

Riverside Olympic



Football Club



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2021

**Welcome to
the 2021**

**Riverside
Olympic
Annual
Report**

*We hope you enjoy
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version!*



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OUR MISSION

ROFC provides inclusive, leading football programs that develop players, coaches and volunteers in a professional, connected and inspiring community environment.

OUR VISION

Tasmania's destination football club, committed to inclusion at all levels of the game whilst developing the best footballers, coaches and volunteers.

OUR VALUES

Professional: There is excellence and respect in all we do.

Inclusive: We are a community club for everyone.

Fair: We play by the rules and everyone gets a go.

Riverside Olympic



The 32 Teams of 2021 & their Coaches/Managers

- UNDER 6:** **Galaxy** – Bec Crawford; **Lions** – Stuart McCarron & Ben Quor;
Strikers – Mark & Megan Sivills; **Wildcats** – Michael Bowman;
Panthers – Ryan McCarragher
- UNDER 7:** **Glory** – Jack Campbell & Ryan Pham; **Knights** – Mark Baker;
Huskies – Lauren Hodgkinson
- UNDER 8:** **Bushrangers** – David Badcock; **Gators** – Daniel Rowe;
Raptors – Owen & Henry Routley; **Snakes** – Clyde Goosen;
Victory – Les Jarman
- UNDER 9:** **Storm** – Keith Ryan; **Rebels** – Matt Finlayson;
Force – Daniel & Amanda Mace
- UNDER 10:** **Sharks** – Nathan Murfet; **Titans** – David Sturdy;
Falcons – Jean Paul 'JP' Morice; **Thunder** – Matt Titmus
Warriors – Marcus Cramp
- UNDER 12:** **Avengers** – Matt Green; **Dynamos** – Lyn Beardwood;
Highlanders – Andrew Loft; **Mini Messis** – Sasha Wong;
Wallabies – Chris Rademacher; **Ninjas** – Brian Wightman
- UNDER 13:** **Diamonds** – Damien Griffiths & Marcia Humble;
Atoms – Sarah Tighe
- UNDER 14:** **Kangaroos** – Tim West; **Pumas** – Luca Vigilante;
Jackaroos – Hamish McGovern
- UNDER 16:** **Matildas** – Chelsea Wing & Meg Conolly

CONGRATULATIONS

...TO THIS YEAR'S REPRESENTATIVE PLAYERS

Representing the Northern Tasmania Junior Soccer Association were the following Joey players:

NORTHERN TAS PLAYERS

U10

Alex Pattie
Jacob Murfet
Jasper Stepchuck
Oliver Youngs
Teale Sturdy
Wilbur Holyman

U11

Ethan Finlayson
Fletcher Myburgh
Jaymie Barrett
Lucas Bailey
Oliver Taylor
Tom Cornish
Tyson Donoghue

U12

Fergus Broomhall
Ranga Eri
Sebastian Vincour

U13

Alex Taylor
Eden Myburgh
Isaac Hills
Katie Campbell
Lara Willis
Lulu Brown
Malachi Carswell
Noah Colgrave
Skyla Higgins
Tariku Brammal

U14

Kampbell Jarman
Toby Harrop
William Crawford

U15

Charley Read
Isabella Taylor
Kiera Gabbedy
Lingitha Ponnusamy
Lola Mateos-King
Matilda Reilly
Sarah Moore

U16

Amelia Wing
Emilie Munting

TEAM MANAGERS & COACHES

U10

David Sturdy (Coach)

U11

Katrina Myburgh
(Team Manager)

U15

Nick Rawlinson (Coach)
Jenny Gabbedy
(Team Manager)

U16

Jeremy Smith (Coach)

Apologies to anyone we may have missed.

THE REFEREES

RIVERSIDE OLYMPIC NTJSA REFEREES 2021

These current and past players have refereed for the NTJSA games this season. Congratulations on giving back to the sport you love so much:

Broc Gabbedy; Charley Read; Ethan Eades; Hamish Watley;
Jakoby Atkinson-Gunton; Jeremy Smith; Jethro Clark; Kiera Gabbedy;
Mitchell West and Will Crawford

Apologies to anyone we may have missed.



Pictured:

*Riverside Olympic
Football Club members
enjoying the 2021 season*



ROFC PRESIDENT'S

REPORT 2021

As the 2021 season draws to a close for both senior and junior players, it is interesting to reflect on what has been achieved over the last five years I have been president of this amazing club.

At the commencement of this tenure we were amalgamating two clubs with many similar attributes but with some different visions.

In this time some of the things we have achieved together are:

- Completing the merger
- Setting up a comprehensive administration structure
- Completing the clubroom development
- Joining the National Premier League
- Initiating an Academy and Pre Academy
- Starting to send Riverside Olympic teams to the junior tournaments around Tasmania
- Providing the ability for nearly 500 registered players per year to participate in regular football
- Continuing to build on our Indigenous links (the only Football/Soccer Club in Tasmania that actively does this)
- Nearly completing the Olympic1 developments with only the media and scoreboard platforms to go. This now makes our home the envy of all the rest of the Tasmanian Football community.

None of this could have been done without the dedicated band of volunteers that ensure that all aspects of the club and its members need. Whether it is managing a team, participating in coaching, participating on committees or at board level, sponsoring the club, washing the shirts, providing half-time snacks or any of the other myriad of other things that enable 40+ teams to get on the park we could not do without you. One of the things we do not



do well enough as a society is thank people for their contributions (big and small) and I wish to do that now THANK YOU!

There have been some challenging times in 2021, but what must be continually remembered is that we are part of the club that allows people from 4 to 54 to play their chosen sport in a safe, enjoyable inclusive manner.

As we push forward into 2022 we must continue with further developments in training and playing facilities but with the continued support of the West Tamar Council I am sure that this will be done.

We must continue to RESPECT each other and follow the mission and vision of our great club.

Stuart McCarron

President
Riverside Olympic Football Club



Pictured:
*Riverside Olympic Football Club
Indigenous Round*

VICE PRESIDENT (JUNIORS)

REPORT 2021

It has been another huge year for Riverside Olympic Football Club. Taking over from Jeremy following on from a COVID-affected 2020 was always going to be interesting, but the club has once again supported four-hundred junior players to take the field each week.

I'd like to firstly thank Jeremy for everything he did for our club. It's hard to find such dedicated volunteers like Jeremy and the Juniors wouldn't be in the strong position we are without his hard work and dedication – thank you, Jeremy!

By now you would have heard that our inaugural club president, Stuart McCarron, has decided his time as president has come to end. I also want to thank Stu for everything he's done during his time as President. Your passion for our junior players and ensuring we provide equal opportunities for everyone has been of huge importance to building such a successful club and we will strive to continue this into future. Thanks, Stu!

To all our players, both Juniors and Seniors, thank you for choosing to be part of our club and for Riverside Olympic, we hope you've all had an enjoyable year and we look forward to seeing you all back in 2022. A big congratulations also to all players that have been selected in representative teams, you thoroughly deserve your achievements.

A big thank you to all our parents and volunteer coaches and team managers for your commitment to developing and supporting our players every week. Riverside Olympic is incredibly lucky to have such fantastic families involved in making our club so successful and an enjoyable place to be. We couldn't do it without you.



To the members of the Junior Sub-Committee – Sarah, David, Les, Marcia, Jeremy and Maria. Thank you for everything this year. This team does a massive amount of work throughout the year to support our players, coaches and volunteers and have our teams training and playing, it's greatly appreciated.

To our sponsors a big thank you. We most certainly wouldn't be able to do what we do without your support and we hope to see you all back again next year.

Lastly, thank you again to all our Juniors for being such brilliant representatives of Riverside Olympic each week and see you all next year!

Cheers,

Nathan Murfet

Vice President (Juniors)
Riverside Olympic Football Club



Pictured:

*Riverside Olympic Football Club
Juniors in action.*

DIRECTOR OF FOOTBALL

REPORT 2021

As we end Season 2021, it is a great time to reflect on what we all achieved throughout this year at ROFC both from a training and development perspective but also from a team and community perspective.

There were a number of changes implemented by NTJSA regarding age divisions which provided some challenges and change. Whilst ROFC went head on into the world of club representative football entering many teams in the Devonport Cup, Hobart Cup and at the time of writing the upcoming Launceston Cup. All of those players and families involved would no doubt suggest that this has been a great success for us as a club and what we provide. This allowed all ROFC players the opportunity to play and challenge themselves as a player with their teammates - whilst as a coaching group we were able to continue to quality assure the types of training and development our players were receiving.



Without the level of restrictions of COVID19 that we were bound by in 2020 - our Skill Acquisition Program (Pre-Academy) run and managed by Alan Eadie took another huge step forward. This is the third year that ROFC have run this program that is available to all - and this year was no doubt its most successful. Not only in terms of attendees - but also the clear improvements made by players and the joy on their faces when they get to spend so much time playing with the ball. We are extremely fortunate to have someone of Alan's experience and skill taking this type of program with his team of coaches each week. The Skill program is the single most important development program in football and its importance to players at any skill level is paramount. I am proud that ROFC continue to support this and acknowledge its importance in player development.

Our Academy age groups also saw changes in 2021 - with the introduction of the U13 11v11 and U15 competition into NTJSA competitions. I would like to thank Luca Vigilante, Taylor Neilson and Sarah Tighe for their skilful and engaging programs as well as their support. The players in these age groups will forever see this year as one of the most memorable and without the skill of C Licensed and experienced coaches such as Taylor and Luca this would not happen. The Under 15's finished the year as champions of the Hobart Cup, whilst the improvement of many players in the U13's was something I was proud to see. I am looking forward to seeing what these players achieve in the years to come and I cannot wait to see them moving into NPL programs with myself in the future.

I will be moving on from this role in 2022, but am not gone from ROFC. I have built so many special relationships with young players and their families and I will always be here to chat, high five or provide any help I can do for as long as I can. These relationships are important to me and it is what makes ROFC and this game so special. I love walking around Windsor Park on a Tuesday and Thursday evening watching all players and teams training – with the connection to the ball being so obvious to me. What we have done this year may not be tangible to see right now, but in years to come we will no doubt reflect on 2021 as the year ROFC pushed through a major barrier in being pro-player and being the best place for young footballers and their families in Northern Tasmania.

Love you all!

Alex Gaetani

Director of Football
Riverside Olympic Football Club

UNDER 6

GALAXY BEC CRAWFORD

Each of the U6 Galaxy players has made a wonderful start to their soccer careers this year!

I could not be prouder of the way they have developed their skills, confidence, understanding of the play, and most of all their very special friendships. It has been just so rewarding to watch them progress. The calling, passing, backing up and sheer passion we've seen in these last few weeks of the season has been incredible.

The Galaxy are:

Alex *"Not getting past me"* **North**

"Cracking" **Charlie Kaye**

Fletcher *"Fast step"* **Shepherd**

"Dazzling" **Oliver Davis**

Oscar *"Twinkle toes"* **Koch**

Rosa *"The play-maker"* **Crawford**

Toby *"Big boot"* **Pooley**

Thanks to a lovely group of parents, especially those who stepped up for running the subs, guest training sessions and filling in on game day. Thanks for your patience as I have learned along the way, including some seriously dodgy line calls!

An extra thank you to my assistant coaches, Charlie Crawford and Ash Crawford, for all your help at trainings.

I hope to see our great little team carry on together for years to come!



LIONS STUART MCCARRON & BEN QUOR

The Lions have had a fantastic season in 2021, demonstrated by growth, enthusiasm, teamwork, friendships and enjoyment for all involved. It was the first season for all players and the development from the entire team has been tremendous. The first game with proper goals was an eye-opener and a realisation that it was the real deal! It's been pleasing to see the growth in the skill areas of kicking, passing, shooting, tackling and controlling the ball. It was also pleasing that all players were able to get on the 'scoresheet' and see the celebrations that followed. Last but not least, a big thank you to all the parents and families who have supported the team throughout the season.

Alex Quor – Has thoroughly enjoyed his first season of soccer. Alex has impressed with his skill, endeavour and attacking/defensive actions, and is more than willing to chase a player the full length of the field to win the ball. He's also scored some great goals throughout the season.

