



**HORNSBY
BEROWRA
EAGLES**

JUNIOR AFL CLUB

YEARBOOK 2026



CLUB HISTORY



1986

- Mal Campbell & Ian McDermott instigated the beginnings of an Australian Rules Club in the Hornsby Heights area, after their children no longer wanted to play soccer, and they rallied the support of others in the local community. The advice they received in relation to establishing a new club, was that the most streamlined approach was to become a section of an existing sports club in the area.

1987

- The Australian Rules Football Division (or Section) of the Hornsby Heights Sports Club Inc was formed, where is known as "Hornsby Heights Sports Club Aussie Rules" or "Hornsby Heights Australian Rules Club".
- The uniform worn by the Hornsby Heights Sports Club Aussie Rules was a green guernsey with an orange sash with green shorts (socks varied over the years from orange to green).
- The first home ground of the Club was at Hornsby Heights Public School.
- The first game played by the Club was at Headon Park, Westleigh vs Westbrook.

1989/90

- Around this time, the Club approached Hornsby Council regarding seeking ground allocation at Rofe Park, which was granted and this saw Australian Rules Football played at Rofe Park for the first time. The ground was shared with the Soccer Division of the Hornsby Heights Sports Club Inc.

1994

- In November 1994, a decision was made to form a new club being Hornsby District Junior Australian Football Club Inc. The minutes from the meeting leading to the establishment of a new club indicate that the new club wanted to have no further association with Hornsby Heights Sports Club Inc. It is reported that the Hornsby Heights Sports Club was not particularly supportive of the Australian Rules Division (some even going as far as to say they were against having an Australian Rules Division at all). Further reports suggest that there were some "financial discrepancies" within the Hornsby Heights Sports Club which led to the decisions to form a new club.

1995

- First season as Hornsby District Junior Australian Football Club, playing in jerseys with broad blue, yellow and red vertical bands with red shorts and socks.
- Whilst the Club was called the Eagles, no Eagle appeared on jerseys and documentation from this time indicated use of the term Eagles in association with the club was rare.
- Later the Club was simply referred to as Hornsby Eagles (despite the official Club name being Hornsby District Junior Australian Football Club – which it still is today!)



2007

- New Club jerseys and for the first time with an Eagle appearing on it.

2009

- Name change from Hornsby Eagles to Hornsby Berowra Eagles to better reflect the area served by the Club.
- First Club Premiership – U11 team

2012

- Greater Sydney Junior AFL Club of the Year

2013

- Greater Sydney Junior AFL Club of the Year

2015

- Commencement of girls training initiative with Pennant Hills & Westbrook Junior AFL Clubs

2016

- Inaugural season for the North West Lightning Girls teams (alliance with Pennant Hills & Westbrook Junior AFL Clubs)

2018

- New Club jerseys in their current design.

2022

- Sydney Harbour Junior AFL Club of the Year

2025

- HBE departed North West Lightning alliance & fielded our own girls teams for the first time - 2 x U9, 1 x U11 & 1 x U13
- Establishment of our own men's & women's Masters teams - the Bald Eagles & the EaGals.

2026

- Record Club player numbers
- First season of Superkick at the Club
- First HBE U17 boys team in 12 years
- Inaugural HBE U15 girls team

PRESIDENT'S REPORT



It was great to witness another full season of footy leading into the finals, with only a handful of games impacted by wet weather late in the year. This season has been a fantastic continuation of the club's growth, following the successful return of youth girls football and the continued expansion of our junior programs.

Growth across our junior and youth age groups has been outstanding, with the introduction of Superkick adding further depth and strengthening

the future of our club. The expansion of our playing groups has welcomed many new players and families, while also providing opportunities for personal development, new friendships and an even stronger sense of community across all levels of the Eagles.

PLAYER DEVELOPMENT

We again welcomed Tim Schmidt from *Kicking Dynamics* to work with our coaching group through pre-season clinics focused on strategy, skills and player development, providing a great foundation for the season ahead.

We also continued to strengthen our relationship with our senior club, the Pennant Hills Demons, with the aim of creating stronger coaching, development and player pathway opportunities across the club. These relationships are an important part of building a sustainable football pathway for our players as they progress through the age groups.

AUSKICK & JUNIORS

Our Auskick and Superkick programs continued to thrive, with 58 registered Auskickers and 31 Superkick participants this year. The continued growth of these programs is a fantastic reflection of the strength of our club's junior pathway and the welcoming environment created for our youngest players and their families.

The transition from Auskick and Superkick into junior football continues to gather momentum, and it is particularly pleasing to see so many of our younger participants progressing into team football.

Our junior boys' and girls' teams (U8–U11) also enjoyed excellent seasons, with strong participation, enthusiasm and development across the board. While these age groups are non-competitive, the improvement in skills, confidence and teamwork has been fantastic to watch and provides plenty of excitement for the future.

COMPETITIVE AGE GROUPS

Our competitive teams performed admirably, with highlights across the age groups:

- U12/2 – 6th
- U13/2 – 4th
- U13/2 Girls – 2nd
- U14/2 – 8th
- U15/3 – 5th
- U15/3 Girls – 5th
- U17/3 – 6th

We had several teams progressed to their respective finals, including:

- U13/2
- U13/2 Girls
- U17/3

Our U13s delivered an outstanding performance throughout the season, playing with intensity and determination and consistently showing their ability to compete as a team. Their season unfortunately came to an end in an incredibly close elimination final, but they can be extremely proud of what they achieved. It was a fantastic season from the entire group.

Our U13 Girls also gave a remarkable account of themselves throughout the finals series. Their performances in both the elimination and preliminary finals demonstrated the growth and resilience of the team throughout the season. While they ultimately fell short, the experience will undoubtedly make them stronger, and they can look back on an outstanding season with plenty to be proud of.

Our U17s came agonisingly close to a Grand Final berth, falling just five points short in their preliminary final. Following an impressive elimination final the week before, the team once again demonstrated the cohesion, determination and team spirit they had shown throughout the season. They should be incredibly proud of their efforts and the way they represented the Eagles.

Watching our competitive teams come together, welcome new players, develop their skills and compete with such enthusiasm has been one of the great pleasures of the season. Their efforts provide a strong foundation as we look towards an even bigger and better 2027 season.

MASTERS FOOTY

Our Masters continued to provide one of the great examples of what community football is all about, with another enjoyable season of home and away games bringing plenty of footy, laughs and camaraderie.

There may have been a few rusty skills, the occasional hamstring that needed some extra attention and perhaps a little less pace than we remember having in our younger years - but there were still plenty of moments of quality football and, importantly, plenty of reasons to keep coming back.

Masters is about much more than the result on the scoreboard. It provides an opportunity for parents, former players and members of the wider Eagles community to get back on the field, stay active and reconnect with the game they love. It is also a great way to build friendships, introduce new people to the club and create another strong connection between our football families.

The enthusiasm and willingness of our Masters players to get involved, have a run and support one another is a great reflection of the culture we want across the entire Eagles club.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

On behalf of the club, I would like to sincerely thank everyone who has contributed to making the 2026 season such a success.

To our coaches and team managers, thank you for the countless hours spent at training, on game day and behind the scenes. Your commitment, patience and enthusiasm have played a huge part in the development and enjoyment of our players.

To our ground managers, committee members and volunteers, thank you for keeping everything moving throughout the season. So much of what happens at the Eagles would simply not be possible without the people who continue to put their hand up, often quietly and without recognition, to get the job done.

Most importantly, thank you to our players and families. Your enthusiasm, support and willingness to be part of the club are what make the Hornsby Berowra Eagles such a great community. Whether it was on the field, on the sidelines, at training, helping at events or simply supporting a teammate, every contribution helped make this another memorable season.

As always, there will be plenty to reflect on and build upon over the off-season. While I will certainly appreciate a short break, I am already looking forward to seeing what the future holds for our players, teams and the wider Hornsby Berowra Eagles community.

Kind regards,
Steve Wall
Club President
Hornsby Berowra Eagles – 2026

HONOUR BOARD



PRESIDENT'S AWARD

YEAR	RECIPIENT
1995	Peter Bamford & Blake Hopkinson
1996	James McKibbin & James Sims
1997	Dale Fitzgerald
1998	U14 Team
1999	Daniel McGarry
2000	Daniel & Chris Ellicott
2001	Kathleen Scott
2002	Alan Fitzgerald
2003	Chris Ellicott
2004	Mary Rennie
2005	Phil Nicholls
2006	Paul Hine
2007	Kirsty Woodward
2008	Karen & Abigail Smith
2009	Tudor Goode & Phil Fielden
2010	Richard Fellow
2011	Jenny Clarke
2012	Todd Williams
2013	Greg Clarke
2014	Steve South
2015	Sean Peter & Hannah Browne
2016	Graeme Walsh and Adrian Browne
2017	Robyn Cullen
2018	Doug Baker
2019	Belinda & Pete Robson
2020	Not awarded (COVID)
2021	Not awarded (COVID)
2022	Brendan Limbrey
2023	Steve Barton
2024	Megan Robson
2025	Carolyn Higgs
2026	Clare Salke

JENNY & GREG CLARKE SERVICE TO THE CLUB AWARD

Formerly Services to AFL Community Award (2015) / Service to the Hornsby Berowra Eagles (2016 - 2021)

YEAR	RECIPIENT
2015	Paul Vink & Gareth Richards
2016	Greg Clarke & Jenny Clarke
2017	Jenni Stafford-Gaffney
2018	Amanda Westcott
2019	Fiona Livy & Carolyn Higgs
2020	Not awarded (COVID)
2021	Not awarded (COVID)
2022	Cyrille Fierens
2023	Will & Lauren Urasaki
2024	Tim Gibson
2025	Sohan Kamath
2026	Hadyn Douglas

CLUB PLAYER OF THE YEAR

YEAR	RECIPIENT
2016	Eddie Westcott
2017	William Baker & Willis Stafford-Gaffney
2018	Curtis Stafford-Gaffney
2019	William Baker
2020	Not awarded (COVID)
2021	Not awarded (COVID)
2022	Tara Coopman
2023	Ronin Austera
2024	Jake Le Lievre
2025	Luke McCarty
2026	Sandy Hebblewhite

GIRLS BEST AND FAIREST AWARD

YEAR	RECIPIENT
2015	Mary Peter, Laura Fisher, Rebecca Browne, Abby Fuertado, Eve Lee
2023	Emily Browne
2024	Emily Carson
2025	Olivia Byrne
2026	Madi Haggarty

BOYS BEST AND FAIREST AWARD

YEAR	RECIPIENT
2024	Damon Horsley
2025	Alistair Fierens
2026	Huxley Richardson

FRED HOPKINSON AWARD

YEAR	RECIPIENT
2004	Brent Frankish
2005	Sean Hunter
2006	Justin Knight
2007	Jake Batcheldor
2008	Kieran Murray
2009	Oliver Parry
2010	Tobias Hilton
2011	Oliver Williams
2012	Nicholas Burgess
2013	Max McKern
2014	James Downey
2015	Monte Hanlon
2016	Hailey Vogrig
2017	Will Foot
2018	Linden Rule
2019	Matt Regan
2020	Not awarded (COVID)
2021	Not awarded (COVID)
2022	Charlie Harrison
2023	Max Fenn
2024	Jack Robson
2025	Isabelle Shepherd
2026	Hamish Smith

ADRIAN BROWNE LEADERSHIP AWARD

YEAR	RECIPIENT
2014	Jeremy Browne
2015	Oliver Browne
2016	Matthew Hall
2017	Oliver Browne
2018	Robyn Cullen
2019	Steve Wall
2020	Not awarded (COVID)
2021	Not awarded (COVID)
2022	Jake Le Lievre
2023	Willis Stafford-Gaffney
2024	Josh Andre
2025	Lachie Wall
2026	Hazel Limbrey

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ANTHONY WOODWARD AWARD

YEAR	RECIPIENT
2014	Oliver South
2015	Cameron Hall
2016	Sam Hollinger
2017	Cameron Lee
2018	Hayden Bridge
2019	Luke McCarry
2020	Not awarded (COVID)
2021	Not awarded (COVID)
2022	Lawrence Barton & Ben Fieldus
2023	Ryan O'Connor
2024	Olivia Fierens
2025	Cameron Saunders
2026	Tom Adair

COACH OF THE YEAR AWARD

YEAR	RECIPIENT
2012	Philip Fielden
2013	Peter Drum
2014	Mark Leavy
2015	Sean Peter
2016	Doug Baker
2017	Anthony Woodward
2018	Phil Harrison
2019	Tim Gibson
2020	Not awarded (COVID)
2021	Not awarded (COVID)
2022	Debbie Noble
2023	Eamonn Byrne
2024	Tobias Fenn
2025	Brent Livy
2026	Brendan Limbrey

GOLDEN WHISTLE AWARD

Formerly Umpires Whistle Award (2011 - 2017)

YEAR	RECIPIENT
2011	Brett Thompson
2012	Thomas Smith
2013	Jacob Crisafulli
2014	Max McKern
2015	Tobias Hilton
2016	Aidan Waters
2017	Darcy Carnahan
2024	Tara Coopman
2025	Lachie Wall
2026	Ronin Austeria

CLUB LIFE MEMBERSHIP

YEAR	RECIPIENT	CONTRIBUTION
	Fred Hopkinson	Committee Member
2003	Alan Fitzgerald	Coach/Committee Member/President
2005	Robert Rawson	Coach/Committee Member/President
2006	Mitchell Frankish	Player – 150 Games
2010	Paul Hine	Coach/Committee Member/President
2010	Stewart Woodward	Coach/Committee Member/President
2011	Sue Hopkinson	Volunteer
2011	Blake Hopkinson	Player – 300 Games
2011	Brendan Fitzgerald	Player – 200 Games
2011	Benjamin Ellicott	Player – 150 Games
2011	Brent Frankish	Player – 150 games
2011	Anthony Woodward	Player – 150 games
2012	Mark Smith	Manager/Committee Member/President
2014	Adrian Browne	Coach/Committee Member/President
2014	Greg Clarke	Volunteer/Committee Member
2014	Jenny Clarke	Volunteer/Committee Member
2017	Oliver Browne	Player – 150 games
2017	Jeremy Browne	Player – 150 games
2018	Matthew Hall	Player – 150 games
2019	Tom Peter	Player – 150 games
2019	Nicholas Browne	Player – 150 games
2020	Paul Stafford-Gaffney	Manager/Committee Member/President
2020	Cameron Hall	Player – 150 games
2022	Willis Stafford-Gaffney	Player – 150 games
2023	Steve Wall	Player/Coach/Committee Member/President
2024	Dale Fitzgerald	Player – 200+ Games
2024	Tobias Fenn	Player/Coach
2024	Jake Le Lievre	Player/Auskick Coach & Mentor
2025	Brent Livy	Auskick Co-ordinator/Coach/Committee Member
2025	Belinda Robson	Volunteer/Committee Member/Manager
2026	Brendan Limbrey	Player/Auskick Co-ordinator/Coach/Committee Member

Awards descriptions and details of retired awards can be found on the club website
www.hornsbyberowraeagles.com

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CLUB PREMIERSHIPS

TEAM	YEAR
Under 11	2009
Under 14 (Division 3)	2010
Under 12	2012
Under 12 (Division 3)	2016
Under 13 (Division 1) Northern Lights Alliance Team	2016
Under 14 (Division 1) Northern Lights Alliance Team	2016
Under 14 (Division 1) Northern Lights Alliance Team	2017
Under 12YG North West Lightning	2023
Under 11 (Division 2)	2024
Under 13 (Division 3)	2025

GAMES PLAYED RECORDS

PLAYER	GAMES	YEAR
Blake Hopkinson	300+	1991 – 2000
Dale Fitzgerald	212	– 2004
Brendan Fitzgerald	211	– 2005
Oliver Browne	191	2008 – 2018
Anthony Woodward	189	2005 – 2014
Benjamin Ellicott	169	– 2005
Matthew Hall	162	2009 – 2019
Jeremy Browne	159	2008 – 2017
Willis Stafford-Gaffney	155	2013 – 2022
Brent Frankish	153	– 2005
Cameron Hall	153	2011 – 2020
Nicholas Browne	152	2011 – 2019
Tom Peter	152	2010 – 2019
Mitchell Frankish	150	– 2006

CLUB PRESIDENTS

PRESIDENT	YEAR
Richard Smith	1994 – 1995
John Sims	1996 – 1998
Alan Fitzgerald	1999 – 2001
Mark Coulls	2002
Robert Rawson	2003 – 2004
Peter Hayes	2005
Paul Hine	2006 – 2008
Stewart Woodward	2009 – 2010
Mark Smith	2011 – 2012
Adrian Browne	2013 – 2014
Philip Fielden	2015
Paul Stafford-Gaffney	2016 – 2021
Steve Wall	2022 –

ASSOCIATION CLUB AWARDS

YEAR	RECIPIENT
1987	North West Club Of The Year
1991	North West Club Of The Year
2009	North West Club Of The Year
2011	North West Club Of The Year
2011	Best New Team (U16JV)
2012	North West Club Of The Year
2012	GSJAFL Champion Club Of The Year
2013	North West Club Of The Year
2013	GSJAFL Champion Club Of The Year
2016	North West Club Of The Year
2022	Sydney Harbour Junior AFL Club of the Year

ASSOCIATION INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

YEAR	AWARD	PLAYER
2009	Best & Fairest Runner Up U13	Abe Ahn
2010	Best & Fairest Winner U14	Abe Ahn
2010	Best & Fairest Winner U13	Dominic Cantrall
2010	Best & Fairest 4th Runner Up U13	Anthony Woodward
2011	Best & Fairest Runner Up U14/3	Dominic Cantrall
2011	Best & Fairest Runner Up U14/3	Anthony Woodward
2012	Best & Fairest Runner Up U13/2	Liam Quinlan
2012	Best & Fairest Winner U14/3	Christopher Allan
2012	Best & Fairest Runner Up U16/3	Dominic Cantrall
2012	Best & Fairest 3rd Runner Up U16/3	James Clarke
2013	Best & Fairest 3rd Runner Up U14/3	Liam Quinlan
2013	Best & Fairest 3rd Runner Up U16/2	Anthony Woodward
2018	Best & Fairest Runner Up U14/1 and All Stars Team U14	Christian Webster
2018	AFL All stars Team U17	Matthew Regan
2019	Best & Fairest Winner U15/1 and All Stars Team U15	Christian Webster
2019	All Stars Team U15	Lachlan Pauly
2019	Best & Fairest Runner Up U17/3	Matthew Regan
2023	Best & Fairest Runner Up U14/1 YG	Claire Bridge
2024	Best & Fairest Winner U14/3 Red	Oliver Guest
2025	Best & Fairest Winner U13/3 Blue YG	Willow Nicolson
2025	Best & Fairest Runner Up U14/3 Blue	Josh Andre
2025	Auskick Coordinator of the Year	Jane Finlay
2025	Best & Fairest Winner U17/3 Blue	Damon Horsley
2025	Most Improved Umpire	Tara Coopman
2026	Junior Coach of the Year	Alicia Blackadder
2026	Best & Fairest Winner U13/2 YG	Sandy Hebblewhite
2026	Best & Fairest Runner Up U17/3	Jake Sefton

SEASON REVIEW

What a fantastic season it's been for the Hornsby Berowra Eagles Auskick and Superkick in 2026!

