

Caulfield Bears Junior Football Club

# 2021 Annual Report

# 2021 Committee Of Management

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# President's Report

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I'm not sure whether we should be thankful that we managed to get 9 rounds in this season or bemoaning the fact that we have only played 9 games over the past two years. Whichever outlook you take, the overwhelming sense is for optimism for a full season ahead in 2022.

I was extremely proud of how everybody at the Club always followed the Covid rules and procedures and gave ourselves the best opportunity to maximise the 2021 season.

Can I firstly give a special thanks to the hard-working CBJFC committee who met regularly and tirelessly to provide a framework for the Club to function. Also, thanks to the people who undertook subcommittee roles and other tasks like social media, line marking, Auskick coordination, newsletter editor, photography, Club website, ground manager and canteens.

To all our wonderful volunteers in noncommittee roles such as coaching, team management, umpiring, the runners, the medics, ground stewards and anything else that happened on game day; simply put the Club just wouldn't function without you all.

And a big thank you to the players and families for being a part of our Family Club. Whilst I feel for you for not getting in a full season, I write with a sense of optimism that the seasons ahead will be bigger and better than ever. One thing is for sure, we shall never ever take Club community football for granted ever again.

Onto the highlights and facts and figures for the 2021 season:

- Another successful pre-season program led by Dave Skinner
- A well-attended pre-season/ Launch Day event
- 322 player registrations were recorded across our 15 Teams
- 12 Mixed/Boys teams from U8's through to U17's

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- 3 Girls teams from U12's through to U16's
- Highly successful merge teams in U14 mixed and U16 boys with Cheltenham and East Brighton respectively
- Auskick being re-launched with a passion on Friday nights and Saturday mornings
- Whilst no League Premierships or Best & Fairest awards were handed out, Team presentations and awards still occurred
- Several players participated in the Saints NGA Interleague training program and Representative games
- First time ever co-Club Captains in Charlie Clancy and Jasmine Conrad
- Congratulations to Olivia Hamilton for winning the SMJFL Monash University Leader of the Year Award
- Fantastic financial support by loyal long-term sponsors to assist the Club through the Covid seasons
- The Koornang Park Pavilion refurbishment was completed in July and whilst it was brief, we saw what a wonderful facility it will be in the seasons ahead

### Registrations

Nobody knew what effect Covid and a non-season in 2020 would have on the 2021 registrations. Pleasingly we only saw a slight decline in our registrations from the year prior, recording 322 registrations in 2021 compared to 326 registrations in 2020.

From the 322 total registrations, 259 were male registrations and 63 were female registrations.

We had 15 teams take to the fields for the 2021 season comprising 12 mixed/boys teams and 3 girls teams.

Once again, we had a team at every level of the Club in the mixed/boys teams starting from U8's and going right up to U17.5's. Our 3 girls teams were in U12's, U14's & U16's. It is our aim that in 2022, we will field two additional girls teams in the U12's and U18's.

A huge thank you to our Club Registrar Alex Hopley who handled Registrations with her typical professionalism.

#### **Football Achievements**

Due to the League being forced to cancel the season after Round 9, and many of the early games being grading games, it was deemed by the League that there was not enough of a season to award League Premierships and Best & Fairest Awards.

However, there were still some notable achievements with several CBJFC players chosen to participate in the St Kilda Next Gen Academy & Interleague training program and then several players were selected to play in two representative Interleague games in late June and mid July. Congratulations to the following players for participating in the St Kilda Next Gen Academy & Interleague program:

- Under 15 Girls Charlotte Brewer, Jasmine Conrad, Claudia Wotherspoon, Sophie Hamilton, Anika Stehbens
- Under 14 Boys Rory Wright, Noah Will, Cameron Green
- Under 15 Boys Lucas Bremner

I wanted to acknowledge our two Club Captains for 2021, Charlie Clancy and Jasmine Conrad. Unfortunately, Covid prevented Charlie and Jasmine from being able to fulfil some of their normal roles such as handing out awards at social functions, however we thank them for accepting the positions and we look forward to more events in 2022.

One of the most disappointing aspects of the shortened season was that some of the players from our two eldest teams being the U17.5 Boys and U16 Girls may have played their last games for the Club. Understandably a season cut short like it was leaves many things unfulfilled, however we hope those players leaving the Club will take some special memories with them, and possibly stay involved in the pathway to the U19's playing seniors for the Caulfield Football & Netball Club. For many in the U17.5's boys team, 2021 marked 10 years at the Club which is a superb act of loyalty and service. Congratulations to the following players for their 10 years service at the CBJFC; Jordan Gibbon, Harry Beet, Jack Besnard, Mitchell Blitsas, Thomas Williamson, Andrew Callaghan, Lucas Baldwin, James Dimogotsi, Cormac Dungan and Luca Trumble.

### Auskick

After no Auskick in 2020, it was terrific to see Koornang Park alive and buzzing with the sounds of screaming kids on both Friday nights and Saturday mornings.

I'd like to give a special shout out to David Ratner for coordinating our 2021 Auskick program and to the main Auskick coaches Luke Codarin and Lachlan Bateman for your passion and energy.

Auskick is the lifeblood and pathway into our Junior Club, so we rely on a healthy Auskick program to keep feeding into the U8 mixed team every season.

### **Social Engagement**

Covid and lockdowns once again destroyed any chance we had of celebrating the refurbished Koornang Park Pavilion and gathering for our famous family nights. That's two years in a row we have not had any formal gatherings or social events, however I am super confident that 2022 will look vastly different and we will get back into the Bear Cave at the new look Pavilion.

Whilst we couldn't get together physically, on the social media front we have gone from strength to strength, thanks largely to Steff Bansemer-Brown for her tireless efforts. Our Instagram page is now at 779 Followers compared to 2 years ago when we weren't even at 100 and our Facebook page is also on a similar trajectory.

### Sponsorship

When Covid hit at the start of 2020, many businesses and Clubs were struggling financially.

Pleasingly, the CBJFC have maintained a sustainable financial position and it helps enormously when loyal sponsors come back year after year and sponsor the Club in times of need.

I would like to mention and thank the following loyal sponsors for financially supporting the CBJFC and providing player awards in 2021; Gary Peer, TMS – Track Manage Support, Ckaos, GPK, Colliers, Carnegie Construction, Prosthetique Dental, @ The Catch Carnegie, JBA Physio, David Southwick and Sportsmart.



Special thanks and acknowledgement to Ckaos who finish their sponsorship of the Club after this season. Ckaos have been a long time sponsor of the CBJFC and their invaluable contribution to the support and growth of the Club is greatly appreciated by the Committee.

