

Belconnen Cats



2009 season

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

2009 SEASON

Wow ! What a year !!!

The 2009 season will long be remembered as one of the most successful years in the history of the Club. Although we pride ourselves in performing well in a number of areas such as player participation, enjoyment and development; we can't escape the fact that the success of football clubs are fundamentally measured by on-field performance.

Congratulations to all involved in the on-field success achieved by the Club this year. The Club was extremely well represented on Grand Final day by three courageous and polished football teams that stood up for what this Club wants to be known for; playing a team game where we move the ball forward quickly; playing the game in the right spirit; and playing with courage for your team mates.

To win premierships in the key age groups of Division 1 Under 16's and 14's is a great credit to the players and coaches of the respective sides. In addition, the performance of the Under 12's to win two finals and win through to a Grand Final, and for the Division 2 Under 16's Teal side to have two impressive finals performances including a great win was a wonderful reflection on the development of the Club.

On-field success wasn't limited to these sides with outstanding performances also being produced by all age groups including the most courageous performance I witnessed during the season by our Division 2 Under 14 side which started an away game against Goulburn with only 13 players and fought back to win after being down by 25 points after less than 10 minutes. Despite the wonderful premiership victories there was no day during the season where I was more proud to be the President of the Club.

Our focus on player development was further enhanced by the addition of some excellent new coaches and I hope the kids appreciate how lucky they are to have such a wonderful group looking after them. In particular the development work done by new coaches including Gary Dixon, Hamish Arthurs, Stuart Gurvan, Damian Tuck, Andrew Fogden, Brendan Murley, Shane Weir, Gavin McKinnon, Chris Nunn, John Austin and Mick McIntyre played a vital role during the season and will benefit the Club in the years ahead. When you see some of the ranting and raving that occurs at other clubs and then compare that to the positive environment our kids get to enjoy their footy in it makes you realise we have developed a culture to be proud of.

In that regard, we thank Daryl Read, Mel Brothers and Nicole Thorne for the great work they have done with our Auskickers and their parents. It was great to see so many happy faces and new families becoming involved with the Club.

All parents should take the opportunity to thank the members of our Committee that put in so much effort to ensure the kids had a safe, positive and enjoyable environment to participate in and develop their skills. In particular, I would like to thank Nicole Thorne for the countless hours she contributed to enable the Club to be as successful as it was.

We should however note that many of the members of the Committee have kids towards the end of their junior careers and accordingly we need to introduce new members to the Committee to maintain the culture and environment for the kids and to ensure the long term success of the Club. Please let us know if you would like to become involved.

We again wish to thank the senior football club and the Magpies Sports Club for their increasing support which is having such a positive impact on the development, performance and culture of the Club. In particular we thank Mel Brothers for her considerable support and wish her all the best for her future endeavours. In addition to the broad range of assistance provided by Mel she has done an outstanding job introducing AFL programs to our local schools which will lead to many new players to AFL and the Club. Mel we will really miss you.

A great highlight of the season was to witness the wonderful support we received on Grand Final day from the senior club. Despite the fact that the 1st Grade players won the premiership just a week earlier, a large number of players came to Manuka to support our boys. Thanks to Bubba Read and his team whose support meant so much to the boys. It is this type of commitment that makes us a great footy club!

Congratulations again to all involved with our merged Under 16 sides which have again been a great success. We appreciate the support and friendship of the Magpies Junior Committee and look forward to working together for years to come.

It is with great pleasure that the Committee announces the awarding of two Life Memberships this season. These decisions are not made lightly and reflect outstanding contributions to the Club over extended periods. We thank Peter Taylor and Manny Delhaize for their wonderful contributions over many years.

Finally, I remind you all that none of this can be taken for granted. The environment, the culture, and the on-field success will only reflect the ongoing efforts of the parents and the players to maintain the levels of excellence we have aimed for. Our main focus should always be participation, enjoyment and development. Notwithstanding this, we will never face a tougher season than 2010. We will be the hunted!

Thanks to all for their efforts. We hope you enjoyed the year.

Cheers,

Glenn O'Sullivan

President

Panthers U8's

This is the first season of Auskick pro for both me and a lot of the players and has generated a lot of fun for all who were involved. For several of the players this is their second season with their experience and skills being invaluable for both the new players and for me as the coach.

We started off on a bit of shaky start with some of the players never having played before facing the wrong way, wondering why the ball wasn't coming to them and generally sitting around having a chat or wrestling each other (yes their team mates not even the opposition). With a little guidance from me and their more experienced team mates all of the newly initiated players found themselves picking up the game very quickly and finding themselves contributing and becoming an integral part of the team. During the first few games I was extremely impressed with the patience and cooperation the more experienced players namely Will, Jack, Ewan and Nic had with their less skilled team mates, their encouragement and enthusiasm was invaluable.

We had a good balance of players that had never played Auskick and those that had. This enabled Conner, Jarrod, Ben, Curtis and Cooper to develop their skills and game senses very quickly. It will be these players that will need to help and develop the next wave of Auskickers into the game next season

Although I was brought up with Aussie Rules I never realised the amount of effort and organisation that went into coaching and running of an AUSKICK competition. As a new coach I was very impressed with the AFL structure, support and effort they put into all levels of the game and how important it is to develop players from an early age. The emphasis on having fun while developing skills and ensuring all kids of all levels participate and have a go, gives them greater confidence and enjoyment so they will more than likely continue with the sport in the future.

I believe other sports could and should learn from the way the AFL deliver and develop players and coaches. I have learnt a lot from this season and have been offered and sought a lot of advice and hope to develop further as coach in the future.

I would like to thank all the players for their efforts, enthusiasm and hope they had a lot of fun. Thanks also to all the parents our manager Michael and Nicole for ensuring everything ran smoothly. For the players get hold of a footy, keep practising your skills and I hope to see everyone next year for a fun packed season.

Gary Dixon

Coach

Cougars U8s

The Belconnen footy club has a bright future following the outstanding performance of this year's Cougars Under 8s. A core group of players were together for the second - and in some cases third - year in a row and they were joined by a host of talented newcomers. Teamwork was a big feature of 2009 with players handballing and passing in their zones to create options going forward. This was a delight to watch given that many of these young Cougars are in their early years of what will undoubtedly be exciting footy careers. Everyone's skills improved in 2009.

David Gray was one of our most committed at training and this paid off with growing on-field confidence, particularly towards the end of the season.

Charles Martin lined up for another year and looked very comfortable out in the middle. His passing game makes him one of our best team players.

The find of the season was the Graetz brothers Gabe and Zeke. Gabe might have been one of the smallest on the field but he showed he could mix it with the big guys. Big brother Zeke slotted right in and became one of the team's mainstays with his consistently good form.

Speaking of brothers, Thomas and Jonathan Shelton built on the experience they gained in 2008. Jonathan worked well with fellow zone players David and Charles while Thomas showed he was not afraid to pick up the ball and run, dodge and kick.

Another of the stalwarts from 2008, Mackinley Miller has one of the biggest kicks in the league and amazingly is still eligible to play for Under 8s in 2010. His marking in 2009 was spectacular.

Mackinley's little brother Tiernan looked great in his oversized jersey but clearly will wear Belconnen colours for many years to come. It was great to see Mackinley making sure he didn't miss out on the action.

Rohan McQueen again proved to be one of our most effective goal kickers and was always solid in defence.

We missed his sister Caitlin who retired from AFL mid season to concentrate on netball and was a great loss.

Zac Dickason, Ewan Richter, Felix Gehrt-Verney also made solid contributions and showed they are players of the future.

Stepping up from Auskick were Jack Read, Thomas Itter, Mitchel Williams, Zac Smith, and Cooper Vickery.

Thanks to all the parents who transported players and cheered them on throughout the season. Special thanks to Vicki for keeping the paper work in order, Sid for setting up fields and Nicole and Paul for making it all work. Thanks also to the mums and dads who brought oranges and washed jumpers each week.

Lyle Shelton
Coach

Belconnen U9s Cougars

The 9s Cougars had a lot of fun this season and the progress they showed over the course of the season was terrific. This year we had a number of players who were new to AFL and it has been very rewarding for the coaches and parents to see them develop so far.

The players should be congratulated for the way they listened to the coaches and the spirit in which they played each game - ensuring that enjoyment, skill development and participation was their focus.

In relation to our group of great players:

Adam Forner has a background in soccer, however he very quickly developed strong AFL kicking and marking skills - before long he looked as though he had been playing AFL for a number of years and was a great contributor to the team. We look forward to seeing him develop his AFL skills even further over the coming seasons.

