
MARK MCVEIGH	2
MICHAEL CAREY	1
ANDREW CLARKE	1

Monday
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THE PENNANT HILLS AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL CLUB

FIRST GRADE "BEST and FAIREST" VOTES

TOP TEN

TONY REDSHAW	113
PETER DIXON	73
JASON CLARKE	60
CHRIS YARD	55
ANTHONY BRAWN	50
PAUL GOOLEY	44
MICHAEL CAREY	43
PETER BENNETT	41
CHRIS MAHAR	41
GERARD MIMMO	40

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DETAILS

Summary of First Grade Home and Away 1997

DATE	TEAM	Venue	PTS FOR		AGAINST			RESULT
6-Apr	Bye							
13-Apr	Baulkham Hills	Home	11	13	79	11	6	72 WIN
20-Apr	East Sydney	Home	10	7	67	11	15	81 LOSS
27-Apr	Western Suburbs	Away	12	7	79	19	16	130 LOSS
3-May	Balmain	Home	13	9	87	17	15	117 LOSS
10-May	North Shore	Away	5	5	35	9	13	67 LOSS
18-May	St George	Home	16	14	110	18	13	121 LOSS
1-Jun	Bye							
8-Jun	Baulkham Hills	Away	19	11	125	12	21	93 WIN
15-Jun	East Sydney	Away	10	10	70	6	8	44 WIN
22-Jun	Western Suburbs	Home	13	10	88	19	9	123 LOSS
29-Jun	Balmain #####	Away	13	16	94	8	13	61 WIN
6-Jul	North Shore	Home	11	15	81	16	5	101 LOSS
12-Jul	St George ****	Away	11	16	82	21	10	136 LOSS
20-Jul	Bye							
27-Jul	Baulkham Hills	Home	8	11	59	13	13	91 LOSS
3-Aug	North Shore	Away	16	8	104	24	13	157 LOSS
9-Aug	East Sydney	Home	17	11	113	17	15	117 LOSS
16-Aug	Western Suburbs	Away	14	17	101	20	14	134 LOSS
TOTALS					1374		1645	81.8%

Greatest Winning Margin **** Greatest Losing Margin

First Grade Ladder at end of home and away 1997

	Games	W	L	D	FOR	AGAINST	%	PTS
St George	16	12	4		1810	1235	146.6	48
North Shore	16	11	5		1698	1226	138.5	44
East Sydney	16	10	6		1569	1344	116.7	40
Balmain	16	9	7		1532	1503	101.9	36
Western Suburbs	16	7	9		1449	1772	81.8	28
Pennant Hills	16	4	12		1374	1645	83.5	16
Baulkham Hills	16	3	13		1144	1851	61.8	12

* SFL Final Series P/Hills 9.11.65
RESULTS, Balmain 12.13.85

The Grand Final was played at Wagener Oval, Ashbury.
Sunday 14th September 1997
Balmain 17.13. 115 defeating St George 11.14. 80

RESERVE GRADE COACH'S REPORT 1997

Coach	Terry Donohoe
Assistant Coach	~~Trevor Daykin~~ <i>Michael Barr</i>
Manager	~~Ben Rouvray~~ <i>Craig Tate</i>
Captain	Terry Donohoe
Vice Captain	~~Todd McKernan~~ <i>Michael Barr</i>
Runner	~~Todd McKernan~~
BEST AND FAIREST	DOUG SCHOLZ <i>Blair Hatherley</i>
RUNNER UP	RYAN GIBSON
MOST CONSISTENT	PAUL BROWNE
BEST TEAM MAN	BLAIR HATHERLEY
MOST IMPROVED	MATTHEW GRAY
COACH'S AWARD	CHRISTIAN DRIVER

Terry Donohoe

A year that started with great promise, reigning Premiers, hordes of players and the return of some very experienced players, ended in a disappointing result. Still, you can not win every year and we can look forward to next year with a lot of confidence.

My special thanks to Trevor Daykin, who was my guide, mentor, eyes and ears during my first year of coaching. I could not have done the job without Trevor. Also many thanks to Ben Rouvray for taking on, the often thankless, job of team manager. Ben performed the task, admirably, but, next year I would prefer to see him in the First grade ranks as a player than as an administrator. Thanks to the many guys who performed the running duties and to David Brown for his physio skills and for taping us all together.

We were either in the four or on the edge of it all year and with three rounds to go we still could have finished in second position!! Unfortunately injuries, unavailability and I dare to say, suspensions left us a little undermanned at the business end. Many thanks to Dean Wilkinson, Steve Monahan, Tim Hall, Daniel Kenny, James Mooney and Trevor Daykin who all pulled the boots on when asked and or begged to do so. Incidentally in Trevor's only game he tallied 14 "Best and Fairest" votes of a possible 15. Lucky he didn't play all year otherwise he could have been the oldest player to win a reserve grade Best and fairest. But, no, Bill Carey won the reserve grade "B&F" when he was about 48! (I think)

On a sadder note, this year saw Todd McKernan and perhaps Alan Guild hang up their boots for good. Losing Todd did not help our teams strength and Guildy was playing sensational football when his shoulder went again. Todd and I have played football together since we were about 14 years old, so his decision to retire was very sad for me and also alerted me to fact that I may only have 5 to 10 years left in me.

One big highlight of the year was Ken Couchman being leading goal kicker for the Reserve grade competition. Well done Ken.