I would like to thank Alistair Rowlands for another outstanding effort in coordinating our sponsors in a tough environment. For those companies keen to hop on board in 2022, we are keen to welcome you to the CBJFC.

#### **Facilities**

We waited and we waited and finally the refurbishment of the Pavilion at Koornang Park was completed in July 2021. Whilst we only managed one round of football in there before the lockdown and subsequent end to the season, those who saw inside could not help but be impressed by the facilities, the social room, the extra storage, and the functional kitchen/canteen.

We are very grateful to local State Member of Parliament Steve Dimopoulos for his continuing financial support of the Koornang Park facility and to Glen Eira Council for their financial contribution and coordinating the makeover which will provide a superb base for the CBJFC for many years to come.

#### Committee

The CBJFC is run by many volunteers for the kids, and I couldn't possibly list each and every supporter, helper, volunteer or parent for the time and effort and passion that goes into running a community club like ours. One thing that I have noted over the past two seasons has been just how much club and community football means to us from both a physical and mental wellbeing.

I would like to thank the CBJFC Committee for your long hours, often above and beyond, tackling challenging issues in uncharted waters, all while trying to run a family in lockdown and maintain your day job. It is truly remarkable how many hours you devote to the CBJFC via time spent at Committee meetings, League Zoom catch ups, and game day efforts which often go unnoticed.

I'd firstly like to highlight the amazing efforts of Matt Dry (Club Secretary and many other things) and Derek Waters (Football Operations and Coaching Coordinator) who have been a regular and constant support to me as President.

I'd also like to thank our long standing Treasurer, John Margerison who after 5 years as Treasurer, and several other years on the committee has decided that 2021 would be his last year on the committee, but I'm sure there are several other non-official jobs we can find for him. John leaves the Treasurer position with the Club in a very stable and healthy financial position, and we appreciate his efforts not just as Treasurer, but the many other areas he helps around the Club.

A big thanks to David Ratner for stepping up to the Vice President role whilst also running our Auskick program. David, given the young age of your kids, I look forward to many more years from you on the committee. Our Registrar, Alex Hopley completes a very important role with the minimum of fuss and with absolute professionalism.

Many thanks to Scott Millar for undertaking the very important role of Child Safety Officer with calmness and is always an excellent counsel.

Alistair Rowlands has been responsible for sponsorship and merchandise for several years and in 2021 decided he wasn't busy enough, so he coached the U14's mixed team as well. It's people like Alistair who every Club needs to run smoothly.

Lastly, but far from least, another big thanks to Jacinta Hamilton for undertaking the dual role of Covid Safety Officer plus First Aid and Medical Officer.

In addition to the Committee, I'd like to thank the following people for their behind the scenes help which often goes unnoticed; Scott Wright (line marking), Beau Bullard (Ground Manager), Gordon Beet (Newsletter Editor), Christopher Karamihos (Club photographer & Website admin), and Olivia Gearon (canteen).

I am very confident that we can look ahead to season 2022 with a great sense of optimism as we can get back to enjoying the game, the mates, the friendships, the sense of belonging to a team and the hopefully a full uninterrupted season of the best game on earth. Go Bears!

Peler Bremner President



# **Football Operations**

The Caulfield Bears season started in earnest with a preseason fitness program to get the kids in shape and ready for football. Dave Skinner took our Under 11's to Under 16's through their paces on some very warm February and March evenings. I think many of the coaches will appreciate the solid groundwork that Dave provided for their teams.

It looked like the biggest difficulty with season 2021 was going to be the redevelopment of the Koornang Park pavilion - if only that were so... The building works left the club operating out of storage containers and portables. Those who were lucky enough to staff the canteen or perform scorekeeper duties on windy and rainy days might have been wishing for the old clubrooms back! Difficulties with the oval lighting and the inconvenience of retrieving gear from shipping crates will soon be forgotten when we settle into the shiny new Bear Cave next year.

Our coaching panel was assembled mainly from coaches appointed in 2020 who didn't get a chance to practice their skills last year because of the pandemic. The Club was very excited to seek and recruit a new coach from the Caulfield Bears Seniors with Dan Marin taking the helm of the Under 14 girls team to much acclaim. Footy Smarts were brought in to provide a pre-season coaching development session, and we hope the relationship continues next year with further opportunities to improve our coaches' skills. An initiative of the SMJFL was the introduction of Development Coaches. This program is targeted at existing junior players who may have a future interest in coaching, and women who might not come from a football background. Development Coaches are allowed to sit on the bench with the other official coaching staff during matches, and are mentored through a program provided by the League. Congratulations to Jasmine Conrad, Liv Hamilton and Finn McMahon-Johnson for being our first group of Development Coaches. The reports from parents and other coaching staff were all positive, culminating in Liv being named the Monash Leader of the Year for her work with the Under 12 Girls. We hope this taste of coaching will lead them into future coaching endeavours.

As we know, the season was unfortunately curtailed by COVID, meaning a lot of loose ends not being tied up. Planning is already beginning for 2022, including further development of Women in Coaching, another round of the Development Coaches program, and hopefully a more thorough Coaching education program. The Club would like to thank all of the volunteers who help us get the kids running around on the park each week. Without the Team Managers, Coaches, Runners, Volunteer Umpires, Assistant Coaches, Trainers, Timekeepers and First Aiders, none of this would happen, so a big thank you to you all.

## Derek Waters

# **Treasurer's Report**

I am pleased to present the Caulfield Bears Junior Football Club results for the Financial Year ended 30 September 2021.

Results for the last 5 years are summarised across the following pages.

Despite it being a shortened and interrupted season, the club recorded a significant profit for 2021. We obviously didn't budget for such a large profit, in fact at the start of the season we had budgeted to roughly break even, but the favourable result can be attributed to the following factors:

- Record registration income;
- The club received over \$10,000 of financial support in total from the SMJFL (via its financial assistance package) and from the government (via various grants that we applied for);
- The club saved on operating costs due to the shortened season, such as not having to pay for umpires, cleaning and Colbrow medics each week;
- The club saved on football equipment by re-using the new equipment that was purchased for last year.

Part of the profit form this year will go towards offsetting the loss that we recorded last year when the season was abandoned without a game being played. As we are a not-for-profit organisation, the remaining surplus from this year will either be re-invested in better facilities (eg upgraded lighting) or returned to members (eg capped registration fees in future seasons).

The profitable result for this year re-confirms the correct decision was made by the committee last year to refund all registration fees in full to members (save for a small cancellation fee to cover the SportingPulse admin charge). This is in contrast to other clubs who charged significant cancellation fees last year.