Andrew Lanspeary continued to show his great defensive skills often saving goals deep in defence and driving the team forward for scoring opportunities. His size makes for an ideal on-baller and we look forward to watching his continued development over the coming years.

Bobo Gong was always trying to create space so his team mates had someone to pass or kick the ball to. Bobo was another of our new players to the game, he listened well to the coaches and picked up the rules and objectives very well and always showed his enthusiasm with a big smile.

Brad Tuck loved attempting to take speccies and kicking goals and was quite often our target up forward. He chased the opposition hard when they had the ball, pressuring them into mistakes and winning the footy back for the team.

Blake Reid showed great promise as a new player to the team and consolidated the skills he acquired during training at the game each week. Blake has height on his side and looks to be someone that could develop into a key position player over the coming years.

Felix Senden read the game really well and when in defence always anticipated where the ball was going to go and made sure he won possession before his opponent. He was good at bringing other team-mates into the game by looking laterally and sharing the ball. He has a great kick and could drive it long to our forwards when he needed to.

Mackenzie Dunn loved coming each week and has an obvious passion for the game. He was a real toughy and when he got pushed over he would bounce back up and chase the ball. He loved playing forward and having shots at goal. He was also a great communicator and assisted the team in making sure that players were in their correct positions.

Bryn Murray-Jones joined the team late in the season and was a welcome addition. He quickly picked up the objectives and skills of the game and hopefully he will continue playing to further improve his skills. Like Blake he is tall and could develop into a key position player

Thank you to all of the parents who brought the children to the games each week and to all of the players whose energy and passion for the game was just fabulous. Also, a special thanks to the Under 8s players who helped us field a full team each week - especially Mackinley, Charlie and Rohan.

And finally a big, big thanks to our manager Michelle and Ali who were always on hand to make sure that jumpers were cleaned, players were organised and knees and arms rubbed when hurt.

Damian Tuck and Stuart Gurvan
Coaches

Belconnen Under 9 Panthers

Season Summary

The Belconnen Under 9s Panthers team enjoyed a successful season in 2009. All players who participated improved their skills throughout the season and the way in which they worked together as a team.

Thanks

A big thank you to all parents who helped out throughout the season. Parents ensured players were transported to matches across the Canberra region. Matches were played at many venues, including Aranda (home), Amaroo, Kippax, Reid, Yass and Deakin (gala days). There were also opportunities for players to participate in matches that were held alongside major AFL events at Manuka Oval. Parents also assisted with washing of guernseys and goal umpiring. An extra big thank you to Vicki Martin, who acted as Team Manager throughout season 2009. Thank you also to Nicole Thorne and Paul McQueen for their strong support.

Format

The format for training and matches for the Belconnen Under 9s Panthers team in 2009 was as follows. Training took place for approximately 45 minutes each week and was conducted about an hour before the first bounce of matches on Saturday afternoons/mornings at match venues. The focus at training was ensuring the players went through similar drills during each session to enhance their performances during matches, when the skills practised at training would be utilised.

Matches

During matches, players were rotated through different positions in each period of play. This was to ensure each player was able to work on the different skills that are required to play in the three zones on the field – forward, midfield and defence. Those in the midfield also had opportunities to play in the ruck. Rucking duties were allocated on a rotational basis during each period.

Players

All those who played in the Belconnen Under 9 Panthers in 2009 can be very pleased with their efforts and the way they improved their football skills.

Hunter Clarke showed he has a strong grasp of the skills that are required to play football at a consistently high level, including strong overhead marking and kicking. He also displayed great athleticism. Well done Hunter.

Determination was one of many attributes that **Josh Higgs** had in season 2009. If the ball was on the ground, he worked hard to try to win possession and when it was in the air, he showed just as much tenacity in trying to mark the ball. Josh can look forward to a long and successful career in the game if 2009 is any guide.

Daimon Browne displayed great persistence with the way he approached his football in season 2009. He consistently passed to team-mates by hand and foot, and his skills in these areas improved a great deal as he participated in more training sessions and played more matches. Daimon can be proud of his efforts this season.

The kicking skills and running ability of **Jack Martin** were features of the Belconnen Under 9 Panthers side in 2009. Jack was continually able to bring his team-mates into the contest with his slick handballs, while his kicks were almost always accurate. Jack was another who showed great improvement this season.

Thomas Arthur was a tireless worker both during training sessions and in matches in season 2009. He is a team player who did a fine job of giving his team-mates leads to help them move the ball forward. Thomas's penetrating kick is excellent. Thomas should feel extremely proud of his season.

The pace that **Thomas Evans** showed in matches (and during training sessions) was a terrific asset for the team in season 2009. His long kicking also helped propel the ball into the forward area and/or towards goals, which helped the team to convert on the scoreboard. Good stuff Thomas.

On just about every weekend when matches were held, **Nicholas Arthur** played for the Belconnen Under 9 Panthers after playing in the Under 8s immediately before. You wouldn't have known it was his second match in a day given the enormous enthusiasm he demonstrated on all occasions. Nicholas showed great ability around goals and was a prolific scorer.

Will Cattle is one of the toughest players in the team. Like Nicholas, he regularly played in the Under 9s straight after playing in the Under 8s and despite this, he continued to chase the ball throughout matches. He wasn't afraid to attack the ball that was at the bottom of packs and he displayed enormous spirit. A terrific season, Will.

Euan Richter was another player who regularly backed up from the Under 8s to play in the Under 9s. He loves to run with the ball and his skills to bring his team-mates into the contest through handball or kicking must also be admired.

All other players who represented the team in 2009 should be commended for their efforts as well.

Attitude

The attitude of all players in the team cannot be faulted. In particular, all players should be commended for the sportsmanship they showed during and at the completion of matches. Players participated in giving three cheers to the opposition and the umpire, while they also shook hands with their opponents at the completion of matches. This remains one of the most important aspects of participating in the sport of Australian Rules Football.

Hamish Arthur

Coach, Belconnen Under 9 Panthers, 2009

Belconnen Cats – Panthers Under 10's 2009 Season

The Panthers enjoyed a very successful season. With nine players continuing from last year, plus five newcomers who had never played a game before, it was a joy to watch them learn and bond into a very strong and happy unit. The Panthers rightfully pride themselves on playing fast moving football, combining skill with desire for the ball and trust in their teammates. As a first time coach of junior AFL, it was a privilege to be part of such an enthusiastic group. I would like to thank my assistant coach, Darryl Grimwood for his commitment and wisdom, the managers Jane and Peter Gooday for doing all the organising behind the scenes, the club stalwarts Nicole Thorne, Stuart Miller, and Jamie and Kirsty Browne for making everything possible, and all the other parents for their efforts and support.

A few words on each of our Panthers, mentioning just some of the great things they achieved:

Alex Wanjura - One of the big improvers during the season. His determination to work on his kicking skills during training paid off and became a real strength for the team. He also learned the art of staying cool when in possession to make a smart choice of how to dispose of the ball. His amazing marking display against the Magpies was a highlight.

Andrew Wright - A newcomer to AFL, with a heart the size of the MCG and an amazing ability to always be where the ball is (but never in the correct zone). His style of playing on at all costs, and his fantastic marking ability, make him practically unstoppable. We lost count of how many goals he scored in the second half of the season.

Connor White - Also a newcomer to AFL who adapted very quickly. A natural athlete with great skills, speed on the ground and strength in the air, it was a joy to watch Connor in full flight charging through the opposition in both attack and defence.

Fraser Miller - One of our most experienced players, from whom many of the newcomers learned a lot. Has a fantastic ability to read the play, whether in defence, midfield or attack. His running style, combined with classy bounces and beautiful kicking, were a key to the success of the team. One of his deft little manoeuvres to keep the ball in play close to the boundary line still sticks in my memory.

Gavin Hillier - Another player who improved enormously during the season. Despite not being a heavyweight, he always puts his body on the line, and often linked up skillfully with Fraser to move the ball forward. The team wasn't the same when he had to sit out the middle of the season with a dislocated thumb.

Harry Shelton - Has an amazing ability to run, bounce and keep running. Only the umpires could stop him running. His raking, accurate kicks scored countless goals during the season. The whole team grew in confidence knowing that they could always rely on Harry's drive and enthusiasm.

Jack Gooday - A newcomer who got stuck in right from the first match. His height and strong marking was the perfect compliment to our army of smaller running players. His kicking improved greatly during the season, from 30 metres straight up in the air to 30 metres forward, and he scored many a valuable goal for the Panthers.