Thanks to Steve Barratt, Gary Brown, Ken Couchman and Ged Mimmo for their advice and support in team selections and at training.

An extra big thank you to each and every player who "pulled on the boots" for Reserve Grade this year.

Thanks to anyone I may have forgotten to mention and lets all unite for a big year in 1998.

Best and Fairest -

Doug Scholz

Doug's return to Pennant Hills was warmly welcomed by all. (The coach especially). Doug showed he has lost none of his immense talents, only some of his speed over the years. If Doug had played every game he would no doubt have won this award by much more.

Runner Up Best and Fairest -

Ryan Gibson

Ryan or "Gibbo" could very well have been a favourite for "Most Consistent". A very reliable defender and his consistency was rewarded with this award.

Ryan's attitude and determination make him a good player and a pleasure to coach.

Most Consistent -

Paul Browne

Paul advised me early in the season that he thought his future lay in defence. Well, I don't think I could have wished for a more reliable and consistent fullback. Also a very "coachable" player and he is very cool under pressure.

Best team Man -

Blair Hatherley

After being excluded from the First Grade list this year, Blair could have easily spat the dummy. But he took on a more senior role in Reserves and was one of the leading vote getters. A very reliable player who always did the team things and was rewarded with a first Grade position at the end of the year.

Most Improved -

Matthew Gray

Matt was a Rugby Union convert playing his first year of Australian Rules football, but watching him play you would have never suspected. Matt pulled off a couple of bone jarring tackles in his first game, so I became an instant fan.

Coach's Award -

Christian Driver

Nugget would play anywhere and do anything he was asked to do. He trained all the year despite working at night and he always kept me informed of his ability to make training and games. Another guy who I found a pleasure to coach.

TERRY DONOHOE

RESERVE GRADE COACH 1997

The Pennant Hills Australian Football Club gratefully acknowledges
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for their support and sponsorship of the Reserve Grade team in 1997.

NEW SOUTH WALES AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE LTD

1997 SANDERS MEDAL (SYDNEY FOOTBALL LEAGUE) RESERVE GRADE

The 1997 Sanders Medal was won by Doug Scholz of Pennant Hills with 20 votes.

**PENNANT HILLS PLAYERS VOTE COUNT TALLY **

DOUG SCHOLZ	20
KEN COUCHMAN	4
LACHLAN ARNOLD	3
MURRAY BEST	3
STEPHEN BROWN	3
TERRY DONOHUE	3
ANDREW CLARKE	2
SCOTT DIDIER	2
CHRISTIAN DRIVER	2
DANNY RYAN	2

Monday
14/9.

THE PENNANT HILLS AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL CLUB

RESERVES "BEST and FAIREST" VOTES

TOP TEN

DOUG SCHOLZ	61
RYAN GIBSON	55
PAUL BROWNE	50
ALAN JONES	47
BLAIR HATHERLEY	37
GREG HUME	36
MARK COLLINGS	35
MATTHEW GRAY	34
TERRY DONOHUE	33
KEN COUCHMAN	30

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supply details

Summary of Reserves Home and Away 1997

DATE	TEAM	Venue	PTS FOR		AGAINST			RESULT
6-Apr	Bye							
13-Apr	Baulkham Hills	Home	10	10	70	8	8	56 WIN
20-Apr	East Sydney	Home	10	9	69	11	9	75 LOSS
27-Apr	Western Suburbs	Away	5	5	35	10	11	71 LOSS
3-May	Balmain	Home	9	7	61	7	11	53 WIN
10-May	North Shore	Away	6	11	47	8	12	60 LOSS
18-May	St George	Home	6	7	43	11	10	76 LOSS
1-Jun	Bye							
8-Jun	Baulkham Hills	Away	17	21	123	5	4	34 WIN
15-Jun	East Sydney	Away	10	12	72	8	6	54 WIN
22-Jun	Western Suburbs	Home	13	4	82	5	13	43 WIN
6-Jul	North Shore	Home	8	6	54	10	6	66 LOSS
12-Jul	St George ****	Away	3	8	26	11	9	75 LOSS
15-Jul	Balmain	Home	7	11	53	4	9	33 WIN
27-Jul	Baulkham Hills ####	Home	24	10	154	3	4	21 WIN
3-Aug	North Shore	Away	11	5	71	12	12	84 LOSS
9-Aug	East Sydney	Home	6	5	41	9	12	66 LOSS
16-Aug	Western Suburbs	Away	5	7	37	7	10	52 LOSS
TOTALS				for	1010		918	110%

Greatest Winning Margin **** Greatest Losing Margin

Reserves Ladder at end of home and away 1997

	Games	W	L	D	FOR	AGAINST	%	PTS
St George	16	13	3		1393	749	186.0	52
North Shore	16	11	5		1161	987	117.6	44
Western Suburbs	16	10	6		1126	846	133.1	40
East Sydney	16	9	7		1058	964	109.7	36
Pennant Hills	16	7	9		1010	918	110.0	28
Balmain	16	4	12		917	1276	71.9	16
Bailkham Hills	16	2	14		731	1656	44.1	8

~~Elimination Final~~
Reserve

**The Grand Final was played at Wagener Oval, Ashbury.
Sunday 14th September 1997
St George 8.6. 54 defeating East Sydney 5.9. 39**