2026 marked an exciting new chapter for us both as we stepped into the Coordinator roles for Auskick and the newly introduced Superkick program. Having previously been involved as parent volunteers, we were thrilled to join the committee and take these programs under our wing, with a focus on creating a fun, inclusive and memorable season for all our young players and their families.

AUSKICK

It was fantastic to welcome 67 young players to the Hornsby Berowra Eagles Auskick family this season, including 20 girls and 47 boys. With a wonderful mix of new faces and returning Auskickers, the group quickly became a lively and enthusiastic bunch who brought plenty of energy to each session.

Week after week, it was wonderful to watch the children grow in confidence, develop their football skills and build friendships along the way. Whether they were learning a new skill, giving something a go for the first time, or simply enjoying time on the field with their teammates, there was always plenty of enthusiasm, laughter and fun. Seeing their progress from the first session through to the end of the season was one of the most rewarding parts of the year.

SUPERKICK

This year the AFL introduced Superkick as a new programme for kids aged 7 upwards to continue to build on their footy skills, confidence and love of the game without the pressure of competition football.

We welcomed 34 Superkick participants to the Hornsby Berowra Eagles family for its first season, including 3 girls and 31 boys.

Each week, the Superkickers had the opportunity to build on their skills and learn more about the game, from kicking and handballing to marking, bouncing and having a go at goal. As their confidence grew, so did their ability to work together, communicate and play as a team. It was fantastic to see how much they progressed throughout the season, particularly when they took to the field for their match play. Watching them put their skills into practice, encourage one another and play with such enthusiasm and sportsmanship made these sessions a real highlight of the year.

Some notable highlights from our season included:

- Before our season even started, we were invited to play at a Halftime Auskick round at the Sydney Swans vs Carlton Blues game. Our small team of 9 superstars shone under the SCG lights.
- Another Half Halftime Auskick round at the GWS Giants vs St Kilda Saints game. Such a wonderful opportunity for our budding little footy fans.
- We loved celebrating the special mums and mother figures in our Eagles family with a fun-filled Mother's Day morning. It was wonderful to see so many mums, aunties and grandmas get involved, have a laugh and join the kids on the field. To make the morning even more special, they were treated to a beautiful table filled with delicious sweet treats to indulge in and enjoy. It was a lovely way to celebrate the amazing women who support our Auskickers and Superkickers every week.
- Auskick & Superkick Grand Final was such a fantastic way to finish the season. The kids had the biggest smiles on their faces. One of the biggest highlights was definitely the banner run-through! Watching the kids line up with Specky and charge through the banner was absolutely priceless. They loved every second of it and truly felt like footy stars. What a wonderful way to wrap up an awesome season!
- Presentation Day was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate every one of our Auskickers and Superkickers and the progress they made throughout the season. Each child received a medal and certificate in recognition of their enthusiasm, effort and commitment. It was a lovely way to celebrate everything they had achieved and to remind them just how proud we are of each and every one of them. They should all be incredibly proud of themselves — our little champions!

A season like this doesn't happen without the incredible support of the people around our programs, and we are so grateful to everyone who helped make 2026 such a memorable year.

To our fantastic coaches and volunteers, a huge thank you for giving your time, energy and enthusiasm throughout the season. From setting up and running sessions to encouraging the kids, teaching new skills and making sure everyone felt included, your contribution was invaluable. You helped create an environment where our players could learn, grow, have fun and feel part of the Eagles family. We truly couldn't have done it without you!

AUSKICK & SUPERKICK



To our amazing parents and guardians, thank you for getting the kids to Auskick and Superkick each week, cheering them on from the sidelines, helping out when needed and embracing everything the season had to offer. Your support and encouragement make such a difference, and we couldn't do it without you.

Most importantly, thank you to all of our Auskickers, Superkickers and their families for making 2026 such a wonderful season. We hope you enjoyed being part of the Eagles as much as we enjoyed being part of your journey.

We look forward to seeing you all back at the club next season for more footy, more fun and plenty more memories. Until then, keep kicking and keep smiling.

Thank you for making 2026 a season to remember.

Go Eagles!

Laura & Steve Hetherington
Auskick & Superkick Coordinators



AUSKICK & SUPERKICK



SEASON REVIEW

This was a season of energy, fun and camaraderie for our Under 8s – a group of keen, spirited and fearless boys taking their first real steps into AFL. To their credit, they threw themselves into it with everything they had.

Training sessions were the heart of the season. Our weekly 15-minute practice match was always the highlight, alongside any drill that meant parents were in the mix, or anything involving the marking practice pad, or an obstacle course, or a ... well, you get the idea. Training sessions were always high energy and lots of fun, and the boys' core footy skills improved every week because of it. Training wasn't all footy, either - a birthday party and a pizza dinner were season highlights of their own, as well as a Swannies player signing at home ground which went ahead despite arriving alongside the biggest storm Hornsby saw all year. The boys were also fortunate enough to work directly with Tim Schmidt, an ex-AFL player and AFLW coach, who ran a dedicated kicking skills session that helped them to refine their technique.

On game day, the growth was there for all to see. Bouncing and handpassing - two of the hardest skills to incorporate into game play under pressure at this age - slowly became a visible, impactful part of the boys' games as the season went on, a clear sign of a group that had been listening,

practising and having fun doing it. There were plenty of goals scored and celebrated, lots of courage in the contest, and always good sportsmanship on display. And whether it was singing the Club song at game's end, cheering on the weekly Player of the Match, or getting a chance to run through a banner in one of our last games of the season, there was always a real sense of team spirit.

None of it would have been possible without the team around the team. A huge thankyou to our Team Manager, Clem, for his organisation and communication, to our 'assistant coach', Claudie (the Coach's daughter), who supported the team with her all-important whiteboard signage and little sibling creche, and to the parents who cheered the boys on, jumped into drills, supplied oranges, and waved the flags. Here's to doing it all again next year!

TROPHIES

BEST & FAIREST	Arno Butterworth
BEST & FAIREST RUNNER UP	Emre Tassell
PLAYERS' PLAYER	Arno Butterworth
COACHES AWARD	Brendon Cheung

PLAYER PROFILES

ARNO BUTTERWORTH

Arno is a tenacious defender with a strong boot that always finds its target. He's shown great development in his match awareness and marking skills over the season, and always shows great sportsmanship and kindness.

BRENDON CHEUNG

Brendon is a kind teammate who always strives to do his very best. Over the season, he has developed strong defending skills and a love for contesting the ball. On the field, he's a stealthy playmaker whose no fuss approach has consistently served our team well.

JUDE FENN

Ever-energetic and positive, Jude is a cracker competitor who enjoys playing both defensively and in attack. He has excellent kicking power and over the season has become more fearless in the contest. He loves the comradery of footy and is always a supportive teammate.

ARLO HANNAH

Arlo moved up from Superkick after the season's start and has proven to be indispensable to the Under 8's success - he even kicked a bag in his first game! He's

ever-energetic, not afraid of the contest and has had outstanding improvement over the season in key skills like handpassing.

CHARLIE LAKE

Charlie is a spirited, hardy player who has a true joy for being part of our team. He has a good eye for the ball and his kick is one that carries. He's always keen to have a go at different playing positions and over the season has become ever more committed at the contest.

JAKE PICKUP

Jake is a tenacious competitor – a go-getter in attack and a courageous defensive player. His bouncing skills have come a long way this season, and his developing skill set means he brings real versatility to game day. Jake can always be relied on to celebrate his teammate's efforts.

WILLIAM POWER

William brings to our team a spearing kick, fast legs, and pinpoint accuracy. On game day, he always keeps his feet and keeps competing, creating lots of opportunities for his teammates. He shows great sportsmanship and kindness on and off the pitch.

UNDER 8



EVAN SIU

Evan is a determined defender with a powerful kick. He's tallied up some great goals this season and has worked hard to develop his handpassing and bouncing skills. He always has a smile on his face on game day and enjoys having a run in different roles on the field.



EMRE TASSELL

Emre is a hardy and creative player who is always helpful and team-focused. He has fantastic match awareness, quick hands and a fierce energy that combine to drive the ball into the goal. Over the season, he has improved his skills in disposal and handpassing, and now has a formidable toolkit to help in his team's success.



BACK ROW: ARLO HANNAH, JOANNE HOWE (COACH), CLEMENT SIU (MANAGER), CHARLIE LAKE.
FRONT ROW: EVAN SIU, BRENDON CHEUNG, JAKE PICKUP, ARNO BUTTERWORTH, EMRE TASSELL, JUDE FENN, WILLIAM POWER.

SEASON REVIEW

What a truly amazing season our Under 9s had this year. With 19 players registered across the age group, the decision was made early on to run the group as a squad rather than two separate teams. This enabled any player that was available on game day to play whichever game suited them best, or both when we played a double header. As a coach you would expect a few to be unavailable to play both games, but that was not the case with this enthusiastic and eager crew of boys. Quite often we would end up with 15 or 16 boys wanting to play both games, which caused headaches for whoever was managing the interchange that day. But we feel as coaching staff we were able to give every player equal game time, and we thank the players and parents for being so understanding of the situation.

We had good retention from our Under 8s season last year with half the squad being returning Eagles. The other half was made up of players who had played Auskick or who were totally new to the sport, and it didn't take long for these rookies to start playing like seasoned professionals. Our highly structured training sessions helped hone their skills early on, and it didn't take long for those skills to shine through on game day. Our players enjoyed a bit of joking around during warm ups, but when the siren went they switched on immediately, and didn't stop giving their all until the final hooter.

PLAYER PROFILES

LEV FRANKEN

Lev has quietly improved all season and has developed a seriously handy weapon in that enormous kick of his. More than once, Lev has stepped up when the team was in trouble and sent the ball sailing well out of danger. A great example of steady improvement and letting the footy do the talking!

INBA KAMESH

Inba's speed and accuracy have improved out of sight this season, and it has been fantastic to watch. He is always looking around to see where he can get involved and is becoming a player who can make things happen when he gets the ball. Once Inba hits top gear, good luck catching him!

SAATHVIK SENTHIL KUMAR

Saath has a real hunger for the football, particularly when the ball hits the ground. He is fantastic at hunting down a loose ball and once he gets his hands on it, good luck trying to get it back! His determination and willingness to compete have been a huge asset to the team.

For a group of kids that collectively didn't really know each other at the beginning of the season, they quickly earned each others admiration and respect, and worked together to form a fantastic squad of dedicated team mates. All of our players showcased their individual talents in different ways, and they were all supportive and encouraging to each other throughout the season.

A massive thank you to our awesome Junior Coaches, Jack Robson, Lachie Wall and Will Connors, who helped out at training and on game day. We really appreciate you passing on your knowledge to the next generation. And thank you also to our amazing Manager, Belinda, for all your hard work behind the scenes to get our Eagles on the pitch each week. And lastly thank you to our amazing supporters who braved the cold and the early starts each week to cheer the boys on. Hope to see you all again next season!

TROPHIES

BEST & FAIREST	Nick Folkard
BEST & FAIREST RUNNER UP	Simon Anderson
PLAYERS' PLAYER	Jack Wansbone
COACHES AWARDS	Saathvik Senthil Kumar & Jordan Wall

ATHARV MITTAL

Artie never seems to stop smiling, whether he is chasing the footy, celebrating a teammate or just enjoying being out there. His improvement this season has been enormous and he is almost unrecognisable from where he started. Seeing him getting goals under his belt has been fantastic – and that smile somehow gets even bigger!

JULIAN ILES

Julian is always happy to lend a hand and get involved wherever the team needs him. He has become a great team player, linking into passages of play and contributing whether the ball is in attack, defence or somewhere in between. It has been great to see him become much more involved around the ground this season.

ALEXANDER MONACO

Xandy is a terrific on-baller who seems to play the game like a seasoned professional. He reads the play well, gets himself into the right spots and is always looking for the next option. He has been an incredibly handy contributor all over the field and is the sort of player every team loves having around.

TED ROBSON

Ted has an uncanny ability to finish off a play with a goal. Field position is one of the hardest things to teach, yet somehow Teddy just seems to find himself exactly where we need him to be. You can almost hear the team thinking, "Just get it near Ted!" because there is every chance he will be there waiting.

JORDAN WALL

Sheer determination and grit probably best describe Jordy. It doesn't matter if there is one player, five players or an entire army standing between him and the footy - Jordy is coming through! His refusal to give up on a contest and his willingness to chase every ball have been fantastic to watch.

ASHER URQUHART

Asher is very hard to stop once he gets going. There is nothing better than seeing him win the ball and then take off with it in hand, charging into space and making things happen. His confidence and willingness to attack the game have really grown throughout the season.

JACK WANSBONE

It is always great to see Jack wind up for one of his trademark thunderous kicks, whether it is to launch a new passage of play or finish one off with a goal. Jack brings plenty of power and enthusiasm to the game and has become a real danger whenever he gets some space. Opposing teams probably hear that kick coming before they see it!

JUDE WOODS

It is genuinely hard to describe just how much Jude has improved this season - he has been awesome. Forward, midfield or back, it simply doesn't matter; Jude seems to be able to inject himself into the game wherever he is needed. His development has been fantastic to watch and he has become one of the team's most reliable contributors.

WILL HUGHES

Will is a fantastic runner of the football and is always looking to bring a teammate into the play. Rather than trying to do everything himself, he is constantly looking for the handball or the next option to keep the ball moving. The quintessential team man who understands that sometimes the best play is the one you make for someone else.

JOSH McDIARMID

Josh is another player who has improved out of sight this season. It has been fantastic to see him getting stuck into the thick of things, competing for the ball and becoming a really effective mover of the footy. His confidence and involvement have grown enormously, and he is now a player who is always looking to make something happen.

ALFIE GLEESON

More than once this season we have seen the dividends from an Alfie run and a perfectly timed torpedo out of trouble! Alfie has developed into a fantastic ball clearer when the team is under pressure and isn't afraid to back himself when he gets the chance. When in doubt, give Alfie some space and let him launch one!

WILLIAM GRATTAN

William has been fantastic all season and has been one of the team's constant performers from Game One. Whether he is playing forward, back or getting involved through the midfield, William always finds a way to contribute. His consistency and willingness to play wherever the team needs him have been a real highlight.

SIMON ANDERSON

Simon, Simon, Simon... look up "enthusiasm" in the dictionary and there is a pretty good chance you will find a picture of Simon with a football in hand, winding up for a snap from the boundary! His energy, excitement and love of the game are infectious, and he has become a bit of the glue that keeps the team together. Simon would be a welcome addition in any team - although preferably ours!

LEO BARRATT

Leo is a great mover of the ball and proves that sometimes keeping things simple is the most effective way to play. Tuck it in, drive hard, keep the feet moving and GO! He has become a very handy player all over the park and is always capable of creating something with his running and willingness to move the ball.

NICK FOLKARD

Nicko is just a fantastic all-round footballer. Put him anywhere on the field and he will find a way to contribute, always with the team firmly in mind. He seems to have a few tricks up his sleeve whenever the situation calls for it, making him one of those incredibly handy players you can rely on wherever you put him.

OLIVER BARWICK

Olie is another of our great users of the footy and one of our favourite sights is seeing him racing towards goal with one thing firmly on his mind - points! He loves taking the game forward and backing himself when he sees an opportunity. His willingness to attack and keep the ball moving has made him a very valuable part of the team.