Javier Bruyn - Another newcomer who wasted no time getting into the swing of things. His four goal burst in one quarter against Gungahlin, despite having three opponents, was just one highlight of his season. His dedication to putting his body on the line for the team was second to none.

Jayde James-Ward - One of the Panthers' main strengths is their ability to string together handballs, a skill they perfected from watching Jayde and his twin brother Ricci hook up under pressure. Jayde could always be relied upon to go in hard and fast, keep his feet, and turn a 50/50 contest into a 90/10.

Matthew Endall - Another of the great improvers, with a couple of truly outstanding games in the second half of the season. Matthew always looked to offload quickly with a handball from a mark or freekick to bring his running teammates into play.

Michael Grimwood - Another player who worked hard at training during the year to enormously improve his kicking. Michael combined his improved skills with his natural height and stability to great effect, and was one of the cornerstones of our defence and an asset in the ruck duels.

Ricci James-Ward - Ricci always puts in 100% every game and will gladly do whatever hard work is needed to help out the team. The Panthers defence was built around Ricci's long kicking, strong marking, and more importantly his dedication to picking up loose opponents and keeping things organised. He also relished his holidays up on the forward line, and scored many spectacular goals.

Sam Fogden - A natural defender who loves to handball to running teammates to get the Panthers out of danger. The goal he scored in a crowded goal square by a seemingly unending sequence of losing and regaining the ball may not have been one of AFL's most beautiful passages of play, but a suspenseful and valuable six points all the same.

Tynan Doyle - The latest of the newcomers, Tynan joined the Panthers for the last half of the season and played with great enthusiasm. In his first ever game of AFL, his run-on string of four handballs with Ricci to score a goal against Ainslie was another of the season's highlights.

Thanks for a great 2009 and best wishes to all for Season 2010,

Coach Andrew

Under 10 Cougars

Season 2009 was a great year for the Under 10 Cougars. The team has really come together. It was a pleasure to coach these fine young players. They all had a positive attitude at training and on game day. They are a talented group of players, who I think will develop into a team to be noticed in the future.

A big thank you to everyone that helped during the season. Thanks especially to Kel – What a great manager, to Gav for helping out at training and to Andrew and Darryl from the Panthers.

I can't wait to do it all again next year.

Here's a quick rundown of the player's progress:

Brad Bedford Brad makes very solid marks and is a great defensive player.

Jack Black This was Jack's first year at Aussie Rules. He's a great little player and it was great to have him in the team.

Riley Browne Riley is a very solid player who brings his heart to every game.

Hanna Drummond Great first year of footy. Look out for Hanna next year.

Rhys Drummond Rhys is an aspiring Rover. He knows the game well and works hard. He is improving all the time.

Shae Engelbrecht What an exciting player. He is agile and hard to catch. What a season.

Jacob Hadjuk *Jacob has worked hard this year and it shows. Great team work.*

Joe Kenna Another great season for Joey. He has great speed and produces great rebound runs.

Jai Marayan Jai is a hard working team player. He has had a great season.

Bailey Marshall Definitely the most improved player. He has great passion for the game and has really developed his skills.

Will McInnes This is a great game for Will. Great marks, good kicks and good run off all flanks.

Duncan McMaster An excitable player, He is always having a go. Well done Duncan.

Tim McNammar Terrific player has a great future in the AFL.

Patrick Moran Improving all the time. This has been his best season so far.

Gerard Tuohy With his height and skills was very hard to stop this year. Always improving. Great season.

Jamie Browne

Coach

Under 11 Cats

Twice a week a bunch of kids came together to play footy. They didn't all go to the same school and they didn't all know each other at the start of the season. Considering that, what they did during the season was just fantastic. The 11s Cats started the season at our home ground in great form and continued to grow their skills during the season. It was great to see some new players from Soccer, Rugby League and Martial Arts joining the club and demonstrating good skills early on.

I think we can all be proud of how the kids developed throughout the seasons and the distinguished way in which they went about their footy.

Liam Telford showed great leadership and football skills all season. Liam approached every game with a passion and intensity that was inspiring to be around. He sought to bring others into the game through precise kicking and unselfish handball. He wasn't afraid to go after the hard ball and did a fantastic job communicating and setting up plays for the team.

Micheal Bourke worked hard all season. He played great defence and when given the opportunity up forward he made the most of his chances. His kicking and marking skills improved throughout the season and he showed great determination in every game he played.

Jesse Dawe used his size and skill to great effect in both the backline and forward line. When he wasn't saving goals in the backline he did a great job in the ruck and down forward kicking goals.

Isaak Forner showed great ball skills early on and obviously his time in soccer contributed to this. Coming over to AFL for his first season he trained hard and it was great to see his skills grow during the season.

Matthew Hansen playing at centre half back showed fantastic skills in defence. Matthew was an extremely versatile player and excelled in every position he played. His ability to take a hard mark and then deliver to a Cats player was well appreciated by his team mates and a pleasure to watch throughout the season.

Zachary Jabbour showed great anticipation skills and always managed to find the ball. He was a great utility player and good to be relied on to play hard in defence and still be able to move up forward and kick goals.

Connor Kane was a reliable player who improved throughout the season. He was great to see him getting out there every week and giving his all for the team. His marking and kicking skills improved along with making space and looking for his team mates.

James Kelleher read the game really well in whatever position he was playing. When up forward he showed great skill and agility in getting the ball and kicking goals.

Jamie Kirkpatrick was "unbeatable in the ruck" all season. He gave his all in every game he played and was the go to player whenever he was playing up forward. With a long kick and great height Jamie made his presence felt in every game and assisted his team mates at every opportunity.

Stuart Manson is a player of quiet determination. Given the opportunity to play on the ball Stuart would chase hard and always look for a team mate to help out or pass the ball to.

Jack Murley playing on the wing for most of the season showed great enthusiasm both at training and every game. His confidence and skills grew every week and he provided a valuable contribution in all positions he played.

Hayden Raftery was most often seen flying high for a contested mark or sprinting down the wing and taking a couple of bounces on the way. Hayden loved kicking goals and did so at every opportunity throughout the season.

Ryan Sarre was a fantastic team player. He approached every training session and game in a quiet yet effective manner. It was great to see his skills grow during the season. He always looked to help out his team mates and often gave quick effective handballs.

Noah Taylor and the rest of the team will not forget that great over the head goal Noah kicked at our second last home game. Grabbing the ball from a crowded pack in the goal square he quickly snapped over his head and straight through the middle for a well deserved six points. Noah also did a great job on the full back duties that he personally requested he be allowed to take care of.

James Tuck trained and played with great enthusiasm during the seasons. It didn't matter if he was up forward or in the back line he always gave his best. He showed good footy sense when sticking on the opposition and pushing forward when needed.

Oscar Senden in just his second season showed great skills and determination. His kicks and handballs were delivered with accuracy and skill.

Connor Free used his skills to give long kick ins from the goal square and good blocking when playing in defence. New to the game his skills improved during the season and his efforts on the field were appreciated by his team mates.

Jackson Free came across from Rugby League and quickly picked up the game. His skills improved during the season and showed great promise with some good kicking and handball skills which he put to use in many different positions during the season

Tyler Hengst was another new player to the club and he picked up the game very quickly. He showed good agility and played hard all season. We look forward to playing with Tyler again next year and seeing his skills grow.

The players trained hard all season and gave it their best in every game. A big thankyou goes out to all the parents who helped out during the season and to Stacy for washing the jumpers every week. A special thank you goes out to Scott Bourke for his excellence in umpiring throughout the season. It was a great effort and much appreciated.

A great big thank you goes to Michelle and her managers skills and for keeping us all on track every week.

Brendan Murley, Coach

Under 12s Cats

The U12s had a tremendous season with considerable improvement in skills, supportive teamwork and being a dominant and fair force in the competition. They played very well throughout the season to finish third then made the Grand Final but came up against an equally committed team in the Lions who took the silverware on the day. Our Cats did themselves and the Club proud.