UNDER 18'S COACH'S REPORT 1997

Coach	Gary Brown
Manager	~~Geoff Collins~~ <i>Ian Parker</i>
Captain	~~Peter Carey~~ <i>Adam Roxburgh</i>
Vice Captain	~~Gerard Smits~~ <i>Nick Kirkpatrick</i>
Deputy Vice Captain	~~Simon Collins~~ <i>SEBASTIAN PARKER</i>
Runner	~~Chris Old~~
~~ASS. COACH~~	~~PETER RARIS~~ <i>SEB. PARKER</i>
BEST & FAIREST	SIMON COLLINS
RUNNERS-UP	PETER CAREY & ADAM DE LOOZE
MOST CONSISTENT	MICHAEL GHOBRIAL
BEST TEAM MAN	NICK KIRKPATRICK
MOST IMPROVED	CHRIS REIDY
COACH'S AWARD	JAMES FULTON

GARY BROWN

We went into the 1997 season confident of being a competitive side. In what turned out to be a frustrating year due to the incredible amount of serious injuries. I can look back on a very youthful side and be pleased that the guys gave it their best shot but were just undermanned to compete with the stronger sides.

When I reflect on the age of our team and consider that 7 of our regular players were under 16 players who backed up playing 2 games each week and 14 of the players were first year under 18's it was in fact a commendable result and one in which the guys should not be too disappointed.

On the injury front we had one broken collarbone, a dislocated elbow, a broken hand, two broken wrists, four players with broken fingers, a broken toe and a broken nose. (I think I need to introduce more milk into their diets to see if I can build up their Calcium levels.) I have never seen so many injuries in one season but I am happy to report that all but one player, were able to make it back on the paddock.

Because of the injuries and the number of under 16's in the team, we were able to play some under 19 players who were a great help in lifting the confidence of the younger guys and gave us a bit of a physical presence. Thanks to James Fulton, Ben Sainty and Phil Sedmak.

From a coach's point of view I was very pleased to see the emergence of a few of our players as future First Grade players. Our Captain Peter Carey got his chance early in the year and played the maximum of eight games before coming back to the under eighteens to lead the team which I thought he did very well and his on field leadership grew with each match. Gerard Smits , Adam De Looze, Simon Collins and Brad Old also acquitted themselves very well and played multiple games with the Senior Team.

As the season went on we showed glimpses of great team football and the team continued to develop but unfortunately could not kick straight when we needed to, often losing a game when we had more scoring shots than our opposition. (we may need to work on our goal kicking in the off season) Something that was very important for such a young side was that they never stopped trying and they gave it everything which goes well for next year as 20 players from this years list will be eligible again for the under eighteens side in 1998.

Before I acknowledge the players I want to thank the committee for their support during the year and the terrific support from my manager Geoff Collins who contributed all year to the teams development and to Chris Old who did the running for me (not an easy task) and to Andy Kirkpatrick who, week in and week out, ran the boundary. To the other parents who helped out during the year, thank you.

To the players, I just want to say that while you can be disappointed in not making the finals you can learn from your experiences and come out the next year hungrier for success and continue to develop your football skills. To those guys going on to senior football, good luck, as you are the future of our club and it could not be in better hands. To the guys eligible for next year we can look forward to a very competitive season and a chance to wipe away a few of this years disappointments.

GARY BROWN COACH UNDER 18'S 1997

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for its support and sponsorship of the UNDER 18 Team in 1997..



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NEW SOUTH WALES AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE LTD

1997 KEALEY MEDAL

(SYDNEY FOOTBALL LEAGUE) UNDER 18's

The 1997 Kealey Medal was won by Simon Collins of Pennant Hills with 20 votes.

**PENNANT HILLS PLAYERS VOTE COUNT TALLY **

SIMON COLLINS	20
MICHAEL GHOBRIAL	7
GERARD SMITS	6
LUKE DRIVER	4
MARK BROWN	3
PETER CAREY	3
ADAM DE LOOZE	3
BRAD OLD	3
DANIEL DE LOOZE	2
LUKE ELLIS	2

Monday
14/9.

THE PENNANT HILLS AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL CLUB

UNDER 18 "BEST AND FAIREST" VOTES

TOP TEN

SIMON COLLINS	146
PETER CAREY	87
ADAM DE LOOZE	87
MICHAEL GHOBRIAL	58
GERARD SMITS	52
LUKE DRIVER	45
BRAD OLD	42
JAMES FULTON	40
MARK BROWN	39
CHRIS REIDY	33

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Summary of Under 18 Home and Aways 1997

DATE	TEAM	Venue	PTS FOR		Points AGAINST			RESULT
6-Apr	Monarch Blues	Away	13	17	95	8	5	53 WIN
13-Apr	Baulkham Hills	Away	4	3	27	13	5	83 LOSS
20-Apr	East Sydney	Home	16	9	105	4	5	29 WIN
27-Apr	Western Jets	Away	12	13	85	5	9	39 WIN
3-May	Balmain	Home	17	12	114	8	4	52 WIN
10-May	Bye							WIN
18-May	St George	Home	6	1	37	13	11	89 LOSS
25-May	NCC Hunters	Away	6	11	47	10	18	78 LOSS
1-Jun	Western Suburbs	Away	10	14	74	4	15	39 WIN
8-Jun	North Shore	Home	11	9	75	6	1	37 WIN
15-Jun	East Sydney	Away	12	7	79	5	5	35 WIN
22-Jun	Western Jets	Home	15	11	101	4	3	27 WIN
29-Jun	Bye							WIN
6-Jul	NCC Hunters	Home	5	10	40	11	3	69 LOSS
12-Jul	St George	Away	6	6	42	13	9	87 LOSS
20-Jul	Baulkham Hills ****	Away	3	11	29	17	7	109 LOSS
27-Jul	Monarch Blues	Home	4	6	30	6	1	37 LOSS
3-Aug	Western Jets	Away	12	21	93	5	3	33 WIN
9-Aug	Western Suburbs ####	Home	24	17	161	0	4	4 WIN
16-Aug	North Shore	Away	5	6	36	15	8	98 LOSS
TOTALS			for		1270			998 127.2%

