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At the Monthly General Meeting held in  
April 1987  
it was unanimously passed that appropriate  
steps be taken to have  
North Caringbah Junior Soccer Club  
become an incorporated body under  
section (10) of the Associations Incorporations  
Act 1984.

On 10th September 1987, the then Department  
of Business and Consumer Affairs approved the  
club's application and we became officially  
known as

***North Caringbah Redbacks Junior  
Soccer Club Incorporated***

This is in accordance with the  
Association Incorporation  
Act, 1984 No. 143.

The Constitution of the Club has been partly  
based on the Model Rules of this Act  
(Part 1 Schedule 1).

The by-laws for the day to day administering of  
the club were passed at the Monthly General  
Meeting held in February 1988.

At a Special General Meeting  
held on 18 January 2007  
a resolution was passed that the name  
of the club be changed to:

***Caringbah Redbacks Football Club  
Incorporated***

The aims and objectives of **Caringbah  
Redbacks Football Club Incorporated**  
are to foster and develop soccer football  
in the area and by affiliating with the  
Sutherland Shire Football Association  
Incorporated, provide competitive games  
as required for all players who register in  
the prescribed manner as directed by  
that Association.

**Caringbah Redbacks**

Football Club  
shall do all things necessary to  
implement and enforce any decision of  
Football New South Wales and the  
Sutherland Shire Football Association  
Incorporated relating to any player,  
official or person who is a member of  
this Club or seeks to be a member of  
this Club.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

*from the desk of .....Lindsay Milsted*

Well done Redbacks on a fabulous season of soccer for 2007. Every year it seems to me that the season goes by faster and faster. Inclement weather again intervened but in the end the Sunday teams lost 2 rounds of soccer and the Saturday junior teams 3 rounds. The wet weather in the middle of the season certainly gave the season a disjointed feel and those lost rounds proved costly to some competition teams.

Overall our teams played very competitive soccer. There were some teams which really struggled but played on regardless and were the better for it in the long run. Teams really proved themselves, however, and showed what guts and determination can do for you. Congratulations everyone on soccer well played. I hope you all enjoyed your soccer and the comradeship of playing with others.

Congratulations to our successful finals teams:

9C	10C
15D	16C
18C	W14B
SWD	SWG
AL1	AL8
AL11	35B
35D	35E

Congratulations to our only Minor Premiers in 2007, the 35B, also being our only Premiers. We had an amazing 14 teams make it through to the semi finals and congratulations to the 9C, 16C, W14B and 35B on reaching the grand finals. Special mention should be made of the 15D team which played its final, won that game 1-0 and went through to the grand final, only to have the Bosco team appeal the outcome of the game on the technicality of incorrect time played in that each half was played 5 minutes short. The game had to be replayed mid week on the Wednesday evening, and our team lost that game 1-0 and missed out on playing the grand final that Saturday. The disappointment for this team was palpable, but the boys must be congratulated on the maturity they showed on the outcome of the game and this incident. This whole matter was shattering for all concerned. When you have done nothing wrong justice is not always fair.

On the Saturday grand final day our 9C and 16C teams were runners up. What great games from both teams. Well done. As to our Sunday grand final teams, our W14B were runners up leading until 2 minutes from fulltime with the eventual result being a 1-1 draw. Congratulations to the 35B on their win in the grand final. The supporters' bus was in full cry, and thanks must go to those who supported all teams on both days of the weekend and in the semi final/finals games.

We started the season hectically at registration time and concluded the season with our highest registrations ever. Our roo ball numbers stayed much the same and all our roo ball teams seemed to have a great time, all improving immensely as the season progressed. The kids all seemed to enjoy themselves, and that's the main thing. Make sure you all recommend Redbacks to all those who didn't play this year. Encourage them to join a great sport and an even greater club. We lost our W16 team due to a fall in numbers but picked up the W14B to go with our W13A. We continue to struggle

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in our 10s – 14s age groups and we need you as club members to seek out players to come and play at this great club of ours. Our mens teams grew and we welcomed a great group of guys in the AL1, AL4 and AL9(1). We hope you enjoyed your season with Redbacks and we look forward to having you all back with us in 2008 and the years to follow.

Once again we had a tremendous group of coaches and managers and I thank you for your outstanding efforts throughout the season. To all parents (and friends) who helped with ground control, thank you. The club could not operate without your help and we appreciate the time you give.

Clubs like ours are only as successful as the help they receive and in this regard I am extremely lucky to have a great committee who give a great deal of their time. Please allow me to thank:

*LINDA LANGTON*

*SANDRA JORGENSEN*

*ANDY ESQUILANT*

*DANIEL SMITH*

*STEVE HOGG*

*DECLAN TREACY*

*MAYA ROBERTSON*

*MICHAEL THOMPSON*

*GARY FREELAND*

*BRIAN HOWELL*

*GAYNOR HOWELL*

*MICHAEL CAVANAGH*

*GIULIO DI STEFANO*

*JODIE MURPHY*

*IAN ROSS*

*BEN STEEGE*

We are losing quite a few of our committee this year. Sandra Jorgensen is hanging up her treasurer's cap, Linda Langton is retiring from the position of secretary/registrar and I am standing down from the position of president and surrogate registrar. We lost Jenny Clarke as a committee member during the year and she was sorely missed. Thank you so much to these ladies for the considerable help they have provided over the last few years to the club and particularly to me. Thank you also to Larry Quayle who stood down when Kane decided not to play soccer this season.

We need your help, please think about joining our great committee. Without the help of "all you out there" this wonderful club will not survive as well as it does. 2008 looks to be an even bigger year for Redbacks and we would love to have your help in some small way. If you feel you could give a little of your time please come and join our committee.

Considerable time and effort was put into reworking our Constitution and thank you to Gary Freeland, Linda Langton, Steve Hogg and Michael Cavanagh for your assistance with the daunting task. The constitution is now on the website. We would like your comments and opinions at the Special General Meeting on 25 September 2007 and there will be a vote taken as to the acceptance or not of the Constitution on 23 October 2007. Work on the club guidelines is still continuing.

Thank yous should go to various people who assist the club: to **Richard Langton** who helped on many occasions; to **Phil Lesmond**, **Kevin Perry**, **Steve Spink** and **Scott Murphy** who were always available when help was needed. To **Sandra Jorgensen**, sincere thanks for your efforts in organising our website; and to **Andy Crawford** for being our contact person and organizing our bulk e-mails. This is an extremely successful way of communicating and Andy is fabulous at it. **Linda Langton**, thank you for your immense efforts with regard to the weekly newsletter, probably the hardest and most time consuming job during the season.

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Thank you also to **Andy Esquilant** and **Giulio Di Stefano** for your efforts in pursuing a much vaunted dream of mine to improve what the club offers with regards to coaching and training. The rain interfered with a large part of our initial plan but we are up and running, there were a few hitches and like anything new, you learn from something tried and know how to make changes and we will continue with the program (albeit in a different format) in 2008. **Gary Freeland** and his committee, congratulations on the successful summer soccer competition, and thank you to Linda, Gary and Giulio for all the help they give me personally.

An extra thank you should go to Gary Freeland for his considerable efforts in seeking approval for the ground works which took place towards the end of summer. The club used hard earned funds to put in a large area of grass and thank you to the committee people who assisted with the watering which all helped in the excellent growth and the great field we had for the start of the season. We appreciate the fact that teams were unable to train on the field and we thank you for your forbearance in this regard. I think you will all agree that by not training on the field we were able to sustain it for most of the season. The heavy rain did not help, but it looks like the field will regrow over the summer season and again give us a field to be proud of in 2008.

Congratulations and thank you to our roo ball referees on a very successful season. You made our Saturday mornings a lot less to worry about knowing you were there on a regular basis to referee the roo ball games. Well done.

Some time ago the club has received a government grant for \$39,250 and it is our wish to utilize this in planned extensions to the clubhouse. We are having considerable trouble with the plans which have been drawn up and lodged with Sutherland Shire Council, however, hopefully this can be sorted out shortly and part of our extension (the changerooms and showers) will be in place for the commencement of season 2008. These funds must be matched dollar by dollar by the club so we are working hard to save and earn as much money as possible to go towards these planned works.

Redbacks would not survive without the support of its sponsors and on behalf of the club I say a sincere "thank you". We would not be able to continue as well as we do without you and I hope we have that support again in 2008.

Congratulations to all of you on a wonderful season, on the enjoyment the children have had, on the friendships made, on the soccer enjoyed by our seniors who continually say "they are getting too old for this" but who keep coming back. One of my highlights, the maturity shown by the members of the 15D team over the fiasco of the grand final, and even though extremely upset, the way the parents and supporters behaved in a difficult situation, and the low point, the 15D Bosco team.

As for me I have been associated with this great club at committee level for over 20 years. I think it is time to go. I have seen many people come and go and I have made some good friends. I thank you all for your support and friendship and I may see you again somewhere on the sideline in 2008.

Go Redbacks

*Lindsay Milsted*

## MEMBER PROTECTION

Caringbah Redbacks FC is committed to ensuring the health, safety, welfare and wellbeing of children and young people is maintained at all times during their participation in any football activities. Caringbah Redbacks FC is an affiliated member of Sutherland Shire Football Association ("SSFA") and Football New South Wales, and fully supports the child protection policies and guidelines of these organisations, as well as having our own policy.

Our responsibility as a club starts with ensuring all adult members who will have contact with members under 18 are aware of their responsibilities and complete a Prohibited Employment Declaration. A member protection officer is appointed each year who has the responsibility of collating the declarations and passing them to the SSFA – therefore ensuring compliance with the legislation.

The protection of members extends to all players at our field, or in games in which we participate, plus also to referees – whether they are roo ball or black and white – as reflected in the club's Code of Conduct.

Concerns or incidents can be referred to the Committee or directly to the member protection officer. All matters are dealt with confidentially to ensure the privacy of those concerned, and action taken as required, with advice sought from the SSFA member protection officer if required.

Linda Langton  
Child Protection Officer



## REGISTRAR'S REPORT

2007 was a bumper year for registrations at Redbacks, with a total of 586 registrations processed. That number eventually settled at 559 active players with transfers and withdrawals due to injury or other circumstances. Our total in 2006 was 481 players, as our "small family club" continues to grow and stretch our resources to the limit. The challenges to the Committee that the growth continues to provide are being met and planned for, as we look to expand in all ways open to us, and some that need a very longterm approach.

The numbers in Roo Ball – 6s, 7s and 8s, remained fairly stable this year, and a jump in the 9s to three teams meant a situation occurring at times where all our 9s played at home field, showcasing this age group perfectly. The 10s formed one team, and were a formidable force. The 11s struggled valiantly with not enough players, and look forward to boosting their numbers next year back to full strength. Unfortunately, numbers issues within the 12s age group, and transfers to junior women's teams meant that only one 12s team could be fielded this year. However, each year is a new proposition, and we hope to be able to accommodate all who want to play next year. In junior women, we were able to field two teams – the W13s and W14s, and looking to next year will need to see where the vagaries of age mixes take them, the advent of the W15 age group this year making choices easier.

In our older juniors, we retained two 15s sides, a 16s, 18s and 21s, the core of which have been at Redbacks for many years, and add a new player or two each year to continue to be able to play. Those new players are always made to feel welcome and quite soon are Redbacks through and through. The 21s make the jump to All Age Men next year, and we wish them well in the Sunday competition.

We welcomed new teams in All Age this year – the All Age 1s, 4s and 9/1s. All the teams at times had problems with numbers, often times through injury. We hope they all felt more than welcomed and supported by the Committee and Redbacks members in general, and will be returning next year to don the red and black again. Other All Age teams returning for another year were the AL6, AL8, AL9/2 and AL11 – who had varying successes through the year, but always enjoyed just being able to play.

Women's soccer continues to be the growth in soccer in general, and we might easily have added another women's team if late requests had come in sooner. The SWB, SWD, SWE and SWG teams this year continue to shine as great examples of the reason why we and Football NSW promote soccer for women – in playing not necessarily to win (though who would deny that's a good reason) but more for the enjoyment of the game, and the chance get out there and have a go. Women don't need to sit there and watch the men any longer; we are doing it for ourselves!

Over 35 Men. I will get myself in trouble by calling them the "Dencorub Club", but I doubt I saw a 35s game without that telltale smell in the air. This year the 35A/B, 35D and 35E backed up for another year and all did well in their competitions and will all be back to do it again in 2008.

I want to thank Lindsay Milsted who took on the Registrar job again with me, as we struggled together to get the Registration Program to bend to our will, and get all those late Thursday regos through for each weekend. All Committee members assisted at times, and I want to thank them, but

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in particular Gaynor Howell, who did all my running around to pick up cards, or dropping off info to the Association.

In my last year with the Club's Committee, as Secretary and Registrar as well for the past two years, there have certainly been challenging times as always, issues to face and resolve, and always something to learn. The joy of watching young 6s players running around a field in a tangled mob never leaves me, as does watching those same players over the years improve skills and develop into the kind of young men and women we should all be proud of. Thank you all for making the past five years so enjoyable for me, and rather busy as well! I will of course continue to be involved through my son's team, and hope to keep seeing you all over the years. Friendships I have made through this Club will always be treasured, and will continue through many years. Finally, Lindsay – we had an interesting start to our friendship to say the least, and I have enjoyed our time as committee members together, and the close association we have enjoyed. Thanks for all your help and guidance.

Linda Langton  
Registrar

## COACHING COMMITTEE REPORT

Season 2007 marked a new beginning for the Redbacks as we entered into an agreement with Bruce Tilt from International Football Group (IFG) to assist our coaches, players and parents in improving the way we play our game. At our first Coaches and Mangers Information night, Bruce Tilt provided all teams with a comprehensive training manual which soon became a bible to many of our coaches.