- 1. Louis Hatton** brought a wonderful presence to the team and reminded us to have a bit of fun while doing the work. Very dependable in tight contests and at marking up on opponents.
- 2. Jaxon Biden** can play forward or back and therefore is very important to a team and coach. Has tremendous speed and I'm tipping him to make a tremendous impact in the future.
- 3. Adam Lamb** prefers to talk of his team-mates' abilities when asked to reflect on a game. This is my chance to turn the spotlight on him. Awarded best on ground in a GF, represented the ACT U12s in a national carnival, voted a captain by his team, contender for umpires B&F across the whole competition were his achievements driven by how he plays the game. We're even prouder of his respect for and friendships with team-mates.
- 4. Rhys Pitman** is fast and tall and that makes a huge potential in this game. Came back from a leg injury in time for the finals and brilliantly ran down a Marist opponent from 25 metres away. Your attitude and commitment was inspirational to the team.
- 5. Samantha Bailey** often attacked the ball brilliantly from half-back, picking the loose ball up at speed and running past players who were still looking for the ball. Fantastic to have you in the team, Sam.
- 6. Michael Rinaudo** had a very consistent season in that he provided great impact whether he played in the midfield or in the forwards. A match winner in several games. Selected for ACT rep trials. Capitalised on his team-mates getting the ball into the forwards by kicking a heap of goals – some from the tightest of angles.
- 7. Elliott Jordan** brought much more to this team than high-levels of skills, disposals, tackling and goal-kicking. Every coach is blessed to have a player like Elliott in the team who sets the benchmark for commitment and behaviour. Voted captain by his teammates. Thank you, Elliott for the way you played this year and your contributions at training and to the team. 'Coleman Medal' winner.
- 8. Tai Avery** had a wonderful season and was a standout player in many games. Settled into the challenging position of full-back and I consider him to be the best FB in the competition. Your positional play and anticipation was outstanding.
- 9. Aaron Fleming** made his first year of Australian Football a memorable start. Keen and it showed with starting the year in the forwards but then improving your skills to be interchangeable through the mid-field. We saw what you could do at training and you will have a good future in this sport.

10. Alex Mangan is so focused and passionate about his footy which drives his great achievements. Brilliant in the forward line where he plays position well, strong leads, dependable marks and shots at goal. If there is a loose ball then Alex will get it.

11. Hamish Healy had a tremendous season playing an important role in the backline by reading the play, picking up dangerous opponents and driving the ball back out. Represented the ACT U12s very well against the best players from Vic, SA, NT, NSW and QLD. Voted a captain by the team. Go Hammer!

12. Matthew Miles is versatile and dependable and how important is that to team! Played ruck, CHB and CHF very well. A great game, in particular, against Ainslie where he was everywhere he had to be to win the ball or stop their attack. Voted a vice-captain by the team.

13. Jaiden Browne is a wonderful player to have in a team. Supportive to his team mates and the tougher the contest the better he goes. Can play well in any position. A blinder of a game against Ainslie when he had the ball at his command and in position to have numerous tight shots on goal but gave off as many passes to fellow forwards. An unfortunate accident resulting in a broken collar bone interrupted his season in which he had been improving in every game.

14. Troy Graham brought a better attitude to training and games and it showed in good improvement this season. Picked up several umpire votes. Keep this up Troy as you have great potential.

15. Darcy Evans has a tremendous passion for the game and competitive spirit of which we are so proud that you channelled positively. Huge improvement this season by being a key forward but also learning the skills of the midfield.

17. Iain O'Connor is keen at training and in games and this will help to develop your skills in future years. A great clubman, Iain copped a knee injury but came to every game and it was great to welcome you back into the team. Always gives his best.

18. Todd Bailey is a tough, balanced player who played well in several positions. Has a big motor and can run all game. Good team player who plays tough but fair. No job too hard, no opponent too big.

19. Andrew Wright had a very good season - his best...so far! Interchangeable between attacking half-back flanker and very effective mid-fielder. Has always provided great shepherds but also won the hard-ball this season. Brilliant defensive effort against Tigers when you leapt high off the ground to touch through a certain goal. Prevented a loss and set the level for the team.

20. Paul McNamara has been with the club for many years now and when concentrating on his footy shows his potential. Took a screamer of a mark against Eastlake. High off the ground and over a pack.

21. Morgan Bell started relatively quiet for his standards but ended the season extremely well. Settled well into the wing position. Many games where he picked up numerous possessions, effective disposals and gave strong team and defensive contributions. Well done.

22. Jack Chandler is a courageous and determined player. Quiet but when you look closely at games, he is making heaps of tackles and providing great shepherds to his team-mates.

23. Ewan Davidson only joined the team and started playing Australian Football half-way through the season but brought his fear-less nature from competitive bike racing and backyard stunts to tight contests for the ball and looked a natural. A great start.

24. Cam Johnson went about his work quietly and with tremendous results. Selected for ACT rep trials. Won the ball out of tough contests and has super disposal skills. Gave his all to this team and then went off to play Union straight after our games!

32. Austin Clarke can change the outcome of a game with skill and strength. Best-on-ground game against Gungahlin opposed to the ACT ruck-man. Brilliant in the finals series and had opposition coaches talking of your impact at the end of games. Voted vice-captain by his team. It's a pity that rep Basketball isn't just a summer sport because you should be in the ACT AFL rep team as well.

38. Nick Bennetts is a wonderful member of this team with a great nature and support for his team. When the ball comes to him, he takes a very clean mark and kicks a high-quality drop punt.

It was my privilege to be involved with the team. Thank you to all the parents, grand-parents and friends for getting involved and supporting the team.

I particularly would like to acknowledge the fellow coaching by Craig Jordan and Gav McKinnon. It was a combined effort which brings our different experiences to the benefit of the players. I enjoyed and gained considerable knowledge by your involvements.

My never-ending appreciation to Kirsty Browne as team manager who has contributed so much to this team and with several other tasks for the Club. Kirsty makes our jobs easier and infinitely more enjoyable. She is so proud of the whole team and there was no-one more excited at Kingston Oval for the GF!

My thanks to Tom Hatton for boundary umpiring, Rod Chandler for goal umpiring, Steve Evans for help at training, positive observations and running messages, Pat Biden for time-keeping along with Nunz Rinaudo for their 'presence', Annabel Lamb for photos and producing a great team memento, Doug Wright for first-aiding with authority, Ben and Margie Healy for your companionship at Maroochydore, Ben's participation at training, work on the Club's committee and creation of the Club's excellent website and to Margie and Annabel for a great team banner at the GF.

I would also like to acknowledge the work and support towards the team and club from Mel Brothers, the Belconnen Cats committee, the Magpies Sports Club and the Magpies Senior Players during the season and in the finals series.

A particular pleasure was to see life member and past president, David Bennett, senior player Steve Maher and Magpies juniors stalwart, Steve Smith encouraging the U12s at the Grand Final. The Belconnen football community is alive and working.

Rob Lamb

Coach

Belconnen Cats U14 Div 2

The challenge for Colin and myself this year has been to create an environment where all the boys (& Heather), with a mix of very experienced and skilled Div 1 players and a couple of Div 2 “first timers”, could develop as players and be challenged to learn new skills. I would like to say at the outset that it has been a delight to coach alongside Colin Mues this year and believe we have been able to achieve the goals we set.

By having two training sessions each week we were able to combine the players for skills development work and then separate the two squads to develop appropriate skills. The benefit of this approach was that the Div 2 boys who were selected to play with the Div 1 Team were aware of the pace of the Div 1 squad and knew the importance of winning a contested ball and protecting the player with the ball.

On Saturdays the approach to each game was to ensure the players were supported to “have a go” to try the skills they had practiced at training and to encourage each other. There was no room for criticism! Whilst at times we were up against opposition which was bigger, stronger and more skilled, the intensity and desire to have a go was evident every week and a delight for all the support staff and proud parents to watch. We had 6 goals kicked against us in the first quarter of the first game, but then the team took a more aggressive approach in the second quarter and went on to win the game by 2 points. I believe it was that quarter which set the scene for a never give up approach to the season.

Throughout the season the players were also asked to play and experience a variety of positions and most players embraced the opportunity. Ernie Hogan loved being moved to full forward and became a true goal sneak with great leads and excellent marking. However, whenever I suggesting to Jack “Chewy” Wrigley that he play away from either full back or centre half back, all I got was “Good one coach” and a slap on the back! He was happy to play the leadership role in the back lines and did a great job. Whilst a little less expressive with her response, Heather Anderson was just as keen to stay on the wing where she could lay her exceptional tackling skills on any opponent who dared to take her on and then use her running skills to drive the ball deep into attack.

Daniel McAuliffe, Jakob “Woody” Woodham, Angus Collins, James Bennetts and Liam Drummond were tenacious when on the ball with Adam Jansen and Callum Rodden contesting everything that was in the air. Tom Jolley-Rogers loved the “tagger” challenge of stopping opposition players and was ably assisted by Tom Earle whilst Lewis Herbert-Sheehan, Alex Telford, Patty Horan, Nicholas Wanjura and Matthew Lavis exhibited wonderful skills in all aspects of the game. Sam Sullivan had such a good start to the season we didn’t see him again until the end of the season once Col gave him a run in the Div 1 team.

