



Season 2023

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Junior Football Club



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

BY BECCY DAWBER



The 2023 junior football season has concluded, and what another remarkable season it has been! Once again, we fielded players across eleven teams, achieving success across the board. I extend my heartfelt appreciation to our dedicated players, volunteer officials, and supportive parents who have contributed immensely to the success of our Club.

A highlight of this season was the realisation of a long-term dream - our brand-new facilities. This project spanned many years, involving numerous committees, and finally, this season, it came to fruition. The grand opening of our female-friendly changerooms, clubroom refurbishment, new kitchen, social rooms, Coaches' storage, and merchandise store is scheduled for this September, with invitations to all families to be sent prior. These new facilities will enhance the experience of generations of footballers to come, and we're very grateful to the Knox City Council and the State and Federal Governments for their financial contributions at the time.

Reflecting on my journey as a Committee member since 2012, it's incredible to see the growth we've achieved. From introducing girls' football in 2013 to fielding teams across all age groups, we have advanced considerably in all aspects of Club governance. And now, in 2023, we have facilities that cater better to female footballers, marking the realisation of another goal.

This season has been one to remember,

with numerous Club, team, and individual achievements celebrated. Let's take a moment to rewind to the start of the season when there were concerns about whether our facilities would be ready for Round 1! Thanks to the exceptional support from Knox City Council as Round 1 approached, our players were able to enjoy the new changerooms in readiness for the first bounce.

The moment of the first siren of the season sounds is a joyous and rewarding one, and it stands as a testament to the unwavering dedication of our numerous volunteers. Our Coaches, Assistant Coaches, Team Managers, Trainers, and the entire dedicated Committee have poured their hearts and souls into the pre-season and the entire season. Their tireless contributions, spanning from organising engaging events to meticulous match preparations, form the sturdy backbone of our club. A glimpse into the pre-season efforts of our Team Officials and Committee reveals a hive of activities, including promoting our Club at the Boronia Heights P.S. Night Market and the Knox Festival, creating promotional flyers for school newsletters, actively participating in numerous meetings, recruiting players, preparing pre-season training plans, organising team kits and player jumpers, securing valuable sponsors, fundraising at the Bayswater Bunnings BBQ, planning Practice Matches, and participating in Coach development programs through Dynamic Footy Skills. To all involved, I extend my heartfelt gratitude!

I'd like to express my heartfelt thanks to our Executive Committee members: Christina Rimmer, Wendy Gielen, Nicky Maxwell, and Andrew Robertson. Your dedication to improving our Club for the benefit of our players is greatly appreciated. Thank you immensely.

I also extend our Club's thanks to Paul Giannopoulos, the EFNL's dedicated Junior Manager, for his tremendous support in getting children on the field each season.

Throughout the fourteen rounds, plus Finals, we witnessed both challenges and triumphs!

Our Auskick season thrived again this year, with notable highlights being the Bayswater CFA Vs. Auskickers Clinic, a fun-filled Superheroes Night, and engaging Mums and Dads Footy Clinics. As we bid farewell to Darran Collins, who has admirably led our Auskick Centre for the past two years, we're actively seeking a new parent to step into this crucial role, to ensure the continued success of our Club. Please get in touch if this role is of interest to you. Our little Auskick Under 7s concluded their four-week EFNL Under 7s competition last Sunday, and



Wendy, Christina, Nicky & Beccy

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we eagerly anticipate supporting their transition into junior football.

Our Under 8s embraced the transition to junior footy, supported by a dedicated group of Team Officials and parents. Our Under 9s savoured their first taste of home and away football, while our Under 10s enjoyed their first season of tackling. Our Under 11s, in their first season of competitive football, held their position as ladder leaders throughout the season, earning a position in Finals. Our Under 12s delivered a stellar performance with

Mooroolbark. Excitingly, the Bayswater FC plans to reintroduce Women's football in 2024, providing a pathway for our girls to compete in senior women's football at Bayswater.

Individual player achievements have been notable, with two of our female players selected to represent the EFNL in the Interleague Program.

Congratulations to Shaylee Gauci-Fraser and Matilda Hindson! Furthermore, six of our players were invited to the EFNL Best & Fairest Presentation Night. We extend

Network of Australia, Fight MND, TAC Round, and ANZAC Round. It was during ANZAC Round that the Bayswater JFC introduced Anzac medals to recognise outstanding players displaying fair play and positive team spirit. Rounds 13 and 14 also saw the Club support the EFNL initiative of Silent Sunday Round, aimed at providing a more enjoyable atmosphere for all players.

Socially, we enjoyed two adult social nights during the season. The Yobbo Lotto was a hilarious success, and our



an undefeated season, proudly securing the title of Premiers. Congratulations to all players and Team Officials involved in our Under 12 Boys!

Our Under 14 Girls exuded positivity from seasons' start to end, with this group displaying many attributes as role models around our Club. Our Under 14 Boys, made up of a split of U13 and U14 aged players, quickly formed a camaraderie, and the skill development was evident across all. Our Under 16 Girls faced challenging numbers at the season start, but their never-give-up attitude and strong friendships formed resulted in a rewarding season. Despite the scoreboard not reflecting their on-field efforts, our Under 16 Boys maintained their spirits throughout. Our U17 Boys had a triumphant season despite initial challenges with low numbers, earning a well-deserved place in the Finals. The U18 Girls, unable to form a standalone side, enjoyed a successful season on permit to

our congratulations to Tommy Walker, Shaylee Gauci-Fraser, Tom Hardman, Matilda Hindson, Jack Zilinskas, and Rana Khan! We've also celebrated numerous and significant milestone games this season. Achieving 150 games as a junior footballer is an incredible feat. Congratulations to Lachlan Muir and Jordan Lynn on your excellent commitment to footy!

This season, we remained active in promoting and fundraising for important causes, including the Breast Cancer

Cocktail Night was a memorable event where we announced our newest Life Member and Best Club Person award winners. Congratulations to Andrew Robertson on a well-deserved Life Membership, and to Tania Drew, Sally Delbridge, and Christina Rimmer for their excellent contributions to our Club this season.