Beth Rowe – Has shown great effort throughout the season and is not afraid to get in with a tackle. A great all-rounder, Beth has contributed in all facets of the game whether in attack or defence. Her happy and positive attitude has been an asset to the team.

Lukas Hruby – One of the teams kick-in experts, Lukas has come a long way since the start of the season. He's shown great improvement in all skill areas and is keen to get into the action. Often running around with a smile on his face, he's brought much joy to all those around him.

Saidan Bulman – has shown strong improvement as the year has gone and has grown in confidence every game. He always plays with a smile and can make great contact with his kicks. His burst of speed has been an asset to the team's attack.

Saige Sheppard – The youngest in the team and loves a long run-up from a kick in! Saige has shown great defensive actions and enjoys getting in the thick of it with a tackle. When going to ground he always gets straight back up and keeps going.

Jack Parker and Otis Williams – While only playing a small part of the year both showed great enthusiasm and were valuable contributors in the early parts of the season. We hope to see them back at Riverside Olympic in the future.



PANTHERS RYAN MCCARRAGHER

The Panthers had a fantastic first year playing and were able to make great improvements as the season progressed. The boys had a great attitude toward training and were always willing to try new things and have fun whilst doing it. The entire team were first year players and it was great to watch them develop each week as a team and individuals. It will be exciting to see this continue next year, and I hope they all continue to play in the same team. Our team consisted of **Darcy, Flynn** (Wing Ding), **Noah, Ted, Franklin, Flynn** (Mac) and **Frankie**. They have all done an amazing job learning the rules of the game and improving their skills along the way. I've really enjoyed coaching this year and thank everyone for their participation and enthusiasm.



STRIKERS MARK & MEGAN SIVILLS

Megan and I are both extremely proud of the Strikers this year - they've turned out week after week to training and games come rain or shine and have all improved their soccer skills and ability to play as a team. Most importantly they have all had fun - and so have we!

Arlo – The youngest member of the team, Arlo brings energy and enthusiasm to the game and the team. Over the year Arlo has grown in confidence and skill and is ready to keep growing his next year, well done Arlo!

Ava – Has grown in confidence throughout the season and is comfortable playing all over the pitch. Great at learning new skills, finding space and playing in formation, Ava has a bright soccer future!

Bas – Has grown in his play tremendously this year, Bas is particularly great at finding space and providing long balls to his team from goal kicks and the side, a set-piece specialist in the making. Well done Bas!

Lincoln – A powerful and enthusiastic player, Lincoln can hold and bring the ball all the way down the pitch and score. He’s continued to grow in skill and speed throughout the year and will be a formidable player to watch out for in U7 next year, well done Lincoln!



Mikaela – A fantastic all-rounder, Mikaela has come on leaps and bounds this year and not been slowed down one bit from a mid-season injury, recently returning to the pitch and to excellent form. Well done Mikaela and welcome back!

Rayyan – Started the season strongly and has gone from strength to strength. Rayyan is a quick and agile player speeding up and down the pitch to help in defence and then run back and score, since his goal in the first match he hasn’t looked back, well done Rayyan!

Will – A super solid player, happiest in midfield, who can defend, pass, bring the ball up the pitch and score. Will has come on leaps and bounds this year, well done Will!

Congratulations on a fantastic season Strikers, every one of you has contributed to the team’s success, and every one of you has improved, we’re super proud of you all. Well done!

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WILDCATS MICHAEL BOWMAN

The Wildcats have had a great season involving lots of fun, skill development and a love of running with the ball, often flooding the opposition to score team and individual goals. The team have enjoyed the highs of Division Two and the challenge when playing in Division One.

Most of the team are first year players who have developed their skills for controlling the ball on the run, passing, and shooting for goal. A big thank you to all the parents and families for their support throughout the season to show the kids that no matter what the weather we can play together and have fun.

Lily Badcock – In her second year has grown into a confident controller of the ball combined with great tackling skills and second and third efforts. Lily loves to run the ball forward as both an individual and team goal scorer.

Paddy Lawrence – Has shown great improvement throughout the season. Paddy is a happy team member and has improved his ball skills.

James Bowman – In his second year has developed into a good all-rounder who uses his size and ball control to get past opposition players to score goals. James has further developed his defensive game this year.

Lisiate Tu'a – Has worked hard on his ball control and all-round skills throughout the session. Lisiate is a great team player, always involved in the action.

Hamish Clarke – Is a hard-working player who has developed all his skills throughout the year to become an effective goal scorer. Hamish reads the ball well and has been key in the team's defence.

Ari West – Is a hard-working player at both training and games. Ari has used his ball control and pace to score some great goals, he has developed his skills and has been great at chasing down opposition players to strip the ball in defence.

Beau Hill – Has shown great development this year and shows explosive bursts to run the ball forward. Beau loves to run, is always involved in offensives play and has a competitive spirit.



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UNDER 7

GLORY JACK CAMPBELL & RYAN PHAM

Abdullah Aladami – Abdullah is a great member of the under 7 Glory, with his fast feet and excellent ball control he is a strong player with a promising future, we look forward to seeing you improve in the future Abdullah.

Jackson Glasby – Jackson is a superstar with his big kick, and great accuracy. Jackson was a key member of the Glory keeping things relaxed and lightening the mood bringing joy to the rest of the boys. Jackson, we can't wait to see you grow as a player moving forward.

Parker Barrett – Parker quite the character you are! Brought his hard work and determination to training and games, always listening to advice given and always putting 110% into what he does - Parker you have a great future ahead of you. Keep at it, Parky.

Lachlan Jeffery – Lachy with your big kick and hardworking attitude you were a pocket rocket on the field switching from attack to defence in an instant, for your first year of soccer you proved to be a strong player with a bright path ahead. Keep up the great work buddy.

Fletcher Merry – Great player on the soccer field, fast and always full of energy, always trying to trick the other team's defenders with skills, he always played at 110% even in the pouring cold rain. He had a big kick that could easily get the ball from one end to the other, creating chances for goals, he really listened to what we had to say for the team and was a great contribution to the team.

Jacky Pham – Although a bit shy, he was quick and agile, was a good team player and loved to score goals. He always tried to cross the ball up to his teammates when he had the opportunity to and tried to score goals when the ball was passed up to him near the goals. Jacky was also great at playing in defence always winning the ball from the opposing team and kicking the ball up to the other end of the field.



Ben Gibson – Ben was full of enthusiasm and our go-to defender, always clearing the ball out of the danger area and passing the ball to his teammates when the opportunity arose. Ben was also a kind and caring person helping his teammates up when they got hurt.

Kavin Kulsawang – Kavin was one of our strongest and quietest attackers on the field, he was a fast and agile player able to win the ball whenever he could. He scored many goals and dribbled through entire teams without any problem, scoring for the team when it mattered the most and was overall a strong player.

HUSKIES LAUREN HODGKINSON

This is the second year I have had the pleasure of coaching this awesome team and with the addition of new players, Charli and Isla, it certainly has been a lot of fun for these 8 little superstars. Moving up to Division One was a shock at first, being challenged for the win, but the team have shown great dedication and sportsmanship and have really started to develop a sense of the rules and play and we were proud to have received two Good Sports Awards from the NTJSA this season. I've again seen the Huskies confidence and friendships grow and all develop into respectful and skilful young players, who love celebrating each other's goals and epic soccer skills and who are always enthusiastic to play the game.

Oscar Kelp – Has developed a great sense for the game and is always looking for ways to make himself available for his team. He is persistent with the play and great all-round player in defence or attack.

Josie Holden – Her dedication to get amongst the play has soared this season. She has great football skills and is not afraid to get in on the action.

Alex Nutting – Has a passion for the game and reads the play well, turning defence into attack on a regular basis. He is a great all-round player, whether attacking or defending.

Hamish Hayes – Loves being a part of the team, has a great sense of humour and continues to grow confidence to be a part of the action.

Xavier Pearton – Is an energetic and confident player, who is always part of the action. His fancy left footed ball skills and eye to read the play are always on show.

Charli Brewster – Plays every week with determination, is a first timer and shows great skills. She is always ready to run down the ground to overturn the ball or take it down to our goals.

Tom Hay – Our top goal scorer, Tom is so confident with the use of the ball, showcasing his fancy footwork and resulting in his ability to score amazing goals!

Isla Murfet – As a first-time player that has continued to increase her confidence and skills. She always

brings a smile to the game and is not afraid to get stuck into the play.

You all should be incredibly proud of yourselves Huskies! Watching you grow as a team has been so very rewarding for us all to watch. A BIG shout out to all the parents and families for your support this year, subbing and timekeeping, I could not have done it without you!



KNIGHTS MARK BAKER

Riverside Knights have had a great season, improving their individual skills and, more importantly, teamwork.

We have been working on keeping our positions and finding space by passing the ball out to the flanks. The boys have put together some excellent team plays by putting their foot on the ball, finding a teammate in space who is calling and moving forward as a team to support.

Everyone has improved their game and skills dramatically.

Harry – Is a gun winger and dribbler, taking the ball from deep in his own half and finding a way through traffic to score great goals. He is fast and often beats his opponents to the ball even if they've had a head start!

Codie – Has a booming right kick, often finding the back of the net from long range! He has grown in confidence and built friendships with his teammates.

Luca – Is a natural defender, always knowing when to drop back into the hole to break up the opposition's attack and move the ball forward. He will then push forward to support the attack and has slotted some nice goals of his own.

Blake – Plays with a big smile that hides a bigger competitive streak. His defensive pressure has become so good this year, that I have to tell him to hold back on the slide tackles because his opponents are not ready for them!

Eddie – His tackling has been excellent and he is often the first to get in and win the ball back for his team and pops up for a goal - his volley was a particular highlight!

Hudson – Is another natural defender and plays the sweeper role naturally, knowing where to be to block attacks. His skills have improved a lot and his backheels have created some surprise attacks!

Lachlan – Gets stuck into the group battles for the ball and finds a way to get it into space for his teammates. He is super keen about soccer and is usually first to training with his own well-used ball at the ready!



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BUSHRANGERS DAVID BADCOCK

The Bushrangers welcomed seven new players this year with Angus, Ella, Kai, Leo Bonney, Leo Brean, Max and Scarlett joining Archie, Austen, Joey, Leo Williams, Mason and Sandy from last season's team. With a mix of new and returning players a large focus throughout the season was developing our individual skills, playing as a team in a structured way, and learning together in a supportive and fun environment. I've been proud of each member of our team for the way they've grown as players and people, encouraged each other, and achieved some excellent results.

Angus Morrison – Brought great energy to the team this year, quickly becoming a player that the team can rely on to be successful in any position. Angus also scored some amazing goals and we look forward to seeing him develop further in the coming years, well done on your great work Angus!

Archie Badcock – Continued his good work from previous years and spent a large part of the season playing as a forward. This helped the team's structure, kept pressure on the other team and supported others in attack. Archie's understanding of his role and encouragement for his teammates has been a big part of the team's successful season.

Austen Chugg – Enjoyed another excellent season with the team. Austen puts in a great effort every week and plays every position to a high-level, scoring some impressive goals. Austen always has a positive attitude at training and on match-days and is developing into an excellent player.

Ella Grubert – After training with the team last year, Ella has enjoyed a very good first season. Always involved in the action and giving her best, including scoring our first goal of the season, Ella was very supportive of her teammates and should be very proud of her first year in the team.

Joey Hawkins – Can always be relied on to do a great job no matter what is asked of him. Whether it was doing a job marking an opponent out of the game or saving some near-certain goals as a keeper, Joey has had another great year.

Kai Davies – With an excellent attitude at training and on match-days, Kai was always keen to get involved in the action and scored some impressive goals. No matter what was asked of him, Kai did a great job including being a very capable goalkeeper.



Leo Bonney – Was the team’s quiet achiever. Leo was a very brave player letting his hard work do the talking, delivering some crunching tackles and giving his best for the team no matter the opponent. Leo was also very good as a goalkeeper, saving many goals that seemed certain to go in.