Greatest Winning Margin ***** Greatest Losing Margin

Under 18s Ladder at end of home and away 1997

	Games	W	L	D	FOR	AGAINST	%	PTS
NCC Hunters	18	17	1		1847	623	296.5	68
Baulkham Hills	18	15	3		1757	709	247.8	60
St George	18	13	5		1567	722	217.0	52
North Shore	18	11	6	1	1290	818	157.7	46
Monarch Blues	18	11	6	1	1384	978	141.5	46
Pennant Hills	18	10	8		1270	998	127.2	40
Western Jets	18	6	12		783	1388	56.4	24
* East Sydney	17	2	15		621	1401	44.3	8
Balmain	18	2	16		468	1926	24.3	8
*Western Suburbs	17	1	16		471	1895	24.8	4

* Round 13 cancelled

**The Grand Final was played at Wagener Oval, Ashbury.
Sunday 14th September 1997
Baulkham Hills 14. 12. 96 defeating NCC Hunters 9. 10. 64**

ELIMINATION FINALS

RESULTS

St George 12. 6. 78
PHills 5. 8. 38

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS ROLL

YEAR	PRESIDENT	TREASURER	SECRETARY
1971	Roger Nobes	Geoff Severn	Barry Sparks
1972	Kerry James	Barry Sparks	Barry Sparks
1973	Kerry James	Geoff Severn	Barry Sparks
1974	Kerry James	Graham Sayer	David Underwood
1975	Kerry James	Barry Sparks	A.(Tony) Hawley
1976	Ken MacRae	Barry Sparks	Robert Dwyer
1977	Ken MacRae	Murray Withers	Robert Dwyer
1978	Ken MacRae	Simon Martin	Robert Dwyer
1979	Ken MacRae	Eric Joiner	Robert Dwyer
1980	Ken MacRae	Tony Hayward	Shirley McKernan
1981	Ken MacRae	Craig Bown	Shirley McKernan
1982	Stan Edwards	Peter Camilleri	Shirley McKernan
1983	Stan Edwards	Peter Camilleri	A.(Tony) Hill
1984	Peter Camilleri	E (Ted) Brink	Mike Farrell
1985	Peter Camilleri	Doug Reed	Mike Farrell
1986	Mike Farrell	Doug Reed	Mike Farrell
1987	Derek Heelan	Doug Reed	Kay Nyhuis
1988	Derek Heelan	Roy Bohmer	Mike Farrell
1989	Derek Heelan	Roy Bohmer	Vacant
1990	A. (Tony) Yard	Roy Bohmer	Don Ballantyne
1991	A. (Tony) Yard	Shirley McKernan	Don Ballantyne
1992	A. (Tony) Yard	Shirley McKernan	Don Ballantyne
1993	Lindsay Thomas	Richard Vella	Robert Knight
1994	Lindsay Thomas	Richard Vella	Alan Brawn
1995	Lindsay Thomas	Richard Vella	Alan Brawn
1996	Lindsay Thomas	Ross Ron Scott	Alan Brawn
1997	Lindsay Thomas	Ross Ron Scott	Alan Brawn
1998	Peter Clarke	Ross Scott	Maurie

SENIOR COACHES

1971	Kerry James	1985	Guy Wynn
1972	Rod Ward	1986	Rob Barrett
1973	Graeme Eime	1987	Rob Barrett/Gary Spillane
1974	Eric Joiner	1988	Gary Spillane
1975	Eric Joiner	1989	Ray Johns
1976	Wes Smith	1990	Ken Tucker
1977	Wes Smith	1991	Ken Tucker /Gary Spillane
1978	Wes Smith / Maurie Gale	1992	Rob Phillipson/Trevor Clisby
1979	W (Bill) Thripp	1993	Leo Browne
1980	Pat Wellington	1994	Leo Browne
1981	Pat Wellington	1995	Stephen Barratt
1982	Ray Johns	1996	Stephen Barratt
1983	Ray Johns	1997	Stephen Barratt
1984	Warren Ledger	1998	Ross Barratt

100 GAMES OR MORE

GAMES	PLAYER
233	Rod Miles
192	Stephen Monahan *
190	Trevor Daykin *
181	Terry Donohoe *
166	Doug Scholz *
166	A. (Tony) Hill
165	Greg Hardy
153	Terry. J. Hill
150	Randal Green *
149	Danny Cater
147	Chris Macdonald
141	W. (Bill) Carey
140	Paul Gooley *
139	Gary Spillane
136	Mick Toy
134	Gerard Mimmo *
129	Paul Whelan
126	David Power
124	John Goswell
124	Bruce Higgs
123	Chris Yard *
122	John Murray *
120	Ron Van Vliet
119	Steve Barratt
117	Grant Croese
116	Daryl Vella
116	Grant Smith
116	David Direen
115	Justin Kerley *
115	Todd McKernan *
114	Paul Camilleri
113	Warren Miles
112	Kerry James
112	Eric Joiner
110	Danny Ryan *
110	Peter Mathers
109	Michael Barr *
107	Ken Couchman *
107	Mick Coen
106	Greg Barnes
106	John Rae
103	Steve Paterson
103	Andy Buchanan
103	David Thomas *
102	Stephen Edwards
102	Rod Somerville
102	Russell Green
100	Peter Cunnane
100	Brian Seletto
100	Robert Reinten
100	Hayden Hill