The biggest improvers this year would have to be Chris “*I love centre half forward*” Murphy, Elliott “Noodles” Nunn, Paul Farrant and Nick Wilks. It was great to see that both Chris and Nick picked up votes from the umpires this season. All these players worked hard during the season to develop their skills and made a valuable contribution each game as did Mitchell Brown when he joined us late in the season.

I wish to congratulate the players on being recognised as the Canberra Milk Team of the week early in the season and believe they were exemplary in the way they conducted themselves all season. It was a delight to sing the Team Song on so many occasions after a win, but I was particularly delighted to hear the boys sing after a superb team effort following a loss when we only had 15 players against opposition with 22 players. That day they were simply sensational!

Special mention must go to all the regular Div 1 players who rotated to allow several of our Div 2 players to experience the Div 1 standard of the game. The unselfish "team" approach resulted in a greater number of players being able to experience the thrill of playing in a winning Div 1 Grand Final! We must also acknowledge the U12 boys who willingly made up the numbers when we were short by playing two games, thanks lads!

I would particularly like to thank our outstanding Team Manager Andrew Wrigley whose organisational skills ensured we were well presented each week and that all the players and parents were kept informed throughout the year. Dave Earle was a valuable assistant coach and master of the player moves. We also appreciated the sessions when the senior players came to lend a hand and introduce a few new training drills.

Finally I wish to thank the wonderful group of parents who travelled each week to support their sons and daughter, act as boundary umpires, goal umpires and runners, their contribution has been significant and appreciated.

I wish all the U14 boys well for their future involvement in the wonderful game of Aussie Rules.

Chris Nunn

U14 Div 2 Coach.

Belconnen Cats U14 Div 1

2009 was a stellar season for the U14 Division 1 playing group. As I've said on many occasions since the season finished, the coaches and parents are so proud of what they were able to achieve and the good grace with which they did it.

Being "Undefeated Premiers" is something only exceptional groups achieve, and this is one exceptional group! The records show that no side got within 10 goals of them.

Possibly the most outstanding feature of the year was the fact that the players adhered to the foundation principles we adopted at the start of the season, even when games were well and truly won. Win the contested ball; use quick hands to get out of trouble; free up the ball carrier with shepherds and chain handballs; players up the field present toward the running player. Pretty basic stuff, but they stuck at it all year long.

The players gave unwavering support to their team-mates and always chose to use the first option no matter what their situation. This created an environment whereby all the good behaviours were reinforced and the bad habits were erased. It didn't happen straight way in all cases. Some players took a bit of time to trust the game plan and their team-mates, but they gradually came around and became a formidable unit.

Grand Final Squad

Brandon Bush: Continues to develop his game as he grows in confidence. A good winner of contested ball.

Luke Charlton: Took time to find his feet but showed his characteristic courage and tenacious attack on the ball in finals.

Anderson Clarke: Talented sportsman who works very well in traffic. Important contributor in the GF when he injected some spark in the forward line.

Daniel 'Stegs' Duranti: One of the most damaging players in the group. Fast, tall, skilled. He has all the ingredients to be the 'complete package'.

Cam Hargraves: Plagued by foot problems this year but showed what a good player he is. A smart, versatile player which every coach loves in a player. If he's fit next year, we'll really see how good he is.

Rhys Healy: One of the cleanest pair of hands in the business. Great overhead. Loves to run and carry which is an incredibly potent weapon. Mr Versatile.

Paddy Horan: One of the big improvers this year, as he learned the skills (and got the confidence) to be hard at the contested ball.

Matt Jachno: A great ruckman who made huge improvements in his skills below his knees. Also grew in confidence and played very well around the ground and as a tall forward. Has a tough attitude which attracts attention – but he loves it!

Rob Jamieson: A footy nut who has grown to love the game. Tough player who relishes hard contests. Shows he can play forward too, especially when he trusts his instincts and doesn't over-think it.

Matt Kelly: Super player who runs hard and fast! A penetrating kick and ability to break the lines. Sometimes needs to be reminded about his defensive responsibilities, but showed he is very damaging across HB and in the midfield.

Nick Kelly: A great player with exceptional pace and good skills below his knees. Plays well in any position, but he's a particularly good decision maker when in the midfield.

Ethan McAllister: Returned after a year off and was exceptional. Tough defender, but he also shone when swung forward. Mr Reliable.

Charles Miller: Power forward with great hands and a good head for footy. His laconic style understates the influence he has on a game – a match-winner.

Danny Mues: Showed he has the 'footy smarts'. His GF game was great to watch – a great display from a small forward. Showed he can play midfield too, and will develop in that role once he gets over his chronic foot problems.

Sam O'Sullivan: Earned the respect of his team-mates with courageous performances. Highly skilled and tough to match. He is a great player in and around contests – good decision maker.

Jack Steele: Showed he has the necessary courage, skills and spatial awareness to be a great inside player. Super overhead for a small forward. Selfless player who won the admiration of all his team-mates.

Blake Tomkins: Make huge strides forward in the second half of the year. Great runner who has become more confident and now aggressively attacks the contested ball.

James Trevanion: Classy player who was very effective as the leading FF. Strong overhead as well as on the lead. Also played very well across HB attacking the ball and creating run. GF game was a great example of this.

Nick Wanjura: A smooth mover who runs to the right spots as a leading forward. Good hands and surprisingly good overhead for a player of his stature.

Jakob Woodham: Silky left footer who continues to learn the inside skills. Was best when he disposed of the ball quickly to advantage – great GF game to end the year.

Jesse Wilesmith: An inside player who can extract himself from tight spots. Great spatial awareness which he uses to put the footy out to our advantage. Good skills.

Aaron 'AJ' Wilson: A team oriented player who learned to adjust to the speed of the game. Puts his head over the ball and uses his good foot skills to great advantage.

Logan Austin (VC): Leads by example by attacking the contest and winning hard ball. Just as good defensively as he is when playing as a leading forward. Plays tall.

Chris Jansen (C): Incredibly talented inside player. Very clean hands in traffic and courageous in contests. Decision making is first class, always gives the first option to players running in support. All of this was proven on the biggest stage – GF day! He proved to be an inspired choice for captain.

I'd also like to acknowledge those players from the Division 2 group who also played along side the Division 1 boys during the year. They were Callum Rodden, Angus Collins, Heather Anderson, Lewis Herbert, and Alex Telford. You fitted in seamlessly and were a great addition to our squad.

Finally, I must acknowledge the incredible support I had from all the parents, especially Paula Jansen (world's best manager), Rob Kelly (assistant coach – occasional runner), and Chris Nunn (who deserves huge credit for filling in for me when I was late to training). I believe the character of the group stems from the parental influence on the players. All involved should be extremely proud of their influence and contribution, no matter how small, to what was an exceptional year.

Colin Mues

Belconnen Magpies Black Under 16s Div2

Last year my team consisted primarily of Cats boys with a handful of Magpies thrown in for good measure. This year the recipe was turned on its head and we had a team of Magpies with a half a dozen Cats boys mixed in. It seems to me that the recipe is pretty easy and any proportion of Cats/Magpies is going to work out well. Once the boys donned the black and white stripes they quickly bonded as a team and all others were considered the enemy.

There were new names to learn and it only took a few months to stop mixing up Ben and Luke W's names- its just so confusing when two talented players both wear Swans jumpers at training. Life would be far simpler if everyone just wore West Coast jumpers. Once again I had to deal with almost half the team named either Josh or Jordan but this time around the nicknames proved exceedingly useful and there was no mixing up Speedy, Telsy, Pagey, Jordy or Reisty.

Our Division consisted of two strong teams (Gungahlin and Goulbourn), a group of 5 even teams (including us) and then Ainslie who despite finishing bottom won a couple of games. Our performances were mixed- some of our best were losses where under-manned the boys played out the game to the bitter end. We always felt that Goulbourn was within reach but fell a bit short on both occasions. Against the weaker teams we also stepped up and had massive wins. It's probably fair to say we under-performed against some of the "middling" teams and in particular we seemed to have trouble playing good football against Eastlake. Consequently we gave up 4th spot to them and a chance to play in the finals.

In the end I hope the boys and parents felt that 2009 was a success even though the four slipped out of our grasp. But football teams are not just all about what happens out on the field and our biggest win of the season was Jack's recovery from serious head injury. Jack did not have the opportunity to play for us having sustained the injury on the very day he was approved to play but the whole team rallied to his cause with outstanding emotional support.