And our motto for the year was also unveiled:

"HAPPINESS IS HAVING A BALL"

In obtaining the services of Bruce, it was designed to have an impact on the our coaches knowledge and ability to present and orchestrate football sessions that were challenging, but also designed to put more fun and enjoyment back into our game.

In conjunction with the manual, Bruce provided 18 sessions for our club ranging from coaches nights to team sessions. This proved quite successful with many of the drills demonstrated by Bruce implemented by our coaches. What a great sight walking up to Redbacks Stadium to see our coaches with witches hats strategically placed as they put their charges through various drills.

Probably the highlights of the season were the Roo Ball sessions where our budding little champions completed the various work stations on those two balmy Friday afternoons. And the highly successful "Girls Only Night" where Bruce put our young and older girls through a series of different drills.

Following your positive feedback, we have been fortunate enough to secure Bruce's services for the 2008 season where he will endeavour to build on our achievements of this year.

On the field we saw some great improvements over the year with our Roo Ball teams which should ensure that the Redbacks have many quality players flowing through our teams in the years to come.

Plenty of teams made the final series culminating with 4 teams making the grand finals, of which 3 were junior teams being 9C's, 16C's and Womens 14B's. These three teams, like the rest of our teams, represented the Redbacks with great pride and sportsmanship.

Congratulations to our Over 35B's on being Minor Premiers and Premiers. It's great to see many of our junior coaches playing in this team - Ian Ross (8A's), Mark Asplet (9C's) and Glenn Doyle (15A's).

Congratulations also to our 9D's for collecting the Association's Most Improved award - a fine achievement for these boys and girls.

Also many of our other coaches are also Redback players (too many to mention) which shows that we are a very close group of players and more importantly are committed to helping the Club achieve higher levels.

Hopefully the next Harry Kewell or Tim Cahill is a Redback!

## 2007 COMMITTEE

<b>PRESIDENT</b>	<b>LINDSAY MILSTED</b>
<b>VICE PRESIDENT</b>	<b>GARY FREELAND</b>
<b>SECRETARY</b>	<b>LINDA LANGTON</b>
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<b>REGISTRARS</b>	<b>LINDA LANGTON</b> <b>LINDSAY MILSTED</b>
<b>COMMITTEE</b>	<b>GARY FREELAND</b> <b>GIULIO DI STEFANO</b> <b>DANIEL SMITH</b> <b>MICHAEL CAVANAGH</b> <b>DECLAN TREACY</b> <b>IAN ROSS</b>
<b>COACHING CO-ORDINATOR</b>	<b>ANDY ESQUILANT</b>
<b>GEAR/UNIFORM CONTROLLER</b>	<b>JODIE MURPHY</b>
<b>CANTEEN CONTROLLER</b>	<b>GAYNOR HOWELL</b>
<b>AGE CONTROLLERS</b>	
<b>6s</b>	<b>GARY FREELAND</b>
<b>7s</b>	<b>ANDREW ESQUILANT</b>
<b>8s</b>	<b>MAYA ROBERTSON</b>
<b>9s – 12s</b>	<b>GIULIO DI STEFANO</b>
<b>15s – 21s</b>	<b>LINDSAY MILSTED</b>
<b>JUNIOR WOMEN</b>	<b>JODIE MURPHY</b>
<b>SENIOR WOMEN</b>	<b>GAYNOR HOWELL</b>
<b>SENIOR MEN</b>	<b>MICHAEL CAVANAGH</b>
<b>SPONSORSHIP COMMITTEE</b>	<b>GARY FREELAND</b> <b>LINDSAY MILSTED</b>
<b>DELEGATES TO SSJSFA</b>	<b>LINDSAY MILSTED</b> <b>LINDA LANGTON</b>
<b>WEB EDITOR</b>	<b>LINDA LANGTON</b>

## CLUB AWARDS

<b>YEAR</b>	<b>CLUB WORKER NORMAN JUDGE</b>	<b>BEST &amp; FAIREST U14 STEPHEN JEFFRIES</b>	<b>CAROL TIPPETT MEMORIAL AWARD</b>
<b>1981</b>	Neil Treadwell	Jason Facey	
<b>1982</b>	Martin White	Adrian Henderson	
<b>1983</b>	Paul Derbridge	Mark Hardy	
<b>1984</b>	Gai Edmunds		
<b>1985</b>	Garry Law	Brian Lumsden	
<b>1986</b>	Elvis Hidalgo		
<b>1987</b>	Keiron McGrath	Jason Nuell	
<b>1988</b>	Neil Treadwell		
<b>1989</b>	Fiona Madden	George Kounnafis	
<b>1990</b>	Michael Feehan	Troy Blackwood	Lindsay Milsted
<b>1991</b>	Giulio Di Stefano		Janet Knight
<b>1992</b>	Warwick Blackwood		Jann Hardcastle
	Warren Girdler		Jill Hughston
<b>1993</b>	Sharyn Girdler	Gavin Knight	Fiona Madden
<b>1994</b>	Michael Thompson		Robyn Pirie
<b>1995</b>	Paul Lucas		Sharyn Girdler
<b>1996</b>	Michael Littlejohn		
<b>1997</b>	Giulio Di Stefano	Matthew Hughston	Lindsay Milsted
	Martin White		
<b>1998</b>	Garry Law		Debbi de Boer
<b>1999</b>	Shane Wells		Jenny Clarke
			Gaynor Howell
<b>2000</b>	Glenn Doyle	Nathan Freeland	Sandra Jorgensen
		Michael Scott	
<b>2001</b>	Gaynor Howell		Rinda Scott
<b>2002</b>	Brian Howell	Nigel Tiley	Linda Langton
<b>2003</b>	Bryan Pirie	Jessica Howell	Sandra Jorgensen
<b>2004</b>	Scott Milsted	Alexandra Casaceli	Linda Langton
		Daniel Lesmond	
<b>2005</b>	Gary Freeland	Daniel Palamara	Kerry Thompson
<b>2006</b>	Giulio di Stefano	Karl Jorgensen	Jodie Murphy
		Michael Treacy	
<b>2007</b>	Daniel Smith	Sophie Scott	Linda Langton

## CLUB AWARDS

YEAR	MOST GOALS PRESIDENT TROPHY	MOST POINTS JACKSON TROPHY	MOST IMPROVED FORREST TROPHY
1963		11	
1964		11B	
1965		8B, 12C	
1966	Nursery 2	10A	12A
1967	6C	6C	21A
1968	12A	16A	11A
1969	15B	6A	14C
1970	18A	14A	13A
1971	13A	7B	AL1, 14A, 6B
1972	12C	9C	15A, 12C
1973	11D	11D	6C
1974	11A	11A	18A(1)
1975	12A	12A	18A
1976	13A	7C	15C
1977	7C	10C	6C
1978	AL5(1)	8C	18C
1979	21C	15C, AL5 (2)	6A
1980	12C	12C	13C
1981	6C	6C, AL3 (2)	12C, 14B
1982	AL7	13C, SWA	8B
1983	AL7	14B	6F
1984	6D	13B	AL7, AL9 (2)
1985	7E	AL7	10B
1986	13B	13B	AL9
1987	13C	8H, 9C	18A
1988	12C	8G, 12C, AL3	AL5
1989	10E	10E	12D
1990	7H	14B	13C
1991	6G	AL7	10C, 11C
1992	8R	8R, 8Q (2)	AL7
1993	AL6	AL6	9C, SWC (2)
1994	11C	11C	AL12
1995	12B (1)	12B (1)	18C
1996	SWC	SWC	9A
1997	AL7	AL8, AL13	9D
1998	AL12(1)	AL12(1)	12E
1999	AL5	AL5	13D
2000	35C	35C	8E
2001	15C(2)	AL12	12C
2002	12F	14B	11C
2003	18D(2)	18D(2)	11A
2004	14D	14D	W16D
2005	9E	9E	14C
2006	SWC	10C, 11F	SWG
2007	9C	9C	10C

## CLUB AWARDS

YEAR	REDBACK SERVICE AWARD	JUNIOR SPORTSPERSON	ACTS SECURITY BEST DEFENSIVE TEAM AWARD
1999	Ian Lumb		
2000	Kevin Perry	Matthew Clarke	AL11
2001	Gary Freeland	Adam Thompson	AL12
2002	John Welsh	Ben Wells	14B
2003	Phil Lesmond	Aaron Thompson	SWE(2)
2004	Andy Crawford	Daniel Langton	12F, W14C
2005	Richard Langton	Joel Lesmond	SWH
2006	Andrew Esquilant	Ashley Clarke	W12C
2007	Gary Freeland	James Harper	9C

	ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD	WOODEN SPOON	JAKE DIXON MEMORIAL AWARD
1993	17W(1)	AL13	
1994	10D	AL12	
1995	10C	AL12(2)	
1996	10C	AL13	
1997	14A	SWB	
1998	7I		
1999	10C	AL11(2)	
2000	9E	21D	
2001	11C	SWD	
2002	10D	35B, AL4	
2003	10F, 11E	15A	Joshua Goddard
2004	13C	SWD	Kurt Chappell
2005	12E	W19C	Martin Khoury
2006	9B	14C, 21B	Cayne Ross
2007	11B	AL4	Jake Pettit-Young

### THE JOHN WELSH MEMORIAL AWARD

#### JUNIOR COACH OF THE YEAR

2007 Glenn Doyle

#### SENIOR COACH OF THE YEAR

Michael Cavanagh

### SERVICE AWARDS

<b>7 Years:</b>	David Spink Gaynor Howell Michael Matthews Tim Duggan	Kane Lesmond Lauren Atlee Stephen Waters	Zoe Jaggard Amy Walker Tyler Morrish (2006)
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**14 Years:**

**20 Years:**

## LIFE MEMBERS

Ken Chipman	1965	John De Witt	1965
Don Henville	1971	Jack Reid	1971
Pat Derbridge	1972	Vic Derbridge Snr	1972
Ken Tasker	1972	Mike Bell	1972
Bob Edmunds	1974	Margaret Oliver	1975
George Pender	1975	Joan Staples	1975
Jim Lambert	1975	Peter Staples	1977
Ian Kershaw	1977	John O'Toole	1977
Ricky O'Neill	1977	Garry Chapman	1978
Ron Oliver	1978	Norma Leach	1979
Darren Leach	1981	Frank Mason	1982
John Oliver	1983	Wayne Edmunds	1983
Michael Leach	1983	Gwen Edmunds	1984
Paul Derbridge	1984	Vic Derbridge Jnr	1986
Colin Tippett	1987	Carol Tippett	1987
Martin White	1987	Shane Francis	1988
Scott Murphy	1988	Gai Edmunds	1989
Rodney Tippett	1992	Neil Treadwell	1992
Garry Law	1992	David Adams	1995
Janet Knight	2000	Lindsay Milsted	2000
Michael Thompson	2002	Giulio Di Stefano	2002
Bryan Pirie	2004		

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## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>PRESIDENT</u>	<u>SECRETARY</u>	<u>TREASURER</u>	<u>V. PRESIDENT</u>	<u>REGISTRAR</u>
1962	John DeWitt	Ken Chipman	J Oakes		
1963	John DeWitt	Ken Chipman	J Oakes	J Craggs	
1964	John DeWitt	Ken Chipman	J Oakes	J Craggs	
1965	John DeWitt	Ken Chipman	J Oakes	H Preece	
1966	L Simmons	Harry Preece	J Oakes	L Parker	
1967	L Simmons	Ken Tasker	L Ambrose	Ken Chipman	
1968	L Simmons	Ken Tasker	M Bell	H Morris	
1969	R Walker	M Roche	M Bell	E McLean	J Reid
1970	R Walker	A Breeze	M Bell	Ken Tasker	P Moore
		M Bell			
1971	R Walker	Ken Tasker	Phil Craggs	L Simmons	P Moore
		Evan Craggs			
1972	Ken Tasker	Jim Lambert	M Bell	N Thomas	M Bell
1973	F McWilliams	Jim Lambert	M Roche	Ken Tasker	Ron Oliver
1974	Jim Lambert	George Pender	R (Bob) Edmunds	Ken Tasker	Ron Oliver
1975	R (Bob) Edmunds	George Pender	T Maynard	Ken Tasker	Ron Oliver
1976	Vic Derbridge Snr	R (Bob) Edmunds	Frank Mason	Ken Tasker	Ron Oliver
1977	Vic Derbridge Snr	R (Bob) Edmunds	Frank Mason	Ken Tasker	Ron Oliver
1978	Vic Derbridge Snr	R (Bob) Edmunds	Frank Mason	A Steele	Ron Oliver
1979	Vic Derbridge Snr	R (Bob) Edmunds	Frank Mason	Ron Oliver	Ron Oliver
1980	Vic Derbridge Snr	R (Bob) Edmunds	Frank Mason	Ron Oliver	Ron Oliver
1981	Vic Derbridge Snr	R (Bob) Edmunds	Frank Mason	Ron Oliver	Colin Tippett
1982	Vic Derbridge Snr	R (Bob) Edmunds	Frank Mason	Colin Tippett	Colin Tippett
1983	Paul Derbridge	R (Bob) Edmunds	Garry Law	Colin Tippett	Colin Tippett
1984	Paul Derbridge	R (Bob) Edmunds	Garry Law	Colin Tippett	Colin Tippett
1985	Paul Derbridge	R (Bob) Edmunds	Garry Law	Colin Tippett	Colin Tippett
1986	Paul Derbridge	Colin Tippett	Martin White	R (Bob) Edmunds	Garry Law
1987	Vic Derbridge Jnr	Colin Tippett	Martin White	Paul Derbridge	Garry Law
1988	Garry Law	Colin Tippett	Anne Eyles	Martin White	Garry Law
1989	Neil Treadwell	David Madden	Anne Eyles	Martin White	Garry Law
1990	Neil Treadwell	Giulio Di Stefano	Martin White	David Madden	Gary Hempel
1991	Neil Treadwell	Giulio Di Stefano	Lindsay Milsted	David Madden	Gary Hempel
1992	David Madden	Giulio Di Stefano	Lindsay Milsted	Neil Treadwell	Garry Law
					W Blackwood
1993	David Madden	Jann Hardcastle	Lindsay Milsted	Warwick Blackwood	Garry Law
1994	Warwick Blackwood	Lindsay Milsted	Jill Hughston	Warren Girdler	Garry Law
	John Hughston				
1995	John Hughston	Lindsay Milsted	Jill Hughston	Warren Girdler	Garry Law
1996	John Hughston	Giulio Di Stefano	Warren Girdler	Lindsay Milsted	Garry Law
1997	Warren Girdler	Giulio Di Stefano	Martin White	Lindsay Milsted	Garry Law
1998	Janet Knight	Giulio Di Stefano	Martin White	Lindsay Milsted	Garry Law
1999	Janet Knight	Giulio Di Stefano	Martin White	Lindsay Milsted	Garry Law
2000	Janet Knight	Sandra Jorgensen	Rinda Scott	Lindsay Milsted	Garry Law
2001	Lindsay Milsted	Sandra Jorgensen	Rinda Scott	Jenny Clarke	Andy Crawford
2002	Lindsay Milsted	Sandra Jorgensen	Rinda Scott	Jenny Clarke	Andy Crawford
2003	Lindsay Milsted	Sandra Jorgensen	Sandra Jorgensen	Jenny Clarke	Andy Crawford
2004	Lindsay Milsted	Linda Langton	Sandra Jorgensen	Jenny Clarke	Andy Crawford
2005	Lindsay Milsted	Linda Langton	Sandra Jorgensen	Jenny Clarke	Andy Crawford
2006	Lindsay Milsted	Linda Langton	Sandra Jorgensen	Jenny Clarke	Linda Langton
					Lindsay Milsted
2007	Lindsay Milsted	Linda Langton	Sandra Jorgensen	Gary Freeland	Linda Langton
					Lindsay Milsted