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ARTHUR MITTAL



WILLIAM HUGHES



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BACK ROW: LEV FRANKEN, OLIVER BARWICK, JACK ROBSON (ASSISTANT COACH), STEVE WALL (COACH), PETE ROBSON (COACH), LACHIE WALL (ASSISTANT COACH), WILL CONNORS (ASSISTANT COACH), BELINDA ROBSON (MANAGER), WILLIAM GRATTAN, JACK WANSBONE.
FRONT ROW: ALEXANDER MONACO, TED ROBSON, SIMON ANDERSON, JORDAN WALL, JUDE WOODS, NICHOLAS FOLKARD, ALFIE GLEESON, JOSHUA MCDIARMID, INDIA KAMESH, LEO BARRATT, SAATHVIK SENTHIL KUMAR, ASHER URQUHART, JULIAN ILES.

SEASON REVIEW

If there is one thing the 2026 season has taught us, it is that our Under 9 Girls have two speeds – fast and faster! From the first bounce, this group has thrown themselves into every game with determination, enthusiasm and a willingness to have a go.

We have enjoyed some memorable games throughout the year, from travelling to Mosman to later welcoming them to our home ground. Along the way there have been heaps of goals, brilliant tackles and marks and plenty of exciting passages of play. Most importantly, we have watched the girls grow in confidence and develop a much better understanding of how to play together.

As the season progressed, they began looking for teammates, using their handballs, linking up across the ground and celebrating each other's successes. There is still plenty of excitement when someone gets within kicking distance of the goals!

What has made this team so enjoyable to coach is the spirit they bring each week. They encourage one another, bounce back quickly and are always ready for the next contest. Keeping thirteen Under 9 girls focused at training may occasionally require coaching skills beyond those covered in the AFL manual but we wouldn't have them any other way!

PLAYER PROFILES

LIVIA ADAIR

A livewire with plenty of X-factor, Livy has a wonderful instinct for finding dangerous space around the goals. Like Nick Watson and Zarlie Goldsworthy, she brings energy and excitement. Livy improved week after week, always willing to listen, learn and take on feedback. Tough as nails (even after copping a ball flush in the face during kick tennis). An absolute delight to coach.

MIEKE ALDOUS

A fearless competitor, Mieke loves getting into the contest and, like Jack Higgins and Maddy Prespakis, has a knack for finding the ball in tight situations. She isn't afraid to put herself in the thick of the action and influencing the contest. Fresh out of Superkick and playing her first season, Mieke shows a real love for the game, always bringing a smile to every training session and game.

SOPHIA BYRNE

Lightning fast and always ready to chase down an opponent, Sophia brings the pressure of Kysaiah Pickett and Courtney Hodder to every game. She loves laying strong tackles, winning the ball and putting defenders under pressure all over the ground. She hit the scoreboard regularly and, in her first season, showed the fearless, never-say-die spirit that comes with being the youngest of four siblings.

Even our pre-game chant has been a work in progress. It might have taken us a little while to find our rhythm early in the season but by the end of the year the girls have absolutely nailed it. And then there is the team song, sung after a game with so much gusto that we're fairly certain most of Berowra can hear it!

More than anything, this season has been about developing skills, confidence, friendships and a genuine love of the game. We are incredibly proud of the progress the girls have made. Most importantly, the team they have become. A brilliant season with a wonderfully lively group of girls who have certainly made 2026 one to remember.

TROPHIES

BEST & FAIREST	Evie Davis
BEST & FAIREST RUNNER UP	Saphira Richardson
PLAYERS' PLAYER	Evie Davis
COACHES AWARD	Chloe Mance

EVIE DAVIS

A tough and tenacious competitor, Evie loves getting stuck into the contest, laying tackles, winning the ball and taking a strong mark. Like Josh Dunkley and Belle Dawes, she brings passion, courage and determination around the footy. A natural leader who leads by example, Evie has a killer instinct and loves rising to the occasion when the game is on the line.

MYAH DAYKIN

A classy player with poise, toughness and elite skills, Myah has the courage of Marcus Bontempelli and the composure and leadership of Jasmine Garner. She wins the ball, has a natural eye for goal and uses clever handballs and pinpoint kicks to bring her teammates into the game. An on-field leader who makes those around her better.

ERICA DONELAN

A running machine, Erica loves linking up with her teammates and delivering the footy into their path further up the field. Like Errol Gulden and Ellie Blackburn, she has a wonderful ability to find space. Give Erica a bigger ground and the chance to bounce the footy more than once, and she'll be unstoppable!

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MADDIE LIMBREY

A composed and clever player with the kind of poise that only comes with 50 games of experience! Like Scott Pendlebury and Emma Kearney, Maddie always seems to have time on her side, finding the right option and putting her teammates in good positions. Super reliable and consistent, it's been a privilege to watch Maddie grow over the last three seasons into a leader of the Under 9 girls.

CHLOE MANCE

As tough as they come, Chloe bases her game on pressure and never gives an opponent an easy possession. Like Zak Butters and Ebony Marinoff, Chloe loves the contest, brings intensity to every game and never takes a backward step. A fierce tackler and true competitor, Chloe makes sure the opposition always knows she's around!

MILA MUNNS

A chip off the old block, Mila has outstanding footy IQ and a wonderful ability to see the game unfold around her. Like Tom Green and Ally Anderson, her elite handballing and vision allow her to find teammates in space and bring them into the game. A selfless team player with an excellent understanding of the game, Mila's footy future is as bright as her pink footy that goes everywhere with her.

ABBA O'BRYEN

Abba has developed into a terrific organiser at the contest, helping her teammates get into the right spots and keeping the

team moving in the right direction. Like Patrick Cripps and Brit Bonnici, she brings a strong team-first attitude and has seen her handballing and link-up play go from strength to strength. Abba has grown enormously in confidence all season and become a wonderful team-first player.

CHARLOTTE PETRE

A silky left footer, Charlotte never shirks a contest and loves throwing herself into the ruck. Like Jordan Dawson and Ellie McKenzie, she combines class with courage and always backs herself when the game gets tough. A fiercely competitive player, Charlotte's wonderful spirit shines through and is always the first to say thank you to the coaches after a game.

SAPHIRA RICHARDSON

A dangerous player with lightning speed and an ability to turn a match in the blink of an eye, Saphira brings the explosive qualities of Izak Rankine and Mikayla Pauga to any position she plays. She backs herself, takes on opponents and uses her pace to create something from nothing. A real game breaker who brings energy, excitement and plenty of attacking flair.

ALANNAH REYES-CULLEN

A cross code convert adding AFL to her soccer bow, Alannah has quickly shown what a natural she is. Like Justin McNerney and Zippy Fish, she is brilliant at winning the ground ball and then using her explosive pace to burst through traffic. Fearless around the contest, and as lively as an Irish jig when she has the ball in hand.



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BACK ROW: SAPHIRA RICHARDSON, EVELYN DAVIS, ALICIA BLACKADDER (COACH), EVAN DAVIS (COACH), ANDREW MUNNS (COACH), REBECCA NANCE (MANAGER), MYAH DAYKIN, ERICA DONELAN.

FRONT ROW: MIEKE ALDOOS, LIVIA ADAIR, SOPHIA BYRNE, CHARLOTTE PETRE, ABIGAIL O'BRYEN, CHLOE MANCE, MADELEINE LIMBREY, ALANNAH REYES-CULLEN, MIRA MUNNS.

ABSENT: RHIAN RICHARDSON (MANAGER).

SEASON REVIEW

What a fantastic season it has been for this group! From the very first training session to the final siren of the year, this team showed exactly what junior footy should be about. They arrived each week wanting to learn, improve and most importantly, play the game the right way. As coaches, that's all you can ask for.

One of the things that stood out most throughout the season was the team's resilience. No matter the scoreboard, the weather, the opposition or the challenge in front of them, this group never stopped competing. They listened, adapted and kept finding ways to improve. Whether it was learning new skills & set plays or understanding the opposition the players took everything in their stride and continued to develop week after week.

Every player brought something different to the team. Some had speed, some loved the contest, some seemed to run all day, some were strong leaders, while others had a knack for lifting their teammates when they needed it most. The beauty of this team was that everyone contributed in their own way.

The players should be incredibly proud of the way they supported one another throughout the season. It didn't matter whether they were playing for Yellow, Red, or backing up for another team during the week, they always played for each other. There was always encouragement and positivity, the only real disagreement I can remember was whether half-time oranges or post-game snakes were the better option!

What impressed me most was their willingness to learn. Every week they listened to feedback, took on new challenges and gave everything a go. Always willing to improve and grow, discovering new positions, developed new skills and found confidence in different parts of their game. Our guys always played tough, competitive footy. They respected their opponents, respected the umpires and understood that having fun and playing the game the right way was just as important as the result.

PLAYER PROFILES

JACOB ADAIR

Jacob's determination and willingness to learn helped him continue to develop his game throughout the season. He consistently put the team first, played an important role in defence and could always be relied upon to support his teammates. His positive attitude and all-round effort made him a valued member of the team.

Coach's Verdict: Jacob's team-first attitude is so strong he celebrates his teammates' wins as much as his own.

Of course, a great team is helped by a great bunch of parents, and we're lucky enough to have exactly that. The support from families throughout the season was outstanding. Whether it was helping on game day, sharing ideas, creating a positive environment around the group or simply allowing the kids to enjoy being kids, the parents played a huge role in making this season so enjoyable. Our kids are a reflection of the wonderful families supporting them each week, from Mother's Day wine and cheese at footy, to pizza nights after training, there were many times that helped strengthen the friendships within the group. Those experiences are often the ones players remember most.

Most importantly, this was a group that genuinely enjoyed being together. They celebrated each other's successes, supported each other through challenges and made every training session and game day fun., and that's what I'm most proud of about this team this year.

Keep having fun, keep being great teammates and keep playing the game the right way.

Well done, U10 Yellow and U10 Red. Great Year!

TROPHIES

BEST & FAIREST	Alexander Noble
BEST & FAIREST RUNNER UP	Morgan Gately
PLAYERS' PLAYER	Alexander Noble
COACHES AWARDS	Jacques Beukes & Liam Ward

JACQUES BEUKES

JP brought plenty of spirit and intensity to every game. His fierce tackling, hunger for the hard ball and strength in the contest made him one of the team's toughest competitors. A fantastic teammate who always put pressure on the opposition, JP's effort and commitment were off the charts all year.

Coach's Verdict: Some say JP's tackles should come with a warning label!

ISAAC CHAN

Isaac brought plenty of enthusiasm and energy every time he pulled on the boots. He loved being around the contest and was always willing to throw himself into the action when the team needed him. Isaac worked hard to improve his skills throughout the season, listened well at training and was always looking for ways to get better.

Coach's Verdict: Isaac attacks the footy with the same enthusiasm he attacks the post-match snakes.

MAX COLLIER

Max put together an excellent season, combining skill, determination and enthusiasm every time he played. His strong marking, long and precise kicking and ability to impact contests were highlights throughout the year. One of the most enjoyable sights of the season was watching Max confidently go through his set-shot routine before kicking for goal.

Coach's Verdict: Max's pre-goal routine became almost as popular as the goals themselves.

MORGAN GATELY

Morgan's positive attitude and energy matched his impressive football ability. A highly skilled all-round player, he regularly found ways to influence games and worked tirelessly from start to finish. Morgan's development as a midfielder was a real highlight and shows just how much potential he has.

Coach's Verdict: Morgan runs so much during games we're not convinced he even gets tired.

PAUL HOLOD-SADA

Paul's pace made him an exciting player to watch this season. With blistering speed, he could outrun almost anyone on the field and regularly created opportunities for the team. Despite his speed, Paul never shied away from a contest and showed great courage whenever the ball was there to be won.

Coach's Verdict: Opposition players are still asking for a head start before trying to chase Paul.

STIRLING HUDSON

Stirling's improvement throughout the season was fantastic to see. His skills continued to develop every week, and his growing confidence was clear whenever he took the field. With a knack for finding goals and making the most of his opportunities, Stirling developed into a dangerous little goal sneak for the team.

Coach's Verdict: Leave Stirling unattended near goal and there's a good chance the scoreboard will notice.

JASPER JOHNSON

Jasper's positive attitude and willingness to contribute stood out throughout the year. He consistently put in the effort at training and on game day, and his enthusiasm helped lift those around him. Jasper's growth and commitment made him a valued member of the team.

Coach's Verdict: Every team needs a Jasper. Polite, positive and always ready to contribute.

RORY KURATH

Rory is the complete team player and enjoyed a terrific season. With height, skill and determination, he consistently made an impact wherever he played. Rory's willingness to work for his teammates, combined with his all-round football ability, made him one of the team's most valuable players.

Coach's Verdict: Height, skill, determination... Rory didn't leave many football attributes for everybody else.

TYLER MARTIN

Tyler brought terrific energy and determination to the team all season. His hunger to win the football, pressure opponents and make tackles stood out every week. Tyler's skills continued to improve, and his enthusiasm both on and off the field helped create an energetic environment for everyone around him.

Coach's Verdict: Tyler brings enough energy each week for himself and a few teammates as well.

ALEXANDER NOBLE

Alexander enjoyed a terrific season, showing confidence and determination every time he took the field. His excellent left-foot kick and natural skill made him a real asset to the team, while his willingness to run hard and work for his teammates never went unnoticed. Alexander's commitment at training and on game day set a fantastic example for the group.

Coach's Verdict: If there was an award for covering the most space on the field, Alex would be right in the running.

LOGAN ODENDAAL

Logan continued to improve every week and grew into a strong leader within the group. His marking showed huge improvement across the season, while his courage in the contest regularly won the team important possessions. Logan's communication, encouragement and ability to lift his teammates before each quarter were standout qualities.

Coach's Verdict: If motivation won premierships, Logan would already have a few medals.

HENRY PRITCHARD

Henry was an extremely reliable player this season. His effort, commitment and team-first attitude made him someone his teammates could always count on. Whether at training or on game day, Henry always gave his best and played his role for the team.

Coach's Verdict: Absolute Bomb of a kick! We're still tracking a few of them on the radar.

AMELIA SHEPHERD

Amelia's enthusiasm and determination to play as much football as possible was infectious all season. She brought plenty of energy to every game, kept building on her skills each week and was always willing to tackle, compete and get involved. Amelia's team-first attitude made her a favourite amongst teammates and coaches alike.

Coach's Verdict: Amelia never met a contest she didn't want to jump straight into.

MAX UNGER

Max's improvement throughout the season was fantastic to watch. He continued to develop his kicking skills, worked hard to win more of the football and never stopped competing. His determination around the contest and quick handballs helped create plenty of opportunities for his teammates and made him an important part of the side.

Coach's Verdict: Max improved so much this season we started checking if he was secretly training twice a day.

LIAM WARD

Liam enjoyed a strong season built around hard work, determination and plenty of skill. Another talented left-footer in the team, he regularly showed great precision with his ball use and never stopped running for his teammates. Liam's focus and willingness to work for the team made him a key player throughout the year.

Coach's Verdict: We're still trying to work out how Liam's left foot manages to find targets so often.

FINLAY WATT

Finlay continued to improve throughout the year, showing great determination and a real desire to develop his game. A strong kick of the footy, he worked hard to sharpen this skill and became a player who could make an impact wherever he was needed. Finlay's willingness to have a go anywhere on the field was one of his biggest strengths.

Coach's Verdict: Need a player for any position? Finlay's answer is usually, "Yes, Coach!"



SEASON REVIEW

The step up to U11s brought bigger contests, stronger opposition and a faster brand of football, but our boys rose to the challenge brilliantly. Finishing the season with all but three games won, the team once again demonstrated why they are such a special group to coach. While the wins were pleasing, it was the growth, resilience and teamwork shown throughout the year that stood out most.

A particular highlight was welcoming five new players to the squad. Jai Gibbons, Loki Gleeson, Tyler Holdsworth, Jonah Smith and Chase Tinmouth all joined the Eagles for their first season of AFL and quickly became valued members of the team. Learning a new sport can be daunting, but each of them embraced the challenge, contributed strongly throughout the year and fitted seamlessly into the group.

One of the biggest improvements across the team was the boys' understanding of how to work together. As opposition teams became stronger and more organised, individual brilliance alone was no longer enough. The players learned to trust their teammates, move the football with purpose and work their way up the field through teamwork and smart decision-making. It was fantastic to watch the boys develop a more complete understanding of the game and start to play some genuinely exciting football.

Defensively, the team was outstanding. Xavier Petre, Mitchell Dunlop and Judah Urasaki led the way with their fearless attack on the contest and willingness to put their bodies on the line. All three thrived as the physicality increased in U11s, regularly producing momentum-changing tackles, smotherers and contests that lifted the entire team. Their determination and toughness set the standard for everyone around them.

Equally impressive was the growth shown by Noel Ward, Oliver Iles, Harry Ward, Zander Austeria, Lachie Hurley and Jack Herweyer. All six players took significant steps forward this season, building confidence, consistency and a greater understanding of the game. Whether it was Jack's relentless energy around the contest, Lachie's increasing physicality, Harry's dependability, Ollie's run and composure, Noel's versatility or Zander's ability to impact games at both ends of the ground, each player played an important role in the team's success and highlighted just how much improvement can be achieved through hard work and commitment.