Finally I'd like to thank those who assisted at games during the season. Glenn (Zach's dad as runner), Phil (Jacobs dad- that guy behind the big sticks), Peter Telford (Ben's dad running the boundary) and Peter Hansen (Gibbo's dad as time keeper) were consistent contributors. My assistant coach Shane (Luke Wharton's dad) was a great sounding board and help throughout the season. Special mention goes to that most important of all people in the footy team, Terri Jamieson (Boonies Mum- just to prove we're not a male dominated bunch) who, as Manager, did an outstanding job throughout the year. If a Brownlow were awarded to Managers then Terri would undoubtedly have won hands down.

Manny Delhaize

(coach)

Belconnen Magpies Teal Under 16s Div2

“Fast. Fair. Fierce!” was the motto for the Teals in 2009, and despite a slow start to the season, as the boys gained confidence in both the game plan, and more significantly their own skills and ability, their ongoing commitment to the motto led to all expectations for the season being well and truly surpassed.

Our ‘Super Subs’ of Shawno, Mitchy, Joshy, Pete, Murph, and Skunk all joined the team throughout the season and were given some big assignments early on due to some unfortunate injuries. All performed outstandingly well, and I hope you all enjoyed being part of the team as much as we loved having you with us.

The roll-on effect of having the above boys join the side was most notable in our back line, where Matty, Brendo, and Lacho were allowed to employ some attacking flair out of defence, and grew in confidence every week to become some of our most important players. Congratulations boys on an outstanding year.

Our mids – ably led by our skipper Ryano - caused all sorts of havoc on oppositions, all over the ground. Milky, Lamby, Patty, Ryano, Spider, Socks, Sanga – it was amazing to see you boys in action around the ground. Your skills, speed of ball movement, and intensity at each and every contest was simply outstanding.

Our forward line chopped and changed quite a bit throughout the year due to various injuries, but the contributions of Chrisso, Sciacca, Frawley, Chuggs, Lachie S, Yaz, Flem, Tom, and Trent were all significant. Your ability to take on various roles within our attacking structure, as well as your defensive efforts in locking the ball in the forward 50, was especially pleasing.

A big thank you to all the parents who not only cheered the boys on throughout the year, but also for helping out with the infinite number of jobs that need doing on game day. Your assistance is most certainly appreciated... and the game day laughs and banter was especially enjoyable!

Thank you to the Div 1 and the Blacks for providing a great buzz at training. And thanks especially to Pup, Manny, Harps, Ross, and Richard for all your support... and again for some great banter on otherwise very cold nights at training! Thanks also to Colin Mues and the U/14 boys for helping us out in various games. Your help is much appreciated, and watching the way you boys go about your footy was thoroughly enjoyable.

To Johnny Austin and Mick Kenna – absolute champions!! A mention here and a few beers just can’t express how grateful I am for all the work you’ve done for the side. Thank you both so much.

I wish everyone all the best for the off-season. I sincerely hope that all the boys continue to enjoy their footy not only next year, but right through to the senior ranks. You’re all extremely capable footballers, great fun to be around, and a real joy to coach.

Go the mighty Teals!!!

Mick McIntyre

U16s Division 1 Belconnen Magpies

These boys have had a fairytale year, ending the season as minor premiers and then going on to convincingly win the Grand Final against Ainslie to secure the 2009 premiership. The boys lost only two games all season, by very slim margins, and had a few very tight and exciting games.

Under the merger for the U16s teams from both the Magpies and Cats clubs, the Division 1 team were considered the bench mark by several of the other competing teams at this level. The boys all made great improvements and developed during the season under disciplined coaching and training and the great comradeship. By the season's end the boys were a "well oiled machine", showing great dedication to their training and each other during their matches.

It is important to note that every player in the team received votes throughout the season, indicating the skill level and team play of this group. The major award winners for the team this year were:

- Best and Fairest – Lachlan Harper
- Runner up Best and Fairest – Daniel Jordan
- Most Consistent – Luke Allen
- Most Improved - Ben Sugget
- Coach's Award – Albert Hogan
- Best in the Finals – Jacob Taylor

Daniel Jordan also won the inaugural "Super Boot" trophy, kicking around 70 metres in the Magpies Kick-a-thon fund raising competition.

The U16 Div 1 team had enormous support this year from some committed coaching staff; Craig Jordan, Ross Davis and Richard Courir. A huge thank you to John Harper who provided his expert training and coaching during the season. Thanks to Vicki Pini who managed the team and to Suzi Duncan for filling in for several rounds. Parent support for this group was great especially from Richard Allen, Tim Pini, Kym McCabe, Troy and Suzi Duncan and the McQuiggan and Wright families who took on the match day duties each week. A special thanks to Coll Harper and her camera talents – without them we would not have been able to analyse our opposition. Thanks also to Coll and Kylie Green for their banner making skills. Many thanks to Sonja Croker, Greg Cassamatis, Glenn O'Sullivan and Wayne Terpstra for keeping us all on track all season. I would also like to acknowledge the support from the U16 Teale and Black teams, we could not have made it without you, especially Manny, Mick K and Mick Mc who were great support throughout the finals.

To all the players, thanks for your commitment all year, 2009 will always be a memorable year for you all. For those moving on next year, I hope the skills and development you have made during 2009 benefits your progression to U18's. To those of you remaining with the U16's next year, I hope 2010 brings you all as much success and enjoyment as this season.

Peter Taylor

(The players and parents from U16 Div 1 Team would like to thank Peter for his tireless devotion to this team in 2009. We would also like to recognise the contribution that Peter has made over several seasons to the Magpies and Cats Junior Football Clubs. Thanks Pup!)

Player milestones

Player	Games in 2009	Total Games	Milestone reached	2009 Team(s)
Isaac Taylor	13	155	150 games	Under 16 Division 1 (13)
Jacob Taylor	13	153	150 games	Under 16 Division 1 (13)
Patrick Horan	16	148		Under 14 Division 1 (8)
				Under 14 Division 2 (8)
Ryan Bradley	10	145		Under 16 Division 2 Teal (10)
Charles Miller	18	144		Under 14 Division 1 (16)
				Under 16 Division 2 Teal (2)
Aidan Pini	11	142		Under 16 Division 1 (11)
Logan Austin	18	140	125 games	Under 14 Division 1 (14)
				Under 16 Division 2 Teal (4)
Rhys Healy	15	127	125 games	Under 14 Division 1 (13)
				Under 16 Division 2 Teal (2)
Andrew Yazidjoglou	14	126	125 games	Under 16 Division 2 Teal (14)
Matthew Kelly	16	126	125 games	Under 14 Division 1 (14)
				Under 16 Division 2 Teal (2)
Nicholas Kelly	16	125	125 games	Under 14 Division 1 (14)
				Under 16 Division 2 Teal (2)
Peter Gatenby	13	125	125 games	Under 16 Division 2 Teal (9)
				Under 16 Division 1 (4)
Nicholas Wanjura	16	121		Under 14 Division 1 (13)
				Under 14 Division 2 (3)
Lachlan O'Sullivan	16	119		Under 16 Division 2 Teal (16)
Cameron Hargraves	15	119		Under 14 Division 1 (12)
				Under 14 Division 2 (3)
Samuel Ryan-Baker	16	118		Under 16 Division 2 Teal (16)
James Trevanion	15	116		Under 14 Division 1 (15)
Andrew McQuiggin	14	114		Under 16 Division 1 (14)
Matthew Jachno	16	114	100 games	Under 14 Division 1 (12)
				Under 14 Division 2 (4)
Joshua Sciacca	8	114		Under 16 Division 2 Teal (8)
Sam O'Sullivan	18	113	100 games	Under 14 Division 1 (12)
				Under 14 Division 2 (6)
Ben Sugget	12	112		Under 16 Division 1 (12)
Mitchell Lamb	14	109	100 games	Under 16 Division 2 Teal (14)
Aaron Wilson	18	108	100 games	Under 14 Division 1 (13)
				Under 14 Division 2 (5)
Sean Bourke	16	101	100 games	Under 16 Division 2 Teal (16)
Chris Murphy	13	100	100 games	Under 14 Division 2 (13)
David Wright	12	100	100 games	Under 16 Division 1 (12)
Toby Chugg	15	100	100 games	Under 16 Division 2 Teal (15)
Anderson Clarke	15	99		Under 14 Division 1 (11)
				Under 14 Division 2 (4)