## GRAND FINAL RESULTS

9C	Heathcote v Caringbah Redbacks	1-1
9D	Sylvania Heights v Lilli Pilli	2-1
9G	Kirrawee v Cronulla RSL	1-0
10C	Grays Point v Marton	1-1
11B	Como West-Jannali v Lilli Pilli	3-1
12B	Bangor v Barden Ridge	0-0
15A	Menai Hawks v Lilli Pilli	4-0
15D	Marion v Bosco	1-1
16C	Cronulla RSL v Caringbah Redbacks	1-0
18C	Bangor v Engadine Eagles	0-1
21B	Sylvania Heights v Engadine Eagles 1	2-0
W13A	Georges River v Lilli Pilli	1-1
W14B	Menai Hawks 1 v Caringbah Redbacks	1-1
SWB	Engadine Eagles v Gymea United	2-0
SWD	Lilli Pilli v Engadine Eagles	3-2
SWE	Marion 1 v Como West Jannali 1	2-0
SWG	Sylvania Heights v Georges River	2-2
35B	Caringbah Redbacks v Barden Ridge	3-2
35D	Georges River 2 v Heathcote	5-0
35E	Menai Hawks v Bonnet Bay	3-1
AL1	Menai Hawks v Gymea United	2-3
AL6	Kirrawee v Bangor	1-2
AL8	Lilli Pilli v Menai Hawks 2	0-2
AL9	Bangor 2 v North Sutherland	0-1
AL11	Cronulla Seagulls v Gymea United	2-0

## TEAM REPORTS

### **6C Coaches: *Bryan Pirie*      *Manager: Tracey Thomas***

After over 25 years with the Redbacks let me just say that this year was without a doubt the most enjoyable I have ever had. The boys all made my job simple and fun and taught me a few things along the way. Soccer's not always about winning, scoring goals and bone crunching tackles. Sometimes it takes a simple act of kindness, a smile, a pat on the back or just a cheer that makes this game that we so dearly love a life shaping experience. My little men gave me a reason to love this game all over again and added much needed energy to my weary legs.

We started the season with a motley bunch of misfits of which I new nothing about. I had seen them around from time to time but hadn't paid attention to their skills or little faces. Now I will never forget them. After a few training sessions and showing them what I had learnt and stolen from every one of my coaches it was apparent we were heading in the right direction.

Time to put it on the field. Game time and everybody knew when you played the Redbacks that you were in for a torrid affair. Every player left the field having always put in 100% and sometimes went beyond the call of duty. Skills advanced and at times resembled the sublime and ridiculous. Some of the things I saw exceeded my expectations and left me with a distinct feeling of satisfaction and enormous joy that maybe, just maybe, I had been involved in shaping these boys' soccer careers in some small way. Sometimes they did things that I could never teach them from teamwork to passing and good sportsmanship. These are things that they brought to the game from home and for the parents I am eternally grateful.

A big thank you to all of the supporters. Mums, dads, brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles, grandpa, grandma, dogs, cats. You guys were as much a part of the team as the players and helped to make this year as successful as it was. A big thank you to all the mums and dads who so selflessly gave their time to assist with ground control and training when I couldn't make it. There was more than just one coach of the team this year and hopefully the parents learnt a thing or two as well

Behind every great man there is an equally great woman and I thank Tracey for her excellent managerial skills in keeping the 6Cs a well oiled machine. Sir Alex Ferguson better watch out.

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**CAMERON** - Never shied away from anything. Equally adept in attack and defense and knew how to find the goal. Always had a new trick to show me and did everything with a smile.

**DANIEL** - Developed his skills and became an excellent goal keeper (like Dad) and became a great defensive weapon mowing down opponents with great determination. Watched what the other men did and got the job done. Faster than he thinks.

**JACK** - The thesaurus I have at home doesn't have enough words to describe Jack. Possibly the most naturally gifted soccer player I have seen at his age. Knew how to score goals, read the game, tackle hard, pass the ball. Gave the best display of sportsmanship I have ever seen on a soccer field to help Kyle score his goal. A real demon and potential world beater.

**KYLE** - Really tried hard every time. Listened to what he needed to do and got better every game. Scored the goal of the year. Will develop into attacking weapon.

**MATTHEW** - The destroyer of the team. Hits harder than a Mack truck and could beat any player he felt like. Knew how to score goals and did it with ease. Could lay a pass on a plate and will be an asset to any Tasmanian side who scouts him. Will be sorely missed.

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**MITCHELL** - Started solid and half way through the season it just clicked for him. Knew exactly what to do in attack and defence. Could read the play as well as anyone and scored some terrific goals. Developed into a great defender stopping attacking raids at will.

**WILL** - Gets my most Improved Award. Watched, listened and did it. Started slow and when he felt comfortable jumped right in. Wasn't afraid to get smashed or messy and probably has the best technical kick in the team. Never stopped smiling.

**WILLIAM** - Would talk under water if you let him. Would make the Energiser Bunny tired. Could play some great soccer too. Might have a heart bigger than Phar Lap. Ran more than anyone else on the team. Wanted to be wherever the ball was. Did everything at 100 miles an hour. Possibly the funniest person on the planet.

YOU MADE ME PROUD MEN....

BRYAN

**6D Coach: Richard Roja      Manager: David Luthje**

The Players

- Joel Rogers
- Daniel Tobin
- Zach Roja
- William Luthje
- Jacob Rua
- Jason Hogg
- Joshua Stroud
- Harrison Higgins (moved to 6J after round 8)

The Highlights:

To touch on what I believe to be the main highlights throughout the season I think it is essential to say that all the boys improved out of sight as the season went on. Each and every one of them made the team a special one and being a Redback one to be very proud to be associated with. I was also very impressed with the support and sportsmanship from all the parents that not only encouraged their child but also every one of their child's team mates. They also encouraged them to be at training and the games on time. Thanks to the Mums and Dads. Without your support I am sure they wouldn't have enjoyed themselves as much as they did. I won't point out any one individual who contributed more or less to the team as they all love the game and their team mates which showed in their spirit. With some of the boys competing in their first season, it was great to see how well they picked up the skills of the game. For those who had played the previous year, their skills and understanding of the game only improved as the year went on.

With only 4 losses out of the 15 games played and 3 of those only by 1 point and the other by 2 points, the 11 wins had scores over a 10 point margin showed that the team was strong and consistent. Amongst them in total they scored no less than 90 goals which is a fantastic effort. I would put this down to a couple of reasons. Firstly the dedication and wonderful rapport Coach, Richard Roja had really made a huge difference and secondly the tuition from the Bruce Tilt coaching days really improved the boys' skills and this was evident on the field. We had some great games and even though at times the boys lost they all showed their gratitude to the other teams. Being my first year involved in soccer and managing the 6D's it was great to be a part of such a fabulous group of people. I am looking forward to seeing everyone next year for a fun and successful 2008.

Regards

David Luthje 6D Manager

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## **6E Coach: Jason Pardy      Manager: Simone Woolbank**

### THE MIGHTY 6Es

It has been an absolute pleasure for Jason and I to be coach and manager for the 6Es. The boys were motivated team players who had fun every week and tried very hard.

On behalf of all the parents and kids, I would like to say a big thank you to Jason Pardy for coaching our team. When Jason brought the team together they were little more than 9 little boys who had never played soccer before. By the end of the season they became a champion team. This speaks volumes of Jason's commitment and dedication shown throughout the year.

Jason and I would also like to thank all the parents who assisted with coaching, lollies and ground duty.

Every member of our team scored a goal and saved goals which contributed to the 6Es winning the vast majority of their games.

Here is a run down of the Mighty 6Es:

**Luke Pardy** - Solid in defence, and in attack a strong all-rounder who enjoyed his year with great team mates.

**Josh Pritchard** - Never lacking in enthusiasm and greatly improved. Josh enjoyed the finer details of the game and was an integral part of the team.

**Kyle Woolbank** - The Carl Lewis of the mighty 6 E's once those legs got peddling he was unstoppable. Great in attack and equally keen to defend.

**Ethan Quinn** - A player who could get the ball out of tight situations and enjoyed a breakaway run along the sideline.

**Sam Broach** - A great improvement throughout the year, a valuable all-rounder who enjoyed his time in the goals.

**Max Watson Steege** - The mighty Max who was not intimidated and took hold of the forward position. Rumour has it that the Redbacks have some competition on their hands with Man United trying to get their hands on this young man.

**Brock Moller** - Certainly a force not to be reckoned with. "Thank god, he's on our team" was often the murmur from fellow team mates as Brock took charge down the middle, the left side or the right side. A loss when Brock moves to league next year.

**Jake Bleasal** - A keen and valuable player in all areas of the game, with some great kicks out of the goals.

**Luke Moss** - Very focussed and once in open space Luke always produced good ball position and was equally determined in defence.

Jason Pardy - Coach

Simone Woolbank - Manager

## **6G Coach: Darren Lozell      Manager: Teresa Amey**

We started the season as a group of kids who wanted to play soccer, most of the boys did not know each other but soon become friends. Each one of the boys has learned so much from those first trial games until the last game of the year. Samuel - unstoppable in attack, most teams had to use three or four players to stop him. Aidan - the last line of defence enjoyed goal keeping and also showed some great attack at the end of the season. Ryan - the only one in the side able to stop Sam at training, strong in defence and would not give up. Ethan - the other half of the of the last line of defence, enjoyed goal keeping and showed no fear when jumping on the ball. Jarred has a big kick and great throw in. Cooper - both in attack and defence he proved himself and has a great understanding of the game. Brendan - worked hard all year, he found his favourite position as sweeper, at the end of the season no one could get past him.

## **6I(1) Coach: Sam Zinnato      Manager: Brett Rowney**

We all had a great season from start to finish, both on and off the field. It didn't take long for all of the team to concentrate on the three F's, FOOTBALL, FUN, & FRIENDSHIP. The boys and girls all put in a great effort throughout the year; this was shown every week when we could see a remarkable improvement in their skills and knowledge of the game. Coaching was an enjoyable experience; this was due to having a great bunch of children and parents to work with. A big thanks to Brett Rowney for taking on the manager's role and doing such an excellent job. I hope to see everyone back next year for another season of football.

## **6I(2)      Coach: Ian Ross      Manager: Darren Smith**

It was a terrific season for the 6I/2's, every member of the team contributed to its great success. From Ashlee, Karina and Lara's regular goal scoring to Esther, Maya and Sophie's fantastic midfield play to Mia's great defence and Maddi's excellent saves in goals.

It was terrific to see the girls come to training and the game with smiles on their faces, and happy to see one another. There was a lot of laughter, cheers and clapping this season.

The team showed great teamwork, encouraging each other, taking turns on the sideline and volunteering to play in goals. By the end of the season everyone had scored a goal or two or three or more, finishing the season with 12 wins, 2 draws and 1 loss, what a top effort girls.

Big thanks to coach Ian and manager Darren who encouraged them and made this a terrific experience. The girls learnt great technique, and had lots of fun at the same time.

To John thanks for stepping in to help when needed and finally to the wonderful parents, grandparent, brothers, sisters and friends for showing your support each week.

We couldn't have asked for a better season, congratulations girls you are champions in our eyes.

## **6J      Coach: Giulio Di Stefano      Manager: Lisa Wall**

At the beginning of the season, after extensive action in the transfer market, this group of players assembled ready for action. Well as ready as 4 and 5 years olds can be.

So the coach looked at the assembled talent and asked for an immediate pay rise.

And what was to come was the formation of a wonderful bunch of talented kids. Aply assisted by Dean Groundwater and Lisa Wall, my trusty assistant and manager, we moulded this team into a group of budding Socceros and Matildas.

We had two regular volunteers as goalies in Lachlan and Jacinta, both of whom made some wonderful saves over the season.