Leo Brean – Joined us from Launceston United where he had often played as a defender. This season Leo spent more time playing further up the field and as the season progressed, became more confident and had a real impact on games. A positive and supportive player, Leo has been a great addition to the team.

Leo Williams – Has been our key player in defence again this year, keeping opponents goalless and driving the team forward in attack. When Leo played in attack he also did very a fantastic job, scoring and creating goals for his teammates.

Mason Holmes – Used his energy and pace to great effect again this year, dribbling the ball out of defence and moving the ball forward to his teammates in attack. When playing further forward, Mason used his powerful kick to score and assist many goals, including an amazing finish in our last game. Well done on another great season, Mason!

Max Nichols – Joined us from the North-West and has been an excellent addition to the team. With some great skills and an attitude to match, Max has had an excellent year scoring some very impressive goals and helping his teammates achieve their best as well.

Sandy Will – Kept up his goal scoring record from previous years, regularly finding space on the field to intercept an opponent’s pass and score. His amazing goal from a free kick early in the season is something we’ll all remember for a long time – great work, Sandy!

Scarlett Davey – Trained with the team this year and has started to develop some very good skills. Scarlett has also been a great supporter on match days, and we look forward to seeing her on the field in 2022.

Thank you to all the families and friends of the team, particularly **Andrew** for managing the bench and **Josh** for stepping in as a coach when I was unavailable. The team wouldn’t have been as successful and the season as enjoyable without all your fantastic support and encouragement.

GATORS DANIEL ROWE

The Gators had a great season with plenty of development on, and I think off, the pitch. They're a great group of kids who have been respectful of opposition teams, each other, and myself. At training we worked on passing, finding space for yourself and teammates, following up shots on goal, and we all loved match simulation. On game day the Gators were able to pickup rules such as throw ins, corner kicks and hand balls quickly. I told the Gators early in the season I would be just as happy with a great pass to a team mate as I would be with goals, I was so impressed with their enthusiasm for each other's success.

Maggie – Our 'Head of shoes lace management', came along in leaps and bounds this season. I was so impressed with her ability to push herself to contest after contest. A leader of the future.

Katie – Ran her own race this year and what a race it is. As one of our star goalies Katie provided some of the highlights of the year. Never stop challenging people Katie!

Beau – A natural reader of the game, he will more often than not position himself behind the play in order to seek out opportunists and destroy. I will watch his progression with interest.

Ben D – Is a great trainer with enthusiasm and energy to learn. He is more of a quiet achiever on game days who will put himself in the right position to make an impact if the opportunity presents itself.

Lochy – Has a love of the game and strong desire to win, however more importantly he also has an incredibly kind heart, often going back mid-play to check on fallen teammates and opponents alike. Strong right boot!

Rosa – Has previous experience with soccer and it showed. Another player who likes to have the game in front of her, she is hard-nosed in defence and took some great shots on goal. Every team would be better with a Rosa.



Ben F – Is a quiet young man who is great to chat with and has a cheeky sense of humour. He is a great team player enjoying others success. Ben has a strong boot and can score from anywhere on a junior pitch.

Hunter – Is any coach's favourite. Loves to train and improve his play. With his drive he has the ability to be anything he wants on a sporting field. A bright kid with a big future.

Amelia – May be our biggest improver of the season. Starting off, I'm not sure she knew her boots from the ball and at her first game asked "what are those other kids doing here" (opposition). She is now a determined defender who loves putting her hand up to goal keep.

Jack – Is a dream to coach, a great listener who can implement change and loves to involve teammates. He is a great defender who loves to be goalkeeper. Riverside Olympic will be a richer club and community for many years to come if Jack is involved.

RAPTORS OWEN & HENRY ROUTLEY

The Raptors had a fantastic 2021, welcoming four new players to the team in Levi, Trae, Jejoon and Lachlan. We focused on developing a running game with our full backs attacking from the wings while the rest of the pack looked to find space and create scoring opportunities. It made for many exciting games with lots of celebrations and memorable moments.

Noah – Frequently involved with exciting combination passes resulting in goals. More than capable of dribbling through a defender or two, Noah's ability to receive a killer pass and make it count was a highlight.

Ollie F – Ollie was fearless this year. One of the strongest tacklers on the team, Ollie was able to clear many contested balls to help the team in defence. These skills were at their finest when Ollie pulled on the gloves – making save after save from the goal square.

Tio (Mini Messi) – Tio's highlight reel was long this year. Scoring a goal from the halfway line and slotting the ball into the back of the net with a one touch finish were just two magic moments among many. A versatile player, comfortable in both attack and defence.

Oliver – Oliver certainly levelled up this year. With his signature roundhouse ground kick Ollie was exciting to watch every week. Always ready with a great question or insight to share with the team, Ollie kept the coaches on their toes and honest all year. A great team player who kept the games fun and our spirits high.

Thomas – Tom was our rock in defence this year. A superb reader of the play, Tom was always in the right place at the right time. Coupled with his tackling excellence the team always felt safe and settled with Tom on the park. Even when Tom was playing in an attacking position, he would often float back into defence and save the day.

Louis – Louis' dribbling speed was impressive to watch. Often playing as a full back, Louis made full use of the wing and was often seen dribbling past one or two defenders on his way towards goal. Scoring goals from both feet and seeming to have the ball on a string, Louis had a very successful year.

Levi – A very coachable player. Taking in all the instructions during practice, Levi made a huge contribution to the team this year. Capable of playing as our centre back or in the midfield, Levi did a great job playing in every position and adapting his game to whichever position he was in.

Trae – A strong pass and excellent striker of the ball when presented with the opportunity. Great in goals and solid across all positions, Trae had an excellent first year in the team and was a pleasure to coach.

Andy – A great first touch and very dangerous around goal with the ball. This year as a team we focused on players running into effective spaces. Time and again, Andy did the hard work during a game to run into exactly these positions – ready for the through ball or cross to come. Although these passes did not always eventuate, Andy's ability to successfully move into dangerous spaces and read the game like a pro will make him a formidable striker in the years ahead.

Jejoon (Jay-Jay) – Superb touch, sublime skills and deadly finishing. Jay-Jay is the real deal. Although capable of running through every opposition player Jay-Jay is also the ultimate team player. A player who listens to the coach, trains hard, and plays whichever role is asked of him every time. A true professional player in the making.



SNAKES CLYDE GOOSEN

The U8 Snakes have had an amazing soccer season in 2021.

High – Amazing win against a team who have won every game for 3 years.

Low – A cold, windy, rainy game in which we all froze!

As they have moved into this age group, we have seen the kids developing their positional play and it's been great to see the individual players taking the opportunity to step outside their comfort zone and challenge themselves to become better players.

Their dedication and commitment to learning about the game has seen them grow in confidence and step up as players and as a team. As a coach the most rewarding component is seeing players with smiles on their faces, running around and learning as they go.

We have been very lucky getting through almost a full season with no Covid-19 lockdowns to deal with and the wet weather has added some excitement – the ball doesn't move in the mud!



Thank you to players and parents for your support of and commitment to the U8 Snakes:

**Hayden Brewster,
Jago Cirkel, Hunter Clark,
Ivy Furfaro, Thomas Goosen,
Xavier Harriss, Henry Kaye,
Flynn Koch, Millie Sattler,
Darcy Willis and Rahsharna
Wilkinson.**

VICTORY LES JARMAN

It's been enjoyable watching this group of young men grow throughout the year. Small things like encouraging and coaching each other has increased and has been a pleasure to witness and be a part of. With some new and first year players it was good to see new relationships formed.

A big thank you for all the help and support this season from the extended team, family and friends that helped during the year at training or on game day, it has been very much appreciated.

Jake – This young man keeps improving and is always getting himself into just the right position during games playing forward or back, although he is the youngest member of the team it doesn't stop him mixing it up with the biggest opposition.

Hunter (Macca) – A natural. He has continued to improve with his foot skills and is now more confident running and moving the ball with his left or right foot. One major improvement for Hunter has been striking the ball and this has increased his goal scoring ability this season.

Flynn – A first year player but didn't take long to find his way in the team, always running and pushing back when needed to help the defence. Flynn was able to switch from defence to attack and was also willing to try his hand at being a goalie.

Zaviar – Another first-year player who has done an excellent job learning the rules and how to play the game. He gives 100% and has a natural ability of being able to read the ball and always drops back to defend and help his team where needed.

Noah (Finny) – Like a pocket rocket he has shown how he is able to move with the ball but is also willing to pass when the option is open, during the game he is getting himself into the right position on the field. Goalie, attack or defence he is able to play anywhere on the pitch.

Isaac – A natural player with the ability to move up the park with the ball on any side of his body and can also strike with left or right foot as needed. He is a great sportsman always hard at the play wanting to win the ball, but he is always the first to check on a player if they have gone down. To top it off Isaac is also an extremely capable goalie.

Reece – His first year with the team and Reece has improved with his ball skills, he's enjoyed learning new drills at training and putting them into place on game day. Reading the play has improved which has helped him intercept the ball when dropping back to defend.

Oliver – Is always trying and learning new skills that helps with improving his touch on the ball. He has a passion for the game and would be more than happy if training was extended every time (and wasn't happy when training got cancelled).

Hunter (Jarmo) – Goalie, defence, or attack Jarmo is willing to play where needed for the team. He has a good passing game and is also very strong on the ball rarely being knocked off it, getting into the pack and winning the ball is clearly something he enjoys.

Lucas – As a first year player Lucas has been a great team member, very easy to coach, always willing to listen and this has shown with the improvement with his ball skills both left and right foot. His confidence has grown throughout the year and is willing to tackle any opponent.

Zayde – Missing the first couple of games didn't stop this young fella from being part of the team. Watching from the sideline he was able to help coach the team pointing out opportunities and offering encouragement for his teammates. Zayde is like a sponge and has taken in and improved so much this season proving to be a natural goalie and defender.

A fantastic season for all the boys. I hope they have all enjoyed it as much as we have.



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UNDER 9

FORCE DANIEL MACE

What a season for the Force! Full of fun, friendship and some great games of football. The Force have come a long way in developing both individual skill sets as well as how they all mesh together as a team. Some areas of key focus I have greatly enjoyed seeing come to fruition include; each team member's ability to play their position, self confidence in their-own abilities, manning-up defensively and general ball control.

While wins may have been few and far between, each goal scored was a memorable moment and was celebrated with great passion, often including team high-fives all round and piggy-back rides by team-mates! This made for quite an enjoyable season. Coaching the Force has been a privilege and a lot of fun. Some of the great attributes each player provided to the team include:

Baylin Folo – A great teammate and all-round player. Baylin excelled in all positions, including goal keeper. In offense he showed great ability to position himself well for a chance at goal from a quick through-ball.

Eli Wells – Played the centre of the field very well. Eli was always determined in defence, eager on the offense and played a great role in the team's dynamics.

Hamish Street – Always willing to put his hand up and give something a go, his confidence on the field was evident through his commitment in both attacking and defensive positions.

Harrison Jordan-Ross – Brought a lot of fun to the game and played a great role in the team culture. In a one-on-one scenario, Harrison would show a lot of determination to win the ball which would often lead to a successful challenge.

Jack Weeks – While offense and striking is where Jack's passion lies, he played each position he was assigned very well. Jack showed great desire to see his team score and would often be leading the charge on the attack.

Kano Kulsawang – Very team focused and all-round player. Kano's interest this season has shifted towards a more offense role which has proved to be a very successful pursuit. His confidence and his ability to strike the ball fast and accurately has led to quite a few well celebrated goals.

Logan Symons – Well-rounded player, contributing greatly to the team. Logan has shown a huge amount of talent in a number of positions on the field. His performance as goal keeper quickly became the talking point for the team early in the season.

Milan Morris – Fantastic team player, often providing support to fellow team-mates and playing a key role in advancing the ball forward. Milan's football skillset has continued to grow this season with both ball handling and positioning being key areas of notable development.



Noah Mace – Confident and well-rounded player. Noah has demonstrated great determination in furthering his skills this season with a particular interest in offense. Through the combination of his ball control skills and confidence, Noah created numerous scoring opportunities with many being successful.