Among the season's other noteworthy highlights were our popular Match Round Up events, where we gathered for dinner and celebrated player



Tania, Sally, Christina & Andrew

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BY BECCY DAWBER

achievements with their families. Our team pizza nights, hosted for all teams at no cost to our players, were welcome team bonding opportunities. We achieved a significant milestone by successfully hosting Finals at our Club for the first time, a feat made possible through the unwavering dedication of volunteers. We actively engaged the SALT Program to facilitate meaningful conversations on off-field topics with our players. We also had the privilege of hosting Hawthorn Players for a special visit to meet and greet our players and share their personal journeys as footballers. Lastly, we collaborated with the METEC Driver Education Program and the EFNL to educate and empower our Under 17 Boys, imparting crucial life skills beyond the football field.

We extend our sincere appreciation to Senior Player Ben White of the Bayswater Football Club for spearheading the initiative of senior players regularly

participating in junior training sessions. This commendable effort received consistently positive feedback, and we are deeply grateful to all senior players who contributed their time and expertise to support our junior players.

As we look forward to the upcoming season, we foresee a growing need for increased parent involvement at the Committee level to uphold our tradition of accomplishing remarkable goals for our players. Pivotal Club leadership roles will require filling at our Annual General Meeting in September, and we encourage all parents to step forward to fill these roles. The full guidance and support of existing members will be provided, and the phrase "many hands make light work" will always apply!

Wishing all families a memorable Presentation Day, and we encourage everyone to share the word about the enriching junior football experiences we

provide. Your feedback is invaluable, and we extend an invitation to all parents to join our committee and play a crucial role in our ongoing success.

As we conclude this season, we celebrate our achievements and look forward to an even brighter future for the Bayswater Junior Football Club in 2024. Many thanks to all players, parents, families, officials, supporters, sponsors. Of course, an extra special thank you goes out to my two sons, Jake and Tommy, for their unwavering support to their Mum in this volunteer role.

Go Baysie!

Beccy Dawber

President 2023

EFNL BEST AND FAIREST/INTERLEAGUE

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Under 18 Girls

- Rana Khan: 2nd

Under 17 Boys

- Jack Zilinskas: 1st

Under 16 Girls

- Matilda Hindson: 2nd

Under 16 Boys

- Thomas Hardman: 4th

Under 14 Girls

- Shaylee Gauci-Fraser: 1st

Under 14 Boys

- Thomas Walker: 4th

INTERLEAGUE

Under 15 Girls

- Shaylee Gauci-Fraser
- Matilda Hindson



UNDER 8S

BY DANIEL FITZPATRICK



As we approach the end of this incredible season, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on the journey we've had together and acknowledge the many highlights and achievements of our under 8's team for season 2023.

It has been truly remarkable to witness the growth and development of our players' skills and confidence throughout the season. From the very first training session to our final game, their handballing, kicking, marking, and overall game knowledge have improved significantly. Their dedication to practice and improvement has been commendable.

One of the standout features of our team has been the strong sense of teamwork and sportsmanship displayed by our players. They have supported and encouraged each other on and off the field, exemplifying the true spirit of the game. It has been heart-warming to see the bond they have formed as a team.

The positive and encouraging attitudes of our players have been a driving force behind our success and the enjoyment we have all experienced this year. They have faced challenges with determination and resilience, always seeking to learn and improve. Their enthusiasm and love for the game have

been infectious, creating a fantastic atmosphere throughout the season with many memorable moments, our Pizza night, our Mother's night players vs Mum's and the special footy rounds throughout the year all bringing plenty of reasons for us all to smile and laugh.

Throughout the year, we focused on specific coaching points, and it has been impressive to witness how much the team has embraced and implemented them on game day. From running their 10 meters with the ball, getting to the back of the contest to receive the handball, hitting the hot spot, and avoiding the danger zone, they have demonstrated remarkable



understanding and application of these skills.

Additionally, throughout the season, it was a fantastic experience to have many of the Bayswater Senior Players join us for footy training. Their presence and mentorship had a great impact on our young players. It was a great opportunity for our under 8's to learn from the best and develop their skills further. It was certainly a highlight of the season to have the chance to take the field at half time during the Bayswater Seniors game. It was an exciting moment for our young players as they ran onto the field, with the crowd cheering them on. Hopefully an experience we can continue in the years to come.

I want to extend my deepest gratitude to everyone who played a role in making this season unforgettable. To our Assistant Coach - Scott: Your dedication and contributions to our success have been invaluable. Your passion for the game and commitment to the players' development have made a significant impact on our team's performance.

To our Team Managers - Tim and Clare: Your exceptional communication and coordination throughout the year have been highly appreciated by me and all the parents.

UNDER 8S (CONTINUED)

BY DANIEL FITZPATRICK

Your efforts behind the scenes ensured a seamless and enjoyable experience for the team.

And a heartfelt thank you to our trainer, James, for his unwavering commitment and support throughout the season. His expertise and care have been invaluable, ensuring the players' safety and well-being. James, your positive energy and passion for the game have made a significant impact on our team's experience.

To all the parents and guardians: Your unwavering support, whether cheering from the sidelines or helping with logistics, has been instrumental in the team's achievements. Your encouragement and commitment have

created a positive and nurturing environment for the players.

Lastly, to the players: I hope you all enjoyed being part of this special group this year and are eager for the seasons to come. While the season may be coming to an end, our journey together does not stop here. Let's carry the lessons and experiences from this season into the future, building on our achievements and continuing to grow as individuals and as a team.

Thank you all for an unforgettable season, and I am already looking forward to what the future holds for our talented young team.

Go Baysie!



UNDER 9S

BY MARK LOWE & CHRIS BARTLING

Firstly on behalf of Coaches Chris, Mark and Welch, we cannot be more proud and happier of the development and comradery the boys had this year.

What an exciting season it was, especially coming together as one team for the last 4 games.

The boys really developed their skills this season, showing enthusiasm and passion for the game.

They listened, trained hard (most of the time) and also had fun at the same time.

Footy is a tough, hard game at times and the team learnt a bit about resistance, 2 way running, effort and the changes to environment that tackling brought. The learning and development will assist in us returning bigger and stronger next year.

We had some games where we structured the boys to their strengths and opportunities ensuring they can play their best for the future to come!

We would like to thank our amazing team manager Sally. Words cannot



describe how brilliantly you managed the team and parent involvement each week. Exceptional job and we thank you so much. Thank you for organising our social night, the team and families had a great night.