* Currently Playing

LEADING SENIOR GOAL KICKERS

1971	Kerry James	47
1972	Kerry James	51
1973	Kerry James	64
1974	Kerry James	52
1975	Eric Joiner	62
1976	W.(Bill) Renwick	84
1977	Wes Smith	65
1978	A.(Tony) Hill	59
1979	Maurie Gale	38
1980	A.(Tony) Hill	46
1981	Stephen Edwards	78
1982	Stephen Edwards	72
1983	Stephen Edwards	22
1984	Steve Bird	96
1985	David Reed	47
1986	Rob Barrett	86
1987	Ken Couchman	29
1988	Alan Gardiner	69
1989	Alan 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

PRESIDENTS TROPHY

1983	Gus McKernan
1984	Greg Barnes
1985	Shane Farrell
1986	Andy Hughes/Graeme Turnbull
1987	Wal Hannon
1988	Mick Coen
1989	Debbie Stapley
1990	Lori Jones
1991	Gary Spillane
1992	Craig Oates
1993	Ken Couchman
1994	Stephen Barratt & Kim Klomp
1995	Alan Guild & Craig Headland
1996	Ken Couchman & Craig Tate
1997	Randal Green

RAIG OATES

ALLEN GARDINER

(leading goal Kicker
1988/89

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Russell Lieschke
Rick Morton
en Hutcheson
il Pearson
tt Smith
y Spillane
s Yard
Whelan
fooley
Mimmo
ixon
ennett
edshaw

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 Mal Steen
1985 Mike Farrell
1986 Shane Farrell
1987 Steve Paterson
1988 Ken Sims/Peter Clarke
1989 Wal Hannon
1990 Andy Buchanan
1991 Don Ballantyne
1992 The McKernan Family
1993 The Dixon Family
1994 Jennette Elliott
1995 Peggy Thomas
1996 Trevor Daykin
1997 John Taylor/Bob Manning

CLUB LIFE MEMBERS

1973 Barry Sparks *ser*
1975 Kerry James *ser*
1976 Ern Holmes *ser*
1980 Ken MacRae *ser*
1980 Rod Miles *10 P4*
1980 Danny Cater *ser 10 P4*
1981 Terry J.Hill *150*
1981 W. (Bill) Carey *10 P4*
1982 Greg Barnes *10 P4*
1983 Trevor Daykin *10 P4/150*
1983 Warren Quintrell *ser*
1984 A. (Gus) McKernan *ser*
1985 Greg Hardy *150*
1986 Chris Macdonald *10 P4*
1986 A. (Tony) Hill *150*
1988 Paul Thrupp *10 P4*
1989 Doug Scholz *10 P4*
1991 Gary Spillane *ser*
1994 Stephen Monahan *150*
1995 Stephen Barratt *ser*
1995 Stephen Paterson *10 P4*
1995 Terry Donohoe *150*
1997 ~~RANDAL GREEN~~ *150*
1997 KEN COUCHMAN *ser*

① 150 Senior (laying)
② 10 Seasons in Senior
③ Service to club.

CAPTAINS & VICE CAPTAINS ROLL

YEAR	CAPTAIN	VICE-CAPT.	RESULTS
1971	Kerry James	Errol Grieve	Third (3rd Div)
1972	Rod Ward	Graeme Eime	Fourth (2nd Div)
1973	Graeme Eime	Norm Pilbeam	Runners-Up (2nd Div)
1974	Eric Joiner	Graham Howatt	Runners-Up (2nd Div)
1975	Eric Joiner	Graham Howatt	Premiers (2nd Div)
1976	Wes Smith	W. (Bill) Renwick	Premiers (2nd Div)
1977	Wes Smith	W. (Bill) Taylor	Fifth (1st Div)
1978	Maurie Gale	David Direen	Sixth (1st Div)
1979	Maurie Gale	Keith Delooze	Fifth (1st Div)
1980	Pat Wellington	Maurie Gale	Fifth (1st Div)
1981	Pat Wellington	Keith Delooze	Third (1st Div)
1982	Russell Matheson	John Goswell	Second (S.F.L.)
1983	Russell Matheson	Rod Miles	Sixth (S.F.L.)
1984	Warren Ledger	A. (Tony) McGivern	Fourth (S.F.L.)
1985	Gary Spillane	Graham Crispin	Sixth (S.F.L.)
1986	Rob Barrett	Adam Harris	Third (S.F.L.)
1987	R Barrett / G. Spillane	Mick Toy	Fourth (STATE)
1988	Gary Spillane	Mick Toy	Fourth (STATE)
1989	Steve Barratt	Doug Scholz	Seventh (STATE)
1990	Steve Barratt	Mick Coen	Eighth (STATE)
1991	Steve Barratt	Gary Manuel	Seventh (S.F.L.)
1992	Steve Barratt	Gary Spillane	Seventh (S.F.L.)
1993	Steve Barratt	Trevor Clisby	Fourth (S.F.L.)
1994	Kim Klomp	Peter Dixon	Sixth (S.F.L.)
1995	Gerard Mimmo	Peter Dixon	Second (S.F.L.)
1996	Gerard Mimmo	Peter Dixon	Second (S.F.L.)
1997	Gerard Mimmo	Peter Dixon	Sixth (S.F.L.)
1998	Tony Redshaw	Peter Dixon	