When it came to attacking football, Alistair Fierens, Kai Urquhart, Dusty Turnbull, Cooper Vaughan, Jesse Watts and Luke Holder were a constant source of excitement. Whether through blistering run, clever ball movement, strong marking or accurate goal kicking, they helped produce some of the

team's most free-flowing and entertaining football. Special mention must go to Luke, who suffered a broken arm in a preseason game and missed a significant portion of the year. His determination to return late in the season and immediately make an impact was a terrific example to his teammates and played an important role in several strong performances towards the end of the year.

While the season featured plenty of victories, some of the most memorable moments came when things weren't going our way. On several occasions the boys found themselves trailing at three-quarter time, only to dig deep, back each other in and produce remarkable comebacks. Those wins showed the character, resilience and belief that this group has built over the years.

One of our three losses proved to be a valuable lesson. We simply weren't switched on and learned the hard way that talent alone isn't enough. To their credit, the boys responded exactly as coaches hope young players will. From that point forward their focus, preparation and determination improved noticeably. Week after week they arrived ready to train, ready to play and prepared to give 100% effort for their teammates. The character they showed in responding to that setback was every bit as impressive as any win during the season.

Most importantly, the boys continued to represent the Hornsby Berowra Eagles with outstanding sportsmanship, respect and enthusiasm. They celebrated each other's successes, supported one another through challenges and played the game in exactly the right spirit.

As coaches, we couldn't be prouder of the effort, improvement and attitude shown by every player throughout the year. This group continues to grow not only as footballers, but as young men, and we are excited to see what they can achieve next season.

Congratulations boys on a fantastic 2026 season. Bring on 2027.

TROPHIES

BEST & FAIREST	Alistair Fierens
BEST & FAIREST RUNNER UP	Dusty Turnbull & Cooper Vaughan
PLAYERS' PLAYER	Judah Urasaki
COACHES AWARD	Tyler Holdsworth

PLAYER PROFILES

ZANDER AUSTERA

Zander combines strong marking with an accurate set shot for goal. He attacks the contest, creates opportunities for his teammates and can be relied upon to perform defensive roles when required.

MITCHELL DUNLOP

Mitch brings a physical presence and intensity to every game he plays. His pressure, attack on the football and commitment at each and every contest sets the example for his teammates to follow.

ALISTAIR FIERENS

Alistair reads the play exceptionally well and accumulates possessions at will. He enjoys pushing forward, where his ability to create scoring opportunities makes him a constant threat.

JAI GIBBONS

Jai is a defensive midfielder who rarely loses a one-on-one contest. His ability to win the ball back and quickly turn opposition mistakes into attacking opportunities makes him a valuable player at both ends of the ground.

LOKI GLEESON

Loki is developing into an outstanding young ruckman and is extremely difficult to beat in the air. His clever tap work regularly gave the midfielders an opportunity to win possession, and his strong marking also made him a dangerous option when he's up forward.

JACK HERWEYER

Jack is a dangerous small forward with an excellent ability to find scoring opportunities and keep the goal umpires busy. He has also expanded his game by developing into a dependable defender who can perform an important lock-down role when the team needs him.

LUKE HOLDER

Luke showed tremendous resilience to return later in the season following an injury sustained during the preseason. His return helped inspire a memorable comeback victory over the Cats in the last game, with his strong contested marking and straight kicking for goal.

TYLER HOLDSWORTH

Tyler is an excellent user of the football who remains composed under pressure and regularly finds the right option. His versatility is a major strength, allowing the coaches to use him effectively in both attacking and defensive roles. He is the football equivalent of a Swiss Army knife.

LACHIE HURLEY

Lachie regularly takes on the challenge of playing against the opposition's best forwards and thrives in the contest. His determination and competitive spirit make him a reliable defender. The forwards line up against Lachie full of hope. The hope doesn't always last.

OLIVER ILES

Ollie provides plenty of run and energy, working hard to support his teammates in both defence and attack. His composure with the football and ability to move the ball quickly help the team turn defensive situations into attacking opportunities.

XAVIER PETRE

Xavier is a tough and versatile competitor who can contribute up forward, in defence or in midfield. Xavier can play anywhere, which is handy for the coaches and less convenient for the other team. His strong tackling and willingness to take on the opposition lift his teammates and sets a great example for the group.

JONAH SMITH

Jonah is a reliable forward who consistently presents as a marking target for his teammates. When opportunities come his way, he is dependable in front of goal and regularly rewards the team's hard work by kicking accurately.

CHASE TINMOUTH

You would hardly know this was Chase's first season of football. He looks suspiciously comfortable out on the ground. He has grown in confidence throughout the year and made a real impact for the team, kicking several important goals and always competing hard when it mattered most.

DUSTY TURNBULL

Dusty's run and creative handball regularly turn defence in attack and bring his teammates into the game. His strong marking and accurate kicking make him dangerous up forward. Give Dusty half a chance and he will turn it into a full one.

JUDAH URASAKI

Judah thrives in the contest and sets a terrific example with his tackling, determination and willingness to keep competing. If there is a loose ball, it's not loose for long. He works hard to support teammates and can also have a major impact on the scoreboard when playing forward.

KAI URQUHART

Kai loves to attack from defence and uses his skill and creativity to move the ball into dangerous areas. His ability to make good

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decisions with the football makes him an important part of the team's transition from defence to attack. He regularly starts attacks and sometimes finishes them as well.

COOPER VAUGHAN

Coop provides exciting run from defence and is always willing to take the game forward with the football in hand. His attacking flair helps create opportunities for his teammates, and he has also kept the goal umpires reaching for the flags.

HARRY WARD

Harry is a dependable defender who competes strongly on the last line of defence. His determination means he is always ready for the next contest, and his versatility allows him to move forward and contribute to the scoreboard when needed.



NOEL WARD

Noel is a dependable player and can be relied upon to perform whatever role is asked of him. His willingness to work hard for his teammates and provide support around the ball makes him a valuable contributor in every position he plays.

JESSE WATTS

Jesse is a damaging player who uses his run and attacking instincts to tear opposition defences apart. With his ability to move the football quickly by hand or foot he can open the game up. Giving Jesse space is generally the opposition's first mistake in a long list of mistakes.



BACK ROW: LUKE HOLDER, LACHIE HURLEY, LOKI GLEESON, LAUREN URASAKI (MANAGER), CAMERON WARD (ASSISTANT COACH), RICHARD AUSTERA (RUNNER), BROOKLYN PETRE (COACH), CASEY TURNBULL (ASSISTANT COACH), XAVIER PETRE, NOEL WARD, ZANDER AUSTERA.

FRONT ROW: OLIVER ILES, JUDAH URASAKI, DUSTY TURNBULL, CHASE TINMOUTH, JONAH SMITH, HARRY WARD, JESSE WATTS, MITCHELL DUNLOP, COOPER VAUGHAN, JACK HERWEYER, TYLER HOLDSWORTH, ALISTAIR FIERENS, KAI URQUHART, IAI GIBBONS.

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2026

SEASON REVIEW

2026 was shaping up to be a transitional year for the Eagles' U11YG team with new players and a new coach (although with half a team moving up an age group and getting replaced with younger girls, pretty much every year is transitional in the girls competitions) as the big shoes of Coach Debbie were being filled with ex-U13YG team manager Donald stepping from behind the clipboard to manage the weekly games of Kick Tennis.

Clearly the team had been prepared well from last year because they started the season on fire – with every game officially scored 0-0, unofficial scores were definitely monitored by the girls and a four game “winning” streak started the season – a debut against Hills Phoenix set the scene, with follow-up efforts against Lane Cove (with a great contribution from half our U9s team joining in at the last minute to ensure both teams could field a full 12 players), a really tough game against Forest Lions where our girls jumped out with early goals before tightening the defensive screws for the rest of the game, and a solid performance against the Lightning.

A tougher run through the middle of the season aligning with flu season saw us short-handed in a few games, but the girls never dropped their heads against opponents like Balgowlah, St Ives, Lane Cove (again), Manly, and Forest – they ensured they scored at least one goal in every game through sheer persistence and dash, and the Forest game came down to a goal in the final minute with many of the girls having their first experience of “what might have been” on the footy field.

After many of the girls played in the Development Day representing NW Sydney along with Lightning girls (as the only other club in the region) our second game against the Lightning saw us field only seven players due to a combination of illness, injury, and holidays but they kindly raided their U9s team and a great day was had with 12 aside and reunitions

PLAYER PROFILES

CHARLOTTE ELLIS GAUDRON

Char started the season up forward before moving down back against the Suns, where she took to defensive duties like a duck to water. Her intercepting, marking, and rebound kicking set up our team until an unfortunate ankle injury cut her season short. Transitioning seamlessly into an assistant coach role, Char was incredibly helpful running warm-ups and managing rotations throughout the remainder of the season.

MAEVE TUYAU

A pocket rocket from game one, Maeve was a familiar sight sprinting out the front of contests with her hair colour of the week streaming behind her. Though nervous about her kicking

with their earlier teammates (if you ever wondered why occasionally you'll hear a “1, 2, 3 – Sadie!” chant at a game, now you know!).

The girls brought momentum from that game into the rest of the season – a second match-up against Balgowlah away saw us almost triple our score from the earlier game, including jumping out to a quick lead to spook them. The team followed that up with a surge in 50 game celebrations (Juliet A and Amelia), results, and even new players joining the team! A fantastic close fought outscoring of St Ives featuring Juliet's 50th game and the debut of Almila, and then two more “wins” against Hills (with Amelia celebrating her 50th and with Mia, Mira, and Aadhya all joining the team) and Lane Cove, and then finishing with a really tough outing in Manly.

Big thanks to Manager Danielle who wrangled the parents, Assistant Manager Corrin who wrangled the canteen, and all the parents (and kids!) who helped out in umpiring, runner, and other roles during the year. But an especial thanks to Maddie & Myah (6 games), Alannah (4 games), Saphira (3 games) and Evie (1 game) who contributed so much to the team from the U9s!

TROPHIES

BEST & FAIREST	Juliet Allan
BEST & FAIREST RUNNER UP	Charlotte Ellis Gaudron & Ariela Sakajani
PLAYERS' PLAYER	Juliet Allan
COACHES AWARD	Charlotte Daykin

early on, she dedicated herself to improving her skills week after week. By the end of the year, she had developed into a remarkably consistent target, trusted for both her reliable marking and kicking.

ARIELA SAKAJANI

Ari was part of the glue of our team, bringing an effervescent personality and versatility to every match. Moving around the ground based on player availability, she brought stellar kicking, marking, and tackling to every role. Nearly every foray down the field all season involved her touching the ball. She finished as our leading goal scorer, served as top ruck for half the season, and held her own in defense despite it not being her personal favourite.

CHARLOTTE DAYKIN

Charlotte started the year with a bang, kicking four goals in a quarter during game one but ultimately proved more valuable to the team down back - selflessly leading the defense all season with her incredible footy IQ and an unnatural ability to stick one-handed tackles. She quickly became our quiet achiever - she made everyone around her better and especially in tough games like St Ives she stood tall, earning Player of the Match honours.

JULIET ALLAN

While not the loudest on the field, Juliet inspired confidence in everyone around her. She could flip the field with a single possession, bouncing the ball as she flew down the field (sometimes technically too many to be legal) and sending towering kicks high into the air. An underrated aspect of her game was her responsibility - she always lowered her body safely to tackle smaller opponents, even while catching them holding the ball to win crucial turnovers.

JOSEPHINE LIMBREY

After entering the season wanting to play "anywhere but forward," Josie embraced defensive responsibilities wholeheartedly. She locked down a permanent spot in the backline, becoming one of the first names penciled in each week. Her vocal leadership helped organize team structure, while her uncanny ability to get hit by the football highlighted a burgeoning resilience that made her a key defensive anchor.

EMILY WAITE

Emily proved to be one of the toughest players on the team, bringing an unshrinking presence to every single contest. Her battles in the ruck required immense grit, and she often had to be badgered into taking a rest on the bench. Her incredible fight, toughness, and determination under pressure made her an absolute joy to watch and a massive asset to our squad.

LAYLA READ

New to the sport this year, Layla rapidly became integral to our side thanks to her taste for the contest. She would pick her way through crowded packs, emerging to snap goals or deliver the ball forward. She worked hard on her drop punts (especially after kicking six behinds in a row in a game - though she did finish it with a goal!) and voluntarily rotated into the ruck despite giving up height, routinely surprising opponents with her leaps.

MIA KIRBY

Joining late in the season, Mia arrived with a fantastic attitude and made an immediate impact both on and off the field. Her tenacity and strength was a highlight, consistently wrestling through multiple tackles to clear the ball or taking the ball away from a tackled player. That resilience and composure definitely added a new dynamic to our midfield mix over the final few weeks of the competition.

INDIANA MACCUE

Indi made a solid impact across multiple positions before establishing herself as an absolute mainstay of our defensive nucleus. Never one to shy away from a challenge, she even put her hand up to provide defensive pressure through the midfield when she saw the opportunity. She worked diligently on her skill execution throughout the year, finishing the season with much-improved kicking and reliable decision making under pressure.

HARRIET MITCHELL

The bubbly spirit of our team, Harriet brought infectious enthusiasm to every single game and training session. Already possessing a great foundation with her skills, she worked hard all season to elevate other areas of her game. Her tireless effort was highlighted by a massive, double-digit tackling performance against the Lane Cove Cats that set the standard for pressure on the ball.

ALMILA TEZCAN

Almila made an immediate impact upon joining the team, maintaining her high energy through the final month of the season. Her explosive speed, determination, and physical strength added an extra dimension wherever she lined up, including kicking goals in her first few appearances. She will get down low to win the ball, and then spring up and be gone before you know it - or straight up crawl across the ground to be the first to the ball if needs be.

AMELIA SHEPHERD

Playing a staggering 33 games this season across the U11YG and U10 mixed teams, Amelia routinely lined up for her third match of the day with us while still providing real energy. She moved seamlessly between bursting through midfield contests and locking down opposition forwards down back. Despite her diminutive size, her heart and determination shone through every time she stepped onto the ground.

JULIETTE SCHEPEN

Juliette loved working in the forward line, hitting the scoreboard with key goals across multiple matches. However, she was just as eager to assist wherever needed, regularly competing in the ruck against much taller opponents. She never took a backward step in games or training, where tackling bags were her favorite accessory, and always gave 100 percent effort for her teammates.

MARGOT O'BRYEN

Margot kicked off the season in fine form, delivering particularly effective midfield and forward performances against the Lane Cove Cats and Forest Lions (maybe she just doesn't like felines). She possesses an uncanny ability to find open space, where her powerful leg produced towering kicks that belied her size. Off the field, her cheerful nature and bright smile made her one of the most popular teammates.

UNDER 11 GIRLS



AADHYA VENEPALLI

Aadhya had a memorable start to her club career - initially coming to observe, she asked to play just before the starting bounce, prompting our managers to finalize her registration mid-game! It was instantly clear that positioning was her strength. She constantly works into space to receive handballs, support teammates, and gather ground balls, quickly becoming a reliable, versatile contributor during both drills and matches.



MIRA MATHEWS

Mira made an immediate impact in her two matches with her natural instincts and athletic composure on the field. Demonstrating well-developed hands and a good use of her height, she pulled down several strong marks as well as launching attacks up forward with powerful running and speedy dashes down the field to get the ball to her teammates.





U11YG



2026

BACK ROW: ARIELA SAIAKANI, EMILY WAITE, CORRIN SHEPHERD (MANAGER), DONALD SHEPHERD (COACH), DANIELLE ELLIS (MANAGER), CHARLOTTE ELLIS GAUDRON, JULIETTE SCHEPEN.

FRONT ROW: MAEVE TUYAU, MARJORIE O'BRYEN, INDIANA MACCUE, JOSEPHINE LIMBREY, LAYLA READ, CHARLOTTE DAYKIN, HARRIET MITCHELL, AMELIA SHEPHERD.

ABSENT: JUKIET ALLAN

SEASON REVIEW

As the new cliché goes, the season was a game of four quarters. Each with its own story, its own challenges and ultimately, its own lessons.

The First Quarter — Total Domination

The season started with our best pre-season yet, with three training sessions under our belts before we even reached Round 1. We welcomed five new Eagles — Nixon H, Cadell, Lincoln, Lucas and Charlie — who joined sixteen returning players to form a squad that quickly started to gel.

And what a start it was. The boys went through the first five rounds unbeaten (including one forfeit and one bye), playing some fantastic football and putting together some big wins. There was confidence in the way we moved the ball, great support for each other and plenty of exciting football across the ground.

After five rounds, we were rewarded with promotion to Division 2. It was great recognition of the way the boys had started the season — although, as we would soon discover, there was a rather large difference between being the biggest fish in one pond and suddenly finding yourself in a much bigger one!

The Second Quarter — Welcome to Division 2

As we experienced last season, Division 2 was a very different proposition. The opposition was bigger, stronger and faster, and suddenly the boys were playing teams that were going to make them work for every possession.

Unfortunately the wins stopped coming, but the effort didn't. Our best football was good enough, but we would lapse for a couple of quarters and the opposition would kick a bag of goals and that would be the game.