Robbie Vinson – Robbie's confidence in his ability has grown this season quite remarkably. Matched with his refined ball skills, Robbie has shown great capability in advancing the ball forward while retaining possession.

Sam Viney – Well valued player for both his football skillset and team focused attitude. Sam has shown a great amount of devotion towards the team this season, contributing significantly towards a positive team culture and encouraging the team to perform to the best of their ability. Sam has demonstrated a keen interest in offensive play with several successful shots at goal. However he is also very aware of his team-mates and offers support to defensive play when required.

I enjoyed my time coaching the team this season immensely. Thank you to the players and parents for an excellent season!

REBELS MATT FINLAYSON

It has been a pleasure coaching the Rebels for the 2021 season.

We had some new additions to the team this year with Max, Cal and Hamish all bringing positive attitudes and a willingness to learn. They worked hard and were awesome contributors to the team. **Hugo, Rhys, Jett, Thomas, Nino, Nate, Cooper** and **Faith** all had a big season and showed improvement in their skills and knowledge of positions. I am really proud of the teamwork and sportsmanship they displayed and of the determination and resilience shown on game day each week. Go Rebels!



STORM KEITH RYAN

After getting through a disrupted 2020 season, it was great to see the bulk of the U8 Storm back again for U9s.

This year, we tried to develop a more defined structure with a 2:2:2 formation in defence, midfield and attack. With more structure the Storm played really well as a team this year. There was a lot more passing to players in space and less crowding around the ball. Players started to realise that space allows them more time to get control and look up and involve their teammates. For many players it seemed to click this year and was great to watch. If the team stick together they might have to challenge themselves in Division 1 next year. Once again it was great fun coaching the Storm.

Cappi French – A fourth year Storm player who always contributes well to the team. He is one of the players who always sticks to his designated position and likes to provide a target up front. He always looks to pass the ball and involve other teammates and is there to jump on a shot at goal if given a chance.

Harvey Bates – Continues to improve in his third year with the Storm. He seems to be most comfortable in defence and goalie where he is quick to block opposition attacks. His composure in defence and ability to read the play is great to see. He is working on staying on his feet in tackles which will make him a much stronger defender.

Max Lawrence – A fourth year player with the Storm who improved a lot during this year. Max shows a preference for defence or midfield and his second and third efforts to stop opposition players is excellent. When he attacks the ball his strong right foot is hard to stop and he clears the ball out of danger well.



Thomas Lovegrove – Continues to show a natural preference for defence and is keen to play in goals whenever he can. Thomas reads the play well and is a fast player that cuts off many opposition attacks. He needs to be a bit more patient and control his attack on the ball, stay on his feet and he'll be a tougher player to beat.

Will Ryan – Improved a lot in his third year displaying great touch and control and a greater willingness to take players on. He reads the play well and looks to involve all his teammates with some great passes. He is comfortable playing in any position but likes to score a goal given half a chance.

Raff Hrycyszyn – Was one of the big improvers in his third year with the Storm. He is much more willing to get involved this year and he is probably at his best in a defensive midfield role where he quickly shuts down opposition passes and attacking moves. This persistence chasing the ball will result in more goals in the future.

Drew Bowman – Continued to improve this year. His preference is to drift forward and kick goals but he is one of the players who can play anywhere including goalie. He sometimes needs reminding of his position but will run flat out to get back and help in defence. He has started to look up more and pass the ball around which is good to see.

Jenson Reed – A first year Storm player who shows a lot of promise. Jenson has some good control and foot skills and can stop and turn an opposition player unexpectedly. He is most comfortable in the midfield and like a few of the players just needs to work on looking up to pass the ball quickly.

Finn Milne – A third year Storm player who is most at home in attack and tends to drift forward when in midfield or defence. Finn has a strong right boot and is dangerous around goal but just needs to work on taking a bit more time or an extra pass before shooting and more goals will follow.

Freddie Fulcher – A first year storm player who slotted nicely into the team this year. Freddie is a skilful player comfortable playing anywhere and has some great control and composure. In defence he holds position well and corrals players, rather than attacking the ball, which gives time for others to drop back and help out.

Paddy McLeod – Is a natural defender who reads the play well and is difficult to beat whether defender or goalie. Paddy also likes to drift forward whenever he can and chase some goals, even taking some long-range shots and runs from defence. Paddy passed the ball and involved other teammates a lot more this year which was good to see.

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UNDER 10

FALCONS JP MORICE

This year we learnt about positions and passing, and a lot about being quiet while the coach is speaking. Not sure they actually learnt the last part. The boys were very competitive and did pretty well. Thanks go to Jarrod Ward for coaching while I wasn't there, and to the lovely group of parents we had the pleasure of seeing every weekend.

Hamish Bonney – Was a delight to watch especially when he managed to put together some skills and run away with the ball, or (like he did recently) put one in the back of the net for the first time. We get this big grin that says, “I did good didn't I”. His goalkeeping was outstanding!

Max Dalgleish – Has been in the thick of it and getting his boot on the ball when he can. Max has been with this group since U7's and also likes to sport a big grin when he accomplishes something. Max has been great at cutting off attacks and booting the ball back.

Ewan Davis – Is a new player that found his form as a goalkeeper. Ewan also slotted in a nice goal under trying conditions recently and found he was an asset in the back line as well. He has come along in leaps and bounds since the start of the year.

Oliver Fletcher – Is yet another new player who has a great turn of speed and is good at booting the ball down the field. He really is doing well for his first year. He is fearless and we are very proud of his endeavors.

Remy Hawkins – Can run all day and when called upon will find a little more from somewhere. He is a great player at both ends of the ground. Awesome work Rems.

Harrison Mee – Is another player that can run all day and is very fast. His tackling and foot skills are excellent. He has been scoring from just short of the middle of the ground with a boot which is more akin to a missile launcher. Nice work Harry!

Xavier Mensah – Is another new player who has a lot of skill in dodging opponents and persistently dribbling the ball forward. Xavier proved to be a very handy player in any position. Thanks Xavier.

Tom Morice – Continued with his goal kicking and was very good at helping his team mates out when they were hurt or down. His foot skills as always are great to watch, with him bypassing defenders in one on ones. Thank-you Tom for being part of this team. This is Tom's last year.

William Thomas – Has broken his arm recently, so hasn't been with us, but we are missing him finding exactly the right place to stand and kick the ball out of defense. He's been doing this since U6's and continues to amaze us. Great work Will.

Chase Westbrook – Became a big brother this year. He also found himself becoming a bit of a goal sneak, with several goals late in the season in consecutive games. Chase is another player coming along in leaps and bounds. Thanks Chase.

Ely Stevens – Came back to us after having a year off and is coming into his own. He has been an integral part of the team, playing in the mids, backs, and forwards. Ely is a pleasure to coach and his Dad (Matt) is always there to help out at training. Ely is a big unit that is particularly handy when facing bigger more physical teams. Great work Ely.



SHARKS NATHAN MURFET

This year was my first year at giving coaching a go and it's been a lot of fun. 2021 has been a tougher year for the shark than previous years, but each week the kids turned up with a smile on their faces and never ever gave up and for that I couldn't be prouder of them.

A big thankyou to the parents for being a group, encouraging the kids every game and making each Saturday such an enjoyable experience. Thanks also to Mike McQuestin for helping with subs each Saturday.

Sully – Our superstar goalie making great saves every week. Then coming onto the ground at half time and providing us with some speed through the midfield and wing, chipping in with a few goals.

Robbie – The ever-reliable defender that always finds a way to make a contest and put a stop to opposition attacks.

Oliver D – The key to the Sharks defence every week. Always in the right spot to make a contest and always cool under pressure.

Oliver H – Our speedy defender / winger who's made the left side his own with silky foot work. He also doesn't mind sneaking in with a few goals.

Charlie – One of our new members this year and his first season playing soccer. He approaches every game with a great attitude and a smile, and it's been great to see his skills really improve throughout the year. Well done, Charlie!

George – Brings a great physical / skilful game, busting through packs at both ends of the field.

Ruby – A wonderfully skilful player that's been the key to our midfield. Calm & strong on the ball and doesn't mind a goal or two.

Alex – A highly skilful player that can play anywhere, strong on the ball with great passing and shooting.

Jude – Another player that's played in almost every position throughout the season and has done a fantastic job in whatever position he's been asked with great tackling.

Callum – Cal has been one of our go-to strikers playing most of the season up forward providing a great target with excellent finishing.

Edward – Edward's first year of soccer has been a great one. Ever reliable in whatever position he plays, it's been great to see his skills improve throughout the season.

Jacob – Brings a strong physical presence playing on the right side. He provides great crosses into the box and played as a striker with excellent finishing from all areas in attack.



THUNDER MATT TITMUS

Max Hay (Maxy) – Has worked well this season on playing up forward and scores goals frequently. His work in and around the ball is awesome and he is developing as a very good player. Max has a way of moving the ball very well through the opponent's half. Awesome effort, Maxy.

Levi Clark – Levi has been a regular goal keeper for us this season and has played fantastic in this role, a lot of great saves and great throw ins. He plays equally well on field as he can play anywhere on the ground and make things happen. Awesome work, Levi.

Banjo Titmus – Banjo is a fantastic team player who plays up front as left forward and has scored frequently in this position. He has a good ability to read the play and gets in good position to receive or pass the ball to his team mates. His left foot boomers work well on corner kicks and he is developing as a good leader this year. Awesome effort, Banjo.

Charlotte Simpson – Has improved greatly this season and usually plays in the backline or midfield and stops the opposition from getting past our defence. Her determination and support for her teammates is awesome and is a valuable member of our team. Well done this season, Charlotte.

Heidi Newman – Has improved out of sight this year and has worked a lot on passing and stopping the opposition frequently getting passed our backline and stopping goals. She has played really well and contributes to every game with determination courage and good skills. Well done this season, Heidi.

Layla Brewster – I am sure if Layla keeps playing soccer she will go far with this sport. She usually plays centre half back and controls the play with good skills. Her ability to put pressure on the opposition and set up the forwards to score is fantastic. Her courage will and determination means she wins the ball and plays a key role in our team, another potential leader for sure. Awesome work, Layla.



Harry Warmasley – Has great positive energy and plays well in our team. He puts good pressure on the opposition and sets up and scores goals. He has worked on playing all around the ground and adapts well to any position. He has good skills and contributes always to the team. Well done Harry.

Matilda Warmasley – Matilda has improved a great deal this year and plays usually in the backline making it difficult for the opposition to get the ball past her and score goals. She has developed her courage to play the hard ball and has gained confidence every game. A good team player, well done Matilda.

Hayden Brewster (Haydos) – Plays around the half forward line and has good skills and work rate. He frequently works the ball up the ground sets up goals and scores. He's been a great contributor with a high level of determination and courage which makes it hard for the opposition to play against him. Awesome effort this season Haydos.

William McKinnon – Has greatly improved this year and has played on the field and in goals from time to time. He has become more confident on the field and usually plays in the midfield backline positions where he works hard on stopping the opposition from scoring. Good to see you gaining more confidence Will and well done this season.

Henry Kaye – Is developing as a good player, younger than most he shows good skills and work rate to help out his team and set up goals. His energy and positive attitude is always good to have around the team and plays well in and around the midfield. Thankyou for joining our team this year Henry, well done this season.

Hunter Clark – Has been a good player for us this season showing good skills and determination to win the ball in the centre area of the ground and support his fellow teammates. He is always keen to play and is developing into a good player. Well done, Hunter.

Tom Hay (Tommy) – Has regularly played for us this year and is a good player who has good skills and determination to win the ball in and around the forward line. He is a good team player and is developing well as one of our youngest Thunder players. Awesome work, Tommy.

TITANS DAVID STURDY

The Titans have had another fantastic season in 2021. We began the season by welcoming Tom and Ned. They were both familiar faces having played futsal and super 7s with us in the off season. We also continued to train with the Warriors which has been great fun!