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

PENNANT HILLS FOOTBALLER OF THE YEAR

1986	David Brown
1987	Glen Hutcherson
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

**PENNANT HILLS PLAYER RECORDS -
TOTAL OPEN AGE PREMIERSHIP GAMES**

TOTAL GAMES	PLAYER NAME	1997 GAMES SENIORS	RESERVES	1997 only EIGHTEENS	FIRST PLAYED
192	MONAHAN Stephen		7		1986
190	DAYKIN Trevor		1		1973
181	DONOHUE Terry		12		1985
166	SCHOLZ Doug		12		1985
150	GREEN Randal	10	2		1988
140	GOOLEY Paul	16			1989
134	MIMMO Gerard	16			1989
123	YARD Chris	16			1989
122	MURRAY John	16			1988
115	McKERNAN Todd		4		1983
115	KERLEY Justin	1	7		1989
110	RYAN Danny	8	6		1991
109	BARR Michael	1	11		1989
107	COUCHMAN Ken		15		1986
88	DIXON Peter	15			1991
88	BRAWN Anthony	15			1991
87	CAREY Michael	11			1992
78	HATHERLEY Blair	3	12		1992
78	CLARKE Jason	16	1		1991
77	COLLINGS Mark	4	5		1990
69	HUME Greg	2	13		1992
61	HARTLEY Craig	4	8		1992
58	MOONEY James	6	3		1994
55	FITZPATRICK Steven	2	10		1993
54	DIGHTON David	8			1991
53	COLVILLE Cameron	12	5		1994
49	HALL Tim		2		1992
48	BEST Murray	6	9		1991
45	WALDOCK Malcolm		9		1994
40	DIDIER Scott		6		1994
39	MAHAR Chris	16			1994
39	BRODERICK Craig	11			1992
38	LANDAHL Anthony		1		1993
38	PALASTY Jason	11			1995
37	BROWN Stephen	10	6		1997
37	BROWNE Paul		14		1991
36	BELL Ashley	16			1996
35	WILKINSON Dean		4	7	1994
32	BRODERICK Grant	10	1		1993
32	BENNETT Peter	13			1996
29	RAKIC John		5		1993
27	REDSHAW Tony	15			1989
25	KENNY Chris		6		1995
24	JONES Allan		10		1993
20	CLARKE Andrew	6	8		1993

PENNANT HILLS PLAYER RECORDS - TOTAL OPEN AGE PREMIERSHIP GAMES

TOTAL GAMES	PLAYER NAME	1996 GAMES		1996 only	FIRST PLAYED
		SENIORS	RESERVES	EIGHTEENS	
19	HARRIDGE Todd		6		1994
19	GUILD Alan	1	5		1993
17	SCOTT Benjamin		15		1994
16	DRIVER Christian	2	13		1996
16	TEITZ Adam	2	13		1996
15	GRAY Matthew		15		1997
15	GIBSON Ryan		15		1997
12	YATES Andrew	7	5		1997
11	TATE Craig		4		1996
10	KENNY Tim		7		1994
10	ARNOLD Lachlan		10		1997
9	TOLL Rohan	2	7		1997
8	CAREY Peter	8		13	1996(U)
6	SMITS Gerard	4		16	1996 (U)
6	HAWKINS Lonny		3		1996
5	PANTELLI Chris		5		1996
4	DE LOOZE Adam	4		16	1996(U)
3	COLLINS Simon	3		18	1996(U)
3	ELLIS Luke	3		1	1996(U)
2	OLD Brad	2		15	1996(U)
2	FULTON James		1	10	1996 (U)
2	DISREGORIO Shaun		2		1997
2	MCVEIGH Mark	2		1	1996(U)
1	SEDMAK Phil		1	7	1996 (U)
1	SCHUITEMA John		1	1	1996 (U)
1	CLARKE Daniel		1		1997
	ALLEN James			18	1996(U)
	BENNETT Clint			18	1997(U)
	BROWN Mark			17	1996(U)
	REIDY Chris			17	1996(U)
	DE LOOZE Daniel			16	1996(U)
	PARIS Simon			16	1997(U)
	DRIVER Luke			16	1997(U)
	ATKINSON Mark			14	1997(U)
	SCHWABLE Nick			14	1997(U)
	AITKEN Cameron			14	1997(U)
	MCDONALD Lachlan			13	1997(U)
	MCCAMEY Matthew			13	1997(U)
	LOVELL David			11	1997(U)
	PARKER Sebastian			11	1997(U)
	GHOBRAL Michael			10	1995(U)
	LOW Joshua			9	1997(U)
	KIRKPATRICK Nick			8	1997(U)
	MORTIMER Leigh			8	1997(U)

PENNANT HILLS PLAYER RECORDS - TOTAL OPEN AGE PREMIERSHIP GAMES

TOTAL		1997 GAMES		1997 only	FIRST
GAMES	PLAYER NAME	SENIORS	RESERVES	EIGHTEENS	PLAYED
	ROXBURGH Adam			8	1997(U)
	SAINTY Ben			8	1997(U)
	MARSCHAM David			8	1997(U)
	FOLKARD Paul			5	1997(U)
	TYSON Chris			5	1997(U)
	DINSMORE Sam			3	1997(U)
	PARIS Lucas			1	1997(U)
	LOWE Nathan			1	1997(U)
	BROWN Stephen			1	1997(U)

NOTE : (U) Denotes Eligible for Under 18 Years of Age During 1997 Season

Errors and Omissions.