But to their absolute credit, the boys kept turning up, kept competing and, importantly, kept supporting each other. There were games where we were challenged physically and games where we were challenged mentally, but the team spirit remained strong. We saw plenty of improvement in individual players and in the way the team played together.

The Third Quarter — Learning to Compete

At mid-season we welcomed Nixon G to the team and he made an immediate impact. With his help we started to see what this team could really do at Division 2 level. The scorelines didn't always go our way, but the football was improving. We were winning more contests, moving the ball better and putting together longer periods of good football. We would often execute 80% of a play and just turn the ball over at the end.

The challenge was consistency. We knew the boys had the ability — we just needed to find a way to produce that football for four quarters rather than one or two!

Most importantly, the team continued to show the three things we hold most dear in this team: confidence, mateship and, above all, sportsmanship.

The Fourth Quarter — We Belonged

By the end of the season, the gap had narrowed considerably. The games against Pennant Hills and Lane Cove showed just how far the team had come. We pushed both sides all the way, stayed within striking distance and created genuine opportunities to win, proving that we could compete at this level.

And perhaps fittingly, we saved some of our best football for the final game. Playing on the full field gave the boys a glimpse of what next season will bring, and they rose to the challenge with a fantastic effort. It was a tough, closely fought game, and although we couldn't quite get over the line, it was a great way to finish the season.

Along the way, we also had some fantastic milestones to celebrate: Alex, Cam, Luke, Dion, Nathan, Arlo and Theo all reaching 50 games. Those are terrific achievements and a reminder of how much football these boys have already played together.

For us, coaching isn't just about developing footballers. We're also helping these boys grow into good young men. Wins are great, but they're not the most important measure of the season. We'd much rather see a group of boys who play hard, support their teammates, respect their opponents and handle both winning and losing the right way. If we have to choose between being good sports who lose and bad sports who win, we'll take the good sports every time.

And that's what made this season something to be proud of. The boys improved enormously as footballers, but just as importantly, they continued to show the character and mateship that we want this team to be known for.

TROPHIES

BEST & FAIREST	Dion Woods
BEST & FAIREST RUNNER UP	Luke Douglas
PLAYERS' PLAYER	Cameron Saunders
COACHES AWARD	Elliot Mitchell

PLAYER PROFILES

THOMAS ADAIR

Tom has made the “small forward” role his own this season, impressing watchers with jumping chest marks and several goals. Increasingly challenged as the season progressed, Tom never shied away from physical contests with larger opponents. Even after the toughest of games he returned to training the next week full of energy and enthusiasm. Commitment and dedication personified.

RYAN ADAMS

Opposing teams often found that their forward entries ended with a mark from Mr Reliable, Ryan, at half-back. A versatile player, he has had spells in most positions around the ground and even kicked one of our goals of the season in the final game versus Lane Cove. Ryan’s performance was not unnoticed from the sidelines and he polled well in the Best & Fairest voting.

ALEXANDER BARRATT

Now in his fourth season as a key ruck, Alex is still bringing the physical intimidation that every team needs. Opponents who look like winning the ball? No problem - send him in to persuade them that they’re in the way. Ably-assisted by tall teammates this season, Alex had more game time as a follower and as expected, worked hard all around the ground for the full four quarters every time.

LUCAS BUCHANAN

New to the team this season, Lucas has worked hard on learning the game, acquiring and practicing his skills. Always a dedicated trainer, we saw steady improvement throughout the season, culminating with a great game versus Lane Cove in the final round. So close to scoring - twice! We look forward to seeing him develop further next season.

OSCAR CHENG

Oscar has had another energetic season, playing largely at half-forward and as a follower. He’s probably one of our leading players for goal assists and can kick one himself given the chance. Oscar’s reading of the game and positioning is much improved this season. One of our most reliable markers and still the best sliding chest mark on the team!

LUKE DOUGLAS

The live wire, the Energiser Bunny - Luke will run all day and kick goals from everywhere. Our highest scorer this season to no one’s surprise, he was still able to manufacture goals when the going got tough in Division 2. Another player who has made leaps and bounds in game awareness this season, he’ll even (reluctantly) dish it off to a better-placed teammate! A deserved Best & Fairest runner up!

LEWIS DUNCAN

Lewis picked up right where he left off last season, scrapping for loose balls at the bottom of packs. He has played mostly on the wings this year and has grown into the outside mid role. Lewis always brings a great attitude to both training and game day, and he has worked hard on improving his ball movement by hand. We’re looking forward to more of the same and then some next season!

THEODORE ELLIS

Our kicking specialist! Theo made huge improvements to his kicking this season, developing a strong and accurate boot that became a real weapon for the Eagles. He was named Player of the Match in Round 3 after always being in the right place at the right time, and his improved kicking was on full display in Round 4 with a great left-foot goal. Add in a few clever handballs, plenty of good link-up play and a 50-game milestone to finish the season, and it’s been a fantastic year of development for Theo. The left foot has officially been upgraded from “use in emergencies” to “actually quite dangerous”!

JUDE ELLIS GAUDRON

Our ruckman and midfield workhorse! Jude’s ruck skills continued to improve throughout the season, becoming a strong competitor around the middle of the ground and giving us plenty to work with at the stoppages. Just as importantly, he brought a consistently positive attitude and was always one of the team’s great supporters, encouraging his teammates and celebrating their successes. His “rock” performance against Lane Cove in Round 8, where he competed hard at every ball-up and midfield contest, earned him a well-deserved Player of the Match award. A great team man who brings plenty of positivity to the Eagles — and is always ready to put his hand up for the next contest!

CHARLIE FIRTH

Our rising defensive star! Charlie had a fantastic first season as an Eagle, growing in confidence and skill with every game. He quickly established himself as a tall and reliable defender, showing a real willingness to attack the ball and take on the opposition. His speed was a real asset, and in Round 7 against Pennant Hills he was rewarded with a Player of the Match award for showing a real hunger to get to the ball first.

It was great to watch Charlie grow throughout the season — from the new recruit finding his feet to a confident defender who looked increasingly comfortable down back. We’re not sure whether it was the extra confidence or simply the realisation that being tall is actually quite handy in football! A fantastic first season, and we can’t wait to see what he does next year.

CADELL GATELY

Our midfield organiser and one of the Eagles' most positive influences! While this was Cadell's first season with the Eagles, he brought plenty of AFL experience and quickly showed that he knew his way around a footy field. He has a great ability to read the game, find the right spaces and put himself in positions where he can make an impact. He had a memorable game in Round 2 and picked up a Player of the Match award. As a member of our leadership group, Cadell was always encouraging his teammates and helping set a positive tone around the team. A great first season for the Eagles — although with his ability to find space, we're starting to wonder whether he has a GPS hidden somewhere!

NIXON GEELAN

Our newest giant! Joining the Eagles halfway through the season, Nixon Geelan wasted no time making an impact, quickly becoming a key part of the team despite only playing seven games. At his height, he was impossible to miss — quite literally the tallest player on the team — but it was his football ability that really stood out. His tough defence, surprising pace and confident kicking made him a seriously useful player all over the ground, showing exactly why he earned a well-deserved Player of the Match award in Round 10.

It was fantastic to see Nixon settle into the team so quickly and contribute from the moment he arrived. With the height, skills and versatility he brought to the Eagles, we're pretty sure the only problem next season will be finding a footy jumper long enough to fit him!

NIXON HORWELL

Nixon grew as a player this season, developing new skills and strategies and becoming more confident in putting them into practice. His hard work was rewarded with a Player of the Match performance in Round 14, a great way to finish the season.

We also discovered that Nixon has some serious agility, tackling the American Ninja course with plenty of determination. Clearly the athletic ability is there — now we just need to convince him to bring some of those Ninja moves onto the footy field! A great season of growth from Nixon, and plenty to build on next year.

ELLIOT MITCHELL

Is it a bird? Is it a plane? No, it's Elliot taking another speccy! Elliot has probably made the biggest improvement of anyone this season, turning himself into one of the Eagles' most reliable marks and smoothest users of the ball. His kicking became increasingly calm and accurate, while his ability to take an overhead mark under pressure and then glide away downfield became a real feature of his game.

He even stepped into the midfield late in the season and showed he could handle the extra responsibility, earning Player of the Match honours in Round 13 after a huge game of well-executed clearances. That improvement, consistency and willingness to take on new challenges has earned Elliot the Coaches' Player of the Year award — a thoroughly deserved recognition of just how far his game has come. The only question now is whether the speccies or the expectations will keep getting higher!

NATHAN MONACO

Our team Bulldozer! Nathan came back from the summer looking like someone had accidentally hit the "upgrade" button — bigger, faster, stronger and, seemingly overnight, equipped with a deeper voice and a few new features that definitely weren't there last season! His transformation wasn't just cosmetic either, with huge improvements in his speed and agility making him dangerous around the contest.

He became excellent at swooping on loose balls and clearing them from congestion, while his bombastic running and monster tackling made him a real handful for the opposition. His tenacity earned him Player of the Match honours in Round 4, and the Bulldozer just kept getting better from there. At this rate, by next season we'll need to check whether Nathan is still eligible for this team and not U17's!

ARLO PATER

Our dependable winger. Faster than he looks and great with ball in hand. One of the pillars of our midfield, working hard up and down the ground, slipping around the opposition like a ninja, chaining possessions like a master of the shadow arts. Always popping up where you least expect him - but most need him, disappearing from trouble and reappearing with the ball. A quiet assassin on the field, he gets the job done without ever needing to make a fuss.

ISAAC PRITCHARD

Our determined little ball-winner. Isaac never shies away from a contest, getting his head over the ball and attacking every opportunity with great intent. He brings plenty of energy around the ground and is always willing to put himself where the action is. What he lacks in natural ability he more than makes up for with enthusiasm and passion, wanting to be out on the ground every second of the game.

LINCOLN RAUBENHEIMER

The enigma! Somehow manages to turn up every game day having never attended a training session and then proceeds to dominate down back. Linc's reading of the play, positioning and fearless approach to the contest have made him a fantastic addition to the Eagles defence. A true game-day specialist, he somehow knows exactly where to be when

the ball comes his way — and his blinder against Pennant Hills showed just how good he can be. A great first season as an Eagle!

CAMERON SAUNDERS

Cameron had another great season. Our leader amongst leaders. He has naturally become the calming voice of our team, providing excellent direction to the boys with excellent skills to match. In a tough season where defense was paramount, Cameron was the cornerstone in our backline, rebounding the ball back into our midfielders and allowing our boys the best chance of winning.

BENJAMIN SMITH

Ben brought a great attitude to the Eagles this season and was always willing to put in the work. He worked hard on developing his skills and improving his game, showing a real willingness to learn and take on the challenges of U12 football. His positive approach at training and determination to keep working on his game made him a valued part of the squad. A great attitude and plenty of potential to build on next season!

KIEREN TEAGER

The Eagles' resident commentator! Kieren is never short of something to say at training and brings plenty of personality and positivity to the group. Always ready with a comment, a laugh or a bit of encouragement, he helps keep the atmosphere around the team fun and enjoyable. Most importantly, Kieren clearly loves being part of the Eagles and enjoys his footy — and that enthusiasm is something we hope he carries with him into next season!

DION WOODS

Our midfield machine! Dion seemed to come back from the summer having transformed into Marcus Bontempelli, becoming one of our most important and consistent ball winners all season. Playing the follower role week after week, he was relentless around the ground, winning the ball, driving forward and linking up with teammates. His effort and consistency were recognised by the people who watched him every week, with Dion deservedly taking out the team's Best & Fairest award. A fantastic season from one of the Eagles' standout players — we're looking forward to seeing who he transforms into over summer for next season!



U12 DIV 2

2026

BACK ROW: CAMERON SAUNDERS, CHARLIE FIRTH, JUDE ELLIS GAUDRON, NIXON GEELAN, NEIL SAUNDERS (MANAGER), HADYN DOUGLAS (COACH), MARCUS PATER (ASSISTANT COACH), LUCAS BUCHANAN, ALEXANDER BARRATT, NATHAN MONACO, RYAN ADAMS

FRONT ROW: LEWIS DUNCAN, OSCAR CHENG, KIEREN TEAGER, ARLO PATER, THEODORE ELLIS, DION WOODS, ISAAC PRITCHARD, BENJAMIN SMITH, LINCOLN RAUBENHEIMER, ELLIOT MITCHELL, CADELL GATELY, THOMAS ADAIR, LUKE DOUGLAS

NIXON GEELAN

SEASON REVIEW

Our 2026 season saw our previous 2 teams merge into a Division 2 squad with maximum numbers. Under 13s meaning we got to take to a full field, full rules (almost), and a bigger Sherrin. We began with a solid pre-season block which wrapped up with a practice game against Killarney Vale Bombers U12s. We welcomed some new players in Reef, Tristian, and Jayden. Harley also returned for another season of footy. We saw all corners of Sydney with travel to Camden, Penrith, Cronulla, and Pittwater. The team finished with 8 wins and 6 losses, taking 4th place and securing a finals spot.

Throughout the season we trained Wednesday nights as our main session and some Thursdays. The team showed good effort at training, working on a lot of contested ball work, clearing the ball from stoppages, longer ball movement with overlap running, and plenty of 50m game play. New players picked up the basic skills quickly, while we all worked on our positioning, 1 on 1 contests, and our ability to link-up to create play.

We started the season strong, cruising past Baulkham Hills and Pittwater, scoring well in the first 2 rounds. A close loss to Cronulla in Round 3 and then 4 solid wins in a row put us in a strong position. The 1 point win against Pennant Hills/Westbrook in round 6 was a nail biting finish, with Max kicking a behind from a long set shot to get us over the line. The second half of the season got tougher. The competition was very even and when we were missing players with sickness, injury or other commitments, we really felt it. Our round 12 win against Pittwater was one of the highlights and many parents said it was the best junior sports comeback they've seen. 25 points down at 3 quarter time, the whole team rallied and played unbelievably. Felix, Hux, Max and Jake dominated from the middle, the forwards applied immense pressure that resulted in 5 last quarter goals, while the backline held strong and kept the Tigers scoreless. Max again had the final say with a set shot goal from deep in the pocket and the boundary erupted on the final siren.

In a close race to finals we dropped two games we should have won, leaving our top 4 spot to the fate of round 15; a must win home game against the undefeated Kellyville. Scoring had been an issue for the past few matches so we moved some magnets and went to work. Our tackling pressure was

strong, our link-up play was working much better, and our defence worked together to slow the opposition attack. We played a fantastic 4 quarter game and took out a 25 point win and a top 4 spot. A win to remember!

Our Elimination Final against Cronulla was our third trip to Gwawley Oval for the season. The game was contested with momentum swinging both ways and goals coming in quick succession. We gave up 3 goals in the 3rd quarter but in true Eagles fashion, never gave in and kicked a few quick ones in the 4th to give us a shot. With all the momentum but not enough time, we finished 6 points short - a great effort by the whole squad.

I've seen some great growth in players individually and as a group this season. The skills, toughness, grit, and teamwork has gone to another level and they should all be proud of their contributions. There's been some spectacular goals, lightning quick clearances, soaring contested marks, crunching tackles, but best of all, kids enjoying footy with their mates. Looking forward to next season!

A few season stats:

- 8 Wins / 6 Losses / 1 Bye / Finished in 4th position
- 7 Home games / 7 Away games
- Top five goal kickers were: Huxley Richardson (16), Milo Fenn (15), Tadhg Nilsson (13), Jacob Connors (10), Luke Hufschmid (7)
- 6 players played every game: Jacob, Milo, Max, Tristian, Elliot, Huxley

TROPHIES

BEST & FAIREST	Huxley Richardson
BEST & FAIREST RUNNER UP	Felix Laird
PLAYERS' PLAYER	Milo Fenn
COACHES AWARD	Thomas Wright

PLAYER PROFILES

CAMERON BEVILACQUA #77

Games played in 2026: 12
Season goals: 1.0

Cam had a great season playing mostly in defence. He's grown in confidence contesting the ball in the air and he always gets after the ball on the ground. Cam kicked a great goal in a low scoring game against Pennant Hills in round 6 that helped us get the win.

JAYDEN CHAN #51

Games played in 2026: 10
Season goals: 0.0

Jayden has had a fantastic first season of footy playing across the ground, using his lightning speed to get to the ball first and find a teammate. He has worked hard on his kicking, marking, and handballing at training, always competes, and is keen to learn and improve.

JACOB CONNORS #83

Games played in 2026: 15

Season goals: 10.3

Jacob has previously played a lot of his footy in the backline but after requesting to go forward and kicking a few goals, has made the move up forward, kicking 10 goals for the season. He knows how to get to dangerous spots in the forward line and can finish from set shot or on the run.

MAX FENN #63

Games played in 2026: 15

Season goals: 6.4

Max has shown his talent and toughness in every game this season, playing in the midfield. Although he's the youngest in the team, he is a fantastic tackler, he is composed in traffic and plays the game at a very high level. He's kicked winning goals and winning behinds this season, always plays a team game, and always puts his body on the line.

MILO FENN #85

Games played in 2026: 15

Season goals: 15.13

Milo was named co-captain this season and always sets the standard on the field and at training. He encourages and challenges his teammates and has grown in his ability to tackle, work hard up the field and take contested marks. Milo is an excellent set shot kick and has booted some big goals this season as well as snapping from all angles. He finishes the year as our second highest goal kicker - just one goal shy of top spot.