To the parents who came to each training session and game day, helped with game day duties or just to support the mighty Baysy, We Thank You.

We cannot wait for next season, although we still need new players to fill the side, so speak to your mates at school and lets build a strong, amazing Baysie team for 2024.



UNDER 10S

BY SHAUN JONES

Congratulations to our U10 players and families on making season 2023 a success and enjoyable to be a part of.

We kicked off pre-season earlier than last year to help prepare the team for playing a full season of big ground footy. Our focus for the start of the year was to build on the team aspects of footy and introduce the physical skills required like shepherding, making effective tackles and getting tackled.

The strategy aspects of football will come in later years, so it was important in this season for the kids to continue to build on their skills and understanding of the game.

We welcomed 4 new players to the club, who all had impressive starts to their Bayswater footy journey. Playing numbers were strong throughout most of the season, with 22 registered players (up from last year) and getting support from some superstar U8 and U9's players, filling in for a handful of games.

We rotated our captains throughout the year and it was encouraging to notice some of the kids display leadership qualities in training and in the game. For most part of the year, we rotated the players across different parts of the field to experience a variety of positions. Towards the end of the season, we tried to settle the kids into positions they were more suited to and for team balance.

There were games where we faced tough opposition and had some



"character building" results. As the season continued it was pleasing to see the kids hold their heads up and continue to finish games off strong and not throwing in the towel. We had some good results against teams like Ringwood, Mitcham, Lysterfield and The Basin, who we matched up quite well against.

By the end of the season, there was a big shift in the willingness to tackle and contest at ground level. For some of our best games of the season we didn't kick that many goals and may not have registered a win, but the energy, effort and willingness to pressure the opposition was first class.

There were some proud coaching moments from watching the kids out-pressure and out-tackle our opponents, and building a Bayswater brand of footy. We were so impressed to see the ball move from one end of the ground, linking up with marks and handballs without the opposition touching the ball. These special moments were great to watch the signs of growth and improvement compared to previous years.

The team played the game in the right spirit while supporting their teammates, which is a credit to the kids and the parents should be proud. Bayswater JFC are in good hands with this group of kids representing the club into the future.

Highlights for the year were:

- New home changerooms and social rooms to enjoy.
- Half-time footy at the Bayswater senior's match.
- Parents Vs Kids end of season showdown, won by the kids.

Having watched the majority of the kids from U8's, I knew we had a terrific group of kids who have now bonded with a strong team culture, capable of playing some fantastic team football. Football can be a lot of fun, whether running around in the midfield, being a reliable defender or a creative forward - but enjoyed best when playing with your mates.

I look forward to seeing where the kids can take their football at Bayswater, playing competitive games with scoring and finals from next season.

A special thank you to all parent helpers on training nights and match day for your efforts in supporting the team. Thanks to our trainer, Brooke, for taking care of the kids on game day and thankfully no serious injuries to report. Thank you to our dedicated Team Manager, Jess, who brilliantly organised and managed our team like a pro, all while navigating the arrival of their new family addition, and to Brad and Kylie for stepping in.

Big thanks to our Assistant Coaches who were an enjoyable team to work with.



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BY SHAUN JONES

Daniel Fitz helped develop the kid's skills at training in addition to his coaching role with the U8's. Mark was a fantastic support for the kids at training and game day. Big thanks for Mark's support in the varied roles throughout the season (Assistant Coach, Manager and stepping up as Coach in my absence) and making my coaching role easy. Thank you to our team runner, Daniel Robb, who was ably assisted by Luke and Lyndal.

Lastly, thank you to Beccy and the committee members behind the scenes who have grown the foundations of BJFC and have made it a great space for the kids.

We look forward to seeing the team back for season 2024. Go Baysie!



UNDER 11S

BY TIM CINCOTTA



Well, what a season we had! Our first season of full-competitive football and we got off to a flyer. The team started training 6 weeks before round one, and they were ready to go and make an impact. We welcomed a few new faces who stepped in to replace a few who left at the end of 2022. We also welcomed a new assistant coach in Zack Holmes.

The season started as well as we could have hoped and we found ourselves with 7 straight wins at the halfway point

of the year – sitting nicely on top of the ladder. Unfortunately the last 7 games didn't come together as well as our first seven, but we still finished the home and away season comfortably in third with 10 wins for the year.

It was a great achievement to make finals in the group's first year of competitive football. We faced a rampaging Kilsyth in the first week of finals, and unfortunately things just wouldn't work for us and we found ourselves sadly knocked out in week one. The experience of finals footy though is something the group can always hold onto.

This year saw two new players step into the team. Fenix who played half a season in the girls U12 team last year joined our group and what an impact she had! She joined her fellow tackle sister Tiger -Lily and formed a formidable force when it came to playing high-pressure football. Jacob joined us for his first taste of football and took some great grabs throughout the year as well as getting to plenty of contests.

Our backline rotated a little throughout the year, however there were three names consistently playing back. They went at times 2-3 weeks in a row without conceding a goal. Will Bone and Jackson Portbury were reliable week in and week out holding their opponents in the back pockets. They were flexible enough to play anywhere, but I loved having their attack and run to help keep opposition forwards quiet. Lawson Guymer really grew into the full-back role throughout the year and really owned this, taking some great contested grabs



UNDER 11S (CONTINUED)

BY TIM CINCOTTA



on the last line of defence in the back end of the year.

Another player who spent a lot of time down back was our own version of Darcy Moore, Jackson Harley. Jacko was an opposition coach's worst nightmare in that he wreaked havoc on any attempts the opposition had trying to get the ball forward – but he was just so good to watch with brilliant intercept marks and a booming kick.

Or midfield had a few frequent visitors. Zach Hindson grew so much throughout the year on the wing and attacked the ball harder than ever, collecting a player of the round shirt in what was his best season to date. Indi was one of the most dominant and dependable rucks in the league, winning countless hitouts, and taking a number of great intercept marks playing a true ruck role. Cooper Barbour spent a lot of time in the midfield, and really anywhere I needed him. As a utility, Cooper was so valuable because he could literally play anywhere and do a great job for his team mates.