Moving to the 9-a-side format of the game has meant that the kids have had to become more positionally aware. We have been working hard at developing our understanding of position and movement both in, and out of possession. Some players have developed a preference for playing in a certain position whilst others enjoy more variety.

Wilbur – Always more attacking in past seasons, has developed not only an interest, but also an aptitude for defending. He is always keen to learn and develop as a player.

Archie – Has cemented his position on the right wing. He has a great habit of finding huge amounts of space and works hard to get on the end of crosses from the left.

Xavier – Is a solid and reliable player. He gravitates to a central defensive position and can also play as goalkeeper. He certainly makes it difficult for opposition attackers.

Jasper – Often plays at right back. He is consistent and as well as being a strong defender, he has also been developing his ability to play out from the back and start attacks.

Ellis – Is a strong player as well as having strong technical ability. He played everywhere on the pitch and has also been developing his skills as a goalkeeper.



Ji – Has mostly played as a midfielder or goalkeeper. He continues to develop his skills and strength on the ball and has quite a powerful strike.

Jett – Hasn't been as keen to play goalkeeper this year as he has in the past. Instead, he has mostly played defence. He holds position and strikes the ball well.

Teale – Mostly plays in midfield. He is always committed to the game and works hard both offensively and defensively.

Ollie – Whilst a strong defender, has also enjoyed having a run on the left wing. He crosses the ball into dangerous areas well and always looks for Archie running into the box.

Ned – Can play in defence or midfield. He has worked hard to develop his ability and understanding of the game and has improved with every performance.

Tom – Has been one of our main attacking presences. He runs hard at the ball and creates opportunities to score. He has also developed the passing side of his game.

WARRIORS MARCUS CRAMP

It has been a pleasure working with the Warriors this year, with all players displaying a great attitude on game day. Although player availability has been a consistent issue this season, the players have tried hard all year, and a growth in their confidence has been evident. This was rewarded late in the season with a confidence boosting 8-1 win. Thank you to the parents who have stood and cheered from the sidelines all season, braving the wind and rain! I would also like to thank David Sturdy for once again conducting the Thursday training sessions and Rafe for assisting on game day.

Damon – Our “captain courageous” shows no fear when in goal, throwing his body in front of opposition players without hesitation. Damon started the season as an effective key defender, before moving to become our usual goalie. The team has lost count of the number goals he has saved this year, and the number of cuts and bruises sustained from opposition boots!

L'taliyah – A hugely versatile player, L'taliyah can play goalie, in defence or up forward. She has great ball skills and powerful kick. Injury has hampered her time playing up the field, but a great attitude and respectful approach has been consistent all year.

Kimberly – A key player in our defence, Kimberly also enjoys playing further up the field when the opportunity arises. It was during one of these opportunities late in the season she scored her first goal, where her excitement at this achievement was evident to all!

Alice – A brave defender, Alice can be relied upon to thwart any attacking move of the opposition. Her willingness to commit to the tackle, then clear the ball has been highly valued. This year Alice has shown her commitment to Riverside by often being called upon to play 2 games on Saturday, as she filled in for another team short of players.

Georgiana – A quiet, but brave and determined player, Georgiana has a powerful kick and is strong and committed when it comes to tackling opposition players. Equally at home in the mid-field or defence, Georgiana is a versatile player who can support the team in both attack and defence. Her confidence has grown as the season has progressed and she has become a key player in the team who is rarely beaten in a tackle.

Eli – A speedy player who has generally played in the mid-field this year. Although at times hesitant on the field, once he has committed to a move, Eli is all in, and has been an asset to the team. During the season he has often displayed his favourite “move” where he uses the bottom of his boot to do a reverse turn, to evade opposition players.

Alex – The “engine” of our team, Alex plays midfield where he is relied upon to support both attack and defence. As a result, he covers many kilometres

during each game! He never gives up or complains of his massive workload, and has scored some great goals this year, including a bag of 4 in one game! Alex’s skill and ability to read the play has made him a key player in our team and is depended upon by all his teammates.

Hunter – A skilful player, Hunter is our main “attack weapon” where he can use his skills to evade opposition defence. Unfortunately, due to illness Hunter missed a number of games mid-season where we missed his attacking skills. His more regular attendance at the send of the season benefited the team and has been reflected on the scoresheet.



Lucy – A very fast player, Lucy has enjoyed her second season with the Warriors. She generally plays up forward where she has scored a number of goals this year. I'm sure that as Lucy's confidence grows, she will be able to further utilise her speed to increase her effectiveness as a striker. A late season improvement in her tackling has been a highlight.

Obi – Joining the team midway through the season, Obi has been a welcome addition to the Warriors line up. Obi feels most comfortable in defence where he can face the oncoming play. Obi can be relied upon to follow instructions of the coach, best illustrated in his brave tackling when given that direction.

Max – Although absent for much of the middle part of the season, Max made a welcome return in August. He was once again able to use his strength to reinforce our defence and mid-field. His ability to win most tackles and kick the ball long, launched many offensive moves.

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UNDER 12

AVENGERS MATT GREEN

This season we moved up to Under 12s with some minor rule changes (offside!!).

Our team this year was represented with the following players. **Ben Hay, Oliver Murray, Kyah Macintosh, Ethan Finlayson, Bella West, Lucas Bailey, Tyson Donoghue, Jasper Shepherd, Gabby Holden, Noah Manion and Oliver Green.** They are all grade 5 students at Riverside Primary School and it has been a great opportunity for them to all play together.

They are an amazing and very energetic group of kids and seeing their improvement from last season to this has been outstanding. They are all willing to play in any position required on the day and what has been most pleasing is their teamwork and encouragement between one another.

Thank you very much to all the parents for your support and encouragement during the season. Special thanks to Justin Donoghue for his help at training and also to Matt Finlayson for allowing us to join into your trainings for a couple of weeks.

Finally, to the Avengers. It has been a pleasure to coach you again this season. I hope you all enjoyed yourselves and look forward to doing it all over again next year.



DYNAMOS LYN BEARDWOOD

This season has seen the Dynamos consolidate their intuitive game on a bigger pitch & thrive! The team has played together for years, and we have welcomed new players into the mix with open arms. We've been supportive of each other and had fun together. A few wins, and a couple of losses.

It's been an absolute pleasure to see each player come into their own strengths, grow new skills, embrace their team spirit and passion for the game.

A beautiful bunch of children!

Jaymie – Our reliable striker, highly skilled and loves the game.

Leo – A steady defender with a great kick and team spirit.

Jett – A versatile player, determined and skilled in all positions.

Zahara – Super on the wing, loves to run with excellent skills.

Cammi – A reliable defender who is nearly impossible to get past.

Liam – Can cover a lot of ground with a long, fast stride, is an asset in every position.

Henry – Is great in goals and is certainly not shy of coming out for the ball.

Thomas – A welcomed addition this season and a versatile player up front or in the back line.

Rory – Loves to run all game, has developed a strength holding position, strong in goals when needed.



Lachie – A strong player in all positions, happy and supportive of his teammates.

Trung – Joined the team this year and has loved it.

Miah – A player with potential, who has really improved her defending skills.

HIGHLANDERS ANDREW LOFT

2021 has been a learning experience for all involved, players and coach. While this was the second year the Highlanders have been together, it was my first time as a coach, with all previous experience been through playing the game myself. Not knowing any of the players it was very refreshing to see a bunch of energised players, and what a season it has been!

Full of thrilling wins tight draws and hard fought losses, there was one game which sums up the team. It was early in the seeding rounds when they came across a team that quickly put the Highlanders under a lot of pressure in the first half scoring a few quick goals.

At half time, all looking a little overwhelmed, they came together and made a decision that they would not throw in the towel that they would fight out the last half and they did, scoring under immense pressure against a team that ended up playing in Under 12, division 1.

This loss was the most memorable games of the year for me being a coach and a parent, as the resolve, determination, skill, speed and unwillingness to give up set all the players up to succeed in the rest of the season and anything they do in the future.

To all the players parents, thank you for putting in the time to get players to games and training, it can be challenging to juggle school, sport, work and most of all family, so thank you!

PLAYERS NAMES & NUMBERS

Sarah Beasley 11;
Lucia Bridle 13;
Dean Church 9;
Thomas Cornish 7;
Thomas Jones 6;
Hayden Lee 3;
Addisyn Loft 2;
Tate Lowery 12;
Jet Rautner 4;
Max Schilg 14; and
Oliver Taylor 10.



MINI MESSIS SASHA WONG

When each season starts, there is an air of mystery. What will the season hold? Who will be the players? How will the weather hold out? Will the club unearth a new magic talent? What will be the highs and lows? Such drama is usually crafted by the literary giants; artists of great renown, Stephen King, Neil Gaiman, Arthur C. Clarke, Agatha Christie and the screenwriting team for Scooby Doo.

So, when asked to assist the Mini Messis for season 2021, I loaded up with Scooby Snacks and set forth for Windsor Park to meet the new team. The first few weeks of training were a little confused to begin with as the clubs arranged the team lists. While a few players have returned for another season of nonsense and hijinks, 2021 saw quite several new players join our ranks. Soon they were to become accustomed to the various commands and gestures made from the sideline which to the uninitiated might resemble the actions of an inflatable man standing outside a used car sales yard.



Let us meet this new team, this band of heroes, with more grit than the Magnificent Seven, more style than the Reservoir Dogs, more energy than the Avengers, and most importantly, more silliness than the Muppets.

One of my personal favourite attributes of the Muppets was the way that they moved their arms about, especially when excited. So where better to start our introductions than in goal. After several appearances between the sticks in 2020, Tyson Saunders continued with his excellent form in 2021. Despite a couple of early games where score lines did not flatter the team, Tyson became the arm flailing rock upon which the team was built. This year, Tyson's game play has improved particularly his ability to read the pace of the game and taking the panic out of the game which provided confidence for the rest of the group. Tyson has certainly grown into his role this year, both emotionally and physically - twice this season has required new gloves as the ones he had became too small.

Seth Mace is another player returning to the Messis' fold and continuing in a role that he started to learn last season at left back. Seth's confidence in his own abilities has been fantastic to watch this season, not only providing stability at left back but now starting to understand how he is able to start attacks from defence. Seth is also starting to communicate with his teammates allowing the group to attack and defend together. Seth has unfortunately had to miss a couple of games this season through illness, and his absence has certainly been noted in the team's performance.

River Blundstone is the first of the new players to the team to be mentioned. With a shock of red hair, and a dominating presence in the heart of defence, it is hard to miss River on the pitch. This has been River's first season of (real) football and he has taken to it like a duck to water. Although River has had a couple of misadventures by way of injuries which did threaten his season and a few bouts of illness, River's enthusiasm, his ability to employ team structure and raw talent have enabled him to shine in the team this year. Working in the centre of defence, River's understanding he has developed with his teammates has been very impressive to watch this season.

Dante Parer-Wong has been a jack of all trades player this season, playing in almost every position on the pitch, but mainly sitting in at the heart of defence, talking to and organising and encouraging the players around him. He has played in goal and has scored goals as well, most notably a full hearted strike from ten centimetres off the goal line. Great passing and distribution around the pitch, Dante's development this season has been great to behold. Yes, I have a vested interest here, but my views remain unchanged. So there!

Jack Erb is another of our new players this season. We often look at players growth and their potential, and there is more than just significant potential here for Jack. This is not just in terms of physical growth, he has feet bigger than mine. Jack started the season as a defender and attempts were made early in the season to push him forward and up the pitch but as those games progressed, Jack would drop deeper and deeper until he found himself in the defensive group almost by default. Later games in the season saw Jack pushing forward developing a more assertive side of his play. I expect great things from Jack in the seasons to come.

Lulu Brown has played a season with the Messis already as a special guest star, featuring highly in 2020. Lulu came into the season almost stating, the right side of defence is mine! Lulu is a player surprisingly strong on the ball and dominant in the tackle. When I say surprise, I think the only person surprised by how effective Lulu can be is Lulu herself. Often after making a strong tackle and passing the ball to start a new attack, Lulu will turn to those on the side of the pitch as if to say, "Did I just do that?". Yes, you did Lulu, and you did it more than just well!