As this yearbook (and the enclosed records) becomes a history book of the Club, if you find any errors (spelling of names etc , data, or dates) please feel free to contact the Editor, so that the error is not perpetuated in further editions.

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TREASURER'S REPORT 1997

Despite a fall in our Income we were able to report a \$2,874 profit. It is harder every year to maintain our income from Sponsorship and Fund Raising. It is imperative that ***all*** Club Members increase their efforts in this area. The income from these areas covers 60% of our expenses.

Expenses were contained within our forecasts and were slightly down on the previous year. Indications are that the 1998 season will be difficult from a financial viewpoint with an increase in Player Costs which can only be covered by an increase in Income.

We completed the year with Working Capital funds of \$20,920 and Reserves of \$ 35,996

ROSS SCOTT
TREASURER 1997

1997 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Income	50,892	63,167	66,936	71,646	59,067
Expenditure	47,099	53,275	55,022	61,569	56,193
Surplus	3,793	9,892	11,914	10,077	2,874
Opening	17,976	21,772	32,039	43,965	54,042
Closing Funds	21,772	32,039	43,965	54,042	56,916

Total members Funds 30/9/97

	\$
Cash at bank	5,584
Funds on Deposit - Working Capital	15,336
Reserve	<u>35,996</u>
	<u>56,916</u>

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

As at 30/9/97

	1996	1997
<i>INCOME</i>	\$	\$
Sponsorship	29,555	24,050
Memberships	10,166	8,165
Game revenue	11,918	10,960
Interest	2,823	2,192
Fund Raising	17,184	13,700
Total Income	<u>71,646</u>	<u>59,067</u>
	1996	1997
<i>EXPENDITURE</i>	\$	\$
Player Costs	21,072	17,939
Sundries	5,634	4,454
Team Maintenance	6,683	6,500
Football Equipment	6,097	5,851
Administration	22,083	21,449
Total Expenditure	<u>61,569</u>	<u>56,193</u>
Surplus for Year	<u>\$ 10,077</u>	<u>\$ 2,874</u>

PENNANT HILLS A.F.C. Inc. Trading Statement to 30 September 1997

INCOME	1996	1997
Sponsorship		
Major	20,055	15,250
Sponsor-a-Player	3,000	2,800
In Kind	6,000	6,000
Membership		
Players	6,685	6,695
Non-Players	1,381	1,470
Transfers	2,100	
Game Revenue		
Canteen	8,664	7,114
Gate Revenue	1,454	2,596
Finals prize money/canteen	1,800	1,250
Interest	2,823	2,192
Fundraising		
Sweepstakes	11,419	8,906
Functions	2,425	1,941
Raffles	2,525	2,853
Other	815	
Total Income	71,646	59,067
Less Total Expenses	61,569	56,193
Surplus/(Deficit)	10,077	2,874

	\$	\$
EXPENDITURE	1996	1997
Playing Costs		
Player Awards	18,072	14,939
Coaching	3,000	3,000
Sundries		
Trophies	1,500	1,500
Physio	500	1,000
Other	3,634	1,954
Team maintenance		
Medical	6,000	6,000
St Johns	500	500
Other	183	
Equipment		
Footballs	2,021	1,843
Gear	4,076	4,008
Administration		
SFL & Registrations	9,285	9,215
Umpires	6,939	7,462
Ground Hire	2,135	1,792
Other	3,724	2,980
Total Expenditure	61,569	56,193

JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT 1997

Pennant Hills Junior Australian Football Club Report

Pennant Hills Juniors had another good year in the Northside competition. Our Auskick group grew dramatically and was very successful under the enthusiastic Bill Girdwood.

The Under 10s team has had the best finish on the ladder in over five years (Fourth) just missing out on a Grand Final berth by 1 goal. Last year they won only one game and so they have improved dramatically by a new coach and former Penno legend, Greg Barnes.

The Under 12s team started out slow but gained terrific momentum throughout the year, defeating some of the competition leaders. Unfortunately it was not enough to make the finals - Next year eh?

The Under 14s team played Westbrook in the Grand Final, but lost by 10 points in what was the game of the season. This also saw long term coach John Elliott bow out from coaching after many years of service to the Junior Club. John has coached over 200 games and had more final wins for Pennant Hills than any other coach. John will be greatly missed.

The under 16s team showed great strength and played well all year but were a surprise loss in the first final. The team finished third on the ladder. The 16s had beaten all but one team, eventual Grand Final winners, Baulkham Hills. Next year will be a win for sure.

Bob Barnetson also retired from coaching in the Club and was made a life member of the PHJAFC. Bob coached for over 5 years at the Club and will also be missed.

Pennant Hills juniors supplied the following representative players during the season.