Amy was a tower of strength in our backs but she regularly appeared up front to score some goals. Andy and Nat worked tirelessly most games as they would pop up all over the field. Those little legs of Brodie covered probably more ground than most but they really enjoyed themselves especially at training playing Shark Attack.

Mid season the coach made the strategic signing of Harrison who added a new dimension to this already formidable team.

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Annabelle made some dazzling runs every game regularly dribbling the ball the full length of the field.

And what about our goal scoring machine Emily. Through the wonderful work of our stars, Emily was able to score goal after goal. What a fantastic achievement.

And finally to Jack. This little man started the season as shy and quiet but by the end of the year he was one of our most consistent players which enabled him to win our "Most Improved Player of the Year" award. Well done.

A big thanks to all the parents, brothers, sisters and others that supported the team throughout the year.

Looking forward to everyone returning again next year.

**7C Coach: Karl Johnston**

**Manager: Ben Steege**

A fun successful season was enjoyed by all. The team was made up of a lot of players from 2006's 6A's with a good bond being formed from two consecutive seasons together.

Newcomers Caleb Arrogante and Dale Borromeo slotted in well with the team and enjoyed the season. Both players improved their skills, with Caleb staying up front and cousin Dale playing more of a defensive roll. Caleb scored a swag of goals and Dale came on strong in the second half of the season scoring almost every game.

**Kieran Spink** had a great year, his older brothers and sister must be giving him a few pointers not to mention some hair style tips. For a small fella he is a solid goalie and has a good boot on him too. He impressed the coaching staff with some great vision and passing.

**Zane Murphy** "the Terrier" was every opposing team's nightmare. Zane finished the year on the top of the goal scorers list with plenty of fine finishes.

**James "Plugger" Pardy** was the hard working player of the team. Down the back in the engine room with some solid defense and moving forward with the ball supplying Caleb, Zane and Jessica with opportunity to attack the goal.

**Jessica Woolbank** was really missed with her upgrade to the 8's. Jess's speed and run away goals from the first half of the season were outstanding.

**Lucas Johnston** was another player with a big boot almost scoring a goal from a goal kick on a couple of occasions. Lucas passed the ball well towards the middle to end of the season, showing skills to ensure a big season in 08.

**Oscar Watson-Steege's** crunching tackles and solid defense gave the team a good balance. Popping up with a few goals here and there to push the close games in favour of the mighty Redbacks.

Consistent Coach Carl Johnston did a fantastic job of keeping the team focused and fired on all occasions. His training sessions had the team passing and puffing the whole time.

A huge thank you needs to go out to the little brothers, Brayden Johnston, Luke Pardy, Kyle Wolli and Maxi Steege for helping out at different times in the season.

Thanks Redbacks

Ben Steege

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## **7F Coach: Steve Urquhart Manager:**

WOW what a humungous year for the 7F's. All sorts of kids were thrown into the team at the start of the season, no combinations, no nothing - but very quickly the boys started playing together as a team and what a great TEAM they became. We were strong all across the park. The kids were just super. Not that we want winning as the most important thing - but we didn't come last on the scoreboards on many occasions. Around the team we had some great performers.

**Luke** was fantastic, hard working and always tough to get past- very strong, was not afraid to tackle the bigger boys - he is going to develop into a great soccer player - SUPER DUPER LUKE.

**Jett** - whoa what a super player, always busy, always in the right position, looking ahead ready to pass, a great team player - will develop into a great half - AWESOME JETT.

**Brody** - Anticipation galore, simply a great soccer player. Every team needs a Brody. He was not afraid to get right into it and is a Mark Schwarzer in the making - UNREAL BROD'S.

**Jake** is the man! He sniffs out a goal like no other, he is good on the right and left foot and kicked heaps of goals throughout the year. Will be a great midfielder or forward. MASSIVE JAKE.

**Oliver** - Well what can you say, 1st year in soccer, wasn't aware of the rules at first but boy did he put in a super year. Quickly got into a rhythm, has a big strong kick and was rewarded in the last game with a beautiful goal. Big Big Big improver - GINORMOUS OLIVER.

**Chris** was a great player, always played strong, great kicker, could read the ball well and not many got past him - will make a great fullback. Improved out of sight - MARVELLOUS CHRIS.

**Ethan** - one of the favourites of the team - nice guy great friend, pleasure to coach and he improved so so so so much. He gets busy, kicks the ball and isn't worried about getting dirty. Found the Alma Mata and scored his first goal in the last match. STUPENDOUS ETH.

**Dean** - very versatile - could and would play anywhere - always gave a 100% - always did what was asked of him and then more - another great soccer player in the making. FANTASTIC DEAN.

We all can't wait for the 2008 Soccer season to start so we can do it all over again. Another big thanks to the parents - you should all be very proud of your boys - they all were a pleasure to coach and manage - all had a great time and all improved so much throughout the season.

Steve and Ruth

## **7G Coach: Andrew Esquilant Manager: Meredith Simpson**

2007. What a year! When you think of football (soccer) you think of some of the great clubs and players of the world (Liverpool, AC Milan; Beckham, Kewell).

With the support of the finest club in the world, the REDBACK FOOTBALL CLUB, the off-season was busy with coaching restructure and adding four (4) more signings. We went to the market for some major signings. The signings were HUGE. On team announcements the player roster was unveiled.

Daniel Simpson

Ellie Esquilant

Lily Pierce

Brodie Rowsell

Marnie Toet

Steven Jones

Sarah Richards

Charlotte Grover

Head Coach: Daniel Langton

Assist Coach: Andrew Esquilant

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Manager: Meredith Simpson

The management of the club was speechless. There was call and comments that it was one of the finest Redbacks teams ever formed.

## THE MIGHTY 7G's

The coaching staff was under pressure right from the start with the main focus of the season being fun and skill. Some of the score lines did not always reflect the talent in the team but the skill level certainly developed.

Backing up from last season (Daniel, Ellie, Lily and Brodie) all displayed a maturity to their game when it came to passing, calling for the ball and their kicking skills. The big four signing we secured in the off season (Steve, Marnie, Sarah and Charlotte) showed skill and determination never seen before to give each game their very best.

In summary it was a great season of improvement of skill and fun. A job well done by head coach Daniel and all of the coaching staff. To all the little troops, job well done. See you all next year.

**7H Coach: Bruce Leishman**

**Manager: Kylie McDonald**

The 7H team had a terrific season, you all improved so much as the season went on, especially your dribbling and passing. Our team consisted of Gabby, Jordan, Erin, Aaliyah, Jacob, Nicholas, Connor and Adrian. Thank you all for your good behaviour and listening whilst at training, and for being so enthusiastic when playing our games. You scored lots of goals and you all took turns being the goalkeeper and fullback. You learnt about team work, backing each other up, helping each other and you did it very well.

I hope you all had fun and see you next season for the under 8's, Well done everybody! Thanks to Kylee for managing the team and for all the time you put in to do so, thanks to Alfred for coaching early in the season.

Thanks mums and dads for participating in our training games against the children, even though they beat us every time.

Regards, Bruce

**8A Coach: Ian Ross**

**Manager: John Tangohau**

With most of the selection from last years under 7D team we had to get the team up to A grade level and compete to that standard or reassess our position as to either go to B or C grade.

Our first game against Lilli Pilli we lost 2 nil but didn't put us off as we could see our boys were capable but needed to become more urgent in their overall game. We drew 2 all with Menai 2 In our second game where we could see a lot more improvement as we had better opportunities. Our next game against Gynea we lost but they showed us exactly what it took to play to A standard as this team looked and played to A grade level as the next time around we drew 2 all with them and could have won as we missed several shots at goal. Back at training a few more positional changes then onto Saturday's game against Sylvania Heights provided us with our first win this gave us a better platform to build our team off.

Winning every game was never going to happen however getting our team being better prepared with core players in strategic positions was going to give us much more balance overall and the lesser players were able to improve better every game without being to overexposed.

**Captain Cayne Ross** lead by example all year but mostly played fullback and gave us a sense of relief where

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opposition strikers were never going to get past Cayno as he seemed to always have lots of time, scored some great goals defended really strongly and showed his team mates how to communicate and follow his lead.

**Sam** ended up becoming our great keeper with some fantastic heart stopping saves and ability to really try was always looking to improve himself. We all enjoyed watching Sam diving or 2 handed punching the ball away.

**Alex** improved so much this year his huge header was the best ever! you could see that playing along side Cayno gave him such confidence that his defensive work against strikers really picked up.

**Josh Moran** again playing alongside Cayno oozed confidence with some bone jarring tackles (I don't think he knows how hard he hits) his game against Sylvania would have to be his best to watch him dismantle their striker then run the ball down the sideline on a Solo run was priceless (Proud Dad David watching).

**Christian** also played defensive back and part time winger his speed was vital as he was able to run down breakaway strikers and either return the ball or push away to the sidelines.

**Jake** played mostly in the midfield did a lot of good little things with deft touches, headed the ball back to his mates, touch and passes, read the play anticipation all good things Jakey.

**James** a real hustler for the ball loves to be among the tight stuff as being a smaller bloke it seemed to suit him better had a great year with some really fine passes to his strikers, hard but sometimes lazy tackles (have to watch next years Yellow Cards).

**Tom** got better and better his fitness really helped get himself into positions where he could tackle and return pass to mates or get up into line to shoot goal well done Tom.

**Wade** progressed so well this year as his speed and urgency got better in every game. Like Tom's Wade's fitness allowed him to continually be in a better position as his passing, ball control and defensive work really stood out.

**Hoani** really enjoyed his football this year at trainings and match days had a great game against Menai 1 scoring 3 goals and really playing a team game with good team work with Josh Auld and midfielders in James, Wade and Tom.

**Josh Auld** what a tremendous season Josh scored so many goals with speed to burn. Did a lot of good things all year Joshie scored 4 goals against Sylvania on his birthday.

We played 15 games for 6 Wins, 6 Losses and 3 draws. It was our last three games where we had achieved our goal of competing and the bonus of winning against Bangor (unbeaten) and Menai 1 (4 - 1) was exceptional. Our very last game the team played everywhere with backs playing strikers, strikers playing backs every team member got the chance to play in another position this could only happen in 8's as next year becomes competition.

Coach Rossi did such a fantastic job his selected methods during training sessions with drill sets combined to give our boys better confidence on and off the ball as the boys really responded well to his instructions.

Thank you to all parents for assisting throughout the year special thanks to Shaun and Simone for taking on Managers Role and assisting all throughout the season without hesitation. Adrian for not teaching our boys rugby tackles, good on ya, very exciting year mate was fantastic to see your enthusiasm at practice and match day.

Uncle Kenny (I know nothing! shultz) did a great job Ken as you were always looking ahead to see what else could be done especially setting up indoor training when we had such bad weather we were able to maintain our teams playing ability and also kept our boys moving and on their toes when standing around at trainings. Paul Donnellan and Rebecca your assistance was greatly appreciated.

Hope to see you all again next year 9A's

Cheers

**JohnMark**  
**Manager 8A**

## **8F Coach: Barton Peeters**

## **Manager: Maya Robertson**

Under 8F had a lot of fun in their last season before moving onto the full-size field. Although results were mixed throughout the season, there was a steady and obvious improvement and it was great to see them start to work for each other and play as a team.

**Josh Bode** showed great skill in attack and was always in the middle of the action.

**Allan Bunic** enjoyed playing in goals and also scored the best 'wrong foot' goal of the season.

**Jared Cassar** was excellent in the midfield and proved very difficult for the opposition to get the ball away from.

**Josh Eagle** was quite versatile and proved to be very useful in any position but he especially loved being up forward in attack.

**Eetu Kuusela** brought some northern European flair to the team and improved each game, doing some fantastic work in goals at the end of the season.

**Madison Mitsoulas** was one of the finds of the season, solid in defence and a very useful attacking midfielder.

**Olivia O'Rourke** may have been one of the smallest on the team but was never intimidated. She displayed great skill, read the play well and scored some fantastic goals.

**Rhys Peeters** never stopped running and showed off some of the fanciest footwork ever seen in the under 8's.

**Liam Quinn** was our 'go to' man, displaying some brilliant skills and becoming a prodigious goal-scorer.

**Mitchell Robertson** has one of the longest kicks in the team and made some wonderful length-of-the-field runs.

**Aiden Robinson** was another great team player who never stopped running and showed steady improvement week after week.

**Nicholas Shannon** seemed like a normal boy but once he crossed the white line he became totally obsessed with the football, often running himself to standstill.

**Ben Skinner** teamed well with Nicholas, running hard all game and he was another continual improver.

It was truly a pleasure to coach such a great bunch of young footballers (not soccer players!) because they had such a wonderful attitude to the game. Even when they were being soundly beaten they kept giving their best right to the final whistle and they always had fun.

I'd like to thank Maya Robertson, who must be the most well organised manager in the club; Terry Skinner, who assisted with the coaching, and all the parents who helped out in various ways during the season.

PS: Barton gave his all to this little team. He was very dedicated and determined that our kids would gain good soccer skills but also have a great time doing it. They say children tell it how it is, so here is what some of our 8F team thought about our coach!!

**Barton was a great coach he always made soccer fun for us. He was very fair and always kind and considerate of everyone in the team. It was really nice to have one of my best friend's dad coaching me!**

**I liked the fact that Barton is friendly.**

**Barton was a fantastic coach because he taught good skills. My favourite move was defending and goalkeeping.**

**I thought Barton was a great coach, I hope he is my coach again next season.**

THANK YOU BARTON, I think everyone truly appreciated your dedication.

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## **8I Coach: Damien Buongiorno Manager: Benjamin Peat**

On Saturday morning 11.08.07 – 8I's played Como at Redbacks oval, this was unfortunately our last game. Although we lost the game, the whole team are winners in the coach/parents eyes for the way they have all improved individually and as a team.

At the start of the season hardly anyone had played before and were all just playing in a pack chasing the ball all over the field.

