



2017 Coach Appointments

It is with great pleasure that we announce the coaches for the Caulfield Bears Junior Football Club for the 2017 Season.

Join us in congratulating the newly appointed coaches who will be instrumental in developing our players this year and for the future.

Under 17's – Rodney Grace

Rod is Melbourne born and bred and loved playing footy with Box Hill Adelphians until his mid-20's – when his knee gave out and surfing with his mates. He still loves keeping fit and having a run and kick with the boys - he is also particularly good at stacking his skateboard! He is a firm believer in making your own luck (through hard work) and making sure footy is fun. Rod has been involved in coaching at the Club since 2011 and we are very happy to have him back.

Under 16's – Anthony O'Shea

We welcome Anthony back to the club he played for as a junior (Under 10's to under 16's, 100 plus games, captain and best and fairest under 16's). He was a member of the Sandringham Dragons under 15 and 16 development squads and played under 17's and 18's for St Pauls Football Club. He played under 19's at De La Salle and is a current player with the Caulfield Bears Senior Club (2011 – present). Anthony is a keen basketballer and was the senior volleyball captain for his school.

Under 15's – Marc Bullard

We welcome back our most recent premiership coach Marc to the team. Marc played over 200 games of football with the Elsternwick and old Collegians Amateur football clubs.

Marc was involved as coordinator of our Auskick program for over 5 years, winning coach of the year in 2011 and has been coaching or assisting for over 5 years.

Under 14's – TBC

Following on from last season's successful combined team with St Paul's McKinnon JFC, we are in the process of holding discussions with St Paul's on the team make up and look forward to updating you very soon.

Under 13's – Robert Beveridge

We welcome back Rob after a successful year as coach of our under 15 team. Rob was a keen cricketer, played junior and senior rugby union, enjoys playing squash and tennis and recently completed a marathon in Queenstown (NZ)!

Under 12's – Gary Birrell

We welcome back Gary who is a stalwart of the club. He has an extensive playing and coaching record. He played his junior football with Prahran Football Club and played Junior State League Hockey (State rep) for the Powerhouse Hockey Club.



Gary has coached teams with the Caulfield Bears from under 9 to 15's. Mainly Div. 1 making finals each year and winning multiple premierships. He was also assistant coach to the De La Salle under 19 team where they won 2 premierships.

Under 11's – Rowan Brittain Team 1

We welcome back Rowan after a successful first year of coaching. Rowan has a strong football background having played junior and senior football with the Russell's Creek football Club as well as seniors at the Warrnambool, Tuggeranong and Old Melbournians Football Clubs. Rowan has played basketball all his life and fancies himself as a bit of a tennis player.

Michael Gurrie – Co Coach Team 2

Michael joins us again after coaching the under 9's and 10's over the past 2 years. He is also the Football Operations Manager of the Club. Michael started his junior football career at St Peters (Geelong) and played senior football for New Norfolk, Smithton, Congupna and Geelong Football Clubs. He has coached football at both junior and senior levels. Michael was also an outstanding junior cricketer and his 9 for 31 is still a club record. He was and is a champion table tennis player. He was a great basketballer, tennis player, runner just to name a few!!

Matt Joyce – Co Coach Team 2

We welcome a new member to the coaching team in Matt Joyce. Matt has a wealth of football and coaching experience having played with Tatyoon, Sale, Wonthaggi Rovers, Port Fairy, Wendouree Lakers, St Kilda City and the Bentleigh & Southern Saints Super Rules teams.

He has coached Wendouree Lakers under 18's and was the Elsternwick Auskick Coordinator for 2 years. He has also been assistant coach to the Bears under 9 and 10 teams.

Coach Team 3 - TBC

We are still looking for a parent to take on coaching the third U11 team in 2017.

Under 10's – Dale McCabe Team 1

We welcome back Dale after coaching the under 9 Kodiaks last year. Dale played his junior football at the Shepparton United Football Club and has been involved in basketball, soccer and cricket over many years.

Shane Walsh - Team 2

Shane also brings a wealth of football knowledge to the Club. He played junior and senior football with Keilor as well as playing with Diggers Rest and the Powerhouse Football Clubs. He has been involved with the Bears from Auskick to the under 9's and played cricket for St Christopher's CC.

Shane also does Ironman triathlons and is a member of the bayside triathlon Club.

Under 9's TBC

Under 8's TBC



U10 & U12 Girls - TBC

We are in discussions with various parties to bring on board a female football player to coach junior girl's teams in 2017. Stay tuned for further announcements.

Coaching Coordinator Under 12's to 17's Gary Birrell (see U12 team for bio)

Coaching Coordinator Under 8's to under 11's & Girl's Teams Adrian Nelson

Adrian is well known around the club having coached the under 9's, 10's and 12's over the past few years. He played several years with the Old Melbournians FC and is a regular social tennis and cricket player. Adrian is an accredited Milo Cricket Coach and represented the University of Illinois in Volleyball.

Michael Gurrie
Football Operations