Looking at each area in more detail:

### Registrations

As mentioned above, we had record registration income this season with strong registration numbers (well over 300 players). It should also be pointed out that player registration fees were kept at the same rates as last year. The strong registration numbers are the result of a lot of hard work from many people around the club. The main operating costs incurred by the club in this interrupted season were:

- \$17,500 in payments to the SMJFL (affiliation fees, umpires). This includes a \$3,700 discount from the SMJFL as part of their financial assistance package;
- \$9,500 in first aid. The club continues to pay for a Colbrow medic to be present at all non-modified rules home games which comes at a significant cost;
- \$2,750 for new football equipment. The major spend this year was on bump bags for training, new Team Manager bags and new goal post pads at Koornang Park. Our overall spend on new equipment was significantly lower than normal as we were able to re-use a lot of the new equipment that was bought last year when the season was abandoned. We also managed to secure a \$2,000 grant from the government which went towards buying new footballs and sanitiser to minimise transmission risk from Covid;
- \$3,000 in coaching development, support and accreditation. The club ran a successful training course for coaches at the start of the season hosted by Footy Smarts. A lot of the costs for this course ended up being funded by a government grant. The club once again paid for specialist pre-season fitness training sessions run by David Skinner;
- \$4,000 in miscellaneous admin costs such as printing and website fees. This year we also added paid support roles for ground management and newsletter assistance.

### Food and drink

For the second year in a row, our income from food and drink sales was significantly impacted by government restrictions relating to Covid. We were unable to host any family and social nights which are traditionally big fundraising events.

Operating the canteen was particularly difficult this year, not just because of the stop start nature of the season from lockdowns and increased social distancing restrictions (which meant some weeks we were unable to open), but also due to the fact that the Koornang Park pavilion was undergoing renovations so we had to operate out of a small temporary portable with limited cooking facilities. Despite these significant obstacles, we did manage to successfully run a canteen for 8 rounds so the kids still had the opportunity to spend their Bear Bucks. Disappointingly when the season came to an abrupt and unforeseen end, we were holding around 2 weeks' worth of canteen supplies which we were unable to sell.

### Merchandise

Most of the cost in the current year related to the fulfilment of orders from the prior year, the provision of free training t-shirts to all registered players and club-branded merchandise provided to volunteers (eg coaches). Similar to the canteen, our merchandise area faced many challenges this year. Supply chain issues, lockdowns and the Koornang Park pavilion re-development all contributed to time delays in the delivery merchandise to the end users. This was the first season where we fully utilised our new online shopping portal (Shopify) to fulfil orders which reduced some of the administrative burden. Going forward, it is hoped the new portal together with the extra storage in the pavilion will better streamline the merchandise fulfilment process.

#### **Fundraising/Sponsorship**

Despite it being a shortened season, we were fortunate enough to have 9 different paid-up sponsors this season and I would like to them all for their contribution, in particular our gold sponsor Gary Peer. As mentioned above, we were unable to host any family nights due to government restrictions which put an end to any fundraising activities such as raffles that we would normally arrange.

#### **Results for the last 5 years:**

	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
Receipts					
Registrations	76,339	2,975	68,202	62,591	61,118
Food and Drinks	2,440	-	19,417	13,497	22,133
Fundraising/ Sponsorship	16,750	1,750	31,686	21,392	24,021
Other	1,253	2,254	3,137	1,154	1,218
Total Receipts	96,782	6,979	122,442	98,634	108,490
Payments					
Registrations	36,737	13,758	75,381	68,695	69,198
Merchandise	15,747	(1,852)	27,091	14,151	15,751
Utilities/Insurance	8,659	2,565	11,970	10,830	10,044
Other	482	620	9,314	604	916
Total Payments	61,625	15,091	123,756	94,280	95,909
Net cash increase (decrease)	35,157	(8,111)	(1,314)	4,354	12,581

### **Utilities/Insurance**

The club acknowledges the support from the SMJFL who provided free insurance to all clubs this year as part of their financial assistance package. Although we only played 9 rounds of football, we were still required to pay the Council the full cost of oval hire for the winter season. One of the few upsides this year from the Koornang Park re-development was that we saved a lot of money in cleaning as we were unable to use the facilities.

#### Other

The club applied for and successfully received \$1,000 from the State Government as part of their "Community Sport Covid 19 Short Term Survival Program".

### John Margerison

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# **Under 8's**

**Interviewer:** Good morning! Today we interview Lachy Pound, coach of the Under 8's Bears. Thanks for being with us Lachy, how are you doing?

- LP: Awesome, thanks! We've finished up a year of fun with the Under 8s. We had a shorter season but enjoyed it nonetheless.
- I: Great to hear. When you say 'we' who exactly are you talking about?
- LP: This year, I had a couple of amazing helpers. Dave Ratner (assistant coach) and Kerry Widjaja (Team manager) who were instrumental ensuring the kids simply had to run onto the ground. I can't say enough how easy it was to simply coach the team and have everything in the background covered. Add to that a few fantastic parents (you know who you are!) that helped out on game day as runner, medical, umpire, the list goes on.
- I: It's such a difference with good help. What would you say was the highlight of the season?
- LP: We don't track score in the U8s although for myself, each and every time we scored a goal seeing the smile on everyone's faces was enough. That, or the time our defenders got distracted playing cowboys, letting in a goal (or two!). Good fun all round.
- I: Fun indeed. How about during the week? What was the team's favourite training exercise?
- LP: Definitely the obstacle course the Bears loved doing tumble rolls, dodging posts and kicking goals all in a sequence. Toward the end the kids were asking for times - and trying to

improve their personal bests! They simply loved the games we brought to each and every training session. A big shout out to Lucas who came along to every training session and helped out. He was a favourite amongst the kids.

- I: Did all the kids know each other?
- **LP:** We had a great mix of those who'd been in the Auskick program before to those whose parents had just shown up during training and asked to join the next one. A lot of different schools were represented and it was great to see connections grow in the team.
- I: How do you think the rules (including minor adjustments) went?
- LP: The rules are adapted well for development. For example, no kicking the ball off the ground are great ways to encourage hand-eye coordination and our safe tackling, or Bear hugs, clearly makes the game safer and smoother.
- I: What is the Bear Hug?
- **LP:** Well, we at the U8s invented the 'Bear Hug' - a non-sling tackle that is easy to remember. While playing, all our team members at one stage have done a 'Bear Hug' on their opponent - wrapping up their opponent in place and not moving.
- I: That sounds like a great way to sign off. Thanks for your time today, Lachy.
- LP: Thank you very much for having me. Bear hugs to all!

## Lachy Pound



# **Under 9's**

This year was all about building confidence.

From the beginning with only one or two kids actually having played a game before, the emphasis was all about having fun, making new friends and learning to put our heads over the footy.