Due to the Coach Damien concentrating on passing and staying in positions at training, it all eventually fell into place. It would be hard to single out any one player as a star, as everyone has improved out of sight – Congratulations Team on a great season.

Benjamin Peat (Manager)

## **9C Coaches: Andrew Esquilant, Mark Asplet Manager: Toni Vassilich**

Well folks, what a wild ride the 9C's first season with the Redbacks turned out to be!!!

After several conversations between the parents it was decided that our former club (not mentioning names – (large black & white bird that attacks in spring) hadn't properly recognized the talents of our soccer star offspring and a new club should be found - IMMEDIATELY!

It wasn't long before Mark Asplet began to sing the praises of our (former) arch enemy – THE REDBACKS! Apparently, Mark has a long history with the club, having led his team (single handedly) to Grand Final victories and State titles, and assured us they would be only too happy to accept a team that was to be coached by a club icon, LEGEND even.

Our season began with a team made up partly of boys who played indoor soccer together, go to school together, play soccer at school together and who generally play soccer together, (get the idea?). We were however still short a few boys and as luck would have it, we found five boys that were willing to give us a go, and, as a bonus, one of the boys, Harrison, said his dad "Esqui" could co-coach because he was looking for something to do on a Wednesday while he wasn't coaching an U7's or PL1's team.

I think we're ready to BAKE A CAKE!

From the beginning it looked promising, the boys got on well, and the coaching staff quickly sorted positions and started using technical terms and... cooking analogies (what the...???) that I didn't understand, but the team seemed to, kind of, and once we got the boys minds off food and back onto soccer the team was ready to play.

Dave Vass

Over to you Mr Hibbott.

There were many highlights throughout the season, in particular the games against Heathcote and Cronulla RSL in which the quality of the opposition brought out the best from the Redbacks, ensuring matches of high quality and excitement. It's not often people will choose a 0-0 game as their highlight, but for this writer, the match at Heathcote which produced a goalless draw was a classic.

We ended the regular season in 2<sup>nd</sup> place, losing and drawing with the teams mentioned above and winning reasonably comfortably against the rest. The big question for all was could we step up in the finals and beat our nemesis?

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The qualifying final against Heathcote will live long in the memory. A remarkable game saw Heathcote "gifted" 2 penalties which they failed to convert and what appeared to be a fair goal for Redbacks in injury time disallowed leaving a 0-0 score line and a sudden death game against Gymea. Controversy corner was running hot that night and for the rest of the week but fortunately the boys put it all to one side and in the game against Gymea and raced to a 3-0 lead. Controversy did not however want to go away and again two penalties were awarded against us, only one of which was converted with our star goalkeeper Alex saving the other. It was a relieved and excited group of players and coaches that went away to plot victory against Heathcote in the Grand Final.

The Grand Final mirrored all other games against Heathcote. Tight, fast, aggressive, committed and not a struck match between the teams. Redbacks took the lead through Aaron and Mitchell and looked to be weathering all that Heathcote could throw until a touch of brilliance with 3 minutes to go saw Heathcote equalize. With extra time not producing any further goals it was that one piece of magic from Heathcote that decided the ultimate prize. The fantastic group of parents and supporters that had been on the rollercoaster ride all day were of course deflated but also very proud. The Redbacks had taken on the best and were not beaten, and trying not to sound too biased were the better team on the day.

So the season ends, not with a whimper nor a great triumph but a satisfying feeling that the boys had fun, gave their all, learnt a lot, became even better friends, improved as footballers and as people, and that they will be just as keen to get in there next season and Bake the Cake next year !

A special mention to the Redbacks club and in particular the lads from the PL1's who came and supported the boys in their epic journey through the finals.

## The 9C'S 2006-2007

- Striker: **Mitchell Hibbott** - A natural up front with good speed and an eye for a goal he was able to carve up the defense and with a sublime touch off the outside of his right foot, scored some great goals with help from the ever willing midfield.
- Striker: **Aaron Asplet** - Showed a great knack for being in the right place at the right time and put away some goals that could easily have been missed. His confidence building through the year it reached a peak with a goal in the grand final!
- Left wing: **Sean Brown** - Run all day, tackle all day, chase all day, be in everything all day and all with a smile and enthusiasm that was infectious. A great team man.
- Midfield **Jake Ford** - Played Soccer a bit like he plays Rugby, hard, fast, straight ahead. Give him a job to do and he will do it, a coach's dream and a powerful force in the midfield.
- Midfield: **Michael Vervaris** - Got a rocket in his right foot Michael scored some tremendous goals during the season and was our dead ball expert creating many more than he scored.
- Midfield: **Nicholas Grimbolos** - Took no prisoners all year long. Sent fear through rival teams with his fierce no nonsense tackling and hard running. Whatever he was being fed they should bottle it, also scored some great goals through the year.
- Midfield: **Connor Hoyle** - Like a well oiled Mercedes, Connor purred his way around the midfield directing the play in a no nonsense manner using sublime skill, a joy to watch.
- Midfield: **Connor Leishman** - You see him here see you him there you see him everywhere. A midfield dynamo with a left foot made in heaven, oh to have a 10<sup>th</sup> his energy and drive.
- Left Fullback: **James Spotto** - As is often the case with the smallest man on the team they have the biggest heart and James was all heart. No need for the coach to ask James for 100%, he turned up every week and just gave it, with style.
- Right fullback: **Harrison Esquilant** - Burdened with the tag of coach's son, but shouldered it in a manner to make his dad proud. Strong, reliable, and nothing fancy, just got the job done, all you want in a great defender

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- Sweeper: **Dominic Vassilich** - Like the Great Wall of China, strong, goes for a long time and built to keep people out, Dominic was the last line of defence before Alex and did a wonderful job. Overcame a bad injury during the season and played with great courage and commitment.
- Goalkeeper: **Alex Coroneo**, I think all spectators who saw him recognized a special talent in Alex. Reads the game like a 20 year veteran. Bad news for Alex was he was so good we couldn't let him out of the goal to have a kick. Remember the name, sure he will be a good un!

## *A cracker season!*

Thanks for all of the help and support throughout the season from the whole team (of parents) with ground duty, BBQ, canteen duty, oranges and lolly roster and the two Dave's for their match reports. It has been a real pleasure to manage the team this year. Thanks again. Toni

A Special thanks to both of our coaches Mark and Andrew, we were extremely lucky to have two very enthusiastic dads with technical (and cooking skills as it turns out) ability. Thank you sincerely for your effort and hard work. Congrats on your grand final victory Mark and the 35's ( The legend grows)!

And finally, Mark was spot on about the club, a small but dedicated band with real enthusiasm and genuine team spirit (the support at the 35's final was 10 times what the opposition had and about a hundred times louder) and very efficient as well.

Thank you all sincerely on behalf of the 9C's, see you all next season.

## **9D Coach: Giulio di Stefano Manager: Mark & Natalie Donnelly**

For those taking a quick look at the competition table, it might show that we weren't competitive. Nothing could be more from the truth. Whilst we would have loved to have won more games and scored more goals, if success was measured by how much the team improved and fun the kids had playing football, then we are on top of the table.

The team was an amalgam of players ranging in numerous levels of experience but full of enthusiasm. Of course one of the major issues each week was who had the lollies and who would get the McDonalds award.

With the withdrawal of several players, furious last minute activity was taken in the transfer market enabling us to snare not only Zach but also two Adrians. Both boys improved dramatically through the year with Adrian Monsif capturing the "Most Improved Award" for the season.

Spurred on by the one of the most supportive group of parents in the competition, the team improved dramatically in the second half of the season allowing us to receive the Sutherland Association Most Improved Award - the only team in the Redbacks to do so.

Rhys and Aidan quickly became integral parts of the team along with Jacob and Darren. Always keen and competitive, Daniel was solid as a rock in our defence ably supported by Rowan and Adrian. Luke handled both the midfield and goals liked a seasoned professional whilst Riley was our Mr Versatility filling in in defence midfield and attack. Boy can those little legs move.

Zack was a welcomed addition to the team and capped a great year off with a goal in our final match. Mitchell struggled at times with injury but finished off the year with a great performance. And finally but definitely not least, my favourite girl in the team Tiarne. She was often at the back of the pack ready to pounce on any opposition moves and stymied their dangerous raids.

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A big thanks to Mark and Natalie our managers, as well as my assistants, Mark, Alan, Leon and Craig. And finally, a big thanks to all our supporters for being so positive throughout the year. Enjoy your summer break and see you all next season.

## **9G Coach: Chris Hall                      Manager: Tania Lauricella**

What a big adjustment for the team this year moving from a little half-sized field to a full sized field (with full size goals!!). This made it so much harder for the players to hear instructions from the sideline. The players quickly learnt that playing in their positions and talking to each other was much more effective than the whole team chasing the ball around. Unfortunately Sienna, one of our promising players had to pull out early in the season due to an injury but we hope to see her return to the team next year.

This season was also the time when most players started to find the positions on the field that they were best at playing. Tom seemed to find his home in the goal doing a great job all season defending the nets. This is not to say that other players did not don the goalie shirt and have a go with Brock, Rowan, James, Nathan, Jamie, Rubie all at one time or another standing in the goal mouth with an attacking opposition forward running toward them. Riley proved himself as an outstanding back offering great support to his midfield men and making the goalie's job just that little bit easier. Jamie took control of the midfield, always ably supported by Nathan, James and Rowan. Ashleigh, Rubie and Jessica were our "girlpower" and often outsmarted the opposition with their fancy footwork. Trevor & Daniel showed that they could play equally as well as defenders in the backs but also displayed fantastic striking power in the forwards to launch the ball into the back of the net. Mitchell and Brock were a great team on the field looking for each other to pass to. Brock entertained us with some great aerial manoeuvres after scoring a goal while Mitchell's speed and agility made him one of our most valuable forwards.

Our season was speckled with some great wins, spectacular losses, very hard fought draws and some that games that just got away on us. All up we played 15 games, won 5, drew 2 and lost 8. We finished a very respectful 7<sup>th</sup> on the competition ladder ahead of Gynea United, Georges River and Engadine Eagles. Thank you so much to the coaching staff for doing such a great job with the team.

All in all, these players and parents can be very proud of the improvement they have made during the season, both in their personal skill levels and as a member of a team. There was a wide variety of skills and experience in this team but they all came together on a Saturday morning, played well as a unit and hopefully had some fun in the meantime.

## **10C Coaches: Reza Manji, Matt Claspers-Young, Reece Cooper Manager: Shane Toet**

The Under 10C's have had a great season. The season commenced with a new coaching staff (Matt Clasper, Reece Cooper and Reza Manji), a new manager (Shayne Toet), and a number of new players on the team. Although the team got off to a bit of a rocky start, they quickly established a rapport with each other which continued through to the Finals. Their finish in third place was well deserved, as the team always showed respect and sportsmanship (even in defeat) to the opposition and their fellow team-mates.

### **Team Profile**

**Tory Angell (Forward)** - Tory was the "Trouble Maker" of the team. He is an aggressive attacker with plenty of speed and energy always pursuing the ball. He put his heart and soul into every match.

**David Beauchamp (Forward)** - David was the teams leading goal scorer this season. He is the 'Tower of Terror' on the field and has a killer left boot, and was branded the 'Mark Viduka' of the team. It was always entertaining watching David score a goal

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**Nathan Breen (Mid)** - Nathan's dedication to the game gave the team the backbone it required. His endurance and fitness meant he could be relied on at any point in the match to provide a solid performance. His skills allowed him to record the team's first hat-trick of the season.

**Aaron Cooper (Back)** - Aaron provided the rock solid foundation for the fullbacks. He gave the team a voice by calling the plays required and provided the support needed to his fellow team-mates. He also has a great clearance kick that got the opposition out of our half.

**Nathan Donnellan (Mid)** - Otherwise known as 'The Flash', Nathan was always there in a crisis situation. He has great ball skills and was able to move the ball quickly to where it was needed. He was certainly the 'Harry Kewell' of the team.

**Oliver Donovan (Goalie)** - 'Ollie Ollie Ollie'. Oliver was the man with the 'Magic Gloves'. As the season progressed, his skills only improved. With great agility, he kept the conceded goal count low and entertained all watching with his saves.

**Nathan Gray (Mids)** - Nathan can easily be considered the 'Heart of the Team'. He lives for the game, and not even a broken toe could keep him from playing. He was always there in critical moments and his ball skills and quick response allowed him to clear the ball or create opportunities to score.

**Jake Juretic (Mids)** - Jake demonstrates a natural hunger for the game. Always attacking, he never gives up on pursuing the ball. He is able to read and anticipate the plays. With his good ball skills he was often able to feed the ball through to the forwards.

**Michaela Matthews (Back)** - Michaela displayed natural skills in defence this season. She has speed, agility and the knowledge to make quick decisions. She demonstrates great sportsmanship and has the skills and 'no-fear' attitude to take her through to being a future Matilda.

**James Pirie (Forward)** - James showed great skill for the game in the forwards. He is a great striker who constantly pushed the envelope with his sneaky missions into the off-side position. His hunger for scoring saw him create many break away opportunities and support the scoring of many goals.

**Mitchell Shearman (Back)** - Mitchell was the 'Energizer Bunny' of the team. He is always in motion on the field and pursued the ball with gusto. He is a play maker creating many opportunities that found the mark. He was the surprise find of the season with his goal keeping skills that kept our semi-final hopes alive.

**Samuel Simon (Mid)** - Sam's season improved with every match. He showed an abundance of enthusiasm on the field with constant pursuit of the ball. His attention to the coaches at training, followed through to his games on Saturday with great performances in marking and ball skills. Sam certainly has great potential for the future.

**Shannon Toet (Half)** - Shannon was a surprise package for the team and has improved in leaps and bounds. From starting the season with no knowledge of the game, she has gained the respect of her team-mates and the skills required to have a bright future in this game. She has a good commitment at training and is loyal to the team.