Player	Games in 2009	Total Games	Milestone reached	2009 Team(s)
Michael McNamara	13	98		Under 16 Division 2 Black (13)
Brandon Bush	15	98		Under 14 Division 1 (15)
Daniel Jordan	13	97		Under 16 Division 1 (13)
Hamish Healy	17	96		Under 12 (15)
				Under 14 Division 1 (1)
				Under 14 Division 2 (1)
Elliott Duncan	12	94		Under 16 Division 1 (12)
Danny Mues	17	94		Under 14 Division 1 (13)
				Under 14 Division 2 (4)
Dominic Duncan	10	91		Under 16 Division 1 (10)
Jaiden Browne	16	91		Under 12 (12)
				Under 11 (2)
				Under 14 Division 2 (2)
Jack Steele	20	90	75 games	Under 14 Division 1 (16)
				Under 16 Division 2 Teal (4)
Stefan Delhaize	14	90		Under 16 Division 1 (14)
Patrick Ryan-Baker	16	89	75 games	Under 16 Division 2 Teal (16)
Adam Lamb	16	87	75 games	Under 12 (15)
				Under 14 Division 2 (1)
Blake Collins	6	87		Under 16 Division 1 (6)
Andrew Courir	13	87	75 games	Under 16 Division 1 (13)
Matthew Kenna	16	85	75 games	Under 16 Division 2 Teal (16)
Alexander Telford	13	85	75 games	Under 14 Division 2 (11)
				Under 14 Division 1 (2)
Christopher Lagana	8	84		Under 16 Division 2 Teal (8)
Thomas Earle	12	84	75 games	Under 14 Division 2 (12)
Brendan Bloye	15	84	75 games	Under 16 Division 2 Teal (15)
Ethan McAlister	10	83	75 games	Under 14 Division 1 (10)
Riley Bell	6	81		Under 16 Division 1 (6)
Christopher Jansen	19	81	75 games	Under 14 Division 1 (16)
				Under 16 Division 2 Teal (3)
Angus Collins	10	80	75 games	Under 14 Division 2 (6)
				Under 14 Division 1 (4)
Alex Mangan	15	79	75 games	Under 12 (15)
Bradley Fleming	15	79	75 games	Under 16 Division 2 Teal (15)
Paul Farrant	13	78	75 games	Under 14 Division 2 (13)
Todd Bailey	15	77	75 games	Under 12 (15)
Austin Clarke	11	76	75 games	Under 12 (11)
Luke Charlton	14	75	75 games	Under 14 Division 1 (9)
				Under 14 Division 2 (5)
Riley Browne	17	75	75 games	Under 10 Cougars (13)
				Under 11 (3)
				Under 12 (1)
Elliott Jordan	19	74		Under 12 (16)
				Under 14 Division 2 (3)

Player	Games in 2009	Total Games	Milestone reached	2009 Team(s)
Andrew Wright	16	73		Under 12 (15)
				Under 14 Division 2 (1)
Paul Mcnamara	11	73		Under 12 (11)
Jack Constable	6	70		Under 16 Division 2 Teal (6)
Jamie Kirkpatrick	10	70		Under 11 (10)
Jakob Woodham	18	70		Under 14 Division 2 (10)
				Under 14 Division 1 (8)
Zachary Jabbour	10	66		Under 11 (10)
Llewis Herbert	10	65		Under 14 Division 2 (7)
				Under 14 Division 1 (3)
Darcy Evans	17	64	50 games	Under 12 (17)
Fraser Miller	13	64		Under 10 Panthers (13)
Adam Davis	14	63	50 games	Under 16 Division 1 (14)
Lachlan Spencer	6	61		Under 16 Division 2 Teal (6)
Hayden Raftery	12	61	50 games	Under 11 (12)
Samantha Bailey	14	58	50 games	Under 12 (14)
James Henderson	1	57		Under 12 (1)
Thomas Evans	14	56	50 games	Auskick Pro
Jack Wrigley	13	56	50 games	Under 14 Division 2 (13)
Liam Telford	13	55	50 games	Under 11 (12)
				Under 12 (1)
Matthew Hansen	12	54	50 games	Under 11 (12)
Sam Ryan	13	52	50 games	Under 16 Division 2 Teal (12)
				Under 16 Division 2 Black (1)
Ernest Hogan	13	51	50 games	Under 14 Division 2 (13)
Callum Rodden	10	51	50 games	Under 14 Division 2 (9)
				Under 14 Division 1 (1)
Mackinley Miller	24	50	50 games	Auskick Pro
Iain O'Connor	12	47		Under 12 (12)
Connor Kane	12	47		Under 11 (12)
Bailey Marshall	12	46		Under 10 Cougars (12)
Daniel Duranti	19	46		Under 14 Division 1 (13)
				Under 14 Division 2 (5)
				Under 16 Division 2 Teal (1)
Bradley Tuck	17	46		Under 11 (5)
				Auskick Pro (12)
Robert Jamieson	16	45		Under 14 Division 1 (16)
Rhys Pitman	14	44		Under 12 (14)
Blake Tomkins	18	44		Under 14 Division 1 (14)
				Under 14 Division 2 (4)
Morgan Bell	17	43		Under 12 (17)
Gerard Tuohy	12	42		Under 10 Cougars (12)
Jaxon Biden	15	42		Under 12 (15)
Elliot Nunn	12	42		Under 14 Division 2 (12)
Michael Rinaudo	14	40		Under 12 (14)

Player	Games in 2009	Total Games	Milestone reached	2009 Team(s)
James Tuck	10	40		Under 11 (10)
				Under 12 (16)
Troy Graham	17	39	25 games	Under 14 Division 2 (1)
Tai Avery	16	38	25 games	Under 12 (16)
				Under 14 Division 2 (10)
Heather Anderson	12	36	25 games	Under 14 Division 1 (2)
Sam Frawley	7	35		Under 16 Division 2 Teal (7)
				Under 12 (17)
Nicholas Bennetts	19	34	25 games	Under 14 Division 2 (2)
Albert Hogan	14	33	25 games	Under 16 Division 1 (14)
Adam Jansen	11	33	25 games	Under 14 Division 2 (11)
Alexander Wanjura	12	33	25 games	Under 10 Panthers (12)
Hunter Clarke	11	33	25 games	Auskick Pro
Rowan McQueen	21	33	25 games	Auskick Pro
William Cattle	20	32	25 games	Auskick Pro
Noah Taylor	10	31	25 games	Under 11 (10)
Bradley Posch	12	31	25 games	Under 16 Division 1 (12)
Gavin Hillier	9	30	25 games	Under 10 Panthers (9)
Andrew Lanspeary	13	30	25 games	Auskick Pro
Louis Hatton	16	29	25 games	Under 12 (16)
Jack Chandler	16	29	25 games	Under 12 (16)
Thomas Hansen	7	29	25 games	Under 16 Division 2 Teal (7)
Jayde James-Ward	14	28	25 games	Under 10 Panthers (14)
Charlie Martin	16	28	25 games	Auskick Pro
Jonathan Shelton	15	28	25 games	Auskick Pro
Nicholas Arthur	27	27	First year player 25 games	Auskick Pro
Jack Martin	14	27	25 games	Auskick Pro
Thomas Shelton	15	27	25 games	Auskick Pro
Jordan Reist	12	26	25 games	Under 16 Division 2 Black (12)
Michael Grimwood	12	26	25 games	Under 10 Panthers (12)
Patrick Moran	13	26	25 games	Under 10 Cougars (13)
Jacob Hajduk	13	26	25 games	Under 10 Cougars (13)
Shea Engelbrecht	13	25	25 games	Under 10 Cougars (13)
Joe Kenna	12	25	25 games	Under 10 Cougars (12)
Harry Shelton	11	25	25 games	Under 10 Panthers (11)
Oscar Senden	12	24		Under 11 (12)
Tim McNamara	11	24		Under 10 Cougars (11)
Mackenzie Dunn	14	24		Auskick Pro
				Under 11 (2)
Felix Senden	15	24		Auskick Pro (13)
Stuart Manton	11	23		Under 11 (11)
Ricci James-Ward	12	23		Under 10 Panthers (12)
Rhys Drummond	11	22		Under 10 Cougars (11)
Ryan Sarre	12	22		Under 11 (12)