The midfield of the Messis appears to have had a cast of thousands this season, often guest roles from siblings of the team.

Alex Erb made his first appearance in a Messis' match playing for the opposition when neither team had a full complement of players, thankfully the opponent players finally arrived and Alex could take his place in the squad. Alex can run all day around the pitch, and then have enough energy to probably run all the way home. He is enthusiastic and learning all the time. He has been a great boon for the team, not only on the pitch, but also in training – at least there he can compete with his brother Jack.

Maddie Barrett made a brief appearance with the Messis in 2020, but only in training sessions. This season, she was ready to take to the pitch and show the team what they missed out on in 2020. As a midfielder, Maddie is able to take up attacking positions with ease and as the season has progressed, she has also been able to learn how to position herself to take advantage of the attacking runs of her team mates. Maddie's excellent efforts this season should have been rewarded with more than just a hatful of goals.

Jaymie Barrett is Maddie's younger brother, easily recognised on the pitch thanks to the shades that he wears. Opposition players generally don't get to see much of Jaymie other than his back from when he is running past them. The strongest feature of Jaymie's game is running with the ball, it helps that he is quick, and nimble and has enough energy to put the Duracell Bunny to shame. Like Alex Erb, Jaymie hasn't been able to play many games for the Messis this year due to commitments to his main team, but no one could criticise his efforts on the pitch.

Oliver (Ollie) Bonnice is another new player to the team this year, and also new to the sport. While it has taken some effort to cleanse his mind of the influence of "that" Hand-Egg game, Ollie has flourished. The strongest feature of Ollie's game is his passing and being able to change the focus of the team's attack. Quietly confident, Ollie's progression this season has been steady and affirmed, not one to cause a ruckus, but similarly, not one to step back, this is a case of "still waters run deep".

Noah Burling as yet another new player to the squad had a few things to learn at the start of this season, the most important of which has been to "let go". Seemingly not wanting to use his own physical presence to intimidate opposing players, however as the season progressed, Noah has become more assertive on the ball, and surprised himself at his breakthrough point in the season where a successful tackle allowed him straight through the middle of the field to be one on one with the goalkeeper. At that point, he could see what he was capable of on the pitch and performances continued to improve from there. Well done!

Katie Campbell is really a force of nature. She has played with the Messis before and has already shown herself to know where the goal is, both in attack

and defence. This year, Katie's efforts have mainly been in attack, contributing many goals. This has been a difficult season for Katie with several significant medical issues, but that has never stopped her giving everything that she has on the pitch, it is more an issue for anyone coaching Katie to ensure that she keeps something in the tank. Katie has also been able to introduce Indigenous culture to the team and led the team through the reconciliation round with the assistance of her brother Jack. Football is about so much more than the game on the field and Katie is an embodiment of what the game can achieve.

William Larson loves the ball. He simply loves it. He is always looking to receive a pass, looking to dribble and run with the ball, and he is great at that. This year we have focussed on other areas of William's game, by working with positioning and passing the ball, and yes scoring goals. After one of William's first games I said to him, "William, I'm expecting you to score a hat-trick" William was a little sceptical, but he got that hat trick this year, and as soon as the game was over, he reminded me of my comment two years ago. I think I need to tell him that I'm now expecting him to score a double hat trick.

Jacob Champion has speed, energy, an eye for a pass as well as for goal. He also supports the world's second best team – the Mini Messis being without doubt the greatest. Playing predominantly as a right wing back, he has had freedom to attack as well as responsibility in defence. All handled perfectly and with aplomb. Jacob's efforts are consistently reflected in the opinions of his team mates in the player's player ratings each week. Consistency has certainly been a feature of this season from Jacob and he's been a delight to work with only needing minor notes from game to game. What a first season with the club Jacob, well done!

And finally **Jett Buttwell**, the last of the new squad, Jett has been employed almost all season in a striker's role. For many players, and certainly attacking players, I suggest to players that they treat opponents like their siblings, but this time I give them free reign to be as annoying to their pitch siblings as can possibly be. However, this didn't work with Jett. Anyone who comes to games would see the attention that Jett lavishes on his younger brother, and the "stop hitting yourself – stop hitting yourself" routine would not be in his repertoire. Instead, Jett now envisions his opponents as people attacking his brother. The change would be worth of Jekyll and Hyde. This was the key to unlocking Jett's best performance of the season. There is a lot to learn as a striker in unlocking a solid defence, but Jett's progress in this area has been fantastic.

So that is our squad, this rag-tag bunch, capable of turning a sub-zero wet and raining morning into the highlight of the weekend, leaving throats raw from excessive cheering and hands sore from continual rounds of applause.

This season, we've had players from the team step up for the Devonport and Hobart cups. We've had devastating losses and magnificent wins, disappointing

close results and games that we've won through sheer determination. While some of the games may not have been good for my blood pressure, I wouldn't have changed a thing. All the players did themselves proud. They have been amazing all season.

I'd like to thank Riverside Olympic, its staff, sponsors, volunteers and supporters for allowing us to form a group to play and provide spaces to train, the NTJSA for the bowl of chocolate mousse to play on through the peak of winter, the referees for keeping some degree of sanity on the pitch and the parents for joining in on the sideline. A special thanks to Paul Champion for helping when I was away and also in training as well as Mikko Larson for sacrificing a very expensive pair of leather shoes to run around on Windsor Park.

Each year seems like preparation for the next season, next year we play on larger pitches, and the players are naturally bigger and faster. Bring it on, I say! Go you Mini Messis! Go!

NINJAS BRIAN WIGHTMAN

Coaching the Under 12 Division 1 Ninjas was a wonderful experience. I had the pleasure of working with some of the most talented juniors at our club, with the training squad bolstered by an eager group of Under 10's who enjoyed the sessions each Thursday.

The Ninjas had a very successful season, competitive in all games, winning most, and challenging a tough Launceston United team who have not been beaten for many years. The team trained hard and reaped the rewards for consistent effort.

My coaching life was made much easier having FFA curriculum prepared documents prior to training. Thank you to our Academy Director and NPL Assistant Coach, Alan Eadie.

Cohen Heiniger – When on the run, Cohen is a jet. It is like he is floating across the pitch with opposition teams quickly becoming aware of his ability to stride from defence to attack in support of teammates. Cohen was able to read the play during games against sides with fast attackers, circling around the back to assist the defence when we were under pressure. Cohen had an outstanding season.

Fergus Broomhall – Like Flynn, I avoided Fergus at training during our small-sided games due to his supreme tackling ability. Fergus may not always have been the tallest on the pitch, however his ability to lay a defensive tackle and be strong on the ball was pivotal to our success. Fergus demonstrated significant improvement in decision-making when under pressure.

Flynn Grant – Flynn is a running machine. He never gives up, is rarely beaten in any contest, and quietly goes about his weekly task without fuss. Flynn added to his kitbag the ability to beat opponents one-on-one, turning defence into attack and bringing teammates into the game. Flynn was always one of the first picked.



Jaxx Pattie – Jaxx had an outstanding year as our goalkeeper. He is a terrific shot stopper who also developed into an accomplished keeper-sweeper during 2021. Jaxx made the decision to focus on goal keeping this year and as a result, he kept us in games on many occasions. Jaxx also scored a cracking goal during a rare run on the field.

Jeho Ryou – It is difficult to describe Jeho's talent in words. He is a footballer. Jeho head-checks the space behind him without anyone telling him to do so. He is a sublime dribbler of the ball, but it is his ability to deliver a killer pass that slices open an opponent's defence that is the most impressive component of his game. I am absolutely thrilled that Jeho and his family have made ROFC their footballing home.

Keelan Officer – Keelan is a talented footballer. He has outstanding skills and a rare goal sense that sees him bob up and score when least expected. In one-on-one situations, Keelan is extremely difficult to stop, and he was often able to assist teammates through his clever runs. Most impressively, Keelan's commitment to his teammates made giant strides during the season which helped ice games.

Linkoln Grainger – Linkoln made significant improvement as a right-sided midfielder during the season. His ability to maintain discipline and keep a wide position, particularly in attacking situations, made him invaluable to our team. The Ninjas were most dangerous when they switched the ball through the middle to our attacking midfielders and Linkoln made sure that game style paid off.

Sam Ritchie – Sam is as reliable a player as night follows day. He even played goalkeeper for the Ninjas when Jaxx was injured, making some terrific saves. Sam found his home as a defensive midfielder, often turning defence into attack with powerful gut running and strength. He was an absolute pleasure to coach.

Sebastian Vincour – A more polite lad you would not find. Sebastian was pivotal to the Ninjas success during 2021, playing as our swingman or utility player. Seb can play almost any position because he reads the game better

than most. He also displayed excellent aerial ability in both defence and attack making him a threat at both ends of the field.

Shriranga Eri – Ranga is an extremely accomplished player for someone so young. He was the Ninja I turned to when asking players their views of what they could see during games. Ranga possesses wonderful skills and can turn a game with clever runs. He added to his game this year through trusting his teammates, expecting to receive a return pass when trying to breakdown opposition defence.

Sidney Willis – Sidney was our most improved player in 2021. This season was a step-up and he found himself hearing multiple instructions during games. However, he just accepted responsibility and didn't complain, demonstrating significant improvement and a strong desire to compete. Sidney shaped himself as a very reliable right back.

William Cramp – Will made the big step up to Division 1 and found himself leading attacks down the left-hand side of the pitch. As a right-footed footballer, his ability to run at pace, beat opponents one-on-one, and then cut in towards goal was impressive to watch. Will not only set-up goals for others but he also scored several himself, always contributing to team victories.

William Wightman – William enjoyed his best season thus far at ROFC. He became a goal-scorer, hitting the target against each team in the competition and racking up many more goals in 2021 than he enjoyed in seasons past. Most pleasing was William's improvement playing as a holding number 9. His ability to use his body, control the tempo of the game, and lay off to teammates in advantage was awesome to watch.



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WALLABIES CHRIS RADEMACHER

What a pleasure guiding this team in 2021! It all came together quickly after a rough start and just continued to grow as a team feared in their division. At time of writing this they've hit the back of the opposition's net over 65 times in 10 games, with a style of play that is enjoyable to watch.

Bradley Hodge – A very versatile footballer who plays anywhere on the park with composure, always up for a laugh and willing to put his hand up for any task.

Jesse Jillett – Loves playing CB, lots of speed and talent. He will be a standout on the full-size pitch as he does on the 9 a side.

Simeon McKee –

A very consistent and strong quality player. He reads the game very well, which his on-field positioning shows.

Gregor Tabagari

– Is on his path to whoop the quality older brothers on the park. A quality player especially around the opposition goals.



Riley Tasker –

Works hard going forward and back which is rare at his age, very talented and can play anywhere on the pitch, exciting to watch.

Adam Shams – Has the natural ability to read the game and run with the ball very well. Watch him in the years to come as he will dominate.

Sam Rademacher – Has grown so much as a player this season and loves to be up at the pointy end cutting balls back to mates in the box or punishing the keeper's mistakes.

Seb Barbour – Consistent growth as a quality footballer over the years and has always been a standout on and off the pitch.

Oliver Holmes – A rare find at this age having the ability to use both sides of his body and has a finish on him that didn't come from his dad. Well done this season.

Hosea Mensah – Fast and can control the ball very well at speed. He has a natural football brain and a very bright future ahead in the game. Luckily dislikes basketball; sorry, Dad.

Fletcher (the force) Myburgh – Has a feel for where the net is and will put the ball there with great force. I sense a quality striker growing in the years to come who will be a handful for any backline.

Camden McKellar – Another great player with natural ability. Already stands out as a playmaker and attacking midfielder who will control the tempo of many games to come.



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UNDER 13

ATOMS SARAH TIGHE

It has been a privilege to be involved with the U13 Atoms team this year. This is a newly formed team, in a new age group for the 2021 season.

The Atoms have shown great team spirit and resilience, especially playing against some strong competition throughout the season.

We were impressed with their progress, particularly relating to movement off the ball, passing combinations and transition in play. Awesome work Atoms! We are looking forward to seeing you progress and develop further in the U15 competition next year.