I vividly remember our first game playing against a team who were clearly a division above ours, whilst being undermanned. It was maybe a game the kids would rather forget. However the kids showed tremendous spirit in the face of adversity and never gave up. It gave me a tremendous sense of pride for the group that we were coaching.

Each week at training we focussed on what we could learn from each game, combining skills with scenario based training to build game sense and decision making. One of the favourite games we played was the 30 second goal game with rule variations to encourage chains of hand passing and quick ball movement against opponents. I often challenged the kids at the start of the games or quarters to see if they could score in the first 30 seconds and asked them how they planned on scoring. We went from having 13 kids and not knowing if we were going to have a team, to having 23 kids and juggling rotations quite quickly. The support provided from the parents and volunteers became crucial and came in spades. In particular, Steph, Finn and Lysanne were there week in, week out along with Harry, Matt and Roman providing support at training. Steph also did a great job taking the reins as coach on a couple of the weeks. This support allowed us to maximise the learning and fun we could have at training.



By the end of the season, you could see the friendships and team belonging building some great momentum and it was a little gutting to see it come to an end so suddenly. Not only had the kid's skills greatly improved, but you could tell by the encouragement they gave their teammates during games that they enjoyed playing with one another.

It has been a privilege to coach this group of kids through what's been a challenging year. It's a real testament to the parents of this wonderful group, that despite the interruptions the kids still showed up and gave their best effort each week. I'm incredibly grateful to have had the opportunity to coach at the Bears and am looking forward to seeing what the kids can do when they're given a full season next year.

### Jimmy Wenham



# Under 10's

After a full season of U8s to their names, followed by a gap year in 2020, the boys were busting to get back onto the footy field with their mates.

The start to the season was mixed. With a few players having moved out of the area we were down on numbers. We were either playing short or borrowing from the opposition - while much needed and appreciated this meant the team was a bit unbalanced early on.

With some welcome recruits joining the team a few rounds in, we had a full squad and the boys really started to come together as a team. A couple of our new recruits were first timers to the game their development was amazing and after a couple of weeks they were just one of the team.

With plenty of support from a willing group of parents at training, we focussed on building a solid foundation of core skills. The team were so eager to learn, that many of them came bounding over the fence a half hour before training was officially due to start. They were selfstarters and got straight into their favourite ball movement drills and of course Jack in a Pack.

On game day their enthusiasm was just as great. As the season progressed their understanding and execution of moving the ball smoothly within and across the zones really stood out. They had many passages of play where they linked up with handballs, kicks and marks moving the ball down the ground - often resulting in a goal. Their tackling pressure was immense - many times the tackler was supported by 1-2 team mates coming in to make sure the ball was locked away.

Of course any community sporting club/ team doesn't function without parent/ volunteer support. We're very fortunate to have an extremely engaged and willing group of parents. Everyone pitched in with the required duties which was much appreciated.

Specifically I'd like to acknowledge: the amazing coordination and organisational work of Ally as team manager; Andrew as the calm, steady and ultra-considered assistant coach; Jasmine as a future leader undertaking the Coaching Development Program; Cam as our imposing and trusted umpire; Phil as the multi-purpose runner, fill-in ump, amazing helper at training and of course award winner for vocal directions.

Our qualified trainers were always there to take care of any ailments - awesome job Andrew with good support from Cam



and Daniela. We were also lucky enough to have Emily as our unofficial professional photographer who was able to capture and share so many great moments of the team in full flight.

A big thanks to the Club Committee for navigating us through 2021. The boys were an absolute pleasure to coach and get to know as individuals. I look forward to seeing the boys hit the big open field in U11's in 2022.

Troy Fryar



# **Under 11 Mixed**

After a preseason hitout against Murrumbeena the Bears hit the ground running in the season proper.

The heat was on right from the start as we came up against a series of Div 1 teams.

To the team's credit the team gave a good account of themselves every week taking on the opposition. The support for each other and a willingness to get behind each other was particularly impressive in the pre-grading rounds.

The focus early in the season was on competing harder for the ball in the contest. The way the team drove each other to greater heights during some spirited Friday nights on the training track was great to see and that started to translate onto the field.

Post grading the team took on Highett at their home ground and really dominated the game. The highlight of the season in many ways came in this round when Darcy took the ball from the back pocket to the forward pocket where he found Levi who ran onto the ball and kicked truly from 30m on the run. A brilliant passage of play that stood out as a marker for what the team can achieve and it was great to see the team unite around Levi whose celebrations were emphatic. The next main focus was on pushing the team to get better at working from one end of the ground to the other. A big emphasis was placed on midfield run with team selection reflecting hard work and determination.

As we drove further into what turned out to be the latter stages of the season the Bears development shifted to focusing on ball transition with the team looking to use space, work hard for each other and kicking long to space. This really started to see the bears playing to their strengths.

The form of Noah, Darcy, Ken, Zac M & A, Woody and Athan were excellent throughout the season but the real positive was in the rapid progress of first year footballers Jonah, Jack K, Ollie, Levi and Johnny was particularly pleasing to see. The rapid progression of Matt Fardell in the second half of the season was also a big win for the team.

Covid cut short the 2021 season but we can't wait to see what a full 2022 season might have in store. A special thanks to the parent group who were very supportive throughout the year and our President Peter and coaching director Derek.

### Awards:

**Best & Fairest:** Noah Blustein

Best & Fairest Runner Up: Darcy Stewart

**3rd Best & Fairest:** Athan Barbakas

**Spirit of the Bears:** Zach Mahimarajan

Most Courageous: Levi Acklom

Most Improved: Matt Fardell

There were some pretty challenging moments throughout the season but the unity and shared values were a real boost for everyone involved. Special thanks to Steve, Greg, Matt C, Tony V, Jamie, Tony B, Adam and everyone else who were so generous with their time in helping out each week.

### Luke White



# **Under 12 Girls**

Our team this year was a testament to the growing participation by females in AFL, with ten of the girls playing for the first time, three of them with a background in soccer.

This provided us with a strong squad, and although some of the girls were still learning the fundamental skills, their eagerness shone through.

With three of the four grading games dominant wins, we were put into division two and were up against some very strong and experienced teams for the main season. While not coming away with the wins, this helped the girls develop their competitiveness as they had to work extra hard. We focussed on 'beating your opponent' at training with an emphasis on specific elements of the game such as contested marking, strong tackling, braking and evading tackles and using your body to win the ball.

The team showed improvement each week, and as the girls rotated through the various positions, it was becoming evident where each of them was best suited. The importance having confidence in your strengths and using the strengths of your teammates was constantly reinforced.