Levi Raymond was a player who spent a lot of time on the ball, but would also go forward at ease to kick some great goals. His pace and left foot were so valuable

throughout the year – as was his voice! Sid Jolly started the season with a bang, kicking 6 goals from the midfield. He would go on to lead the competition in goals for the year. What was more impressive than this though was the fantastic leadership he displayed throughout the year. His great year was rewarded being selected as our team captain for the finals.

Dusty Kinstler was a player who matured a great deal throughout the year. His attack on the ball got more and more impressive throughout the year, as did his kicking. Lachie started the year on fire and kept going, mixing things up between midfield and forward where he would often go forward and kick some valuable goals.

Tyson Pell seemed to get faster and faster throughout the year. His leg speed and powerful left foot were valuable on the ball and up forward where he would frequently find himself in the goal kickers. Zane was highly dependable throughout the year, and someone who I could comfortably swing backwards and forwards depending on what the team needed – the sort of player a coach loves being able to use. Another player with this great flexibility was Ethan

Rippon. Ethan's kicking became noticeably better and better throughout the year – this was one display against Noble Park where in a tough game, he slotted his first goal, cool as you like from a tough set shot.

Xavier's smile seemed to get bigger and bigger throughout the year. What was great though was to see him winning a number of contests throughout the year and get some great kicks forward. Little Joshy Holdstock started the year with a great mark and goal in round one that had everyone shouting from the sideline. His courage throughout the year was incredible – for such a little guy, he showed no fear in his attack on the ball.

Lastly, my son Markus, who started the year in defence before finishing himself forward. He became a really handy target up forward and kicked a number of goals (and behinds) throughout the year.

A special thanks to the U10 players who helped us make up numbers throughout the year. Caleb, Levi F and Wes. Caleb and Levi also trained with the team during finals and had such a positive impact on the team.

A few big thankyou's on my part for the

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BY TIM CINCOTTA

year. Zack who stepped up as assistant coach wonderfully and did some great work with the kids throughout the year – also stepping up as head coach on a few occasions while I was away. Andrew Rippon who stepped in as our match day assistant on a number of occasions throughout the year. With Zack moving to the Gold Coast, I am sure there is a job there if you want it for next year. The “stats man” - Karl Conlan - a fantastic help on the track during training throughout the season, and on game days keeping track of stats to share with the team. Our runner for the bulk of the season – Matilda Hindson – a superstar of the Bayswater JFC in her own right, Matilda did a fantastic job running

messages for our group throughout the year (before going off to her own games and placing top 5 in the league b&f). Renae Jolly, our fantastic trainer throughout the year. The kids always felt safe and at ease knowing she was there if anything went wrong. Lastly to our amazing team manager Megan Hartley. This year was a tough assignment and you did a superb job – the whole team was so lucky to have you running everything to keep us going.

While 2023 didn't end the way we hoped, I know that this group has enough top talent to do big things in 2024. Stick tight together and be ready for another big season ahead!



UNDER 12 BOYS

BY BEN BEVERIDGE



offseason trade with Kilsyth to bring Charley across, and, both Dusty and Hamish joining us from the 2021 U12's side. Last of all, we had our dynamic back flanker in Maison returning after a year off.

Players that reached 50 game milestone this season were Phoenix, Lachie, Jai, Ollie, and Jaxson (in the grand final). Well done to those boys, they have been consistent members of the team for several years now.

Our pre-season started in February and the early focus was to get the boys touching the football and building their skills prior to Round 1. Our team saw consistent improvement throughout the pre-season.

As a team we wanted to set our season goal before Round 1, which was to win a final.

We started the first two games winning both comfortably, allowing the boys to gain confidence although we knew the competition would get harder and we'd be tested. It wasn't until round 4 that our

real first test was upon us, coming up against the other undefeated team (and our eventual grand final opponents). To our boy's credit they passed this with flying colours setting the new benchmark for the competition and setting a blueprint for how we'd play the season.

There was conversation about our team moving up a division at this time, but the decision was made to keep us in our division. In hindsight this was ideal as it provided another season for our players to develop.



After a strong season 2022 season, our goal was to continue building on our skills, keeping the game plan simple, aggressive, and exciting, but most of all we wanted to improve on last year.

We were able to field a stand alone side this year which was a fantastic outcome. We were lucky enough to have 8 new players join our team this year, which were Ben, Ayden, Henry, Ryan, Jacob. An

UNDER 12 BOYS (CONTINUED)

BY BEN BEVERIDGE



As the season progressed our game style and structure steadily improved along with our winning streak. We just continued to find a way to win week after week remaining undefeated the entire home and away season, which is a very rare and fantastic achievement. It was thoroughly deserved.

In addition to this we had 5 of the top 15 leading goal kickers in the competition, including positions 1, 2 & 4, which showed the boys worked well as a team providing several avenues to goal.

Coming into the finals we were full of confidence, but also knew that challenges laid in front of us. While the home and away season was an overall success, finals can be a different story.

The first final against Heathmont was in very windy and trying conditions. The game was a hard-fought battle all day with the wind making it very difficult for the boys with the scoring being predominantly with the wind. Heathmont played a great brand of football and our boys really had to dig deep. Our last quarter goal into the wind was the sealer winning by a single goal. This victory meant we had met our pre-season goal, but best of all it put us straight into the grand final.

We spoke to the boys about grand final day and the nerves and excitement that

comes with it, but to take in the day and enjoy the experience.

Grand Final day came, and the conditions were perfect, the boys were super pumped in their warm up while running out some nervous energy. The pre-game conversation was more around our slow starts and how the opposition could take advantage of this. The goal was to keep ourselves in the game in the first quarter and build from there.

The first half was very tight, with no goals in the first quarter and only 3 in total by half time. Our boys had a majority of possession in our forward line but couldn't convert their chances on the

scoreboard. At half time we were down by two points.

After a few tactical moves at half time, we were able to keep the opposition scoreless while kicking 5 goals ourselves, running out eventual winner and PREMIERS by 31 points.

The entire team played well with every player doing their part on the day in what was the perfect end to the perfect season.

Overall, this season we saw several players take significant steps forward in their football development. It was very pleasing to see how their confidence, footballing ability and football IQ improved. The list of players who took significant steps this year is too long to name individually, but as a team we saw significant growth in confidence, ability, and team connection.