**Stefan Trajkovski (Forward)** - Stefan was sorely missed in the second half of the season when he had to leave for family reasons. He is an entertaining player who never gave up and was always on the attack. He's a supportive player and 'diamond in the ruff' as he has great potential for the future. We look forward to seeing Stefan back for the 2008 season.

**Jeremy West (Back)** - Jeremy could be considered the number one fullback of the season. With a golden boot and good endurance, he was able to strike and place the ball where he wanted, especially from the goal kick. He was a natural leader of the team.

Thanks must be given to all the parents for getting the players to training sessions and matches and assisting the team with the various duties throughout the season.

As the team advances to the Under 11's, a focus on the endurance and fitness will lift their match to another level, as will continued coaching in ball control skills, and the introduction of tactical play.

## Awards

Best and Fairest

Michaela Matthews

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Most Improved                      Shannon Toet  
Rising Star Award (Bruce Tilt)   Nathan Donnellan

**11B Coach: Bruce Leishman**

**Manager: Lynette Mason**

Wow, we learned to how to defend this season and then defend some more. Although we didn't make the finals this year, I thought the soccer you boys played was the best I had seen in the last three years, from the first game where we narrowly missed out in drawing with the Minor premiers (Como) to our last game where we won 3-1 against Gynea. Considering you only had 9-10 players in the team for most of the season and we played up into B grade you did really well, you never gave up and you should be very proud of your efforts, you all had a position to play, a role to do and you did it and that's what makes a team. Our team consisted of Cale goalkeeper/fullback, Matt goalkeeper/midfield, Brody right back, Kane centre back/centre mid, Jack left back/mid, Jake stopper, Nick centre mid/forward, Brandon left mid, Jordan forward and Aiden centre forward. Evan retired injured early in the season, we hope you are recovering.

Thank you to Lynette for managing the team again this season, I'm not going to say a big goodbye this year because I said it last year and you didn't go. Good luck to Brody, Lynette and the Mason family in Tasmania.

Boys, ask your friends to play for the Redbacks in next years under 12 team we really need more players.

Regards, Bruce

**12B Coach: Kevin Hughes**

**Manager: Olivier Clement**

We are finishing this 2007 season with a mixed feeling of satisfaction and disappointment:

- Satisfaction because our final place in the table was 5th out of 8 teams, so this basically means that we stand comfortably as a B grade team. Kevin and I believe this to be quite an achievement for a newly formed group, with players who for some did not know each other, did not necessarily know what their position on the field was etc..

- Disappointment because the way we started this competition, there was a strong feeling that the semis were well within our grasp, and as we finish just behind the 4 qualified teams, it is difficult to avoid the famous last words "if only"...

- If only we did not have a string of injuries/illnesses amidst our players, particularly in the middle part of the season

- If only we did not have those games rained off right when we were on a high, morally and fitness-wise (OK, OK, it also rained for the other teams, but it probably helped the ones which had a bad start!)

- If only we did not have those difficulties arranging training because of our own ground being re-turfed

- But the mother of all disappointments was to lose our very last game 4-0, against the very same team we had drawn with at the very same place the week before!! What happened guys? Where was the enthusiasm, the smart play, the hunger all gone? Let's forget this sad episode and let's come back to the players:

**Alex**, we appreciated your tenacity and bravery when fighting some opponents sometimes twice your size

**Cameron**, your composure and secure clearances *à la Vieira* were badly missed for the last game!!

**Chris**, pity we did not see you much in the end, but your attacking spirit was always valuable

**Christian**, Portugal is a great soccer country, and you have undoubtedly inherited from it

**Dave**, a Natural Born Dribbler/Killer of the opposition's defence (and penalty taker extraordinaire)

**Ellis**, the "don't panic, I'm here" defender, with an outstanding passing accuracy

**Jack**, it's difficult to dribble past you, do you have some kind of magnetic field (from Liverpool)

**Jerome**, the ideal mid-fielder who feels as comfortable in attack as in defence (and that's unusual)

**Josh**, sad that your injuries kept us from enjoying your speedy rushes towards the enemy lines

**Liam** saw an incredible improvement in his goal-keeping techniques, specially in stopping attackers rushing on their own, and in securing long and precise clearing kicks

**Max**, there is no doubt that you have matured into a solid, dangerous attacking mid-fielder this season

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**Nathan**, defender, mid-fielder, goal-keeper, anything else you can do? Striker, assistant coach, orange slicer??

**Nathan**, you are such a solid defender, we will ask the SSJ if you could play on your bike next season to make sure you're at every game!

**Sam**, often the only player who could compete with the opponents in the head department, your defence skills were badly missed in mid-season

**Tom**, your speed and fitness always amazed us, and contributed well to our attacking group

There is no reason why the factors that were against us repeat next year. Anyway, from now on injuries and winter rain are simply banned, so see you next year at the U13B's 2008 Semis!!

**W13A Coach: Graeme Billinghurst**

**Manager: Steve Hogg**

2007 was a great year for our W13's. This year they came up into the A grade competition from being the minor premiers in C's last year and they've done an excellent job. We finished 6th in the competition and this shows the effort that our players, coaches and supporters alike have put into our season. The stats for the season look like this, we scored 16 goals, let 31 slip past us, had 4 wins, 5 draws and 7 losses. We also had Corrina, our keeper, carted off to hospital after the other team squashed her in goals, thankfully she is fine and she even came back for the next match. Our top goal scorer was Mikayla C. who netted 7 through the season. Great Effort Mikayla!! Our top award winners with equal placing were Rachel P. for her superior and relentless defence work all year, Mikayla C. for her efforts as striker & Zoe J. for her ball skills and continuous effort. Well done girls!! Achievement awards also handed out during the year went to Tayla B, Brearna G., Corrina K., Taylor K., Hannah M., Jessica M., Rachel H., Tiarne M., Monique O., Syd J. and Danielle B. Our girls always managed to play a BIG game when they were down a few players, winning those matches in most cases. It was also great to see the smiling faces of our 2 coaches, Graeme and Rocky, as our girls exhibited the skills they'd been shown throughout the year. Well done Graeme and Rocky, you guys are great (and bloody patient)!! [How's the voice box Graeme?]

I'd also like to thank our parents for their support during the year. Without your commitment to the girls and their sport we wouldn't have fielded a full team at all but 3 games through the year. Even at those freezing cold Wednesday nights at training it was great to see so many turn up.

I'm looking forward to the presentation day and celebrating the season with our players, parents and supporters.

Thanks for a great year. Steve, W13A's Manager 2007

**W14B Coach: Steve Waters     Manager: Peter Mackenzie**

**Assistant Coach: Andrew Walter     Assist Manager: Kerri Bruncker**  
**(the parents drew straws)**

## **Runners UP**

This is a team that put the word fun into soccer. What a social side we have, the parents and the girls. We put together girl friends to have a game of soccer. We started with 9 and scraped together 13, having 5 girls who haven't played before. Who would have dreamt that we would reach the big Grand Final. A fantastic effort, only in time will you appreciate what you achieved as not many teams make the GF on their first try. The first week I quickly realised trying to control a bunch of 14 year old girls with other things on their minds is like telling them that they are banned from using their phone any more. Even Pete's megaphone had no effect. So we all agreed there was no point having training, which turned out to be a relief for the parents.

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We started the season with a hit and a giggle losing our first game. This was going to be a long season. Our practice sessions were also our games and the more games we played the better we became, right up to the Grand Final, leading the whole game until the last 3 minutes.

It seems we all had a great time on and off the field. Thanks to Peter for picking up the girls on game days and to the parents for your support. I can still hear the words of support from the parents – “Who wants another cappuccino?” and “What’s the score?”

To the girls who started soccer this season - our games towards the end of the season reflected your growing playing confidence, enabling us to go as far as we did.

Thanks to Peter Mac for his help, for his subbing and communication skills and to the other assistants for filling in.

Girls - The best soccer practice is in the backyard, just kicking the ball around.

**Charmaine Belbin:** Talk about growing in confidence, what a change. Charmaine was keen to play in any position and always gave her best. A midfielder who was strong and resilient.

**Sophie Scott:** Our main goal scorer. She showed plenty of passion and great skills to outplay and get around the opponents. Most keenest and serious footballer. See you next year.

**Rachel Brunker:** A terrific defender, showed flashes of brilliance and worked hard all season. Very easy going.

**Brittany Davenport:** An inspirational person and player. Always happy in whatever position.

**Carly Julian:** Worked hard all season and held firm when required, whatever side of the field she liked to go on - opposite the spectators.

**Emily Horton:** One of our most improved players. Emily worked hard and has improved immensely showing strong kicking skills and ran hard during the games. With confidence could be a great forward.

**Louisa Mackenzie:** A fantastic defender with tremendous work rate and strength. Lou saved the day many times with consistent effort for the full game.

**Madison Wallace-Sinclair:** What a goalie. In an unenviable position. Time and again Madison rescued the team from near defeat and the 14B’s were dependent upon her tenacity and courage. With practice she should be a great ball running player.

**Elysha vom Bruch:** A great effort from Elysha, the quiet achiever. We hope to see her back next year.

**Rena Savas:** A much improved player who tried hard all season and towards the end was reading the game well and instrumental in scoring some goals.

**Milly Waters:** A great, strong player who worked hard all game. Must listen and do what the coach asks.

**Sarah Walter:** A great natural defender, a real thinker. Always asking questions. – always. Being a back saving goals is sometimes an unrewarding position compared to the forwards.

**Kate Wickham:** Once warmed up Kate became alive with some sprints down the ground, perseverance and follow-through.

**15A Coach: Glenn Doyle**

**Manager: Paul Barroqueiro**

A frustrating year where we struggled for numbers early, played some brilliant footy in the middle, then when the rains came, the grass disappeared and the pitches went from a bog to very hard we struggled to re-create our earlier form. As was stated in an earlier report the side never played more than three games in a row without a break, and that only happened on two occasions, so it was near impossible to create any sort of momentum or consistency. Having a bye in the comp for the third successive year meant we only played 13 games yet again this year and this is not near enough, especially for a side with so many new players. Injuries played their part also with two players breaking bones and missing vital games which did not help the cause. With six new players coming into the team from many varied sides throughout the shire it would be understandable if it took some time to get it together but to the team’s credit, and one of the highlights for me, was that they all worked very hard together, became close quickly and played some excellent footy very early in the season. In the end

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we scored more goals than we have ever scored in this competitive comp and finished only two points shy of last year's best ever tally.

A quick look at the for and against tells where we struggled this year but to the team's credit they never gave an inch all year. I have no doubt if all were to return we will build on this year's successes and have a very solid side next year that will only improve with the more games they play together. Another highlight of the year were our two games at Seymour Shaw 1 where the boys played some brilliant footy aided by the great surface which really showcased the great ground game that this team can play and have worked so very hard at for many years. Scoring four goals and conceding nil, for two wins, against a very good side at that venue was very satisfying for all.

To Paul, my manager, thank you once again for the support and help and the boys and I are very lucky to have had you on board once again. Thank you also to the parents for their support yet again. Finally I would like to thank the boys for their efforts and determination this year in this stop start season that has tried everyone's patience and that pushed all ability for motivation at times to the limit.

Glenn

## **15D Coach: Mark Burwood      Manager: Therese Camilleri**

What an achievement. We keep most of our players from last year along with some new players joining us. We found ourselves with 15 players giving us 4 reserves. We thought this was great until the school holidays which left us with 10 players one game and 9 for another. It was a good opportunity to let the other teams think that we were not as strong as we are. School holidays over we then got momentum to win a few games until the weather set in and washed out a few rounds. We found the results were up and down as was our position on the ladder. With a bit of luck we scraped into 4th spot so we could have a crack at the semi-finals. We won our semi 1-0 with a bit of help from Engadine who scored an own goal to put us into the final. We won our final 1-0 against Bosco and thought we were in the grand final until Bosco lodged a protest due to a refereeing error of time played in our final. Unfortunately this meant we had to replay the final at short notice on Wednesday night to which we lost 1-0. It was a tough week not too mention disappointing, however we really had to stop and look at what a team of CHAMPIONS they are. With maturity beyond their years they got on with the job and made us so very very proud.

Congratulations boys you are winners in our eyes.

PS - a big thank you to Lindsay and the Redbacks club for all their wonderful support.

## **16C Coach: Michael Cavanagh      Manager: Alistair McAdams**

U 16's - Grand Finalists, Runners Up

Well I can say that it was definitely a "different" experience coaching this age group for the first time. I can honestly say though that it has been one of the most rewarding things I have done. For the most part my team are a great bunch of lads. I only say "for the most part" because they are 15 and 16 year old males after all..! lol.

I would like to thank the boys for a very enjoyable year and would also like to thank all the parents who have helped me and the team throughout the year - be that at training, on game days or doing the beloved ground duty. But a special thanks (especially from me but from all the boys and I'm sure the parents too) must go to our manager Alistair. You're a rock for this team mate. Thanks for everything this year.

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Now to the football. We struggled to even get a full team on the park every week right from the beginning of the season but true to the fighting Redback spirit, the lads turned up each week ready to play and try their hearts out for not only themselves but for their team mates and also their loyal band of parents and supporters. I think we more than surprised a lot of teams this year and I am extremely proud of the team for making it all the way through to the grand final. We almost completed the fairytale - only going down 1-0 in the dying minutes to an opposition team that had quite a few players that would not have been out of place in the front row of an NRL scrum! They were seriously bigger than most of the dads on the sideline and accordingly played a physical (but fair) brand of football which just got us in the end.