The leap from everyone just going for the ball, to in-game decision making, showed the girls were learning the strategies. This was evident in players defending the space in front of opposition goal, using the wings to find room to move the ball quickly and being in position to receive a handball from a teammate under pressure.

A great display of teamwork and confidence resulted in a two-point loss to the second ranked side late in the season. A dominant final quarter was a huge turnaround from being goalless to the same team only three rounds earlier.

It was the final game of a season cut short where everything the team had worked on came together for a superb win. It was clearly the best they had played as a cohesive team, with communication, support and determination present from all players. Highlights were the hard running and long kicking out of the midfield, all four players in the backline involved in a chain of handballs to clear the ball out of defence, and seven goals between two of our forwards.

It was such a joy to coach this growing group of girls again. I am very proud of what they showed on the field this year and the competitive spirit they brought to each game. I was greatly supported by Olivia Hamilton as my Assistant Coach, who the girls very much look up to. Olivia was also a very worthy recipient of the SMJFL Monash University Leader of the Year Award.

### Awards:

**Best & Fairest:** Sydney Dalton

Best & Fairest Runner Up: Mia Euvrard

**3rd Best & Fairest:** Alivia Teycheney

**4th Best & Fairest:** Elan Jone

Most Improved: Caitlin McCulloch

Coaches Award: Zoe Ovadia

Thanks to all the parents who took on supporting roles this year, especially Kristine and Nikki (Team Managers), Mike (Runner), Andrew and Richard (Field Umpires), and Pascale and Sherelle (Trainers).

I'm very much looking forward to next year, and hopefully we can get a full season in.

## Marcus van Lint



# **Under 12 Mixed - Grizzlies**

Having missed their entire first non-modified season in 2020, everyone had their fingers crossed that the Under 12 Grizzlies would get a proper season of football in.

The coach set the expectations early, with the team nominating to play grading matches in the top tier. Early games were tough, coming up against graded Div 1 teams in Ajax and East Brighton. Pleasingly, while the Grizzlies suffered some big losses, they were always able to fight through and at least win one quarter in every match. Settling into Div 2, the Bears were far more competitive, making a late-season run at the final four when disaster struck and the season was cut off.

A particular highlight for me was watching the playing group start to adapt to playing positions and following some strategy after their junior modified rules experiences.

Zac, Carlos and Angus W in the ruck hitting the ball out to a gun midfield of Angus B, Josh G, Eamonn and Quinn. Josh S, George and Dimma patrolling the wings, with Asher, Ed, Erik, Luca and Charlie giving us forward and backline structure. Finally, our own "mosquito brigade" of Will, Seb and Jacko sneaking goals or racing the ball out of the backline. The Best and Fairest award was very tightly contested. It was a testament to everyone's contributions to the team that every player managed at least one vote in the nine rounds.

Our Best Club player, encouraging his teammates and taking on any role given to him by the coach was Asher Lowe in his first real season with the Bears. The Coaches Award went to Charlie Dimogotsi for always giving his all both on matchday and on the training track. And the Most Improved player in season 2021 was Josh Stacey. Congratulations to all our award winners.

A big thank you to all of our volunteers, many going above and beyond this year dealing with the added complications of a global pandemic. Special thanks to Dave as assistant coach and Matt and Steff for managing the team.

We're all looking forward to 2022. Go Bears!



#### Awards:

**Best & Fairest:** Angus Brown

**2nd Best & Fairest:** Eamonn Walker

**3rd Best & Fairest:** Quinn McDonald

Best Clubman: Asher Lowe

**Coaches Award:** Charlie Dimogotsi

Most Improved: Josh Stacey



# **Under 12 Mixed - Polars**

With over a third of our list no longer playing from 2019, and just a couple of weeks before season start, how we were going to field a full team?

A few of our boys went to work and recruited successfully and we had a team ready to play. It was déjà vu, start of 2019. We were excited at the list potential but the challenge was how we were going to meld all these young boys from 7 school into a cohesive dynamic outfit, with little training under our belt.

It was a baptism of fire in the 1st fortnight, 2, 15 goal thrashings. At this stage it was an uphill battle learning each others names, let alone playing styles. The challenges of working to a team based playing style was proving difficult but we could sense something was brewing. Re-grading happened a few times. What was noticeable was the players really wanted to be involved and feedback was forthcoming. A 2nd training session was a player led initiative, which was a fitness and skills based & importantly, provided more time with each other.

Then it all started to click with a 1 point win against Ajax. With 7 new players, the club song was sung with much gusto. Off the field, team manager Nikki was doing everything to ensure our off field was extremely functional and we had excellent parent involvement. My key supports in Dave the assistant coach and runner Adrian provided feedback and strategies which made real differences to the team and their improvement.

The movement of the ball and overall contributions of each team member both individually and collectively was really starting to show. For the 1st since we became a team in 2 years ago, we were not only competitive, we were starting to control games and other teams knew that they were going to have a game on their hands. We started to play with purpose, creativity, and a real desire to move the ball by hand and foot, quickly down the field and kicked well for goal, something we spent time working on.

As the season progressed we had 5 wins from the last 7 games with 2 close losses, the remainder were wins. The kids themselves were very much involved and had evolved into a really solid outfit.

We finished the season 3rd on the ladder & % of 180, testament not only to our attacking play but our defensive work as well. Our backline worked hard with no quarter given. It was a season filled with much enjoyment, hard work, commitment, and progression for a group of young guys that I couldn't have been happier to coach.

### Awards:

**Best & Fairest:** Harry Fryar

Best & Fairest Runner Up: Stasi Pipingas

**3rd Best & Fairest:** Harley Benton

Best Clubman: Jack Hamilton

Most Improved: Archie Johnstone

**Best 1st Year Player:** Alexis Vinsonneau

We did have 1 or 2 challenges through the year, but the boys were able to get something significant out of the season, in a time that was so uncertain in the world around us. In a word, proud was how I felt about the boys and this season. Well played Polars and thank you to the support from Derek and the Committee, see you all next year.

Tony Hogan



# **Under 13 Mixed**

In the 2021 season it was great to have the kids back at the Bear Cave and playing footy again with massive smiles on their faces.

We were lucky enough to welcome Jock and Pita to the club in 2021 and they were both huge for us over the season, welcome to the bears boys, it was great to have you. Sadly we said goodbye to Grady, a stalwart of the team who was fast approaching 100 games and his dad, coach Pat, and mum Silvana when they made the sea move to Barwon heads. We had 23 players on the list and the boys were raring to go from the first training session in mid Feb.