SANDY HEBBLEWHITE #72

Games played in 2026: 8

Season goals: 4.1

Although we haven't been able to have Sandy play in many of our games this season, she always has a great impact when she does. Her round 15 game against Kellyville, kicking 3 goals, was a stand out. Sandy competes hard and has fantastic skills and her enjoyment of the game, of training, and the attitude she brings to the team are wonderful to see.

LUKE HUFSCMID #81

Games played in 2026: 11

Season goals: 7.1

Luke has typically played in defence but after trying him in the forward line and watching him crash the pack, take some contested marks, and kick a crucial set shot goal in round 6, we kept him there. He had an outstanding game in round 7 against St Ives, kicking 4 goals and celebrated his 50th game in round 13.

KAI KERSHAW #15

Games played in 2026: 13

Season goals: 0.0

Kai has had another great season and played across the ground often in the forward or back pocket. He always puts his head

over the ball in contests and finds a teammate on the outside. Kai plays with a selfless attitude and gives his best for the team.

FELIX LAIRD #79

Games played in 2026: 13

Season goals: 5.7

Felix has impressed this season playing in the ruck and working extremely hard to cover the ground and take marks down the line or in transition. He often faces taller opposition ruckmen and out jumps them, giving our mids a great tap. Felix's fitness has been an asset this season and he has been able to hit the scoreboard at times as well.

LOCHY LIVY #49

Games played in 2026: 14

Season goals: 1.1

Lochy has had a strong season playing in the forward line. I've seen improvement in the way he leads up at the ball carrier, launches at the ball, and finds teammates with handballs around the contest. At training Lochy pushes himself, competes hard, and is a great teammate.

TADHG NILSSON #45

Games played in 2026: 12

Season goals: 13.5

Tadhg has had another strong season playing in the forward line using his footy smarts and quick snapping kicks to find the goals. He booted 4 goals in round 1 against Baulkham Hills and again in round 13 against Pittwater where he was crucial in the last quarter comeback. Tadhg has also shown good leadership at training recently, modelling respectful and encouraging culture among his teammates.

AIDIE O'CONNOR #61

Games played in 2026: 12

Season goals: 0.0

Aidie is a talented footballer who has developed a strong ability to intercept mark, read the play and the ball in the air, and make good decisions under pressure. He has played exclusively in the back line and provided real strength against fast moving opposition forwards as well as taking kick in duties.

TRISTIAN PETKOVIC #75

Games played in 2026: 15

Season goals: 0.1

There's a lot to like about TJ's first season of footy; his commitment and effort at training, his physicality in games, and the speed at which he's picked up the game and won plenty of the football. Tristian played mostly on the wing providing strong two-way running, helping in defence and applying pressure around the ball.

ELLIOT PRATT #73

Games played in 2026: 15

Season goals: 2.1

Elliot has had a great season playing mostly across the wing and backline. He has improved on his ability to impact a contest, spoil the ball and two way run effectively. Elliot's tackling pressure has always been excellent and he brings passion and determination to game day.

HUXLEY RICHARDSON #55

Games played in 2026: 15

Season goals: 16.6

Huxley is a talented and athletic footballer who has a laser focus on winning the football. He's often seen bursting out of the middle, hunting the ball on the ground, or having a running shot at goal. He's finished the season as our leading goal kicker which is impressive as a midfielder. Huxley never stops running and works hard even when things aren't going our way. He has worked to improve his tackling and linking up with teammates throughout the season.

ETHAN ROBERTS #25

Games played in 2026: 13

Season goals: 1.0

Ethan has played across the forward and back line this season and has developed a strong game sense from his seasons at the club. He always looks for his teammates, gives his best and enjoys his footy. Ethan kicked a great goal in round 2 against Pittwater and has assisted many others.

JAKE ROBINSON #53

Games played in 2026: 13

Season goals: 4.5

Jake has played and trained consistently all season. In his second season he looked more confident in his skills and role on the wing. Jake played a great game in the midfield in round 12 against Pittwater but his standout game was round 15 when playing in the forward pocket. His speed and workrate were excellent and he kicked 3 goals for the day, helping us defeat Kellyville.

NICKO ROBSON #23

Unfortunately for the team, Nicko became an international baseball star after winning nationals and wasn't allowed to play footy with us. He did still come and train (non-contact drills only) which was good value as always. Hopefully we get to see Nicko snapping some goals from the pocket again next season.

REEF SEYMOUR-WEBER #71

Games played in 2026: 14

Season goals: 6.4

Reef has had a great first season of footy and his marking and kicking skills impressed me on his first training session. The way Reef competes at training is excellent, always working

hard, focussed, with a good attitude to improve. He has been a versatile player who has played in the forward line, on the wing, and occasionally as a back flank.

WILL SHAW #69

Games played in 2026: 10

Season goals: 4.3

Will is our co-captain this season and is excellent at firing the team up pre and mid game with inspiring words and "Hornsby on 3!" Will plays in the midfield and is clean and composed under pressure and can link up and find targets on the run. He's kicked a few big set shot goals this year that were very impressive and works hard in defence, sweeping across to intercept and send us back into attack.

VALLY TABORSKY #14

Games played in 2026: 8

Season goals: 0.0

Vally is a talented player with a fantastic work ethic, team focussed attitude, and strong game sense. She often plays in our backline because of her ability to lock down on forwards, intercept, spoil, and win 1 on 1's. Vally has played with this group since Auskick, is much loved, and celebrated her 100 games for the club in round 15, only the 3rd female player to have done so!

HAYDO WALL #67

Games played in 2026: 14

Season goals: 0.0

Haydo is a talented player who loves to attack the footy and play the ball quickly. He has been a rock in defence all season and his intercept, pressure, and clearing kicks have saved many goals. I enjoy the way Haydo grabs the ball, sees the space, and goes, using that skill to help us rebound off half back into attack.

HARLEY WATTS #19

Games played in 2026: 14

Season goals: 0.0

Harley came back to play footy this season and is one of those players that brings positivity and energy to every training session and game. He's the first to come and grab a footy from the bag at training, and his dedication to training has seen him improve his skills through the year. Harley has played across the forward and back line and is a great team player.

THOMAS WRIGHT #65

Games played in 2026: 14

Season goals: 1.0

Thomas has had a fantastic year and has really developed into a strong, competitive player particularly over the back half of the season. He plays mostly in the back line and has worked on his spoiling, defensive positioning and winning contests. In rounds 9 and 14 Thomas won player of the match for his determination and hard work in defence.

UNDER 13






U13 DIV 2



BACK ROW: VALLEY TABORSKY, THOMAS WRIGHT, SANDY HEBBLEWHITE, FELIX LAIRD, MEGAN ROBSON (MANAGER), STEVE WALL (ASSISTANT COACH), LAWSON PRATT (ASSISTANT COACH), ROB LAIRD (ASSISTANT COACH), TOBY FENN (COACH), KAI KERSHAW, MILO FENN, CAMERON BEVILACQUA, LACHLAN LIPPY.

FRONT ROW: HARLEY WATTS, HUXLEY RICHARDSON, REEF SEYMOUR-WEBER, AIDEN O'CONNOR, HAYDO WALL, ELLIOT PRATT, LUKE HUFSCMID, JAYDEN CHAN, TADHO NILSSON, WILLIAM SHAW, MAX FENN, JACOB CONNORS, ETHAN ROBERTS, TRISTIAN PETKOVIC, JAKE ROBINSON.



SEASON REVIEW

This team has had yet another fantastic season. We could not be more proud of the way the girls set the standard for the Eagles. They build on their past successes and continue to raise the bar year after year. With the majority of the team being true Under 13s this year, we knew we would be a handful for opponents and wanted to make sure we made the most of this opportunity. We did this by finishing in the top 2 and proudly representing the Eagles playing finals for the second year in a row.

As with every team we had our ups and downs as the year progressed but, with a strong leadership group and a determined, talented bunch of players the team jumped the hurdle and finished the season super strong.

Our game against Hills at Rofe was a fantastic example of how much the team has matured, where we managed to bounce back from a mercy rule loss the week before, to win a hard fought game against one of the big competition contenders.

A big shout out to Vally for becoming only the third female Hornsby Berowra player to reach the 100 game milestone.

PLAYER PROFILES

JULIET ALLAN

Juliet's speed was one of the team's best escape routes this season, turning congested situations into clean exits time and again. Whenever the ball was locked in a dangerous part of the ground, she was the one who backed herself to take it on and run. Her willingness to accept that responsibility week after week made her a genuinely valuable teammate.

OLIVIA BYRNE

Olivia formed one half of a rock-solid defensive partnership with Eliza, and together they gave the backline a reliability the rest of the team could build on. Size never entered her thinking: she tackled the biggest opponents on the ground and brought them down. Her physical courage set a standard the rest of the side fed off.

WILLOW CHANDLER

For a player in her debut season, Willow made an immediate impression across the midfield and half-back line. Her tackling was fierce from the very first game and her kicking developed quickly as the year went on. She played with the composure of someone who had been in the side for years.

PIPPA CRAIG

Pippa attacked every contest with complete commitment, never hesitating and never looking for the easy option. Her willingness to go into the hard parts of the ground gave the team energy in the moments it was needed most. Teammates knew exactly what they would get from her every single week.

A fantastic achievement.

Also for all of our Under 13s girls who put their hand up to play week in week out for the newly formed under 15's team, thank you for being vital parts of the team and helping grow the brand that is Hornsby Berowra Eagles.

As a coaching group we couldn't be more proud of the girls and look forward to continuing building on our success as a team.

TROPHIES

BEST & FAIREST	Vally Taborsky
BEST & FAIREST RUNNER UP	Maddie Dunlop
PLAYERS' PLAYER	Maddie Dunlop
COACHES AWARD	Zahra Haidari

MADDIE DUNLOP

As leader of backline, Maddie led from the front in the most literal sense, taking on the biggest contests and asking nothing of her teammates that she was not already doing herself. Her big defensive hits and clean clearances repeatedly released pressure on the backline and got the team moving forward. She set the tone for the group in the way she played and in the way she carried herself.

OLIVIA FIERENS

Olivia's move from the backline to the wing was one of the season's success stories, and she grew into the role quickly. Her accurate kicking and clever link-up play connected defence to attack, giving the team a reliable outlet through the middle of the ground. By the back half of the year she had become one of the side's most trusted ball users.

SOFIA FIERENS

Sofia's approach to the midfield was refreshingly simple: see ball, get ball. She gave away size to almost every opponent she faced and it never once slowed her down, with her work at ground level consistently winning the team possession. Her impact was far greater than her frame suggested.

NAT FILER

In her first season of AFL, Nat settled into the forward line and started making things happen almost straight away. She grew in confidence as the year progressed and became a genuine contributor to the team's attacking play. A debut season to be proud of.

UNDER 13 GIRLS



ZAHRA HAIDARI

Zahra had a breakthrough season, taking on whatever role the coaches asked of her at either end of the ground. Playing both in defence and up forward, she adapted quickly and never treated a positional change as anything other than an opportunity. Her flexibility made the whole team function better.

SANDY HEBBLEWHITE

Sandy played the midfield with relentless energy and would run through a brick wall for her teammates. Her work rate through the middle gave the team drive, and she was rarely far from the contest. Her teammates knew she would do the hard running on their behalf without ever needing to be asked.

LUCY HERWEYER

Lucy's value up forward came as much from what she did without the ball as with it. Her defensive pressure from the front line forced turnovers and helped lock the ball into the team's attacking half. It is unglamorous work, and she did it consistently all season.

TIA KERSHAW

Tia was equally at home in the forward line and the backline, which made her one of the most useful players in the squad. She adjusted to whichever end of the ground she was needed at without fuss and simply got on with the job. That kind of versatility gives a coaching group options every week.

ANITA KHOSRAVI

Anita came to AFL for the first time this season and gave it absolutely everything. Learning a new sport in the middle of a competitive season takes real courage, and unfamiliarity never once slowed her effort. Her commitment across the year was a credit to her.

HAZEL LIMBREY

Hazel spent the season developing her craft in the forward line, working steadily on her positioning and her ability to bring the ball to ground. That work paid off in the latter part of the year when she kicked a goal of her own, to the delight of her teammates and everyone on the boundary. Her persistence was the story of her season.



MAIA McHUGH

Maia was a genuine threat at full forward and kicked goals with an ease that made it look straightforward. She also brought the brightest smile in the team to every training session and every game, which lifted everyone around her. Dangerous inside 50 and a joy to have in the side.

NYA NICOLSON

Nya used her strength up forward to hold her position and win the ball in contests where she was under real pressure. That physical presence translated directly into goals, and she was consistently dangerous inside 50. Defenders found her a difficult match-up all season.

WILLOW NICOLSON

Willow's physical presence through the midfield made life difficult for every opposition ruck she came up against. She broke through contests with strength and determination, giving her teammates first use of the ball more often than not. Her ability to compete against taller opponents was a feature of her season.

ELIZA NOBLE

Eliza was the team's rock in defence, holding her ground against opponents who often had a significant size advantage. Small but mighty is the phrase that fits her best: she was rarely beaten in a contest and never took a backward step. The backline was a more settled place with her in it.

EMILY PACE

Emily grew into an accomplished half-forward across the season, and her development was one of the more satisfying things to watch. She became a key part of the team's transition play, linking defence and attack with smart positioning and clean ball use. Her improvement came from consistent hard work rather than anything else.

ISABELLE SHEPHERD

Isabelle was central to the half-back line and a big reason it held up as well as it did. She defended her space stubbornly and made opposition forwards work for everything they got. Reliable, uncomplaining and very hard to get past.

UNDER 13 GIRLS



VALLY TABORSKY

Vally was a true all-rounder in the midfield, capable of contributing wherever the game took her. Her greatest strength was her reading of the play, often seeing what was about to unfold before it did. In the messiest passages of a game she brought a calm that steadied everyone around her. She achieved 100 games for the club this year!



MIKAELA WILLIAMS

Mikaela's speed on the wing gave the team an attacking weapon opposition sides struggled to contain. When she was given room to run she made ground quickly and turned defence into attack. A genuinely damaging runner.








ANITA KIERSHAW

BACK ROW: WILLOW NICOLSON, MIKAELA WILLIAMS, SANDY HEBBLEWHITE, DEBBIE NOBLE (COACH), BEN DUNLOP (COACH), CYRILLE FIERENS (COACH), COLLIN PACE (MANAGER), BRENDAN LIMBREY (COACH), KAREN NICOLSON (MANAGER), MAIA MCHUGH, NYA NICOLSON, NATALIE FILER.

FRONT ROW: SOFIA FIERENS, ELIZA NOBLE, OLIVIA FIERENS, JULIET ALLAN, EMILY PACE, LUCY HERWEYER, VALLY TABORSKY, WILLOW CHANDLER, HAZEL LIMBREY, MADELINE DUNLOP, ISABELLE SHEPHERD, ZAHRA HAIDARI, OLIVIA BYRNE, PIPPA CRAIG.

ABSENT: TIA KERSHAW


2026

U13 YG DIV 2

SEASON REVIEW

Stepping up to Division 2 this season brought a significant increase in the quality of opposition, providing our players with a new level of challenges each week. Unfortunately, injuries were a constant hurdle throughout the year, and there was not a single stretch of two consecutive weeks where we were able to field the same team. Despite those challenges, the boys never stopped competing, showing resilience, determination and a willingness to learn against some of the competition's strongest sides.

While wins were harder to come by this season, the experience gained will hold the group in good stead for the years ahead. The team finished with four victories, highlighted by a famous one-point win over our rivals, Pennant Hills, one of the competition's benchmark teams. It was a memorable day for the boys, who celebrated the hard-fought victory by singing the team song louder and prouder than ever.

A sincere thank you must go to all of our parents and families for their outstanding support throughout the season. Whether helping with match-day duties, volunteering around the club,

or making the considerable journeys required each week, your commitment never went unnoticed. Our fixtures included long trips across Sydney, including two visits to Cronulla, two to Penrith and another to Penshurst, among many others. The support, positivity and dedication of our parent group is second to none, and we are incredibly grateful for everything you do for the team.

We look forward to an exciting 2027 with the hope of a healthier run and the opportunity to play our very best football.

TROPHIES

BEST & FAIREST	Ryan O'Connor
BEST & FAIREST RUNNER UP	Onni Badger
PLAYERS' PLAYER	Onni Badger
COACHES AWARD	Ewan Heathers

PLAYER PROFILES

LUKE ADAMS

Luke played some outstanding footy this season, whether in the backline or through the midfield. He's hard at the contest, never takes a backward step and gives his opponents nothing. One of the highlights of the year came early in the season when he burst out of the midfield, took several bounces and launched a goal from around 50 metres. A fantastic season from Luke.

ONNI BADGER

Onni took his game to another level this year. He is the definition of hard work paying dividends, constantly putting in the extra time and effort, and the rewards have been obvious. A natural footballer with an excellent skill set, Onni excelled both as an on-baller and at centre half-forward, where he kicked some outstanding goals. The future looks very bright for this talented young player.

JAKE BENESH

Captain Dependable. Jake leads by example every time he pulls on the jumper. While not the loudest voice on the field, his actions speak volumes. One of those rare players who can play anywhere on the ground and perform at a high level, Jake stood tall week after week during what was a challenging season for the team.