We had a great start to the season with a 6-0 victory in our first game together. I wasn't getting carried away by any means but I must admit I did think "hey we could have something special here this year". Throughout the year the team went on to prove to me that they did indeed have something special. It's called heart and guts - with some skill thrown in there too. And to have those attributes beneath a Redbacks shirt was an awesome combination.. At times throughout the year we could have given up but we didn't. We might not have always been the most skillful team on the park but our determination and overall attitude helped us account for teams that might have otherwise beaten us. I'm not going to single anyone out for special mention as every single one of the lads contributed to the success of this team. Plus I'm sure the boys will enjoy talking themselves up anyway without me adding to their ego's.. lol ;o)

The final thing I would like to add is that I sincerely hope this team stays together next year and for a few years to come yet. If you can just get a couple of extra team mates to help share the load next season, I think the only limits on what you can achieve are those that you put on yourself..

Congratulations again on a great season and I look forward to sharing another one with you all next year!

Coachie  
Michael Cavanagh

***18C Coach: Ron Venkteshwar      Manager: Laurie Lesmond***

It has been an enjoyable year coaching the boys. Being out of the game myself for a few years it took a little getting used to coaching fulltime and getting to understand the boys. We started off with a pessimistic chance of getting through to the final rounds, with a squad of 15 which very quickly went down to a mere 12 or 13. With a bit of determination combined with some good football we actually got there.

Let us start from our solid back line. In goals our ever so reliable Ben Barratt, even though a fantastic striker capable of playing in the upper grades he very graciously volunteered to keep. And what a great goal keeper he turned out to be, definitely would have given Schwarzer a run for his money with some of his spectacular saves. When playing out in the field he scored some fantastic goals. Matt Hutt our sweeper, the Lucas Neill of the 18C. Having Chris Kounnafis our key sweeper injured early into our season, Matt became the rock in the backline. Always putting in a 110%. Tom Birch our centre back, what a long way Tom has come. Definitely a strength in the back line and a player who has shown that he has the ability and is ready to move up and play Bs if not the A grade. Tyler on the left and Arron on right showed promising defence and never gave up. Never relented on bringing the opponents down. Will, defensive mid fielder and Captain, a great season, good skills and ran all day, sometimes a bit emotional when we lost but always putting in his best effort, his passion for the game was second to none. Daniel Lesmond, our Crouch, fantastic skills with very good control, great ball player who definitely should be playing up. Made the back of opponents' nets quiver with his deadly right foot curlers on a few occasions through the season. Matt Jenkins, a very versatile utility player who has a fantastic game where ever you put him. Putting in a 100% at training and in the game. Ronil, the gazelle of the team. His lightning speed and his perseverance of not giving up when a player got past him always meant he was going to try and get that ball back. Jack Foston our full time striker and what potential does jack have. His speed and aggression

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made many of our opponents' backline weary when they saw Jack steaming down at them at a 100 mph. Scored some blinders and with a bit more work in skills department will be more than ready to play in the upper leagues next season. Scott had a great season and had great runs on the left. His crosses were brilliant. Scott also volunteered to keep in goals when we needed him pulling off some fantastic saves. Brad Harris almost always stood in for goal keeper when we needed him to and was never shy to spread his encouragements to the team even when we were down, With a fantastic performance in the semi-finals in goals. Great energy on the field. Last but by no means least Tom Downey, he put in the effort and determination and always enthusiastic to get on the field.

We bowed out of the competition with dignity in the semi-finals. The game ended in a 2 all draw but unfortunately because of the way we stood on the table we did not proceed any further. Nevertheless the boys had a brilliant game and they should be very proud of their performance.

Well guys thank you for a great season and the opportunity to coach you all. It has been a pleasure. I hope fully see you all playing next season.

A special thank you to all the parents who turned up week after week to support us and help out during ground control.

A special mention to Laurie Lesmond our team manager who had the hard task of maintaining the paperwork and ensuring the books were always in order. THANK YOU.

Ron

## **21B Coach: Gary Freeland**

The last year of playing Saturday football was on the agenda of the REDBACKS 21's. With new signings including Nudge and Nat, Griffio, Clasper, Scotty, Chris C, Thommo, Smithy and Damo and the return of Jared from a spell, the nucleus of the team Dugsey, Lynny, Noony, Coops, Millars, JT, Marky and Frangers the team was ready for the Challenge. With the inclusion to the coaching staff of the ever present Howelly the Challenge was to get this mob ready to play.

The boys had many memorable games with some great wins and some near losses which kept them out of the finals footy this year.

THE MEMORIES ARE:

Dugsey for being on the wrong side of crucial decisions  
Damo for his Mike Tyson impersonations  
Lynny for his strict Thursday nite training schedule  
JT for his performance in the front line against Como  
Coops for trying to convince Millars not to follow his gonads and go to California  
Millars for following his gonads and leaving the team  
Noon for his shimmy and moon dances on the field  
Smithy for his road runner impersonations and the egg after the AA1 game against Como  
Clasper and Griffio for their tag team effort on the R H side  
Thomo for his change in attitude and improvement  
Marky for his Schweikle work in training sessions  
Jared and Chris C for their Houdini tricks  
Howelly for his award (grappler)  
Nudge ,Nat and Scotty for the David V Goliath contest against the larger backs  
Frangers for the extra training sessions on Friday nite till 3 am

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State Cup was memorable when the Mighty Redbacks gave the shakey Ridgebacks a scare till 20 mins to go when the score blew out.

A good year thanx I enjoyed it, hope you all did as well

Cheers Gazza

**SWB Coach: Daniel Smith                      Manager: Gary Boots**

After 2 minor Premierships and one premiership, it was time to really challenge ourselves. We were put up another grade to the B's and this was always going to be a great challenge, and it wasn't helped by losing our Captain Wellsy, and our star goal keeper Swanny to the European leagues for a year. I explained to the girls that the commitment and intensity would have to lift if we wanted to be competitive in this grade. We managed to sign a star new recruit for the team who fits in just perfectly (loves a drink Stellbags)! Unfortunately after 2 very successful years it's hard to keep the intensity up, and with our easy games being washed out it was always going to be an uphill struggle.

We had glimpses throughout the year of how good we can play and how we wouldn't be out of place in the top 2 or 3 teams. We drew 3 all with the premiers a week before the semis so we proved we can do it (I know Gem, I've gotta let it go).

We must also thank the team at "CARMENS" our major sponsor, especially Mel who have been fantastic all year with all the support both financially and physically.

Also thanks to "MOOD MEDIA" our sleeve sponsor for your financial support.

The 2007 SWB team is

- Leonie ( Captain) Goatees are hot!!
- Emdogs - boots are still broken!
- Leanne - bring back the biff
- Sandra - team security. Know one hits my friends and gets away with it
- Stellbags - Tell us what you really think Stellbags (small dogs, suntans, marriage) you should be on radio
- Annie - Miss "Red Bull" - you gotta stop drinking that stuff, you're always bouncing off walls (up town, down town!!!!)
- Ally - Who?
- Keldogs - played half of every game ( someone buy this girl a watch)
- Sarah - the first one to take the plunge. One of my SL\_TS has strayed from the pack (but seriously congrats)
- Shauna - must be getting some lovin cause she played great all year
- Ronnie - played half the season in Japan on transfer (konitchiwaaaa)
- Kitty Kat - I still cannot find a bad word to say about this girl (you're a sweetheart)
- Gemdogs - Let it go gemdogs!!! Thanks for your help during the year though
- Nay - good to see you out on the drink! And you've found a great man..... look out 2008
- Witchy - I'm not game to say anything about her (she might be little but she'd eat me alive)

I think that's everyone!

A massive thanks to our honorary SWB's, the girls from SWD's and SWE's .

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- Ruth - (played in the rain for us)
- Amy - (cracker of a goal attempt against the comp leaders)
- Loz - (where do I start? Awesome player, fits into the team like a glove) and also took out the woman of the match award for one of her appearances. (how the dinks going?)

And last but not least, Jodie. Thank you Thank you Thank you. Played cough cough 3 games for us in goals and had absolute blinders in all games. She went out of her way on numerous times to help out. (A true club player)

Thanks Girls for an "interesting" season or should I say "Woeful" (just kidding)

Supercoach "Dan" and "ASS" coach Gaz

## ***SWD Coach: Ken Auld Manager: Danielle Daw***

What a season of highs and lows, wins and losses, laughter and tears. Our season started with four straight losses, then a mid season 6 - 1 thrashing of Lilli Pilli 1 followed up by 4 - 1 the next time we met them. A few wins and losses followed until we made it into the semis thanks to the results we needed from the other teams and a win from us over the top team. Once again we were in to the semi finals on goal average (sorry Bundeena!). Our season ended with the tantrum and subsequent loss of a coach, the most people and laughter at a training session we'd ever had, and finally a 2 - 1 loss in extra time in our semi final. So huge thanks to Jodie, Megan, Amy, Louise T, Louise W, Renee, Sarah, Katie, Emma, Jacky, Bec, Nikki, Michelle, Kiersten, Lauren, Caroline and of course to the super-sub coach Dan! We ended the season on a high, many thanks to all of you for your contribution this year and hope to see you all next year (if you can convince me to manage the team.... lol)

## ***SWE Coach: Michael Thompson, Chicka Thompson Manager: Liz Spink***

This season promised to be a big one for us, we had plenty of players - eventually - and were ready to go. Unfortunately it never seems to work out that way. Early in the season we had a couple of injuries and our numbers dwindled. We battled on and had some good results and plenty of positives to take home each week. Each week, whether we had enough players or not, everyone put in 100% and half way through the season we were looking for a big finish. It was not to be, more injuries left us struggling each week for players and we were lucky to field 11 players - most of the time we had 9 or ten. However, a huge thanks to the ladies from the SWG team who, when SOS calls were placed to them, willingly came and filled in for us and did a mighty fine job too. Thank you to all of you who helped us out!

Towards the end of the season it looked like we would be in the running for the wooden spoon. Nobody wanted it, although I have to say I did, at least we would have won something!!! As it turned out our last four - or was it five? - games of the season were our best. We had 10 players (sometimes 11) and the ladies never gave up. We were undefeated in all those games which is a credit to everyone for their determination and never say die attitude. Just imagine how much further up the ladder we would have finished if it wasn't for the weather... or not!

A huge thank you must go to Michael Thompson and Chicka for coaching us again this year. Where else would you be on a Sunday morning??? And so ends our season, without the wooden spoon, but another chance to have so much more fun next season - right ladies!!!!

Our wonderful team of champions was:

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Lauren "Gumby" Atlee  
Emma "Never give up" Dykes  
Racquel "Esky's Mrs" Esquilant  
Tania "Resident Kiwi" Hamilton  
Gaynor "Gazelle" Howell  
Jodie "Karaoke Queen" Murphy  
Kim "Kimmyyyyyyy" Perry  
Ruth "Sensible One" Pettit-Young  
Julia "Golden Boot" Spiteri  
Kate "Human Pinball" Stead  
Kerry "Coach's Fave" Thompson

And not forgetting our injured (and MIA) players:

Leanne Evans  
Debbie Duncan  
Rachael Eldridge  
Jackie Symes  
Robyn Read

See you next season ladies, well done!

LIZ

## **SWG Coach: Alistair McAdams** **Managers: Alistair & Anne-Marie McAdams**

The Scarlet Women of the SWGs had hoped to express their opinions of the season through the medium of dance. Having seen the casualties resulting from the dress rehearsal however, I decided that a 160 character text message from the culprits would suffice. Unexpurgated viewpoints are shown below. Names have been withheld to prevent ethnic cleansing and criticism of the public education system.

Soccer this season was great fun, some dud refs here and there. Shame the team lost it a bit at the end. Not much else to say. Is that what you wanted?

Great season with an excellent bunch of nut farm rejects. Highlights were injuring the opposition, Eva's goal that got us into semis n releasing my rodent!

We strtd out strong with Laura putin in goals from corners. A few penalties scord n savd n i believe i taught every1 a few words that i hope they wont repeat. Had a few losses but we came out stronger in the nd.

Creative writing was never my strong point. Let's just say the season was better than a kebab after a forty day fast!

My season review: i know a bunch of females, they like to play like fun. they run around the oval, most of their games they've won. the one that matter most, they ended up as toast. so say goodbye my spider friends, your coach the god's will roast!

We made it 2 the finals, Bout time 2 and despite losing we were by far the team who always had the most fun! Awesome season! Best ever! G-UNIT Represent!

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Best season ever. first time i felt team-like. worked cohesively. made great new friends. hope they come back next year

Sexy bitches rocked up every week, hangovers n all, to constantly dominate the g grade. hectic goals were scored, tears were spilled, n fights were initiated. a magical season all round...amen nigga!

Not enough refs, and those we had were crap:-)

A really fun season ladychaps. Semi-finalists, appalling dance moves and all round snappy dressers. A touch too much vom and a major casualty incident marked us as team to be reckoned with.

Thanks. Alistair

## ***AL1 Coach: Andrew Esquilant Manager: Wayne Ronald***

This group of 22 lads had it's origin in London England. A few of the boys thought it would be a good idea to have a kick together for old time's sake. The phones began to run hot back to Oz and before you know it 22 fit young men said yes to playing in a team. Next problem- a club! The Caringbah Redbacks said "yes" to an approach by the boys. The Redbacks were more than happy to support their inaugural all age 1's team. Another problem- a coach!? Keith Reynolds put his hand up, however due to health problems, unfortunately had to step down. Andrew Esquilant then said "yes" to coaching this new team. Not a good sign for the boy's social life when the coaches nick name is "Esky"!

