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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 18th 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

After 2 years of Covid and then a year of wet weather we finally got to play a lot of football this season. We only lost one round on a Sunday and every Saturday round was played. I cannot remember this ever happening since I have been on the committee. It was more than welcome after the last 3 interrupted seasons.

Caringbah Redbacks once again had an amazing season. We had 13 of our 21 teams make it into the semi-finals and 6 of these teams making it to the Grand Final. (U12D, W16B, SWC, AL12, AL13, O45D2)
This is an amazing achievement for such a small club. Unfortunately, only one of these teams won their grand final - our AL13 team. These guys were also Minor Premiers. Big congratulations to the team, and everyone involved.

I would like to pass on my personal thanks to all the committee, volunteers and parents that have given up their time this season to help at the canteen on Friday nights and Saturday game days. Without you, we would not be able to operate and stay financially viable.

In addition, I would like to make a special mention to our Secretary Liz Spink who has been at my side for the last 7 years and gives me fantastic support each season. Many thanks to our new Registrar Michelle Newman and new Treasurer Kieran Spink who have both done brilliantly this season.

Redbacks is a family friendly club and I pride myself on knowing most of our club members and families personally. We are all part of the local community, and the club provides a safe, fun environment which grows stronger each year. I am very proud of our club and what we offer the local community.

This season we had 542 players register with the club. This is up from 483 last season. I am very pleased to say that once again we had large numbers of Mini-Roo players (200). Our club is made up mostly of junior players, 74% of our players are 18 or under. This sets us up for a very good future.

Once again, a big thank you to everyone involved in helping me to make this another successful season for the mighty Redbacks. I look forward to welcoming back all teams to the club in 2024.

Your President
Andy Neudegg

SECRETARY'S REPORT

At last, we finally were able to start our competition on time and for the first time in a very long time were able to complete all but one Sunday round of competition.

Another successful season was had by the mighty Redbacks once again with 13 out of our 21 competition teams making semi-finals and 6 making it to the Grand Finals, with our AL13 team being crowned Premiers. Well done!!!!! Congratulations to all teams this year I hope you enjoyed your season and made plenty of friends along the way.

Again this year we had a fantastic committee led by Andy Neudegg. Our new Registrar Michelle, worked day and night to ensure all players were good to go (not an easy task by any means!) Dawn, our Gear Controller was on top of all the uniform needs and everything ran smoothly. Huge thanks also to our Friday night canteen and BBQ ladies who, again, did a fantastic job as usual. Also to our Canteen Controller Fran and her helpers Grace and Bella thank you so much for giving up your time each weekend to man the canteen.

To all those that helped out whether it be on ground control, set up, canteen or any of the other many jobs that are required for the smooth running of the club my heartfelt thanks for a job very well done.

Hope to see you all back for a bigger and better 2024 season.

Liz Spink
Secretary

REGISTRAR'S REPORT

I am delighted to present the Registrar's Report for the 2023 season. This is my first season in the role, and it has been wonderful to meet so many fabulous humans, brought together by 'The Beautiful Game". Being part of the Redbacks community has been a privilege, and I am thrilled to share our accomplishments.

Special thanks to Club President, Andy Neudegg and Registrar, Melissa Rommell for their endless patience in guiding me through the player registration process, including sighting IDs, processing payments and navigating the vagaries of the various CMS and data platforms that this role encompasses.

Caringbah Redbacks FC is a small club, with a big heart and our registration numbers reflect the club's significant status within the local community. The 2023 season saw a total of 596 registrations across all age groups, representing an impressive 23% growth on 2022 numbers. The breakdown of registrations is as follows:

Tiny Tots (Under 5): 54 registrations 9%
Mini Roos (5-11) 200 registrations 34%
Youth (12-18): 150 registrations 25%
Senior (19+): 192 registrations 32%

These numbers represent 46 teams in total, showing an overall growth of almost 10% on last year. The team distribution for the 2023 season is as follows:

Mini Roos (5-11): 25 teams 54%
Youth (12-18): 9 teams 20%
Senior (19+): 12 teams 26%

Once again, I extend my appreciation to each and every member for their commitment to the club and the sport.
Looking ahead, we are excited to announce that the online registration system at www.playfootball.com.au will be available from early January 2024.