As coaches, it was a pleasure being around these boys to see their utmost love of the game and their teammates. We hope these boys can stay together for many years to come.

WELL DONE BAYSWATER UNDER 12s. OUR 2023 PREMIERSHIP WINNING SIDE !



UNDER 14 GIRLS

BY KEVIN MANISCALCHI



Early in 2023, our under 14 girls assembled for pre-season training. We had a great starting group of 14 players that were keen to improve on their skills and learn more about the game. Each and every player in this team brought with them their own "super power" that would help their team mates when it came time to take the footy field.

All 14 players that started pre season had previous footy experience, therefore our early intentions were to work on skills and knowledge of the game. The girls trained really well during the pre season sessions, however as the season neared, we had only recruited one new player – welcome Envy! Taking our total number to 15 for our first practice game. Whilst we lost our practice game to Chirnside Park, we did enough to entice Keely to come and play again, after she had considered not playing due to other commitments.

Our regular season started on a perfect winter's day, sun shining and very little wind. We played the Basin and had a really solid win, and spirits were high.

Fast forward to week two – rain, wind and chill factor greeted us for a wet cold game of footy that we struggled in, and eventually lost by a large margin. It was after this game that I first saw the character of this group start to shine. Reflecting on our round two loss, the girls were very honest with their assessment and aimed to work on the things we were lacking, to improve the overall team.

We desperately needed a few extra players early in the season and through some great recruiting efforts, we welcomed four new players – Matilda, Molly, Brooke and Scarlett. All four girls playing footy for the first time.

The following weeks saw a few close games as well as a heavy loss, and at this point in the season, as winter in Melbourne really settled in, it would have been easy to take a backwards step and accept the outcomes that we were having. A win or a loss on the scoreboard was not the outcome that was focused on, it was the effort and willingness to do what was best for your

team that mattered. The commitment to training saw improvements in all the girls games:

- Jess and Carly's kicking on the run
- Lily and Clara breaking away from packs
- Grace improving her ruck work
- Shaylee encouraging her team mates
- Ella and Lexie's tackling
- Ruby spinning out of trouble with the ball
- Ava taking some great marks in our forward line
- Raelene kicking out from full back
- Gemma's speed to get to contests
- Jade's ability to have an impact playing in every position
- Shayla getting in the right position to kick a goal or two

This commitment and improvement in skills saw the girls take a big step forward with regards to how they played the game. Tough, competitive and with a focus on effort for your team. We finished the season with 6 wins and 7 losses, in sixth position on the ladder. However,

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BY KEVIN MANISCALCHI

we were always in every game.

Highlights and celebrations from season 2023 were a regular occurrence:

- A range of goal kickers throughout the season, and some first time goal kickers, however Ava's were worth a little more than everyone else 😊
- Shaylee playing for the EFNL interleague under 15 team.
- Jade flying in on a Sunday morning and coming straight to our game. She made it on time, her gear didn't, but our superstar parents put together a kit for her, including a quick trip to the local shops for a mouthguard!
- Ella playing with a broken fore arm, What the???
- New piercings should be planned for outside the footy season. "What do you think Bec?" Low lights could be sticking our fingers up the girls noses to extract nose rings before most games.
- Watching Lexie smash tackling players. This became a weekly thing. One game in particular I asked her to just focus on tackling in the last quarter. Without exaggerating, Lex would have laid at least a dozen solid tackles!!
- Lily playing her 50th game of footy.

All the fun of a footy season isn't possible without the help and support of all the parents. To all the goal umpires, timekeepers, umpire escorts, canteen workers and kids taxi drivers ensuring the girls are at training and at our games, thank you for your support.

Whilst our girls were a super team, we had a super team of officials that made the season run very smooth. Our trainer Scott, was always there for any injuries and pre game issues. Scott takes a very professional approach to the role and cares greatly for our kids. Thank you for your efforts.

Thanks to our runner Nick, always willing to help out at training and give valuable feedback to the coaches and the girls. A shout out to Max also, for your help at training and unofficial coaching role yelling advice to the girls from a random boundary line position most weeks.

I cant thank my fellow coaching partner enough for his support and keeping me in line when needed. I wasn't able to make a few games this season and Paul was always there to ensure we had consistency, and keep the girls focused and having fun. I'm sure Paul will take the under 14 girls to a new level next season and wish him all the best.

Thanks mate!

Last and most importantly, the most difficult and probably most time consuming role for any local footy team would have to be the team manager. If there were issues, we never heard of them, the girls were always prepared, the parents were always kept up to date, and our team was always represented in the most professional manner. Bec did an amazing job of always being there for everyone involved. On behalf of myself and all the parents of the under 14 girls, words cant describe how thankful we are for all your work.

After our first pre season game, I spoke to all the players and parents. My message was that I would push the girls to see how much improvement they could achieve. Trying to maintain a fun environment sometimes contradicts this message, and finding the right balance can be difficult. Footy can be about fun and giggles, but that can wear off quickly on a cold, wet morning if you're not in the contest. I'm so proud of the effort shown by all the girls, to push themselves to improve to help their team mates.

Well done girls, thank you again to all the parents, and I look forward to seeing everyone around the club in season 2024.

Cheers, Kev.



UNDER 14 BOYS

BY LUKE PENN



Prior to the pre-season starting, my main focus was for each individual player to improve each by 3-5% overall by the season's end. I thought if the players all improved by that amount that we would have a good 2023 season.

The 2023 pre-season got underway in early February for the top aged under 14 players. We trained together for a couple months at the Bayswater Secondary College before moving to the junior oval just prior to round 1. Throughout the pre-season we had a core group between 10-15 players. During the pre-season we maintained a strong focus on improving our general football skills which included kicking, handballing and my favourite part of the game, tackling. On the eve of round 1 the club was forced to make the decision to join the 13's and under 14's

into one team, due to a shortage of players in both teams.

This was an extremely tough moment in time for the club and especially for the under 13's coach, Andrew Peters who has provided an incredible service to the club for many years. With only having one week to learn half the team's names and the players favoured positions, we had to move quickly.