Player	Games in 2009	Total Games	Milestone reached	2009 Team(s)
Michael Bourke	11	22		Under 11 (11)
				Under 12 (12)
Matthew Miles	13	21		Under 14 Division 2 (1)
Sam Fogden	10	21		Under 10 Panthers (10)
Jesse Dawe	7	21		Under 11 (7)
				Under 14 Division 1 (7)
Jesse Wilesmith	10	20		Under 14 Division 2 (3)
Matthew Endall	8	20		Under 10 Panthers (8)
James Kelleher	8	19		Under 11 (8)
Daniel Avila	3	18		Under 16 Division 2 Black (3)
Tom Jolley-Rogers	13	17		Under 14 Division 2 (13)
Ewan Richter	17	17	First year player	Auskick Pro
Matthew Lavis	9	16		Under 14 Division 2 (9)
Alexander Meek	15	15	First year player	Under 16 Division 2 Teal (15)
Aaron Fleming	15	15	First year player	Under 12 (15)
William McInnes	12	15		Under 10 Cougars (12)
Cameron Johnson	14	14	First year player	Under 12 (14)
Trent Pollard	14	14	First year player	Under 16 Division 2 Teal (14)
Jarrold Kosonen	14	14	First year player	Auskick Pro
Gabriel Graetz	14	14	First year player	Auskick Pro
Thomas Arthur	14	14	First year player	Auskick Pro
Daniel McAuliffe	13	13	First year player	Under 14 Division 2 (13)
Ben Garrett	13	13	First year player	Auskick Pro
Liam Drummond	13	13	First year player	Under 14 Division 2 (13)
Arlen Luhrs	1	13		Under 14 Division 2 (1)
Daimon Browne	13	13	First year player	Auskick Pro
Jack Murley	12	12	First year player	Under 11 (12)
Nicholas Wilks	12	12	First year player	Under 14 Division 2 (12)
Zeke Graetz	12	12	First year player	Auskick Pro
Blake Reid	12	12	First year player	Auskick Pro
Josh Higgs	12	12	First year player	Auskick Pro
Connor Blackmore	12	12	First year player	Auskick Pro
Andrew Wright	0	11	First year player	Under 10 Panthers (11)
Bobo Gong	11	11	First year player	Auskick Pro
Jack Gooday	11	11	First year player	Under 10 Panthers (11)
Duncan McMaster	11	11	First year player	Under 10 Cougars (11)
Javier Bryun	11	11	First year player	Under 10 Panthers (11)
David Gray	11	11	First year player	Auskick Pro
Connor White	10	10	First year player	Under 10 Panthers (10)
Jack Hynes	10	10	First year player	Auskick Pro
Adam Forner	10	10	First year player	Auskick Pro
Isaak Forner	10	10	First year player	Under 11 (10)
Jai Narayan	10	10	First year player	Under 10 Cougars (10)
Hannah Drummond	10	10	First year player	Under 10 Cougars (10)
Brad Bedford	10	10	First year player	Under 10 Cougars (10)

Player	Games in 2009	Total Games	Milestone reached	2009 Team(s)
Bryn Murray-Jones	9	9	First year player	Auskick Pro
Ewan Davidson	9	9	First year player	Under 12 (9)
James Small	1	8		Under 16 Division 2 Teal (1)
Jackson Free	8	8	First year player	Under 11 (8)
Connor Free	8	8	First year player	Under 11 (8)
Curtis Garrett	8	8	First year player	Auskick Pro
James Bennetts	7	7	First year player	Under 14 Division 2 (7)
Mitchell Williams	6	6	First year player	Auskick Pro
Tyler Hengst	6	6	First year player	Under 11 (6)
Jack Read	5	5	First year player	Auskick Pro
Tynan Doyle	4	4	First year player	Under 10 Cougars (4)
Sam Earle	4	4	First year player	Auskick Pro
Jackson Black	4	4	First year player	Under 10 Cougars (4)
Cooper Vickery	4	4	First year player	Auskick Pro
Emmersyn Clarke	4	4	First year player	Auskick Pro
Thomas Itter	4	4	First year player	Auskick Pro
Felix Gehr-Verney	4	4	First year player	Auskick Pro
Zac Dickason	4	4	First year player	Auskick Pro
Tiernan Miller	4	4	First year player	Auskick Pro
Zac Smith	2	2	First year player	Auskick Pro
Jake Thomas-Nehmy	2	2	First year player	Auskick Pro
Chris Mecham	1	1	First year player	Auskick Pro

Awards

Under 12s

Best and fairest – Adam Lamb
Runner up best and fairest – Cameron Johnson
Most consistent – Michael Rinaudo
Most improved – Morgan Bell
Coaches award – Elliott Jordan
Best in finals – Austin Clarke

Under 14s Division 2

Best and fairest – Heather Anderson
Runner up best and fairest – Matthew Lavis
Most consistent – Alex Telford
Most improved – Ernest Hogan
Coaches award – Liam Drummond

Under 14s Division 1

Best and fairest – Chris Jansen
Runner up best and fairest – Matt Kelly
Most consistent – Rhys Healy
Most improved – Matt Jachno
Coaches award – Jack Steele
Best in finals – Chris Jansen

Under 16s Division 2 Teal

Best and fairest – Pat Ryan-Baker
Runner up best and fairest – Ryan Bradley
Most consistent – Matt Kenna
Most improved – Lachlan O'Sullivan
Coaches award – Mitchell Lamb
Best in finals - Shaun Mellick

Under 16s Division 2 Black

Best and fairest – Ben Telford
Runner up best and fairest – Lachlan Trevaskis
Most consistent – Jordan Reynolds
Most improved – Zach Emery-Smith
Coaches award – Ethan Ashley

Under 16s Division 1

Best and fairest – Lachlan Harper
Runner up best and fairest – Daniel Jordan
Most consistent – Luke Allen
Most improved – Ben Sugget
Coaches award – Albert Hogan
Best in finals – Jacob Taylor

Jarred Griffiths Memorial Award – Chris Murphy

Wayne Davill Merit Award – Andrew Courir

John Williams Memorial Presidents Award – Nicole Thorne

Matthew Reynolds Memorial Award – Darryl Read

Representative Players

Logan Austin, Heather Anderson, Angus Collins, Hamish Healy, Rhys Healy, Chris Jansen, Matt Kelly, Nick Kelly, Adam Lamb, Ethan McAlister, Sam O’Sullivan, Aidan Pini, Jack Steele, James Trevanion, AJ Wilson.

League Best & Fairest Awards

Under 14 Division 1 - Chris Jansen & Charles Miller - Equal 3rd

Under 16 Division 2 – Patrick Ryan-Baker - Equal 3rd

Under 16 Division 1 – Daniel Jordan – Equal 4th

Grand Final Best on Ground

Under 12 – Adam Lamb

Under 14 Division 1 – Chris Jansen

Under 16 Division 1 - Dominic Duncan

2009 OFFICE BEARERS

President:	Glenn O’Sullivan
Vice President:	Rob Kelly
Treasurer:	Rob Lamb
Registrar:	Trevor Fritzlaff
Secretary:	Vicki Pini
Property Officer:	Mick Kenna
Merchandise Officer:	Kirsty Browne
Football Manager:	Nicole Thorne
Website Design:	Ben Healy
Committee/Coach:	Manny Delhaize
Auskick Pro:	Paul McQueen

Coaches and Managers

	<u>Coach</u>	<u>Manager</u>
Under 8 Panthers	Gary Dixon	Michael Hynes
Under 8 Cougars	Lyle Shelton	Phillip Graetz
Under 9 Panthers	Hamish Arthur	Vicki Favelle
Under 9 Cougars	Damien Tuck/ Stuart Girvan	Michelle Tuck
Under 10 Panthers	Andrew Fogden	Peter Gooday
Under 10 Cougars	Jamie Browne	Kel Drummond
Under 11	Brendan Murley/Shane Weir	Michelle Tuck
Under 12	Rob Lamb / Craig Jordan / Gav McKinnon	Kirsty Browne
Under 14(2)	Chris Nunn	Andrew Wrigley
Under 14 (1)	Colin Mues	Paula Jansen
Under 16 (Black)	Manny Delhaize	Terri Jamieson
Under 16 (Teal)	Mick McIntyre/John Austin	Mick Kenna
Under 16 (1)	Peter Taylor	Vicki Pini

Life Members

1987	John Williams (dec)
1989	Mike Watson
1990	Henry Henderson
1991	Shirley Levier
1992	Oswald Teron, Neil Baker
1993	Dennis Axelby, Jeff Nixon
1995	Mick Danaher
1996	Jim Calvert
1997	Lyal Camp, David Gallagher, Leroy Stewart
2001	Margaret Broughton
2002	Jenny Stakelum
2003	David Bennett
2004	Paul Egan, Reg Rathman
2007	Phil Hargraves
2009	Peter Taylor, Manny Delhaize