Jakoby Atkinson-Gunton – A highly respected player because of his quality skills, high work rate and ability to dominate and move play forward. Koby is always willing to listen to feedback and although a very competitive footballer on the field, he is a very humble player, who always gives his 100% best. Congratulations Koby on a great season!

Daisy Barbour – A versatile defensive player, who contributed greatly to the team. A skilful and determined player, Daisy's confidence increased throughout the season and her reliability to hold and tackle players is definitely her strength. Awesome Daisy!

Tariku Brammall – A skilled player who enjoys setting up opportunities from the wings and scoring himself as well. Tariku's determination wreaks havoc on the opposition and makes him an extremely dependable and successful player.

Malachi Carswell – Was in our top goal scorers for the season, and has a fantastic knack to find the net when least expected. Malachi's strong passing and ability to score from 'everywhere' makes him a very difficult opponent to defend against. Great improvement this season, excellent work Malachi!

Noah Colgrave – Has matured as a player this year. Although preferring to play at fullback, Noah spent a lot of time in the midfield due to his outstanding skill with the ball and ability to read play. Noah has wicked skills and he is well respected by the team for his leadership on the pitch.

Imogen Donoghue – A strong player, with skills to die for! Imogen is a highly skilful player and a great contributor to the team from the fullback position. A stellar season for Imogen this year and we would like to congratulate her on her selection in the U14 girls Tasmanian team for 2021. Let's go, Imogen!



Skyla Higgins – Smiling Skyla is always smiling, even at the toughest moments of the game! Love that. Skyla's skill in the midfield was outstanding this year, her ability to hold position and switch play developed throughout the season. Her tenacity and never give up attitude makes her a winner, top season Skyla!

Isaac Hills – Is a quick and skilful player who attacks from the left or right wing positions. A very consistent player who continued to improve throughout the season. He is an integral part of the team's attack, who can score goals and gives 100% commitment at training and games.

Eden Myburgh – Is an outstanding athlete, who brings a lot of power to our defensive line. Eden's strong tackling ability frustrates his opponents as not many get past him and although a foot injury shortened Eden's season, he was able to play a few games in an attacking position where he also dominated with his strong boot! Looking forward to seeing you back on the pitch next year!

Jack Nichols – Is a versatile player who is willing to give everything a go. He is able to score goals, hold the midfield and work in the defensive line as a CB. Jack has been our most improved player this year and we are happy that he has become more confident with his own abilities as the season progressed. Absolute pleasure to have on the team!

Oscar Smith – Is an extremely competitive player, who brings that x-factor on game day. Oscar spent time on both the left and right wing, and scored a cracker of a goal from an amazing diagonal run - proving to himself and the team that he is a danger and capable of scoring from anywhere on the pitch.

Alex Taylor – Is always calm under pressure, which is important as the team's goalkeeper. Alex definitely saved more goals than went in, and had a fantastic season with The Atoms. His competitiveness and courage in goals was outstanding! He is a committed player who gives his top effort at training and on game day. Well done, Alex!

Jesse Watson – So much energy! Jesse's infectious enthusiasm and ability to score goals is his greatest assets. Jesse's willingness to take on feedback about his game and dedication to training has seen his skills continually improve throughout the season. Keep it up, Jesse.

Oryn – Is a strong player who has continued to develop as a talented and confident footballer. Oryn is able to drive the ball and play forward with his skill and determination, and then score goals with solid technical ability. Love it; great work, Oryn!

Hudson Young – A top player and is the HQ of the defensive line, if not the team. Hudson has many skills as a footballer and this makes him a very capable player, his best attributes are his abilities to communicate and organise the team during a game. Great season, Hudson!

Thank you, **Fiona Taylor**, for being an awesome team manager, **Morgan Brown** for your help warming up the team on game day and to all The Atoms' parents for your support during the season.

DIAMONDS DAMIEN GRIFFITHS & MARCIA HUMBLE

The Diamonds have had a great year finishing top of their division with only two losses for the season and made the McDonalds Cup Final. They have done Riverside proud with their commitment to the game and great sportsROOship.

Elaria Acquarola – This was Elaria's first year with the Diamonds. It took a little while for her confidence to grow but she has improved greatly every week and become a valued team member. The last few weeks have seen Elaria have several shots on goals, narrowly missing on several occasions. We hope to see you at Riverside next year with some goals on the board!

Maddison Barrett – Tommy has had another great year with the team. She is a determined, hard little player who manages to keep the ball at her feet, and no matter how big the opponent she seems all ways come out with the ball and has also been a great keeper.

Estella Bridle – Has come back to Riverside after a year off and has been a real surprise packet. With great skill running with ball at her feet and the ability to get through multiple tackles, this has seen Estella score a lot of goals as well as set up her teammates. A big future in the game (Princess).

Katie Campbell – Has played every first half in goals and has made great saves to keep us in winning positions. She is also a great midfield player and has been the difference in many games, getting us past the winning post. Thank you for giving your all every game Katie.

Zoe Carman – Has had another great year as part of the Diamonds great defence, Tangles always seems to unnaturally get a foot to the ball and manage a clearing kick when under pressure. She reads the play well and a valued, cheeky, team member who has made it a fun year for me as coach.

Gemma Davies – A new player who has improved every week and listens well to what is asked of her by her coach and teammates. Gemma has also put her hand up on several occasions to play in goal and has done a great job. Thank you for being a great team player and we hope to see you back next year.



Imogen Donoghue – Immy is a natural leader on and off the field with great ball skills, scoring a lot of goals but also brings her teammates into the game. Congratulations on your state team selection, we see a great future for you in the game and hopefully a Roo for life!

THANK YOU FOR BEING A GREAT COACH'S ASSISTANT & TAKING WARM UPS.

Ava Starrett – The very determined Ava has had another fantastic season with the Diamonds scoring goals and coming off the ground very disappointed if she didn't. She has always given her best on the field and got the results for it, thanks Ava for making coaching easy.

Georgia Watson – Has also come back from a season away to join the Diamonds and has had an important part in our success this year scoring goals and giving her all. I only wish she wasn't so impatient on the bench to get back on wanting to do her part (my ears will enjoy the off season!).

Beatrix Wightman – This has been Bea's first year with the Diamonds previously playing in mixed teams and Bea has fitted in well with the team and given her all. She likes playing forward even though she is a far better defender. Has her Softies cheek especially at training.

Lara Willis – What can I say? A shy little girl when she first came to the club three years ago thinking she would not be able to play, but is now one of the best central defenders I have seen play in my 27 years of junior soccer! With a natural ability to read the play and one of the strongest kicks in the game, we discovered late in the season that she has a great corner kick as well. Thank you, Lara, for a great year!

Maleeh Zandavar – Another of our great defensive four. A cheeky player at training that has had me smiling a few times, but a very different player on the field and an important member of the team. Always gives her all even if she takes a bit of waking up at the start.

Lulu Brown – Lulu is also a very important part of our defence. The smiling assassin meets players head on with a big smile and a clearing kick before turning to apologies after tackling a player to the ground before moving to the next opponent. She has the ability to make a great midfielder but loves defence and has refused to go forward with her cheeky smile back at me.

Maggie Bailey-Walford – Another first-year player who has improved every week despite her occasional struggles with the offside rule (but don't we all). Keen at training, as well as on the field, and the last few games has shown that her efforts at training are showing on the field. We hope you enjoyed your year as much as I did seeing your improvement.

Thank you to Marcia and Brian for their help throughout the year and to the girls' parents and supporters for making the season great. But most of all thankyou Diamonds for a great year, GO ROOS!

UNDER 15

JACKAROOS HAMISH MCGOVERN

What a season we have had. Scraping a team together, we were not sure how we would go. To say how proud of these boys I am is an understatement.

The boys ranged from 12 to 15 years. It was fantastic to see the youngest members of our team step up and challenge those much older without hesitation, and fantastic to see the older boys take them under their wings and treat them as one of their own. We had some highs and lows but we stayed strong and developed as a team, learning plays and performing unselfishly became our trade mark and a mark we set for others to follow. We journeyed to make the finals of the McDonalds Cup (final not played at time of writing) and travelled to Hobart to test ourselves. It was a pleasure to coach these boys and watch them grow in confidence and have fun and make great friendships along the way.

Bryce Sherwood – A great utility player. Played through the back line and midfield and up forward. Never backed down in a challenge even against those twice his size. Our youngest player, he certainly led by example.

Cooper Peverell – A staunch back man. Coops came a long way this year and enjoyed every minute. Sometimes forgot that it was football not handball with hilarious results.

Dylan Russell – Our great left back. Had a knack of being there when it mattered. Clearing the ball or finding the line. Left field comments were his specialty keeping everyone guessing.

Harry McGovern – The right-wing goal sneak, who loved to score early. Dashing runs down the wings with crosses into the box letting loose the forwards.

Izak Hjort – Mighty mo, small in stature but huge in heart. Didn't matter which position he played, back, mid or forward – 100% was all he would give. Literally looking up and learning from his peers was his thing.

Jack Campbell – The midfield director. At his best directing plays, scoring goals, defending or attacking. In full flight he was at his best when playing the 1-2 with his wingmen.

Jack Maney – Nicknamed the mini ref, Jack came a long way this year. Not only did he work hard at training, but, also at home. He was a sponge when it came to tactics and gave nothing more than 100% during each game. He even managed, his much talked about goal.

Jarrold Smith – The flighty left winger and second goalkeeper, Jarrold was the Energizer Bunny of the team. His unlimited energy fed the rest of the team and his tenacity for getting the ball made him unstoppable.

Joel Buckingham – The tenacious right midfielder who ran and ran each game. His energy and love of competition was unmatched. He gave as good as he got with the heart the size of a lion.

Ryan Pham – Ryan re-joined the boys after a long layoff with injury. Our flamboyant striker loved the run and the score. Often putting hearts in mouths with his attacking game play and tackles.

Samuel Powers – A gutsy left midfielder, with great run. He was able to switch into a winger position without hesitation appearing at home in either spot. He was the master of putting the ball out in front of the forward running players.

Tristan Tabagarai – The tall left winger, with speed. A focal point in corners he was majestic in his runs forward, culminating in magical through balls often resulting in goals. A fantastic team player.

Tyler Worsley – Our first goalkeeper with hands of steel. Tyler was our rock in the last line of defence and the start of our offensive attacks. When he stepped out of the box he jumped into midfield or on the wing, making him a very versatile player.

Zachery Buckingham – The backline general, with the thumping boot, often seen clearing the line and setting up offensive charges. Never one to back down from a challenge, he is a fine example of playing for his team-mates.



KANGAROOS TIM WEST

This year has been a great year for the under 15 Kangaroos. Currently sitting 3rd on the ladder is a great result for this young Under 15 team.

As the year has progressed the team has also progressed. This year, I wanted the kids to focus on supporting each other and holding their positions, lo and behold the kids have learnt and understood how important structure is and how the team plays better when they have someone to pass to that isn't in their personal space. Well done team on a fantastic year and now let's introduce them.



Jethro Clark – Was a late addition as the team's goalkeeper and what a job he has done. Every second week the opposition coach asks if they can have him on their team. He was also voted by the team to be captain which is a great honor.

Kaleb Flanagan – Has played his preferred position of center back all year. He has been rock-solid and had a great season. The communication in his game has improved as the year progressed and made it even better. Great job Kaleb.

Oliver Goeghegan – Is always on the move. He is always running to get in the right position and works very hard to get there every time. A great team player that understands the game well.

Archie Gogan – Took a little while to find his feet in the team but is more comfortable in a midfield position. He just needs to believe in himself more and have confidence that he can play football as well as I think he can, with that confidence he will be even better.

Eli Grant – The team wouldn't be where they are without you. Your never give up attitude is awesome. When you're pushing forward it's challenge after challenge and yes, another challenge but lo and behold you come out with the ball and shoot for goal. Awesome.

Josiah Hargrave – Is a very universal player, not the tallest or the biggest player but can play anywhere and give 100%. His talk on the field is great but not always about football though! Well done Josiah.