Although we only had a couple wins in 2023, our season shouldn't be measured on wins and losses, but should be measured on the improvement and development each player has made individually. From the more experienced players to the first-year players, you have been committed to training regularly and putting your body on the line for each

other week in week out. The proudest moment during the season for me personally occurred in the last round of the season against Norwood. It was the first time that I had seen the team connected for the entire four quarters. The work rate and skill that the players provided on the day was really exciting to watch and a great result for all the supporters who have continually attended the games this season to support the players and the club.

I am really looking forward to seeing what you can all do as a team next season. If we continue to remain committed, work hard over the summer and build on our playing list, I am sure that we will have a lot more wins in 2024.

Finally, thanks so much to the parents, volunteers and the Bayswater JFC committee for allowing me to coach the under 14 boys this season. A special thanks to Kylie, Steve, Andrew and Beccy for being by my side. You have all made a tremendous contribution to the team for the entire year as you have all done so for many years. Being a first-year coach, I didn't know what to expect. I have really learnt a lot about myself as a person and as a coach. One of the biggest things I learnt this season is how much family support is required. To my wife Prue and my three children, thank you for all your endless support that you have provided me.



UNDER 16 GIRLS

BY MICHAEL HUGHSON

We had a slow start to the season because I couldn't really commit to coaching early in the preseason but I offered to take the preseason until I could commit or someone else was found to coach. Once I decided to coach, the next challenge was filling the other roles that needed to be filled.

The U16 and U18 joined to train as a squad due to numbers being a little low on both sides. With a lot of work done by the committee, the U18 girls joined Mooroolbark for the season so they now had a team to play with.

We were still chasing players and with a few of the top age players deciding not to play, we needed to find a few more.

We had a fun preseason. We made training as fun as we could and kept asking the girls if they had friends that would like to give footy a try. Because of our low numbers, we weren't able to push the girls as much as we would've liked to improve their skills and get a good fitness base which I thought might make it hard for the first few games.

We started the season playing pretty well. Our numbers were still low and we had to borrow players from the other teams at times. We had very limited opportunities to rest players during games so our girls got tired and we found it hard at times to play out the full 4



quarters. The attitude and effort from the girls was always great and they tried all the way to the final siren.

As the season went on, you could definitely see the improvements from the girls which only made our team stronger. Although our numbers were low, we managed the best we could with the players we had.

It was really good to see the friendships amongst the girls grow and this had a positive impact on how the girls played. We were beating the teams below us on the ladder and against the top teams, we definitely pushed them and maybe with a few extra players we could've beaten

some of those teams.

Our leadership group was voted and chosen by the players and they definitely picked the right girls to lead the group. They always set the best example and this definitely helped other team mates improve.

Because of how well the girls were playing in the second half of the season, they were all disappointed the season came to an end.

Hopefully this will make them all keen for next season.

Well done girls.



UNDER 16 BOYS

BY STEVE ROBERTS

This season we were focussed on further improving the skills and getting the boys to gel better with the aim to win more games this year. At this age group, the boys wanted to taste success rather than just competing so the coaches wanted to support them with their goals.

We started off in the U17's D division but after our grading games it was evident that we would be better off in an u16's competition rather than the under 17's, which proved to be too big a step for us. With the support of our parents, the club and the league we were moved into the u16's competition which saw us immediately become more competitive.

and Xavier did was brilliant as part of our important rotations. All three of these guys brought something different to the midfield and had immediate impacts when they went in. Nathan had another stellar season and showed improvement and really stepped up in his leadership this season. We threw Tyler into the midfield later in the season and he quickly made his presence known, shutting down one of Fairparks' best players in our first night game. He's certainly earned the nickname "Pest". He was great on the wing as was Xavier who did a great job also and the addition of Chris (Chips) to the team this season proved to be a nice win for us. Chips

outs and provided some great run and carry, giving us some good field position. Mason showed again why he is developing into a great backman holding down his Half Back Flank spot and providing great pressure all season and Connor provided us with some great dash off the half back line as well as showing that he's really getting better with the cerebral part of the game and understanding his role and responsibilities.

The forward line looked different (and stronger) this season and the addition of Angus to the team (who kicked a lazy 5 goals in his first game with us!) and Argy



There were quite a few games where we simply were not strong enough to match it with the top teams during the year but we came home with a strong finish, winning two of our last 4 games and narrowly losing to second placed Donvale by 17 points in our last game. This was a huge improvement considering the last time we played Donvale, we lost by more than 110 points.

Across the team we saw some really positive growth and we had some great new additions to the team. The midfield led by Tom and Alex was great this season and the work that Sam, Harry S

really came on towards the end of the season, earning the coaches medal in the last game for his efforts.

The backline proved to be a real strength for the team led by Rohan and Rhys. Both boys showed some great leadership and decided that they switch positions with Rhys moving to Centre Half Back and Ro moving to Fullback. These moves proved to make a strong unit even stronger. Rhys worked well in space and got to use his pace which helped set up many forays forward and Rohan just outmuscled opposing forwards with strong bodywork and pressure. Aaron did a great job with kick

(Fish) to the forward line proved to be great moves. Both provided immediate impacts and moving Kobe to Centre Half Forward worked really well as he gave us a great presence and the open space proved to be a great fit for him. Sam played more on the half forward line this season and was excellent in his new role, kicking a career high 14 goals this year. Harry S also spent time on the half forward line and pinch hit on the half back line, showing his adaptability and great football knowledge. Charlie joined our squad this season and with James and newcomers Toby and Declan provided a nice rotation in the deep forward line with James being the

UNDER 16 BOYS (CONTINUED)

BY STEVE ROBERTS



leading goal scorer of the trio with a goal for his efforts. Harry Bolger had his best season since coming across to Bayswater and his attack on the ball and straight line speed was brilliant. His tackling was also greatly improved as well. Kai was hampered by injury for a large part of the season but showed his



exemplary leadership skills in every single game and never quit. He played a major role in creating a strong forward line, through both action and words and I really think it's important that he be acknowledged for doing so.

A massive thanks to my partner in crime Jeff for his support during the season (you were brilliant!), James our Runner who was great and a valuable set of eyes of Jeff and I, our amazing Trainer Izzy who did a great job again for us this year

and finally to our wonderful Team Manager Relle - it was a new role for you and you just ran with it. Thanks from all of us! Finally, a special shout out to Brad for his work on sprinting and running drills for the boys which really help and to Troy for his work at training during preseason and stepping up to help Jeff when I wasn't available for training.