In the mean time, the boys were already training, well before Christmas 2006. The first official get together was a trial game played at Padstow. If you told anyone that this team would end up in the A L 1 Semi Final in 2007, they would have given you 100 to 1. The competition started with a tough assignment against Gymea. We felt pretty good after a nil all draw. Next week- same result, Nil Nil against Cronulla. The coach leaves the country! No doubt looking for a striker or two. Menai at home, in the wet, the result was a six one loss. Not a real indication of the game, however, enough to screw our for and against for the whole season. Another draw against Miranda sees the boys getting a little frustrated with the lack of goals. In round 5 we record our first win Vs. Como, a night to celebrate, in fact, there is no excuse needed for this lot! Another win Vs. Sylvania (3-2) and the boys are getting some self belief about their season. However the dream was shattered Vs. RSL when they scored in the dying moments of the game- to snatch the victory (2-1)

Round eight, no one was to know that this was the commencement of *The Run*. Little did we think that the team would only taste defeat one more time in the regular competition. St Pats (twice), Sylvania and Lilly Pilli would suffer defeat at our hands. While Menai, RSL and Gymea were lucky to play draws against the dangerous Redbacks! Without a doubt those draws could have easily been wins and believe it or not would have resulted in us being minor premiers. However, soccer in a funny game and the unpredictability of the game is why we love it.

The last game against Gymea (played in the desert) sees us face possible exclusion from the semi finals. A late start to our game sees a tense final 10 minutes where the sideline crowd knew a draw was enough to get us through and a draw it was! The Caringbah Redbacks finished a very credible third on the ladder and play RSL in the elimination semi.

A very wet Sunday at Seymour Shaw welcomes our arrival. We discover that RSL pinched our dressing room (added motivation). RSL draw first blood against the run of play from a set move. They boys were playing well and displaying a lot of patience, the bench is working overtime supplying fresh legs. It is in the Eightieth minute when our patience is rewarded with a great goal. Full time 1-1. We only need to hold on in extra time to advance to the final. In the thirteenth minute of extra time...Disaster strikes!!! A shot on goal results in a wicked

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deflection and the ball is in the back of the net. The boys bravely fight on, only to see a glancing header in the last minute of the game, sail past RSL's post. This goes in and we go on, but to no avail our season is over.

Celebrations/commiserations commence immediately and go well into the night after a good kick start from the Caringbah clubhouse.

The team also entered the much coveted Bill Cullinan Cup, which is the All Age Mens State Cup. On the receiving end of a bye in the first round (which was welcomed due to unprecedented number of injuries), they met a Fairfield Hotspurs team in Round 2, which they brushed aside 8-1; with one particular player scoring 6 goals. In the Round of 16, opponents were Sylvania, and after leading 2-0 by half time, lack of reserves and the Friday nights game against Menai caught up with the boys and the game finished 2-2, and again 2-2 after extra time. Losing the penalty shootout was perhaps a blessing in disguise as it enabled the team to focus on the league, and finish in 3<sup>rd</sup> spot. This was a truly remarkable achievement for a team whose players had not really played together as a team before, a team where 12 of the 22 were not even playing football the previous year, and a team where some of the boys had not even played football for 5 years!!!

On reflection the lads, the coach, the supporters, the club and our very appreciative sponsors (Northies and Hotbodz) can be very pleased with the initial season for the Redbacks in All Age 1's. We walk away with our heads held high and have the off season to ponder on what might have been and more importantly, focus on season 2008, where the theme will be REDEMPTION.

The Redbacks played 18 games (incl. State Cup), had 4 losses, 7 draws and a magnificent 7 wins!

Lost semi final in extra time

Only 18 yellow cards all season- shows true discipline.

Goalscorer's List:

<b>Player (#)</b>	<b>Goals</b>
James Bale (19)	10
Luke Jesse (9)	6
Benn Ronald (18)	3
Darren Reynolds (6)	2
Brendan Fenwick (26)	2
Peter Fitzgibbon (17)	2
Josh Terelinck (20)	2
Adam Hopper (13)	1
Eduardo Naschenweng (14)	1
Daniel Govers (3)	1

Wayne

***AL4 Coach: Mitch Picken Manager: Mark Picken***

## **The Year that Was A/A4**

What started as a discussion between mates lead to the formation of the AA4 at the Redbacks for season 2007. Unfortunately some of those that were to come on board failed to show and we commenced the year struggling to field a full squad.

It wasn't till around round 4 or 5 that we were able to field the full compliment of players including this very aging manager. Without reserves proved to be our undoing and coupled with a few injuries an also a few of the

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boys traveling meant we struggled with numbers. It would be some time in the season before we enjoyed the luxury of a reserve.

With all that aside and although we were only able to secure a couple of wins, as a team we enjoyed the season for what it turned out to be.

This aging manager in particular enjoyed the season particularly as I had the opportunity of a lifetime to play along side both my sons.

Singling out players is always difficult but we did have a couple of stand outs during the season, our ever courageous goal keeper Wit was at times simply brilliant. He would have to be the only keeper I know that just loves the opportunity to save penalties on the spot which he did on a couple of occasions. I also need to single out our captain Mitch who put his heart and soul into every game and simply refused to give up.

With a few more cattle and a bit of luck I believe the team would have found themselves a little bit further up the ladder. I like to think that the boys used the season as a learning experience and can build on it for next season.

On behalf of all the players I would like to thank the Redbacks in particular Linda and Andy for taking us in for season 2007.

Mark Picken  
(The aging Manager / Player)

## ***AL6 Coach & Manager: Armando Trujillo***

First season as a new team and what a year... (well the beers were good)

We'll be back bigger and better next year, with no excuses

Thanks to our great sponsors "Caringbah Bowling Club" for there ongoing support

Also a big thanks to our coach "Armando" for giving his all each week.

Looking forward to a great season next year with everyone back on board (even you "Beef"). Sorry missus Beef, I meant Beav

Cheers

Dan

## ***AL8 Coach: Alex Bruce                      Manager: Lachlan Bruce***

### ***AL9(1) Coach: Mitchell Watson***

### ***AL9(2) Coach: Bryan Pirie                      Manager: Andy Crawford***

It was an up and down year for the AL9 2's... in that order. We opened the first match with a comprehensive 6-1 drubbing of Lilli Pilli, the perfect opening. A draw against an impressive Bangor side the week after was a satisfactory result given the quality of the opposition, and two more wins in the next two weeks had us at the top of the table. The next week saw our only loss in the first half of the season which should probably have been

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won with us squandering a 2-0 half time lead. Two disappointing draws followed, and then two good wins (including one against the eventual minor premiers Nth Sutherland) to round out the first half, leaving us looking well placed for the semis, sitting pretty in 2nd place.

The second half of the season began with a 4-0 loss to Bangor, a 1-0 loss to the other Bangor, and another 2-2 draw with Kirrawee, which took us to fifth over all, the first time all season we had dropped out of the top four. It was a position from which we were destined not to ascend. A win next week failed to improve our position on the table, and another 4-0 loss the week after was disastrous. With two weeks to go, we needed Menai to lose both games, and us to win both games to have a semi finals berth.

The second last game was a 4-0 win against the cellar dwellers Gynea, and to our delight Menai lost and had to beat top of the table North Sutherland next week to ensure their semis spot, while we had to rely on beating Lilli Pilli and Menai losing to Sutho in the catch up round.

The final game was the epitome of frustration- we went down to two Berries goals which came against the run of play in a game where we dominated possession, hit the post twice and had two misses from inside the 6 yard box. Lilli Pilli, with nothing to play for but the chance to drag someone else down with them, exacted their revenge for their first round drubbing at the hands of us Redbacks.

Better luck next year fellas, you put in a good effort and hey, that's just the way the game goes sometimes.

Congratulations to:

Rhys 'Jarhead' Donovan - Best and fairest over the whole season  
Ben 'Lau' Ellis - Golden Boot

## **AL11**      ***Coach: Mick Cavanagh***

AL 11's - Finalists

And so another season has passed us by. Really not sure if we under or over achieved this year but all in all surely 3rd cant be a bad finish in any one's books. One thing I can say though is that it certainly was a season of what if's... What if we didn't have those washed out games. What if just one or two of those shots didn't hit the woodwork at crucial times during the year. What if we didn't insist on playing in a mud pit/swimming pool (literally) at 8:30am at Seagulls...!! lol

Seriously though I would like to thank all the boys for another enjoyable year. I must say it's not always easy coaching/managing and playing but most of you have helped me out this year so thanks for that also. Once again we started the season on fire with some big wins and a lot of goals but as happened last year, something happened to us around June and the goals started drying up for us and we struggled to put teams away. If we could put our fingers on it, I reckon we would be just about unstoppable. The best thing for me about this year is that everyone contributed on the field and most improved their individual games. However we still need to work more on playing as a team. That will happen if we can get everyone to training every week.

We all helped to get us as far as we did this year which is why there are no special mentions here. We all know who scored the goals etc (and more importantly who saved all the penalties..! lol). I think if we all stick together next year we can go all the way. I hope to see you all back again and winning another title for the Mighty Redbacks..

Cheers  
Cav

## **35B Coach: Ian Ross      Manager: Grant Taylor**

When a team wins the last game of the year it is always going to be remembered. Many words can be used to describe the feeling of winning a Grand Final: Fantastic, Great, Awesome or the good old...You bloody beauty mate!

This year, the 35B "Allstars" were fortunate enough to win the Grand Final and I'm sure every player in the team would have used words similar to above on that day. However, the boys in the team would agree that regardless of the final result, the whole year was well, A Bloody Beauty! And that is because the journey travelled is as big a reward as reaching the final destination.

This year, the Allstars welcomed a number of new players to Capt 10 Bum's team. To Peter Chivers, Greg McDonald, Mark Apslet, Craig Lucas, Greg Alderson, Rob Kirst, Brendan Hill and Harry Christodoulou, thanks for choosing the Allstars because more than being great players, you are all a top bunch of blokes.

To the original team members: Rossi, Mick, Selby, Woodsy, Greg Logue, Andy, John, Lee, Andy, Glenn Doyle and last but not least Grant Shermanator Taylor, our three year plan of winning a Grand Final is complete.

A big thank you must go to our families, friends and the Redback community who watched our games, we really appreciated your support.

So, the journey is over for 2007 and this time, there *was* a pot of gold waiting at the end. For me, I'm just glad that that pot of gold was waiting at the end of each game with a big frothy head to be enjoyed with all my mates in the 35 Allstars.

Go the Redbacks!

Steve Southwell

## **35D Coach & Manager: Giulio di Stefano**

Far out in the uncharted backwaters of the unfashionable end of the western spiral arm of the Galaxy lies a small unregarded yellow sun.

Orbiting this sun at a distance of roughly ninety-two million miles is an utterly insignificant little blue green planet whose ape like descendents are so primitive that they still think that playing Over 35's football is a pretty neat idea.

This planet has a major problem which is something like this - most of the men playing Over 35's football are cranky and unhappy most of the time. And even worse are those poor wretched fools playing Over 45's football, but I digress.

Many solutions were suggested for this problem but most of these were largely concerned with the movements of a small little 32 panelled round ball around a rectangular shaped field. Which is of course is very odd, because on the whole, it wasn't the little round 32 panelled round ball that was unhappy. And so the problem remains. The lots of men playing Over 35's football that are very cranky and very frustrated. That is unless you belong to the Redbacks Over 35 D's. But why is this so.

Was it because that these fine athletes were more intelligent than the other primitive ape like descendents that played Over 35's football.

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And the story continues ....

So as our little blue green planet continued to slowly orbit the sun, the 35D's began to look for the answer.

But then it happened. As he mounted the altar, Taggy, our resident philosopher, looked at the team in astonishment and said: "But what is the question?"

The man was a genius. What was the question.

So as the Redbacks began to pop numerous questions to Taggy, the custodian of the sacred sanctity, he rejected them with contemptuous ease.

Without the question, what could we do but continue to play Over 35 football. And some of our disciples were even lucky enough to watch us play all the way to the Final.

And then it happened. There it was. The question...

And the answer to life, the universe and everything was discovered in the real uncharted backwaters of Woronora Heights in a very unfashionable and primitive area of the Shire.

So as the Redback 35D's finished their quest with a nil all loss, they contemplated what happened by asking: "Why wouldn't the small, little, 32 panelled round ball enter the goal?"

And what is the answer you ask?

Well, come back next season and all shall be revealed.

## ***35E Coach: Fraser Dykes      Manager: Peter Zahn***

The 35Es reformed again this year with a few new recruits and a lot of old bones and knee guards. Our talent scout Gaynor Howell did us proud and managed to secure the services of a Goalkeeper, by the name of Paul Mannion. Other new signings included Shayne Toet, Steve Hogg (Sponsored by Hogs Breath Café) and Dave the Super striker (we don't believe that Dave has a surname). To bring even more hope and optimism to the team a new coach (not the bus variety) was secured by the name of Fraser Dykes (Jock). Although the team had no idea what he was saying due to his strong Scottish accent, he seemed to find a friend in Chicca.

We started the season with a pact that if we made the grand final we would throw it anyway just to ensure we got on the Grand Final Day Bus which the whole team valued more than the Holy Grail. The scenario for Jock was simple - get us in the top four.

We started slowly losing two of our first three games but then we started to hit some form and began our climb up the ladder. In the second half of the season the team went through all rounds unbeaten and was looking at second spot before we conceded a penalty five minutes from full time to rob us of this honour. We ended up finishing third and going out in the semi finals in atrociously wet conditions in our bogey ground of Preston Park.

All in all a good season and a great bunch of guys who show what teamwork is all about.

### **Highlights of the season:**

- The Cougar (Spinksy) in his 1970s skin tight black tracksuit giving Spongebob the Red Card.
- Gaynor Howell rescuing us from defeat by declaring the pitch was unplayable against the Crusaders.
- The seafood buffet at the Trivia night.
- Howelly firing up against the opposition.
- The Grand Final Bus trip.

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## **Lowlights of the season:**

- Howelly's grapple tackle.
- The increasing costs of knee guards and Dencorub.
- Spongbob's knowledge of Excel.
- The hangover after the Grand Final Bus Trip.

## **Awards**

- Player's player of the year: Martin "Minnie the Moocher" Cansell
- Coaches player of the year: Brian "The Grappler" Howell
- Top Goal Scorer: Dave the Striker