Ciaran McRobbie – Has been sorely missed for majority of the year with injury but what an impact he had when he was there. The team was better with him involved. His communication is good and prefers the right forward position and you can see he plays with more confidence when he is positioned there.

Sarah Moore – Has exquisite skills and confidence in abundance. This year has seen her in a full back position but can play anywhere. Sarah is one of the most important players on the team. She is calm with the ball at her feet and always makes the correct choice of when and where to pass the ball.

Mitchell Orr – Has grown immensely throughout the year. He has become the reliable right wingback and his confidence is growing each week. He works extremely hard to get the ball forward and then work back into position, so he doesn't let the team down.

Matilda Reilly – Was managing injuries in the first half of the season but once again, the team was better and more settled with her on the pitch. She loves the forward wing position and is extremely good at it. It was great to see her confidence grow each week.

Cruz Townsend – Is a player who has worked hard on his skills and is better for it. He always tries his best whether it is training or in the game and that shows. When he is taking a corner kick or shot, he always gives 100%. Keep up the great work Cruz.

Mitchell West – Has played most of the year in the CDM role but is another player that can play any position the team needs him in. He holds his space extremely well and understands the importance of cutting off the passes through the center of the ground. Many dangerous switches from the oppositions have been cut off by him throughout the year. He was also named vice captain by the team this year.

Ryder White – Is a great player that can play in defense, midfield or striker. His never give up attitude is infectious and always wants to help the team out. Great year Reg, love your work.

Cooper Wigg – Has been the left wing back all year. He rarely lets a player past but on the odd occasion when it happens his speed and determination allow him to get back and either stop the cross or steal the ball and work it forward again. Ever reliable player and has had an awesome year, well done.

PUMAS LUCA VIGILANTE

What a year for the Pumas! We are so proud of everything the team has achieved this year, and more importantly the outstanding young men these players are. We have shared some highs and lows throughout the season, but we have always done it together - team first.

The team's hard work, dedication and strong belief in each other meant we finished the season as a competitive team who played beautiful football. We would like to thank our players and supporters for all your hard work and assistance throughout the season.

Pat Brown – 'Pater' is a positive leader in the group, who brings organisation and motivation to the team. His commitment to training and passion for football is unquestionable. From the full back position Pat is able to defend and can create attacking opportunities with his ability to read play and find space for that killer pass.

Pj Clark – Super fast. Pj has dedicated himself this year to improve his technical skills and has consistently improved as the season progressed. His willingness to give it his all makes him an exciting player who can kick goals! Keep at it Pj!

Harry Costello – Harry's impressive ball control and ability to remain calm under pressure makes him a key player in the Pumas success this season. Harry is an integral part of the Puma's defence and bolsters the team's ability to switch the play quickly. Awesome season Harry!

Will Crawford – Amazing midfielder, who is able to control and manage the play with outstanding technique. Will's confidence as a player has greatly improved this year and has made him a thrilling player to watch.

Ethan Eades – Ethan has played well in many different positions to support the team's success this year. Ethan has scored some spectacular goals this season and shows that he is dangerous from any position on the field.

Jay Ferrall – Jay's commitment to the team has really impressed us



this year. Jay's ability to motivate the team in the big moments is his greatest talent. His speed and unpredictability on the pitch also makes him a lead goal scorer for the team!

Toby Harrop – Stellar season. Toby started the year as midfielder, and moved forward to striker as the season progressed. His understanding of attacking football, transformed the team's effectiveness and goal scoring opportunities. Toby is a confident and skilful player who is able to dominate opponents.

Kampbell Jarman – Kampbell's ability to play strongly in any position, including goalkeeper, makes him a respected team player. Kampbell's strength to move past players and win the ball back makes him a dangerous player on the field. Awesome season KJ!

Liam Jones – Liam is a courageous player, who puts everything on the line. Not much gets past Liam in the defensive line and his work rate is always 100%. Liam's soccer tennis bicycle kicks are one of the most amazing things we have seen all season! Great work Liam!

Bob Matthews – Bob has top-shelf foot skills, and always plays strongly. The only left-footer, Bob is a star on the left wing and he has continued to improve throughout the year. Bob always has a huge smile when playing and is a pleasure to coach with his positive attitude!

Tyler Phillips – Tyler can play in any position in the midfield due to his ability to win the 50/50 contest and transition play quickly. Tyler always provides positive feedback to the team on ways we can improve, especially on game day in the half-time huddle. Keep it up Tyler!



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Henry Routley – El Capitan! The Puma’s captain, Henry always leads by example. Henry plays and trains with 100% effort and dedication. Henry is always open to take on advice and is happy to share his experience with other players. On the field, he is consistent, skilful and a masterful centre back.

Avery Thomas – What a year for Avery, very athletic and capable player. Avery has continued to develop as a centre back this season and we love to see his exciting runs up the field. Top effort Avery!

Hamish Whatley – Number 6, whoohoo. Hamish has excelled in this position this year, with a killer tenacity and technique to win back the ball at crucial moments in the game. Loving that! Hamish is able to quickly transition play with his game reading skills and thoughtful play.

Sam Wozniak – A strong technical midfielder, with great footwork, who is very dedicated to football and developing as a player. Sammy loves to train, and is always happy and smiling! He always gives his best for the team. Great work Sam, great season!

You are more than a team! We hope that you all continue to support each other next season and into the future for the friends that you have become.



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MATILDAS CHELSEA WING & MEG CONOLLY

The 2021 Senior Girls Matildas team consisted of returning players, players making the step from junior to senior girls, many girls who have played together for years, and several newcomers.

A team consisting of eighteen girls who were consistent at both training and games, all with varying skill and experience levels which they utilised throughout the season. The girls were always ready to give 100% effort whether it was at games or training and took on any challenge thrown their way with determination and a smile on their face. Due to the diverse range of experience and skill level, many players were challenged to play in unfamiliar positions and take on new roles within our team. The support the girls have for their teammates and the great sportsmanship they demonstrated each week, both on and off the field was admirable. They should be so proud of their efforts this year, showing continual positivity and competitiveness with every game.

Claudia Durston – She showed potential at the beginning of the season, a shame we couldn't see her play much due to unforeseen reasons. We wish Claudia luck with her future endeavours, whatever she chooses to do.

Hadley Evans – One of our returning players, Hads out-did her own previous performances week after week. She showed great support to our forward line and demonstrated persistence in her position. Her commitment to both the team and developing herself as a player could not go unnoticed. Hadley's enthusiasm and spirit never faulted making her a pleasure to coach, we hope to see her continue to grow within the sport!

Kiera Gabbedy – Joining the Matildas this season from u13s Kiera proved her incredible skill and ability as a goalkeeper. Her Leadership and communication from this position was a huge asset to the team. When given the opportunity to get out onto the pitch she is an absolute weapon up front. Her positive attitude and bubbly personality made her a pleasure to coach.

Alissia Hazebrouck – New to the game and team, Alissia showed natural ability in the sport. She is a quite player but should not be underestimated. Regularly stepping up to take on some of the best in the league with her great defensive skills. She has shown improvement throughout the season, and we look forward to seeing her continue to grow as a player.

Tilda Hanson – One of the most committed players on the team and the sport, due to injury Tilda was only able to play her first game for the Matilda's in the 3rd last week of the season. She did not let this stop her from regularly coming to trainings and games to support her team. Her skill and ability to read the play was missed greatly, we are very glad to have her back on the pitch.



Sarah Harback – New to both the team and the sport, Sarah was quick to prove her natural skill and ability on the field. Denying many opposing players, the opportunity to score with her defensive talent, Sarah quickly settled into our defence line, becoming a reliable defensive player. Sarah's hunger for the ball added vital pressure to our game, and her enthusiasm, passion and positive attitude towards every game made Sarah unstoppable on the field. Certainly, a player to look out for!

Chloe Denai-Heiniger – Another new player to the sport, Chloe showed great natural ability and consistently improved throughout the season. Predominantly playing on the wing Chloe worked hard off the ball and was also in the right position to support her teammates. Her positive attitude made her a pleasure to coach, and we look forward to her future in the sport and hope to see her back next year.

Anaiya Madden – It has been a pleasure watching Anaiya grow as a player and develop her confidence within the sport this year. Her commitment and loyalty to the team was proven, indisputably showing up to every training and game, despite facing setback due to injury. Always the first to help with equipment or lend a hand at training, her willingness to give things a go and her effort this year was unmatched, and she should be proud of herself. We hope Anaiya continues with the game and developing as a player.

Lola Mateos-King – Lola played a key role in holding our midfield together and supporting our backline as a reliable and highly valued defensive midfielder. Her fierce attack on the ball and ability to consistently play a strong game makes her a well-respected member of our team. Lola endlessly demonstrated great technical ability and skill. Lola certainly has a very successful future in football ahead of her.

Sarah Moore – Sarah’s quick feet and ball skill was a big asset to our midfield, often taking on multiple players at once. Being able to read the play and help create opportunities for her teammates is one of her many strengths. She also demonstrated great defensive talent throughout the season. She is a very talented young footballer.

Emilie Munting – Returning Matilda Emi is a well-respected player on and off the pitch. She demonstrates her strong leadership skills from her main position of center back. Her strong boot and body behind the ball make her a reliable defender and a threat anywhere on the pitch. Emi’s team player attitude and support towards her teammates was always muchly appreciated.

Alella Parer-Wong – One of our returning Matildas, Alella showed her ability to play in many positions on the pitch. She always works hard both on and off the ball when on the pitch. Her speed, ball control and smart decision making on the wing helped create many attacking opportunities for her teammates. We look forward to see her keep on improving as a player in years to come.

Stella Poke – One of our new players, Stella never failed to give 110% every week both during games and at training. Quiet but dangerous, Stella was regularly found amongst the play. Her pressure in our midfield was unmatched and created challenges for our opposition. Stella’s attitude towards taking on a new challenge and pushing herself as a player this season has been greatly reflected in her many outstanding performances this season.



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Lingitha Ponnusamy – AKA dragons' tail, Lingitha's fierce attack on the ball and ability to play a strong game in our midfield makes her a well-respected member of our team. Impressive ball skills, aggression, and smart movement of the ball, Lingitha consistently displayed her extensive technical ability. Lingitha's positive attitude and humour on and off the field was a refreshing addition to our team. She is a strong team player and a promising young footballer.

Charley Read – The clown of our team, Charley's goofy and playful ways were always a positive light to the team. This was replaced by determination and a hunger for the ball on the field, which made her a powerhouse in our forward line. This season has seen Charley improve her skills, establishing herself as a well-respected player in her first season with the Matildas. We are looking forward to see Charley progress within the sport, as she has a promising future of football ahead of her.

Matilda Reilly – Matilda demonstrated great skill and understanding her attacking role this year. She always showed determination to get the ball and had great composure when in front of goals. Composed up front. Unmatched ball skill. Confident. She has a very bright future in the sport and her commitment to both her team and the sport made her a pleasure to coach.

Isabella Taylor – The 'Pocket Rocket'. Izzy is another player to make their debut in U16s this year. She is star left back and uses her speed and skill to make crucial attacking runs up the wing. She is always full of energy and gives 100% all the time. We look forward to seeing where she goes in the sport, definitely a player to look out for in the future.



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Amelia Wing – This season has seen Amelia continue to grow and succeed as a young and talented footballer. Juggling the pressures of playing in both the Matilda’s and Riverside Woman’s team, her commitment to her football and the team has not gone unnoticed. Amelia demonstrated her experience week-in and week-out, with her powerful attack on the ball and consistency and confidence to take on any opponent. Amelia is a leader both on and off the pitch and has a very successful future of football ahead of her.

We would like to extend a huge thank you to all parents, supporters, and everyone who assisted with coaching and team management, which allowed the smooth running of our season. Your support is greatly appreciated by Meg, Chelsea, and the girls throughout the year.

It has been an absolute pleasure to watch every single one of the girls develop, grow, and challenge themselves as young footballers over the season and we truly hope to see every single one of the girls back on the field again next year and pushing themselves to take on a new challenge in their football career.



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