Our focus for the season was to be competitive, take the game on with fast football, have fun and show respect for our team mates, opposition and helpers. I am glad to say the boys achieved this goal and should be extremely proud of what they achieved. We had 23 boys on the list but regularly had to rely on the under 12's as injuries, illness etc took a toll, I am glad to say none from football, thanks to every U12 who helped out during 2021 and there were many.

After missing an entire season in 2020, massive growth spurts and much more the boys were challenged with playing new, different and challenging roles for the team. The boys did exceptionally well to qualify in Div 2 for 2021 and as a result were the highest ranked single team club in U13's meaning every other team we played had multiple teams with hard grading.

We finished the season in the 4 and were getting better and better every week until covid put a full stop on the season, we were like the mighty Melbourne Demons in September...on fire. Highlights of the season; beating Bentleigh when they were top and also beating that team for the first time ever. We also had a massive come from behind win against Prahran and, seeing the boys play for their teammates and team, week in week out and watching their development every single week.

A huge thanks to Michael Goudie and Malcom Kennedy for helping each and every week with training and game day. Also a huge thanks to Jodie Nicholls our amazing trainer and our TM's Nicole Sternbergs and Peter Malin.

Cannot wait for 2022. GO BEARS

### Adam Conrad

#### Awards:

Best & Fairest: Cooper Acklom

Best & Fairest Runner Up: Luke Mahimarajan

**3rd Best & Fairest:** Jock McKenzie

Most Consistent: Lewis Goudie

Most Improved: William Robinson

Best Team Player: Jack Conrad



# **Under 14 Girls**

The Sky's the limit!! A very talented team with a hunger to improve and have sustained success.

This was my first year coaching at junior level. I had never felt so nervous as I was the first night but once the football drills were explained I felt more comfortable... I was amazed at how talented these girls were! We had very little preparation during the pre-season. Before we knew it, we had a practice game organised against a very tough opponent in St. Peters.

The result was not important, but it was a great opportunity to see the girls play and for the girls to get a bit of a run in before the season started. In the end, St. Peters were far too strong in the wet.

The focus all year was to improve on the three skills needed for football. Bouncing, kicking and handballing.

The fixture was released – after a covid affected 2020 of no football the Girls were made to hold off until Round 2 to play their first official game of the season. We were fixtured to play Ormond the Division 2 Premiers from 2019. The way the girls warmed up pre-game I could tell they meant business! Last few instructions were given to the girls to reinforce how I wanted them to go about it – Hunt the footy & Numbers to the contest. They were amazing the way they went about their footy, they showed a real hunger to being first to the football. You could tell the girls really missed playing. It was great to see reward very early for all the improvement shown. The end result was a terrific win, it meant a lot to me being my first official game coaching... followed by the girls singing the song very loudly that you could even hear them from outside.

The girls were amazing throughout the year, I couldn't fault them. To see firsthand the improvement each week was great. We ended up having a total of 6 wins out of the 8 matches in the 2021 season. It was a such shame that lockdown had ended our season but nonetheless what was more important was seeing the girls have good connection with one another. This is a very special group – a lot of potential for girls to get themselves on to AFLW lists.

A massive thanks to my assistants Matt Hopley and Jacinta Hamilton. Team managers Alex and Angela. John and Tim for being Trainers. Adrian and Scott for being runner during match day and Stuart and Jenny for the amazing photos taken during the year.

#### Awards:

**Best & Fairest:** Cleo Barbakas

Best & Fairest Runner Up: Sienna Cipriani

**3rd Best & Fairest:** Sophie Hamilton

**4th Best & Fairest:** Grace McIntyre

Coaches Award: Natasha Margerison

Most Improved: Josephine McCredie

Overall each parent contributed greatly all year from being boundary umpire, goal umpire, canteen duties, umpire escort, Match reporter to time keeper. You guys were amazing and very supportive, I am forever grateful for the opportunity to have coached your girls.

### Daniel Marin

# Under 14 Mixed - Panthers

U14's started the season with 30 Bears players and a new grading format which had not used previously at the Bears.

We wanted 2 teams, so we merged with the Cheltenham Panthers Under 14 team to form the Under 14 Caulfield Bears (Div 2) and Caulfield Panthers (Div 4) which provided us with around 41 players for the 2 teams. The format enabled all players to have a taste of Division 2 footy over the season, as the season progressed the teams started to become settled. The grading then provided the opportunity for Div 4 players that showed the ability and keen attitude to play in Div 2.

Our form across the season was inconsistent with some brilliant footy played but we did have some poor patches. Through training as one under 14 group we were able to focus on the same messaging for the whole group and focus on specific skills and areas we saw for improvement.

It was great to see the boys playing footy again and watch them develop week to week. As the season progressed, we saw the boys gelling together in both teams – it was unfortunate that the season was cut short.

Thanks to all the boys – great group of kids to coach.

Thanks to the whole group of players and parents who embraced the new grading format – we learnt a lot from the process and on the whole it was successful. Thank you to the Cheltenham Football Club and their under 14 group for making the merger seamless. Awards: Best & Fairest:

Jackson Jeanes

2nd Best & Fairest: Lachlan O'Neill

**3rd Best & Fairest:** Charlie Brooks

Most Improved: Maxwell Hoare

**Emerging Talent:** Riley De Los Rios

Clubman Award: Daniel Affinita

Thanks to the coaches of the under 14 group, Andrew Will, Shane Walsh and Mike Cormick.

Thanks to all the club volunteers across all teams and the committee. Special thanks to the team managers for the under 14 group, Belinda and Bree, the trainers, Ange, Dave and Donna and the parents who did matchday roles.

Looking forward to an uninterrupted season next year!!

Alistair Rowlands









# Under 14 Mixed - Polars

Trialling a new format (soft grading) for the U14 cohort, meant we approached this year with excitement but some caution.

The intent was for the whole Under 14 group (~41 players) to have the opportunity to train together and also play at both U14 levels (Div 2 & Div 4) as the season progressed, with both teams becoming settled by season's end. The format would only be successful with appropriate player numbers to work with, and we acknowledge & provide a huge thanks to the Cheltenham Panthers U14 group for committing their players to achieve this goal.

The attitude and intent of the full group was evident from the moment we started pre season training, all aware that places were up for grabs in the Div 2 team core. The U14 level demands a strong base of fitness and physicality, and we worked consistently over the pre season & year proper on each of these aspects as well as decision making under pressure. Player voted, Dom Nicolay (C) and Max Bremner (VC) were our leaders for the year and justified their teammates' confidence in their ability, with some super footy produced.

As we are all aware, the season concluded suddenly, which was particularly unfortunate for the U14 Div 2 team as momentum was definitely with the group as we headed to Finals placed 3rd on the ladder.