Northside Representatives

<i>Under 12</i>	<i>Under 14</i>	<i>Under 16</i>	<i>Under 15</i>
Boyhan Ivanoff	Steven Gray	Daniel De Looze	Daniel De Looze
Ben Old	Alex Huggins	Craig Jack	Steven Gray
Nick Potter	Brant Jack	David Marscham	Michael Holgate
	James Leggott	Leigh Mortimer	Jim Ivanoff
	Jason Lyall	Tim Potter	
	Jarrad McVeigh	Julian Raffel	
	Shaun Martin	Brad Whalan	
	Trent Whalan	Andrew Wolfe	

Hunter Representatives

<i>Under 14</i>	<i>Under 16</i>
Peter McCarthy	Matthew Wilson
Anthony Withers	

Sydney Representatives

<i>Under 15</i>
Daniel De Looze
Jim Ivanoff

RAMS Training Squad

Daniel De Looze	Steven Gray	James Leggott
Paul Folkard	Brant Jack	Jarrad McVeigh

NSW U16 Schoolboys Team

Paul Folkard

James Dawson - Secretary Pennant Hills JAFC

JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT 1997

Hornsby District Junior AFL Club Report

Thanks once again for the help that "The Demons" has given us over the past year. It is much appreciated.

Looking Back

Looking back over this past year, I believe that we can all be proud of our efforts. After an excellent recruitment effort last year we set out to increase membership by 50% to 75 players. To our delight we were much more successful and virtually doubled our numbers to 96 by the end of the season.

The club fielded four teams plus the Auskick contingent. Team success varied but it was pleasing to see how well our under 12s performed, managing to make the preliminary final. This is the best result so far (4th) in the club's three year history. Well done.

The number of registered players last year was 47. Another tremendous effort over the off season saw a huge increase in numbers again. However as always we can not rest on our laurels and still more needs to be done. We plan on increasing player numbers by a further 25% for the next year.

We will have to have an under 16s team next year.

This will give the club a firm basis for consolidation and enable the club to look to the future.

Coaching

Once again the Auskick was a tremendous success, as all the parents will agree. This was in large part due to the efforts of Fred Hopkinson and Leanne Wilks and their band of assistants. The healthy numbers in Auskick show that they represent a high priority in the club. They are our future.

The under 10s were well represented in numbers, although this was not reflected by success on the field. Many of our better under 10 players were pushed up into higher grades so that as many as possible could get a game. This may have affected our performances but it was good for the players and football in the club. We hope that our strategy will pay dividends in the coming years. Their coach, Sharon Gilfedder has proven to be a valuable asset to the club since she joined us at the beginning of the season.

The under 11s and under 12s were a mixed group of mainly younger, inexperienced players. The under 11s had some success but it was the under 12s who proved the most successful. Their mighty finals effort saw them make the preliminary final where, although they were defeated, they performed to a very high standard.

The under 14s had mixed success. We were fortunate to have so many players interested in playing. Alas, their inexperience was such that their successes on the field were few despite the obvious enthusiasm. Hopefully, many will return next year and they will build on their experience.

Two players, Paul Souter and Blake Hopkinson were selected for the under 12s representative team. Blake was selected for the under 14s representative side as well. Blake Hopkinson earned the Northern Association's 'Best and Fairest' Award for the under 12s with a record number of votes.

John Sims - President Hornsby District Junior AFL Club.

JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT 1997

West Pennant Hills- Cherrybrook J.A.F.C. (Westbrook) Report

1997 has been a very exciting, rewarding and also a learning year for the West Pennant Hills-Cherrybrook J.A.F.C. (Westbrook). Our restructured committee has worked very hard with the sub-committees to organise and be prepared for every Saturday to make sure every team was at the right place at the right time. Thank to a devoted team. With a few more refinements we will make it even better for next season.

Besides the "footy" on Saturday, Westbrook was involved in the following throughout the season.

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|--|--|
| * Little League at the S.C.G. | * Under 10 Sydney wide gala day. |
| * Development squads. | * Billetting players from out of town. |
| * Superules | * Greenway Complex Development |
| * Swans involvement at training | * A.F.L. Raffle |
| * Registration days. | * McDonalds promotions. |
| * Coaches accreditation | * Elite training squads |
| * Northside Association | * Training/holiday and social camp |
| * School based teams | * Management and strategic planning. |
| * Future grounds planning in our area. | * Pennant Hills Seniors at training |
| * Swans gala day at S.C.G | * Trivia Night |
| * Karaoke Night | |
| * An expanding club - this involved the splitting of teams. | |
| * Coaches and players involvement in Under 12,14, 15, and 16 representative football | |
| * Victorian tour with Cherrybrook Technology High School | |

The game of Aussie Rules was very successful for Westbrook this season with 200 players putting on the Westbrook jumper. this is a 20% increase on 1996. 1998 should see 250 players playing Aussie Rules for Westbrook.

On the field this year saw 60 Auskickers, two Under 10s, two under 11s, one under 12, one under 14 and one under 16 team. All teams made it to the final series, four teams made it into a possible five grand finals with two teams bringing home the Premiership trophy.

Westbrook was well represented in all representative sides which included Northside Under 12, 14, 15 and 16 . Metropolitan North Primary, Catholic and Independent High Schools, and Combined High Schools This resulted in representation in Sydney sides.

These statistics would not be possible without the tremendous dedication of the coaches, assistant coaches, managers, social managers, weekly helpers and supporters.

The canteen, the Bulletin and social events have been focal points this season and I thank everyone involved.

Westbrook has played a major role and will continue to play a vital role in the development of Aussie Rules throughout the Northside and Sydney. The club has changed to keep astride with all the developments this year and we will need the continued support and professionalism of our parent body to maintain a viable and enthusiastic club for our young Bulldogs.

Thank you one and all for a great season

Andy Smyth - President 1997 Westbrook.

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