Bring on 2024 :-)
Steve

UNDER 17 BOYS

BY RICK SMITH

Right from the start of the season to the last game, this group fought hard every week.

We didn't know if we would get a side together so to get to the finals and beat every side in our comp is a great achievement.

We thought this group could have gone further, but with all that we went through we are so proud of the boys.

Our first game we were playing with 15 boys at some stages and nearly won.

Every week just when we thought we were getting settled on a side we got injuries. Thanks Tori you had your work cut out for you this year.

By round 4 we won our first game, by round 6 it looked like everything was



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UNDER 17 BOYS (CONTINUED)

BY RICK SMITH

coming together playing great football then we lost two key players with broken bones which I believe was our gelling moment.

So using the word that Lynchy loved "Adapt" we had to again regroup, recruit and adapt which we did and went on to beat the second top side twice and the top side by 55 points on our way to the finals.

It was an absolute pleasure to get to know and watch these boys improve every week.

Thanks to the junior boys for stepping up this year, the boys that travelled, the ones who filled in on permits to give us a side and the core group that played every week.

A special thank you to Tania for all the work you do putting up with me and Lynchy, you have done an incredible job organising us.

Stew for helping on game days and training, thanks mate. Scott for your incredible photos, I know the boys loved seeing them every week.

Our runners for the year, we used a few.



Thanks to Bec and the committee for giving me and Lynchy the opportunity to coach this year.

Lynchy, your work and commitment to getting this side together was unbelievable, the boys respect and love you mate, thanks.

In summary it was very hard slog for all of us but that's what has made it so

enjoyable, we weren't a side that has been together for years, we came together in 5 mins and gelled which is a credit to everyone involved this year, so keep the heads up and we'd love to see you around Baysie next year.



UNDER 18 GIRLS

BY RANA KHAN



Preseason

We practically had no numbers going into preseason because everybody from last year's team had left except Rana and Ami who then trained with Michael and the U16 girls. Then Bree came back, and we got a new girl, Charlee.

After realising we were not going to get any more numbers, there was no hope for us. Until Beccy got us a partnership with Mooroolbark Junior Football Club. Since it could not be an equal partnership, the girls had to get permits to play in the Mooroolbark Gold U18 girls' team.

We had the opportunity to play in two practice matches, one against the other Mooroolbark U18 girls' team and the other was against Officer, which we won both.

Round 1 - 14

We started the season with winning our first game against Knox, but we were low on numbers so Mooroolbark's U16 girls filled in for us all throughout the season. Mooroolbark chose Mady as the captain and for vice-captain they chose Rana. Throughout the season we won half of our games and lost the other half. After beating South Croydon in the last game of the round, we moved up to third place on the ladder which gave us a chance to compete in finals.

A few of the Mooroolbark girls as well as Ami and Rana played in Mooroolbark women's team during the season for the first time and will have the opportunity to see the season out in the senior women's team.

Finals

In the semifinals, we were up against our rivals the other Mooroolbark team which we beat 24 - 9. We went ahead to the preliminary final, but we lost 48 - 28 to Emerald/Monbulk. It was sad to see us lose after all the hard work and effort we had put into training, games and finding enough players to just be able to play. But we gave it our best and all the girls should be proud of themselves.

Awards/achievements

Game milestones - congratulations to Ami, Bree and Mady for achieving 50 games during this season.

Presentation night - congratulations to Tahlee on taking out the Best & Fairest, Ella B Runners Up, Rana Most Consistent, Keely Most Courageous, Molly Most Determined and Mady Best Team Player.

2023 EFNL Junior Presentation Night - congratulations to Rana and Tahlee for their success in making the leagues B&F count.

Thankyous

Thank you to Beccy for making this partnership happen and thank you to Mooroolbark for welcoming us in with open arms because it is always nerve-wracking when you are joining a brand-new team not knowing anyone, but all the girls were amazing, and we loved playing with you.



MILESTONE GAMES

150 GAMES

Under 17 Boys

- Jordan Lynn
- Lachlan Muir

100 GAMES

Under 17 Boys

- Jayden Maxwell
- Hudson Neilsen-Hughes
- Cooper Smith

Under 16 Boys

- Alex Krawczyk
- Rhys Milley

50 GAMES

Under 18 Girls

- Ami Lech
- Bree Vella

Under 17 Boys

- Harrison Lynch

Under 16 Girls

- Riann Atkinson
- Haylee Gasparroni

Under 16 Boys

- Harry Bolger
- Tyler Murray

Under 14 Girls

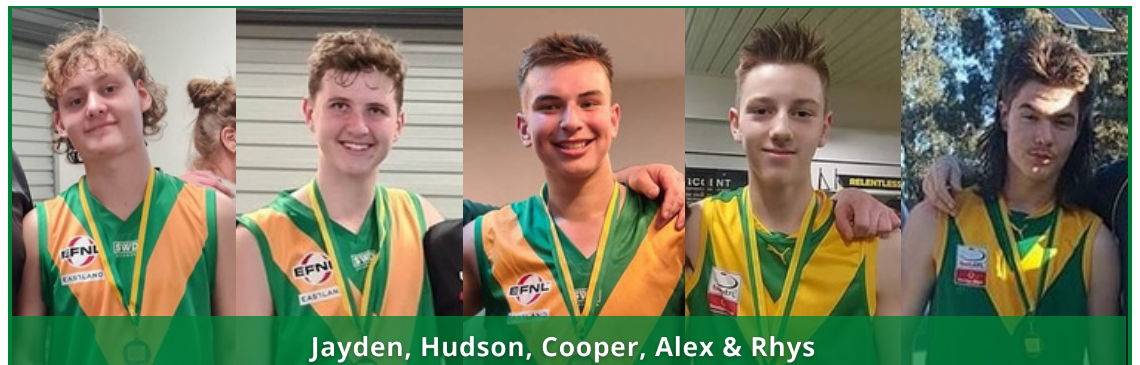
- Lily Bone

Under 14 Boys

- Ryder Beveridge
- Mateo Smith
- Tyler Willoughby

Under 12 Boys

- Oliver Amey
- Phoenix Beveridge
- Jai Hurrell
- Lachlan Torney



GAME TALLIES

Under 18 Girls

Charlee Cotter	7
Rana Khan	66
Amielle Lech	57
Bree Vella	54

Under 17 Boys

Noah Anderson	81
Daniel Bannan	89
Lachlan Bannan	90
Marc Chevalier	107
Dhasindu Gunathilake	71
Dermott Hanley	115
Cains Henshall	13
Felix Howard	96
Thomas Jurberg	121
Harrison Lynch	60
Jack Lynch	121
Jordan Lynn	151
Ethan Matthews	31
Jayden Maxwell	111
Thomas McLachlan	70
Lachlan Muir	150
Hudson Nielsen-Hughes	113
Noah Parraga	138
Cooper Smith	111
Ethan Smith	124
Kodi Treverton	65
James Valiontis	115
Yevinn Weeraratna	33
Kaeleb White	15
Jayden Willoughby	24
Jack Zilinskas	119