MALACHY BYRNE

Malachy spent most of the season across half-back and appears to have found his natural position. His greatest strengths are his composure under pressure and his ability to find teammates with precise kicking, whether driving the ball down the line or cutting inside through the corridor. He also doesn't mind a bit of

the on-field niggles and loves to get under the skin of opposing players. His teammates love the energy and competitiveness he brings to the contest.

OTTO DI VEROLI

Otto is always a pleasure to coach. No matter what is asked of him, he takes it in his stride and gives his best. Due to injuries throughout the season, Otto played nearly every position on the ground and handled each role without complaint. His size, speed, strength and powerful kick suggest that midfield or centre half-forward could be exciting long-term positions for him.

LOUIE ECCLES

In his first season of Aussie Rules, Louie made a terrific impression. Blessed with a strong pair of hands, he took numerous contested marks and also developed a knack for kicking important goals, including two in our memorable upset win over competition heavyweights Pennant Hills. One of the few players to remain injury-free all year, Louie willingly played wherever the team needed him, whether forward, wing or defence. A fantastic first season.

BEN FENTON

Benny missed the opening part of the season while recovering from a serious mountain biking injury, but that didn't stop him supporting his teammates. He travelled all over Sydney with his family to cheer on the team, which says plenty about his character. An ever-reliable defender and capable backup ruckman, Ben significantly improved his kicking this season and cemented himself as one of the first names selected each week.

OLEG HART

Oleg's improvement this season was clear for all to see, particularly with his kicking. He attacks every game with 100% effort and always seems to do it with a smile on his face. Primarily a defender, Oleg can also shift onto the wing when needed and give the team great run and enthusiasm.

EWAN HEATHERS

Although it was Ewan's first season with our team, he arrived with plenty of Aussie Rules experience. A man of few words, he lets his football do the talking. One of his greatest strengths is his explosive first few metres, whether breaking away with the ball or closing down an opponent. Ewan developed into an outstanding half-back this season thanks to his running power, skills and tackling pressure, while also proving equally effective in the midfield.

JOSH McCARRY

Josh returned to the team this year after a season away and worked hard to make an impact. Used primarily in the forward line, he chipped in with some important goals, including our first goal of the season against Penrith. Josh brings a never-give-up attitude to every training session and game, and his effort and commitment can never be questioned.

DANIEL NOBLE

Daniel moved into the forward line this season and faced the challenge of stronger opposition. While adapting to the new role, he continued to do the fundamentals well. Daniel's short handball game is a standout, and he is always looking to bring teammates into the play. He seemed to enjoy playing against Newtown, kicking goals in both encounters during the season.

RYAN O'CONNOR

Simply a goal-kicking machine. Ryan uses his body brilliantly in contests and is one of the most consistent performers in the team. With injuries affecting the squad throughout the year, he was called upon to spend time in the ruck and quickly showed he could dominate there as well. If he wasn't such a dangerous forward, he might have found himself a permanent home in the ruck.

JACKSON READ

A modern-day Eddie Betts. Jacko is one of those players you love seeing with the ball in hand because he can do things others simply can't. Rarely missing a game all season, he made the half-forward line his own and regularly kicked goals from impossible angles, especially from the pocket. His passion for the game is infectious and his eagerness to improve makes him a coach's dream.

ALEX REED

Alex spent much of the season in the forward line and stands out on the field like a green beacon with his iconic headgear. Alex's effort and commitment to improve is a testament to himself. Alex positions himself well around the ground and always seems to find himself involved in the play. A polite, respectful young man who always gives his best. There are only two reasons it's hard to dislike Collingwood: Craig McRae and Alex.

AUGUST SALKE

August was elevated to vice-captain this season in recognition of the influence he has on his teammates. Unfortunately, injuries hampered much of his year and often prevented him from training during the week. Despite this, he did everything possible to make himself available each weekend. On his day, there is no better tackler in the competition. Just ask the big Cronulla midfielder who is probably still recovering from the tackle August laid on him back in Round 3.

LIAM STEEL

Liam battled injuries and other sporting commitments throughout the season but remained an important member of the team whenever available. While he again spent plenty of time in the ruck, he also showed his value at centre half-back, where he had some excellent performances. Tall, athletic and blessed with a booming kick, Liam always puts the team first and is one of the most popular players in the squad. Having a warm-up drill named after you says everything.

JACK TAYLOR

Jack seemed to grow a foot during the off-season and used that extra size to good effect playing forward and on the wing. His ability to run all day regularly put him in dangerous positions around the ground. Jack is also incredibly coachable, absorbing feedback and then putting it straight into practice at training and on game day.

LEWIS THOMPSON

Lewis spent most of the season on the wing and is the type of player every coach loves having in the side. He's one of the first names on the team sheet because you know exactly what you'll get every week. A strong kick, excellent handballer and smart decision-maker, Lewis consistently delivered quality inside-50 entries and covered enormous ground with his running ability. A fantastic season.

NOAH URASAKI

Noah is one of those players who could line up almost anywhere on the ground and still be among the team's best. Used mainly across half-back and through the midfield, he attacks every contest as if the football belongs to him. Unfortunately, a broken arm suffered playing school sport ended his season early. It was disappointing for Noah, who clearly loves playing footy alongside his mates. Just don't forget who pays your wages ... it's not school sport.

UNDER 14



ARCHIE WILLIAMS

What is Archie's best position? Probably the wing. Where did he play this season? Just about everywhere. Archie was our Mr Fix-It in 2026. Whenever a teammate went down or a role needed filling, Archie was usually the player called upon because the coaches knew he would get the job done. A tough, competitive footballer with a strong skill set, Archie regularly found himself among the team's best players and continues to be an incredibly valuable member of the squad.






U14 DIV 2

BACK ROW: OTTO DI VEROLI, BEN FENTON, LIBBY BENESH (MANAGER), CRAIG ADAMS (ASSISTANT COACH), RUSSELL REED (ASSISTANT COACH), EAMONN BYRNE (COACH), LIAM STEEL, RYAN O'CONNOR, LUKE ADAMS

FRONT ROW: EWAN HEATHERS, JACKSON READ, OLEG HART, ALEXANDER REED, JACK TAYLOR, ONNI BADGER, IAKE BENESH, ARCHIE WILLIAMS, JOSHUA MCCARRY, LOUIE ECCLES, NOAH URASAKI, MALACHI BYRNE, LEWIS THOMPSON.



2026

SEASON REVIEW

The coaching panel — Brent, Cathy, Adam and Ryan — set one clear goal for the 2026 season: bring the playing group together, build a strong and positive team culture, and instil discipline, respect and maturity. If we achieved that, the year would be a success. Winning a few games along the way was simply a bonus.

The season kicked off early with a structured preseason led by Adam and Brent. Those sessions built the fitness base we needed to start the year strong. Weekly training gave the boys a chance to learn our agreed game style and the strategies that suited our strengths. Everyone bought in, everyone had a role, and everyone contributed to how we played on game day.

Off the field, the WhatsApp group kept the boys connected — plenty of banter, plenty of laughs, and a great way for our leaders to communicate. The footy tipping comp added a fun competitive edge and encouraged the boys to watch more AFL, helping them learn the game faster. A team yoga session pushed them out of their comfort zone and gave them a good laugh, while our mental health program gave players and parents practical tools to recognise when someone might be struggling and how to support their mates.

On the field, the boys were challenged from the start. Low numbers meant no bench, and we relied heavily on U13s and

U14s to help when they could. Injuries added extra pressure, and we often faced teams with multiple divisions and big rotations. Despite all that, the boys stood tall — including knocking off top-of-the-ladder South West Sydney, who were undefeated at the time. By the end of the season, we were playing unstoppable footy.

Overall, it was an incredible year and a privilege to support, guide and mentor this group of talented young men. From the whole coaching panel, thank you to all the parents for your commitment to the boys and to our club.

Next year will be even bigger and better — and we can't wait to do it all again.

TROPHIES

BEST & FAIREST	Andrew Livy
BEST & FAIREST RUNNER UP	Josh Andre
PLAYERS' PLAYER	Andrew Livy
COACHES AWARD	Riley Ulrick

PLAYER PROFILES

JOSH ANDRE

Josh has been one of our top performers again this year and has shown great leadership. His strength through the middle has helped us win clearances with ease, and he's a strong team player who values teamwork and camaraderie.

RONIN AUSTERA

Ronin has had another strong season and continues to grow as a leader. He's improved his skills, shown he can play across multiple positions, and brings strength and composure when the game gets tough. He's always looking for ways to improve and is a respected clubman among teammates and coaches. A great season.

LOZ BARTON

Loz has been a steady presence all year. He put in the work early in preseason and carried that effort right through a long season up forward. His smooth, reliable kicking gave everyone confidence when he was in the goal square. Hopefully he's back next year to tick off some big milestones.

WILL CONNORS

Will keeps finding ways to improve every year. His confidence has grown, he's attacking contests without hesitation, and even after his season was cut short by injury,

he stayed committed and supported the team. A genuine clubman and an absolute pleasure to coach.

JULIAN DU

Julian's first season of AFL has been great to watch. His natural hand skills stood out straight away, and even though the speed and physicality challenged him at times, he kept bouncing back with real courage. His commitment to learning and improving has been impressive. A really solid first season — well done Julian.

TRISTAN LINDSAY

Tristan took on a big role in the midfield this year and proved he had the strength and drive to make an impact. He applied pressure, attacked the ball with intent, and rose to the challenge we set for him. A season he should look back on with real pride.

ANDREW LIVY

This year has been a real turning point for Andrew. Something clicked, and he's come out firing — full of energy, drive and a willingness to take the game on. Watching him burst through packs, break tackles and push the ball forward has been unreal. Proud of you mate — love Dad.

FINN NILSSON

Finn has once again shown he's one of the best forwards in the comp — leading the goal kicking and stepping up as a trusted captain. He pushed himself outside his comfort zone with communication and leadership, and he's grown massively as both a captain and a young man.

TED OTTAWA

For his first year of AFL, Ted has taken everything in stride. He's improved every game, shown real courage attacking the ball, and bounced back from tough tackles without hesitation. A great first season with plenty to build on.

ROBBY SEYMOUR-WEBER

Robby has had another fantastic season. He's the quiet assassin — gives everything, competes hard and performs consistently week after week. He's got the smarts and skills to play anywhere, and his maturity makes him a well-rounded player with real potential to be a best-and-fairest contender.

ETHAN SHARPE

Sharpe has been awesome to watch this year. He's improved massively and became our key defender all season. His pressure, contests and attitude have all been outstanding. He's well-liked, always up for a laugh, and a great young bloke to have around the team.

HAMISH SMITH

Hamish has been the ultimate battler. He's shown incredible mental strength working through challenges most kids never face. No complaints, no excuses — just hard work

every week to get better. He's earned a huge amount of respect from everyone at HBE.

JON STUCKER

Jon has come a long way over the past few years, and this season showed just how far he's grown. He's stepped up as a leader, changed games with his strength and speed, and his recent goal kicking has been outstanding. His commitment to the team is second to none.

RILEY ULRICK

Riley has had an incredible year. He turned up to every preseason session, pushed through the hardest work and never complained. His skills have jumped significantly, he's become a reliable team member, and he does it all with a smile. Training with the U17s was a huge step outside his comfort zone, and he handled it brilliantly.

LACHIE WALL

Lachie has had a massive season. His improvement over the past 12 months has been incredible — confidence, drive, courage, commitment — it all shows on the field. He's been our rock in the backline and a true clubman who motivates others.

HENRY WATTS

Henry has once again been a huge contributor. His skills have lifted, his strength and courage have stood out, and he's been dedicated at training and well-liked by his teammates.



UNDER 15






U15 DIV 3



2026

BACK ROW: RONIN AUSTERA, JOSH ANDRE, ADAM SMITH (TRAINER), CATHY CONNORS (MANAGER), BRENT LIVY (COACH), JON STUCKER, ANDREW LIVY

FRONT ROW: TED OTTAWA, WILL CONNORS, ETHAN SHARPE, FINN NILSSON, LACHIE WALL, TRISTAN LINDSAY, RILEY ULTRICK, LAWRENCE BARTON, HAMISH SMITH, ROBBY SEYMOUR-WEBER, JULIAN DU, HENRY WATTS

ABSENT: STEVE BARTON (COMMITTEE)

SEASON REVIEW

INAUGURAL HBE U15 GIRLS TEAM

There was always going to be something special about our inaugural U15 girls team! This was a team where fun & friendship were the foundation, with footy taken seriously enough too. We went from barely having enough players to field a team going into the season, to having 31 girls playing in this team across the season!

We had 16 girls who had never played AFL before this year, some of whom had never played any sport before, and many were actually playing up an age group! These girls were admirably supported by an enthusiastic bunch of experienced U13 girls at training and games.

It was a year of firsts! First games, tackles, handballs, kicks, marks, goals, wins and team songs! They even managed to win their very first game! Across the season, the girls all developed enormously in both their skills and football knowledge, with some definite talent unearthed along the way!

They played some entertaining, competitive, and exciting football, finishing the season with 4 wins in 5th spot on the

ladder. All of this exceeded any expectations going into the season.

Well done to all the girls on a wonderful season. You should all be incredibly proud of what you have achieved – not just on the field, but in creating something really special for the future of girls' football at HBE.

Looking forward to seeing you all back next year!

TROPHIES

BEST & FAIREST	Madi Haggarty
BEST & FAIREST RUNNER UP	Ava Tinacci
PLAYERS' PLAYER	Madi Haggarty
COACHES AWARD	Daisy Cullen

PLAYER PROFILES

AVA BOOTH

Ava took control of one wing all season. Her end-to-end running, grit and determination made her a force to be reckoned with. She was always in at the footy and tough as nails, making her a valuable asset to the team.

LUCY (GOOSEY) CHARLIER

Goosey was a versatile and ever reliable player this season. She could play forward or down back, and would always get the job done. A dedicated player with a strong all-round game – a true team player.

HARPER CHISWICK

Harper had a season of exponential growth in all facets of the game, peaking with some sublime performances in the last few games. She performed well under pressure and was always backing up for the next contest.

DAISY CULLEN

Daisy slotted into playing AFL seamlessly with her ability to read the game and maintain composure on field. An all-round strong player who could play in all areas of the ground. Despite being one of the youngest on the team, Daisy developed into one of the team's strongest assets on the field this season.

LUCY (CULLS) CULLEN

Culls was the heart and soul of our team this season. The first to commit to playing, well before it was a done deal that we even had a team. A natural leader – oozing positivity and the ability to influence others. Culls controlled the backline with her

strong hands, height and positioning prowess; although had the versatility to slot into the midfield when needed.

KIARA GLEESON

Kiara quickly found herself at home in our forward-line this season, with her strong marking and goal kicking ability. Her cheerful and upbeat nature was infectious among her teammates. She even had the hidden talent of being able to make friends with the opposition whilst on the field!

MADI HAGGARTY

Madi was a powerhouse on the field – possessing the ability to explosively break from the contest, kick strongly and with the toughest tackling in the league. Fair to say, that Madi would have left an impression on many of her opponents.

MATILDA HAGGARTY

Matilda comfortably played beyond her age, fitting in seamlessly in this older age group. She consistently attacked the ball in the tight contests and moved the ball with aplomb. A player who will just keep going and going, rarely taking a break on the bench and this after often playing another game.

ANVI PARASHAR

Anvi was a tremendous late season addition to the team. A positive utility player, who could slot into many roles on the field. Determined to make an impact, Anvi would do her best to get her hands on the football whenever it came near her.

UNDER 15 GIRLS



LUCY (ROBBO) ROBSON

A transformative season for a girl who previously didn't play any sport. Lucy is now a player who doesn't shy away from the contest! She has developed in all facets of the game – kicking, tackling and has a knack for locking the ball up in the contest.

GRACE SCOTT

Grace was nothing short of being fierce and determined on the football field this season. She had an eye for the ball and would do everything she could to make it hers. A player who could move across the ground, although was most influential on the half back.

AVA TINACCI

Ava is a natural winger, who possessed speed and the ability to move the ball cleanly. She also possessed a fierce tackle to lock the ball up when needed. Her commitment to the contest, meant that she was regularly having an impact on the ball movement.

LILY WARD

Lily was an absolute rock in defense. She produced crunching tackles, could run down players, and would intimidate opposition. A tremendous body-on-body defender, which was brilliant to watch. An absolute lynchpin in defense, with big things to come.

SIENNA WESTWOOD

Sienna had a natural affinity to be playing in the ruck across the season; and more often than not, she dominated the ruck battle. She was a player who would just keep going and going all game, moving up and down the field, without showing any sign of tiring. She also possessed a strong, powerful kick - able to move the ball well and kick a few handy goals across the season.

VIOLET WILLOUGHBY

Do not underestimate this girl! Violet will happily throw herself into the contest, or straight in front of an opponent for that matter and positively influence the game every time! She possesses a tremendous attitude - putting in repeat efforts time and time again and getting up when knocked down! A versatile player who could kick a sneaky goal in the forwards or lock things down in the back line.