Would like to acknowledge all of the support from both players and families to the new format we initiated, there were plenty of learnings and plenty of successful outcomes. Thank you to the full U14 coaching group of Al Rowlands, Woosha Walsh & Mike Cormick – all of whom had strong influence over both teams. Special acknowledgement to Bel Sutcliffe & Bree Valance – who completed the thankless task of Team Managers with aplomb & to the trainers group (DOK, Donna & Ange).

Until next year, stay safe and healthy

#### Awards:

Best & Fairest: Rory Wright

Best & Fairest Runner Up: Max Bremner

**3rd Best & Fairest:** Noah Will Clubman Award: Dominic Nicolay

**Emerging Talent:** Jed Williams

Most Improved: Patrick Rowlands

Willsy



# **Under 15 Boys**

2021 was another crazy interrupted Covid year.

After starting the year pushed up to Div 2, we quickly realised the big step and were moved back to Div 3 after 2 weeks. Lucas B, Quinn, Ged, Jezza, JT and Lachie showed some good form early but we had too many guys under prepared against bigger and more aggressive opponents.

The next few games we challenged the boys to be brave and regain their confidence and to their credit we overcame a 19 point 3/4 time deficit against PMSM to come back and kick 6 straight to nothing in the last for a great win. Some great work from new players, Luke S, Jono & Jed S as well as important goals from Liam G & Matt H helped the team to a much needed win.

With our confidence up, going into the St Bedes game it was great to see Leo, Finn, Sam, Jude & Jacob (3 goals) bring their best games and help us to another win. Week 5 we had a big test against top of the ladder Highett. Ben, Jake, Lucas B and Lucas A played strong games but with the match in the balance and only a few goals in it at 3/4 time, we dropped away in the last for a disappointing loss.

With a few key players out for the game against East Sandy we needed others to step up and it was great how the team responded. Marcus played his best game of the season and along with Ged, Matt (3 goals), JT, Lucas A & Jake working hard through the middle we managed to hit the front with only a few minutes left. Unfortunately they kicked a goal in the last few seconds to win but it was a great team effort and we knew we had our chances.

After 2 losses we then hit a 3 week Covid break which presented a big challenge to make the finals. The boys responded perfectly with a 12 goal win over Brighton B. Lucas B was at his best with 6 but it was improvements from the likes of Jack, Liam C, Luke S and James Ge which showed how important our team depth across the whole ground was becoming.

2 more weeks off with Covid followed with an 8 goal win over Prahran providing further evidence of the improvement of all our team. Michael, James Go and Ash making a brave comeback played their best games to support Quinn (6 goals) and Ben who had the ball on a string on the wing. We finished the year on a strong note with a 7 goal win over East Malvern.

Covid again ruined what could have been a great season but I was really proud of how all the boys developed

#### Award<u>s:</u>

**Best & Fairest:** Lucas Bremner

Best & Fairest Runner Up: Quinn Cooper

**3rd Best & Fairest:** Ged Saunders

**Most Determined:** Jeremy Dalton

Most Improved: Luke Scicluna

Most Consistent: Ben Lascelles

and improved throughout the year and it is this improvement and commitment to the team that helped us finish the year so strongy.

Thanks to the assistant coaches (Jake, Andrew & Richard) and support staff (Penny, Tim & Peter) and all parents who assisted and supported us during the year.





# **Under 16 Girls**

Even though the 2021 season was over after nine (instead of 15) games of footy, we managed to experience a lot in that shorter than usual season.

This included playing in our first ever night game at Brighton Beach on Friday 30 April. Our 24-point win was an early Mother's Day present to our loyal supporters.

Let me begin by expressing my gratitude for the many hours of dedication to the girls' skills and game development by Damian Vendy (Assistant Coach) and Andrew 'Donno' Donnison (Runner).

Using a variety of teaching media, we were pleased to see our emphasis on controlling the ball, opposition, contest and the play come to life on the field. We also utilised the expertise provided by the La Trobe University by incorporating the Prep to Play warm-up and strengthening program to ensure the girls were able to maximize their performance and reduce injuries.

I was thrilled to see so much enthusiasm from the very start. Our initial squad of 15 girls from previous seasons was enhanced by six new recruits in Rianne Darvell, Beth Rogers, Aleise Sak, Chloe Parker Apps, Shenhav Shushan and Mia Shulman. Our new recruits joined a reasonably well-established playing group, but through netball and/or school connections, the entire squad began to develop confidence and a good bond early. The leadership of the playing group was aptly led by Captain; Jasmine Conrad; Vice-Captains; Alannah Fyfe, Charlotte Brewer and Gisele Hennequin; and other Leaders; Rianne Darvell, Lily Skinner, and Isabella Di Lecce.

As expected, we began the first four grading rounds in Division 2. Other than an 85-point thrashing to East Brighton Vampires in Round 2, we had comfortable wins in our three other games. We sat second on the Division 2 ladder. What we didn't expect was our promotion to Division 1 from Round 5 onwards. While we should all be proud to be invited to compete at the highest level in Under 16 Girls' football, we knew we had a lot of work to do to be able to compete. Our young team were up against bigger, older, and much more experienced teams. However, we did ourselves proud, and we've built a strong foundation for a much more competitive performance in 2022 and beyond.

This strong foundation includes the special achievement of two of our leaders, Jasmine Conrad and Charlotte Brewer. They were selected in the Interleague Under 15 Girls teams, and Charlotte won the Coaches Award in the Division 1 category.

### Awards:

Best & Fairest: Charlotte Brewer

Best & Fairest Runner Up: Anika Stehbens

**3rd Best & Fairest:** Gisele Hennequin

**4th Best & Fairest:** Isabella Di Lecce

**5th Best & Fairest:** Jasmine Conrad

6th Best & Fairest: Matilda McIntyre

A big thank you to all our volunteers, especially our dedicated co-Team Managers, Francesca Jorio and Jenni Coster. Thank you for managing the numerous mid-week and game-day administrative tasks. Unfortunately, the many COVID-related interruptions meant the team didn't get to enjoy the many other activities you had planned throughout the season. Let's defer the fun till next season.

# Gilbert Hennequin



# **Under 16 Boys**

This year we were fortunate enough to have a combined side with East Brighton Vampires with our playing numbers not being sufficient for Under 16's and East Brighton having excess numbers the decision to combine made perfect sense.

As this decision occurred within two weeks of season commencing, plenty of hard work behind the scenes by lan Jensen (EB) along with both club presidents and John, we were able to field a side for Round One! An amazing outcome for all concerned. Boys played the opener having not met or trained together unsure what jumpers we were going to wear. To their credit they performed with heaps of gusto.