Under 16 Girls

Riaan Atkinson	51
Marley Aveling	82
Haylee Gasparroni	58
Olivia Halse	21
Olivia Haun	24
Ella Hayes	23
Matilda Hindson	88
Gemma Hughson	46
Chloe Kelly	12

Under 16 Girls (continued)

Shayla Luck	12
Shelby McEwan	63
Saanvi Palliyil	19
Tiarnah Pullen	30
Mackenzie Ryan	5
Stella Thompson	5
Amelia Wells	28

Under 16 Boys

Aaron Bayles	83
Harrison Bolger	58
Jonathan Choo	12
Nathan Church	97
Kai De Young	84
Samuel Egan	37
Declan Gleeson	1
Angus Gray	64
Thomas Hardman	83
Toby Kloot	19
Alexander Krawczyk	100
Rhys Milley	104
Tyler Murray	50
Connor Pimm	27
Mason Pollard	34
Charlie Potter	36
James Rimmer	62
Rohan Roberts	118
Harrison Siddall	109
Kobe Tauilili	73
Chris Tsipos	11
Argy Tsipos	11
Xavier Wood	68

Under 14 Girls

Lily Bone	51
Clara da Matta Kirk	31
Scarlett Ellis-Hunt	3
Shaylee GauciFraser	84
Lexie Gration	24
Gemma Harris-Paul	19
Matilda Heaton	6
Molly James	5
Ella Jolly	33

Under 14 Girls (continued)

Brooke Kable	9
Grace Maniscalchi	74
Envy Martin	10
Ruby McNiff	35
Raelene Mena	48
Shayla Page	30
Ava Reilly	28
Jade Treverton	37
Carly Willcock	41
Jessica Willcock	49
Keely Wood	37

Under 14 Boys

Tyler Barbour	64
Ryder Beveridge	50
Xavier Bickers	74
Angus Bolger	41
Cristian Daglaras	12
Taj Hurrell	44
Mitchell Knight	60
Zakiya Maloney	69
Mitchell Merry	11
Marley Parlby	41
Max Peters	65
Aiden Pimm	24
Jordan Porter	49
Tyler Rippon	66
Ryan Russell	47
Koby Ryan	13
Mateo Smith	61
Owen Spencer	71
Brodie Talia	36
Izaak Tauilili	49
Thomas Walker	81
Shevinn Weeraratne	12
Tyler Willoughby	59
Axel Wootton	72

GAME TALLIES

Under 12 Boys

Joel Allen	23
Oliver Amey	55
Jayden Ash-Hall	39
Jaxon Bartling	50
Phoenix Beveridge	55
Hamish Bithell	66
Charley Dinnage	36
Henry Glover	14
Ayden Gordon	10
Jai Hurrell	54
Cooper Lancaster	40
Benjamin Lomax	13
Tom Moloney	38
Dustyn Moore	74
Jacob Munro	13
Maison Murphy	35
Lachlan Torney	55
Ryan Waters	13
Seth Max Wootten	49
Kirby Wyngaard	38

Under 11s

Indiana Arrowsmith	32
Tigerlily Ashton	46
Cooper Barbour	35
William Bone	40
Jacob Browne	13
Markus Cincotta	34
Lachlan Dyer	27
Lawson Guymer	38
Jackson Hartley	42
Zach Hindson	40
Joshua Holdstock	37
Sid Jolly	41
Zane Kempthorne	33
Dustin Kinstler	38
Tyson Pell	38
Xavier Pimm	27
Jackson Portbury	35
Levi Raymond	38
Ethan Rippon	39
Fenix Stolke	24
Odern Wright	3

Under 10s

Joshua Baker	35
Pep Begley	10
Dallas Black	23
Nate Bryant	14
Jimmy Coyne	11
Levi Fitzpatrick	39
Wesley Hay	40
Benjamin Holdstock	39
Frederic Humble	25
Caleb Jones	39
Claire Kilpatrick	33
Archer Kloot	31
Heath Knight	39
Ved Parmar	31
Keagan Pell	7
Brodie Randall	36
Jacob Robb	30
Sanders Ryley	15
Anmar Shishani	33
Levi Tronson	31
Emmalee Van Der Spek	23
Hamish Watt	33
Jasper Wyngaard	22

Under 9s

Kai Arrowsmith	27
Robert Bartling	27
Zane Black	26
Ryan Chatham	25
Mason Davey	14
Tommy Delbridge	27
Emilian Dinev	18
Eamon Lowe	28
Lucas Mason	21
Spencer Mcfarland	10
Blake McKinlay	19
Hunter Morrow	23
Blake Murphy	13
Kayden Page	25
Calvin Thornton	26
Robert Welch	29
Tyler Wilson	23

Under 8s

Jett Benham	13
Randall Fitzpatrick	13
Xavier Groenewegen	14
Jack Harrison	13
Alyan Johar	14
Lewis Jolly	14
Cohen Kiley	14
John Kilpatrick	13
Hattie Law	11
Declan McCracken	11
Max Morgan	11
Flynn O'Brien	14
Madden O'Brien	14
Frankie Penhalluriack	15
Logan Russell	14
Harvey Sanders	12
Patrick Shoppee	14
Hudson Stockley	12
Phoenix Tanner	13

2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Our AGM will be held at
Monday, September 25th, 2023**

We are always looking for willing people to help out.

**Let us know if you are interested in getting more
involved and we can find a committee role just for you!**

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