PIPPA CRAIG, MADDIE DUNLOP, OLIVIA FIERENS, SOFIA FIERENS, ZAHRA HAIDARI, SANDY HEBBLEWHITE, LUCY HERWEYER, HAZEL LIMBREY, MAIA McHUGH, NYA NICOLSON, WILLOW NICOLSON, ELIZA NOBLE, EM PACE, ISABELLE SHEPHERD & VALLY TABORSKY

A huge thank you to these U13 girls who showed great leadership to support the new U15 girls this season. You all fulfilled this role superbly and used your experience to guide and develop the team. Additionally, you all stepped up to the opportunity to play in an older age group and never looked out of your depths. Well done girls!



BACK ROW: WILLOW NICOLSON, NYA NICOLSON, SANDY HEBBLEWHITE, SIENNA WESTWOOD, BRENDAN LIMBREY (COACH), CHLOE CULLEN (MANAGER), HARPER CHISWICK, LUCY CULLEN, AVA TINACCI, DAISY CULLEN.
FRONT ROW: SOFIA FIERENS, ZAHRA HAIDARI, LUCY ROBSON, AVA BOOTH, MADI HAGGARTY, LILY WARD, LUCY HERWEYER, LUCY CHARLIER, MADDIE DUNLOP, VALENTINA TABORSKY, GRACE SCOTT, XIARA GLEESON, HAZEL LIMBREY, VIOLET WILLOUGHBY, EMILY PACE, MATILDA HAGGARTY, ISABELLE SHEPHERD, OLIVIA FIERENS, PIPPA CRAIG.
PRESENT: ANVI PARASHAR

SEASON REVIEW

This season was always going to be an interesting one.

Making the jump from Under 15s to Under 17s brought a fair bit of apprehension. Bigger bodies, faster footy, and tougher contests meant there were plenty of unknowns heading into Round 1. With a mix of returning players, new faces, and a confidence from previous successes, the challenge was clear: prove we belonged at this level.

The season started with a couple of tough losses, but it didn't take long to see the potential of this group. As confidence grew, so did the results. Fourteen games produced eight convincing wins and six hard-fought losses, with majority of defeats coming in tight contests that could easily have gone the other way. Week after week the boys showed resilience, determination, and a willingness to compete against anyone.

There were plenty of standout performances throughout the season. Henry Brown continued to turn defence into attack with his trademark run and dash, while Oliver Makin once again made difficult football look effortless. Will Merchant's consistency and work rate set the standard week after week, Aiden McDaid attacked every contest with fearless intent, and Jake Sefton remained a constant danger up forward with his marking, speed, and scoring ability.

While those players deservedly attracted attention, this season was built on something much bigger than individual performances. It was the collective effort that defined the year. The defenders standing tall against bigger opponents, the midfielders battling for every clearance, the forwards capitalising on opportunities, and every player embracing their role for the benefit of the team.

A successful transition into Under 17s football and a season full of memorable moments. Most importantly, it was another year in which a great group of young men represented the mighty Eagles with pride, commitment, and mateship.

By season's end, the team had secured 6th place on the ladder, earning back-to-back finals campaigns, a tremendous

achievement and a testament to the commitment of every player. More importantly, it kept alive the dream of bringing home the ultimate prize.

A season to be proud of and one that leaves plenty of excitement for what comes next.

A special call out to our older players finishing up - Linden, Aiden, Harry and Curtis best of luck with next endeavours and we wish you every success. The season was a huge success largely due to your commitment to dig deep and lead by example.

A big thanks to Nick Ward, Richard Austera, and Clare Salke for their contributions to the team week in, week out.

A special thanks to Gloria, our number 1 supporter and unofficial team photographer, supplying us with countless memories of the season, Greg Allan for the eagerly awaited match reports, and to all the parents / families who turn up each week to support us, carry out ground duties and motivate the players to give their best every game.

Leadership – Linden Rule (Captain), Emmett Salke & Jack Robson (Vice Captains)

Coaching Staff – Tim Gibson, Nick Ward, Clare Salke, Richard Austera

Leading Goal Scorer – Jake Sefton

TROPHIES

BEST & FAIREST	Oliver Makin
BEST & FAIREST RUNNER UP	Will Merchant
PLAYERS' PLAYER	Henry Brown
COACHES AWARD	Will Merchant

PLAYER PROFILES

JACK ADAMS

Bigger bodies, tougher opponents, same result. Jack continued making life difficult for anyone brave enough to line up against him. Strong in the air, reliable with ball in hand, and never shy of throwing himself into a contest.

LUCAS ALLAN

The big man (Cob) kept improving every week. Key in the ruck and around the ground, Lucas continued to grow into his role and gave our mids first use of the footy more often than not. A tough matchup who never stopped competing.

ZACH ARCHER

Zach remained a constant danger around goals with his pace, agility, and knack for finding space where there shouldn't be any. If the ball hit the ground in the forward line, chances were Zach was already there.

RONIN AUSTERA

Always willing to answer the call when needed. Ronin brought energy, grit, and determination whenever he pulled on the Eagles jumper. Never afraid of the hard stuff and always ready to make life difficult for the opposition.

SAM BOOTH

What started as a newcomer learning the game quickly turned into a dependable defender. Sam's strength, courage, and ability to shut down attacking plays made him a valuable part of the backline throughout the season.

HENRY BROWN

Like a game of Tetris never letting the ball through, Henry continued turning defence into attack with trademark run, carry, and execution. Whether intercepting, breaking lines, or setting up teammates, he made difficult football look ridiculously easy and was one of the team's standout performers.

TOM COSTAIN

Reliable wherever he was needed. Tom's versatility allowed him to influence games at both ends of the ground, providing plenty of calm when things got hectic and always finding a way to impact the contest.

HARRISON CUTHBERTSON

Hard-nosed, competitive, and always in the thick of it. Harrison brought intensity to every midfield contest and consistently gave opponents more attention than they would have liked.

ALASTAIR DOWLING

A forward who loves seeing the big sticks. Alastair continued to keep defenders honest with clever leading patterns, strong hands, and a willingness to share the footy when a teammate was in a better position.

JACOB GIBSON

The midfield passport remained valid all season. Jacob covered every blade of grass, linking defence to attack while applying pressure that rarely appeared on the stats sheet but was always appreciated by teammates.

JASPER HANNAN

The rugby background kept paying dividends. Opponents quickly discovered that if Jasper was nearby, they were unlikely to enjoy their next possession. Tough, disciplined, and always prepared to get the job done.

LUKE McCARRY

Still operating at approximately one hundred miles an hour. Luke's energy lifted teammates every week, whether bursting from a stoppage, applying pressure, or finding himself on the scoreboard after seemingly being involved in three contests beforehand.

AIDEN McDAID

Self-preservation remained optional. Fearless at the contest and impossible to question for effort, Aiden attacked every game with relentless intensity. One of the standout performers of the season and the type of player every coach wants on their side.

OLIVER MAKIN

Some players have good games. Oliver seemed determined to have good seasons. Dominating contests around the ground, taking big marks, creating scoring opportunities, and leading from the front, he was once again one of the Eagles' standout performers.

WILL MERCHANT

Consistency became his trademark. Week after week Will delivered the same combination of effort, skill, and determination. Whether running opponents into the ground or creating opportunities for teammates, he set the standard and was a standout throughout the year.

ETHAN PARISH

Equal parts midfielder, wrecking ball, and opposition nightmare. Ethan attacked contests with enthusiasm usually reserved for grand finals and ensured opponents always knew exactly where he was.

JACK ROBSON

Giving away height remained completely irrelevant. Jack continued finding ways to win contests, spoil stronger opponents, and protect the defensive half with a level of composure well beyond his years.

LINDEN RULE

The skipper, led by example. Wherever there was a gap to fill, a contest to be won, or a teammate needing support, Linden was there. Calm under pressure, competitive when it mattered. A commendable leader always putting the team first.

EMMETT SALKE

The last line of defence and proud of it. Emmett's courage, positioning, and willingness to put his body on the line ensured opposition forwards rarely had an easy day.

JAKE SEFTON

If there was a goal to kick, Jake usually found it. Strong overhead, quick on the lead, and capable of producing something special out of nowhere, he remained one of the competition's most dangerous forwards and one of the team's standout performers.

UNDER 17



CURTIS STAFFORD-GAFFNEY

Experience, strength, and determination all rolled into one. Curtis continued leading by example through the midfield, winning the ball and reminding opponents that muscle still matters.

TYLER STEAD

Tyler brought energy to every contest and never took a backward step. A valuable contributor through the middle, he consistently put team success ahead of individual glory and inspired those around him.

JOSH WARD

The veteran football brain continued to shine. Josh regularly found himself in the right place at the right time, frustrating opponents while creating opportunities for teammates and keeping defenders on high alert.

CALLUM WUNDRAM

Give Callum half a chance around goal and chances were the scoreboard would soon be changing. Clever, reliable, and always a threat in attack.






U17 DIV 3



JASPER HANNAN

BACK ROW: JAKE SEFTON, HENRY BROWN, JACK ADAMS, NICK WARD (ASSISTANT COACH), RICHARD AUSTERA, LUCAS ALLAN, TIM GIBSON (COACH), CLARE SALKE (MANAGER), TYLER STEAD, WILL MERCHANT, SAM BOOTH.

FRONT ROW: JOSHUA WARD, JACOB GIBSON, HARRISON CUTHBERTSON, CALLUM WUNDRAM, ZACHARY ARCHER, JACK ROBSON, LINDEN RULE, EMMETT SALKE, RYAN AUSTERA, OLIVER MAKIN, ALASTAIR BOWLING, ETHAN PARISH, LUKE MCCARRY.

ABSENT: AIDEN MCDAID, CURTIS STAFFORD-GADONEY, THOMAS COSTAIN.



2026

HARRISON CUTHBERTSON

- Harrison concludes his junior football playing career having played 63 games for Hornsby Berowra, along with 9 games for North Shore (totalling 72 games).
- Harrison joined our Club in 2018, commencing in U9s, and playing a total of 6 seasons registered with our Club (along with 1 at North Shore).
- He was awarded the Coaches Award for U9 Red in his first season in 2018.
- He played his 50th game for our Club in 2024, whilst playing in the U15 St Ives/Hornsby Berowra team.
- He has played in 2 teams which have gone on to make finals, including being runners-up in 2024 (U15/3) & making a preliminary final this year (U17/3). He likely would also have played finals in 2021, should the team not have abruptly been cancelled due to COVID.



LINDEN RULE

- Linden returned to HBE this season to conclude his junior football playing career, after playing the past 2 seasons in Pennant Hills/Westbrook teams.
- Linden commenced at our Club in 2015 in our Auskick program, spending a total of 10 seasons at HBE (along with 2 at Pennant Hills/Westbrook).
- He played in HBE teams from U9 – U15, before playing 2 seasons in U17 teams at Pennant Hills/Westbrook. Having spent much of his playing years, playing up an age group, he returned to our Club this season for his 3rd season of U17s football.
- Linden captained the HBE U17/3 team this season.
- He concludes his junior football playing career with 123 games (92 for Hornsby Berowra and 31 for Pennant Hills/Westbrook).
- He has played in 2 grand finals, finishing with a premiership in 2025 (PH/WB U17/3) and being runners up in 2024 (PH/WB U17/3). He additionally played in 2 preliminary finals – HBE U14/3 in 2022 after they finished as minor premiers and HBE U17/3 this year.
- Linden was awarded the HBE U14/3 Coaches Award in 2022. He was also a recipient of one of our major club awards – the Fred Hopkinson Memorial Trophy in 2018 whilst playing in U10s.



CURTIS STAFFORD-GAFFNEY

- Curtis has spent 12 of the past 13 years playing football at our Club, commencing in our Auskick program in 2014. The only season he didn't play at our Club was 2025, when he played at North Shore as HBE did not have a team in his age group.
- Curtis concludes his junior football playing career having played 122 games (111 with HBE and 11 with North Shore).
- He participated in Auskick for 2 seasons, before playing in HBE teams from U8 – U15 between 2016 and 2023. In 2024, he played in a St Ives/Hornsby Berowra U15 joint venture team. In 2025, he played U17s with North Shore. He then returned to play his final year of junior football at HBE in our U17s.
- He played his 50th game for HBE in 2020 whilst in U11s and then played his 100th game for the Club in 2024 whilst in the U15 St Ives/Hornsby Berowra team.
- He has played in team which have made finals in each of his final 3 years of playing junior football. He finished as a runner-up in 2024 with his U15/3 St Ives/Hornsby Berowra team, and made preliminary finals in both 2025 (North Shore U17/2) and 2026 (HBE U17/3).



- Along his junior football journey, Curtis was awarded HBE U8 Coaches Award in 2016, HBE U9 Blue Players' Player in 2018 and HBE U15/3 Callum Mills Courage Award in 2023. Additionally, he was awarded HBE Club Player of the Year in 2018 whilst playing U9s.

AIDEN McDAID

- Aiden returned to HBE this season to conclude his junior football playing career, after playing the past 3 seasons in Pennant Hills/Westbrook teams.
- Aiden has played 6 consecutive seasons of junior football – 3 registered at our Club (2021, 2022 & 2026) & 3 registered at Pennant Hills (2023 – 2025).
- He has played a total of 78 junior football games (40 with HBE and 38 with PH/WB).
- He has remarkably played in teams, which have made finals every possible year during his playing career. The only season not playing finals being 2021, where the season was abruptly ended due to COVID, when his U12 team was in 3rd position. He finishes with 1 x premiership (2023 – PH/WB U14/3), 1 x runner up (2022 – WB/HBE U13/2) and reaching 1 x preliminary final (2026 – HBE U17/3).
- He was awarded U12/3 HBE Best & Fairest Runner-Up in his first season in 2021, along with U15/3 PH/WB Coaches Award in 2024.



SEASON REVIEW

2026 was the second season of Masters football for the club with a good mix of intraclub and interclub football, the EaGals continuing to grow, and the Eagles picking up wins against Blue Mountains, Baulkham Hills and Balmain.

The interclub games provided some of the season's strongest football. Evan, Andy, Will and Glenn were among those who featured prominently against Blue Mountains and Baulkham Hills, with Brent particularly effective in front of goal against the Redbacks. The win over Balmain was a good test against a well-structured opponent, with Andy dominant in the ruck, Brendan being silky with handballs and Will umpiring well, apart from realising he had to run.

The intraclub games were just as competitive, with a lack of numbers but the use of a full field testing the cardio of the team. Robbie enjoyed a day out at these games showing off his goal kicking prowess, while Toby, Dan, Eamonn and Brody were among those making an impact.

The EaGals also had a strong year, with Rhian, Clare, Ali, Cathy, Jemima, Stacey, Danielle, Ting Ting, Gaynor and Bronny among those regularly contributing. Rhian was particularly influential around the ruck and Clare became a reliable presence in defence.

There were plenty of individual highlights, but the year was probably defined just as much by the things that didn't go according to plan.

There were questionable player numbers, uncertain scores, shortened quarters and occasional confusion about exactly how much time was left. Shotgun Steve B's boots gave up before a

game, Glenn demonstrated that goals could be scored through increasingly creative means, and Neil and Neal providing some classic battles on the field, Marc getting involved on a severe lack of sleep with a newborn, and Benny being involved in pretty much everything.

The season also produced the usual collection of injuries and near misses. Don played on with what turned out to be a broken finger, Chris finished one game with a black eye, Steve W managed to combine goals with repeated bouts of cramp, and several players discovered that Masters football doesn't necessarily become less physical simply because everyone is getting older.

Then there were the trees, with a certain unnamed person being the leading person of interest.

For all the humour, the football itself continued to improve. Every player continued to develop and get involved across the matches and 'training' sessions. New players also settled in, and the flexibility of the group meant that games could continue even when numbers, positions and formats changed.

After only two seasons, Masters has a solid base to build from with an established group and enough experience to make the football increasingly competitive without losing the relaxed nature of the games. The key thing to remember is that footy is the real winner.

There is plenty to look forward to in 2027.

Preferably with accurate scorekeeping, functioning football boots and no further incidents involving trees.



MASTERS



MILESTONE GAMES



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100 GAMES MILESTONES

Lucas Allan	Jack Robson	Zach Archer	Luke McCarry	Ronin Austera	Emmett Salke
Vally Taborsky					

50 GAME MILESTONES

Isabelle Shepherd	Josh McCarry	Luke Adams	Alistair Fierens	Lucy Herweyer	Alex Barratt
Maddie Limbrey	Pippa Craig	Liam Steel	Lucas Moore	Huxley Richardson	Luke Douglas
Cameron Saunders	Luke Hufschmid	Dion Woods	Juliet Allan	Jack Adams	Ethan Sharpe
Theo Ellis	Nathan Monaco	William Shaw	Henry Brown	Sandy Hebblewhite	Amelia Shepherd
Tia Kershaw					

TEAM SONGS AND SPONSORS



EAGLES TEAM SONG

*We are the mighty Hornsby Eagles,
And we always play to win.
We give our all for Hornsby
And we'll fight through thick and thin.
For we'll win our club a premiership,
For we are the greatest team.
The red, blue and yellow for ever,
For the Eagles are supreme!*

EAGLES TEAM CHANT

*Who are, who are, who are we?
We are the team from the HFC
Hornsby, Hornsby, RAH, RAH, RAH
Hornsby, Hornsby, Best by far!
H.O.R.N.S.B.Y.
HORNSBY!!*

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