I was fortunate enough to have Darren Edgell (EB) to co-coach along with Heals in the background. It didn't take long for the team to gel and results began to fall our way. Yet another lockdown occurred slowing our momentum. On return the team was starting to rediscover their form

with some solid performances. Unfortunately for all of us, the season was stopped in its tracks due to lockdown six.

I would like to thank Justin for all his help pre season and during, Darren (coaching) Ian Jensen, both club presidents, John for all his countless hours spent getting the team organised, Nerida for her efforts as trainer under which at times was stressful with injuries, Simon for being runner again and the parents for supporting the boys and both clubs.

To the team, an amazing effort and I feel extremely proud and fortunate to have been a part of your season, hopefully next year rewards for effort will be realised.

# Gary Birrell

Awards: Best & Fairest:

Jackson Cauchi

2nd Best & Fairest: Dan Deguara

**3rd Best & Fairest:** Patrick Gerrand

**4th Best and Fairest:** Josh Stuart

Best Utility Player: Hugo Birrell

Most Valuable Player: Gabriel Gauci

Most Valuable Player: Lachlan Manning

Most Improved: Archie Walton



# Under 17 Boys

# The Under 17s had a rocky start to the year.

To begin the year three players ended up in hospital emergency with serious injuries after the practice match. Unfortunately Kyle ended up out for the season but set the example for the team by still turning up to every game whether on crutches or in a boot. Fortunately Nick and Jared got back to play some good footy for us during the season. A strong squad of 30 meant we could cover our injuries and the inevitable study demands of our year 12s.

The team was moved up a division after finishing 3rd in 2019, so the first two games were 9 goal losses against strong opponents. However the season turned around after that where we won six of the remaining seven games we played. The round 3 victory over Cheltenham was a bruising encounter but after being 25 points down at half time the players clicked, kicking 7 goals to 1 in the second half, to comfortably defeat a well established division 2 team.

Round 4 was a challenge as we were playing the team that sent us out of the finals in 2019 by 10 goals. This time the result was reversed exactly, testament to



the effort the players put in to improving themselves over the previous 18 months. No doubt helped by the return of some U17s from 2020 (thanks Gibbo, Plugger, Blake, Cormac, Eagle, Harry and Cam) and return of the prodigal Bears Max and Bailey.

Back down to division 3 for round 5 which was a strong 5 goal win over a determined Oakleigh and then Round 6's 20 goal win over Ormond had us back up in division 2. The next game had us in touch with the best team in the comp, St.Bedes, but a lapse in the last quarter saw us go down. Never the less we gained praise from the opposition coach for the pressure we applied and the Bears coaches were confident we had the personnel to turn the result around by seasons end.

The final game was another bruiser against postcode rivals Murrumbeena. We'd never beaten Murrumbeena over the years, in fact they'd belted us physically and on the score board and had spent most of their years in the higher division 2. We were one point down at three quarter time, but this was familiar territory for the Bears (we had a seven out of seven record for games decided by less than 20 points) and we jumped them to get a couple of goals clear. Beena pegged us back but we held on to win by a point. The celebrations were reminiscent of a grand final win and as it turned out that was our grand final. A great way to finish junior footy for many of our players. Congratulations to all the players on the way they fought out games when under such physical and mental pressure. And thanks for always doing what the coaches asked of you, you were a fabulous group to coach. We were quickly two games clear of the teams out of the top four, so we were a strong chance for the finals and being able to use our full list in the finals we would have really given it a shake.

Thanks to George Cooper and Andrew Beet for being such great supportive coaches and making sure the players were able to learn many different perspectives on how to play footy. Thanks also to Mark Trumble MD for all his medical care for the players and our runner Dameon Williamson who deciphers the unintelligible. Big thanks to Peter Foldvari and Luan Ingram who did such a fantastic job as team managers. And to all the parents who helped every week and supported the team (and coaches) through the highs and lows of the season.

#### Awards:

**Best & Fairest:** Charlie Clancy

Best & Fairest Runner Up: James Cooper

**3rd Best & Fairest:** Patrick Baker & Jordan Gibbon

**Commitment Award:** Evan Margaritis

Most Improved: Cameron Gebert

**Commitment Award:** Evan Margaritis

Special thanks to the Beet family who finish their time with CBJFC after many years team managing, sitting on committees and coaching to go with Gordo and Harry's 200+ games. The club has been built on the hard work of families like the Beets. Thank you.

Julian King

















# **2020 Milestones**

Name	Team	Games
Charlie Burrage	U12 Grizzlies	50
Erik Hennequin	U12 Grizzlies	50
Asher Lowe	U12 Grizzlies	50
William Stacey	U12 Grizzlies	50
Joshua Stacey	U12 Grizzlies	50
Angus Waters	U12 Grizzlies	50
Sebastian Chrystie	U12 Polars	50
Harry Fryar	U12 Polars	50
Jack Hamilton	U12 Polars	50
Tadhg Hogan	U12 Polars	50
Billy House	U12 Polars	50
Max Cahill	U13 Mixed	50
Samuel Davies	U13 Mixed	50
Frankie Dunn	U13 Mixed	50
Martin Kennedy	U13 Mixed	50
Flynn Duggan	U14 Caulfield Panthers	50
Maxwell Hoare	U14 Caulfield Panthers	50
Natasha Margerison	U14 Girls	50
Cameron Green	U14 Mixed	50
Jackson Jeanes	U14 Mixed	50
Kristian Taalikka	U14 Mixed	50
Liam Campitelli	U15 Boys	50
Luke Scicluna	U15 Boys	50
Jed Soultanakis	U15 Boys	50
Liam Moonen	U16 Boys	50
Charlotte Brewer	U16 Girls	50
Violet Dunn	U16 Girls	50
Lily Skinner	U16 Girls	50
Hannah Vendy	U16 Girls	50
Cameron Gebert	U17 Boys	50
Max Keogh	U17 Boys	99
Lucas Bremner	U15 Boys	100

Name	Team	Games
Charlie Besnard	U16 Boys	100
Hugo Birrell	U16 Boys	100
Jackson Cauchi	U16 Boys	100
Ryan Farrar	U16 Boys	100
Patrick Gerrand	U16 Boys	100
Jackson Healey	U16 Boys	100
Hugo McNamara	U16 Boys	100
Charlie Clancy	U17 Boys	100
James Dimogotsi	U17 Boys	100
Haddi El Shorbagy	U17 Boys	100
Miro Foldvari	U17 Boys	100
Luke Hope-Ockelford	U17 Boys	100
Nicholas Johnston	U17 Boys	100
Benjamin King	U17 Boys	100

Thank you to all our volunteers and members, we look forward to seeing you all back next year!

Go Bears!



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