Michelle Newman
Registrar

TECHNICAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT

2023 COMMITTEE

President:	ANDY NEUDEGG
Vice President:	ROB IVANOSKI
Secretary:	LIZ SPINK
Treasurer:	KIERAN SPINK
Registrar:	MICHELLE NEWMAN

Committee:

Andy Neudegg	Liz Spink	Andrew Lawler
Kim Doyle	Mel Rommel	Michelle Newman
Giulio Di Stefano	Natalie Hawkins	
Jodi Backhouse	Rob Ivanoski	
Elle Green	Dawn Sims	

Technical Director:	Giulio Di Stefano
Child Protection Officer:	Andrew Lawler
Gear/Uniform Controller:	Dawn Sims
Canteen Controller:	Fran Rowley
Age Controllers:	
6's	Andy Neudegg
7's	Nat Hawkins
8's	Scott Milsted
10's – 21's	Steve Smith
Senior Men/Senior Women	Liz Spink
Sponsorship Committee:	Rob Ivanoski
Delegates to SSFA:	Andy Neudegg/Rob Ivanoski
Website Editor:	Nat Hawkins

CLUB AWARDS

YEAR	CLUB WORKER NORMAN JUDGE	BEST & FAIREST U14 STEPHEN JEFFRIES	CAROL TIPPETT MEMORIAL AWARD
1981	Neil Treadwell	Jason Facey	-
1982	Martin White	Adrian Henderson	-
1983	Paul Derbridge	Mark Hardy	-
1984	Gai Edmunds	-	-
1985	Garry Law	Brian Lumsden	-
1986	Elvis Hidalgo	-	-
1987	Keiron McGrath	Jason Nuell	-
1988	Neil Treadwell	-	-
1989	Fiona Madden	George Kounnafis	-
1990	Michael Feehan	Troy Blackwood	Lindsay Milsted
1991	Giulio Di Stefano	-	-
1991	Janet Knight	-	-
1992	Warwick Blackwood	-	Jann Hardcastle
1992	Warren Girdler	-	Jill Hughston
1993	Sharyn Girdler	Gavin Knight	Fiona Madden
1994	Michael Thompson	-	Robyn Pirie
1995	Paul Lucas	-	Sharyn Girdler
1996	Michael Littlejohn	-	-
1997	Giulio Di Stefano	Matthew Hughston	Lindsay Milsted
1997	Martin White	-	-
1998	Garry Law	-	Debbi de Boer
1999	Shane Wells	-	Jenny Clarke
1999	-	-	Gaynor Howell
2000	Glenn Doyle	Nathan Freeland	Sandra Jorgensen
2000	Michael Scott	-	-
2001	Gaynor Howell	-	Rinda Scott
2002	Brian Howell	Nigel Tiley	Linda Langton
2003	Bryan Pirie	Jessica Howell	Sandra Jorgensen
2004	Scott Milsted	Alexandra Casaceli	Linda Langton
2004	-	Daniel Lesmond	-
2005	Gary Freeland	Daniel Palamara	Kerry Thompson
2006	Giulio di Stefano	Karl Jorgensen	Jodie Murphy
2006	-	Michael Treacy	-
2007	Daniel Smith	Sophie Scott	Linda Langton
2008	Michael Cavanagh	Rachel Perry	Gaynor Howell
2008	Steve Hogg	-	-
2009	Bryan Pirie	Cameron Chappell	Gaynor Howell
2010	Stephen Tobin	Mitchell Shearman	Liz Matthews
2011	Phil Lesmond	-	Liz Matthews
2012	Giulio Di Stefano	Conner Leishman	Liz Matthews
2013	Terry Skinner	Amy Tilling	Ruth Pettit-Young
2014	Daniel Palamara	Christopher Schwartz	Nikki Durant
2015	Neil Jones	Jessica Armstrong	Nikki Durant
2016	Harry Symes	Ethan Rowney	Nikki Durant

2017	Howard Fox	Cameron James	Kim Doyle
2018	Ryan Pike	Madison Doyle	Jodi Backhouse
2019	Ryan Pike	Ash Watson-Steege	Mel Rommel
2022	Natalie Hawkins	Isobel Marr	Melissa Rommel
2023	Kieran Spink		Natalie Hawkins

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)	11E
2004	14D	14D	W16D
2005	9E	9E	14C
2006	SWC	10C, 11F	SWG
2007	9C	9C	10C
2008	18E	18E	10B/12C
2009	SWG	11C	14B
2010	W18C	SWD1	11W
2011	13C	W30C	W12B2
2012	11E	W12B	9C
2013	13C	18B	W14B
2014	W15B	14D	15B
2015	18B	18B	12A
2016	21B	21B	12D
2017	18D	W14C	W16B
2018	W30C	W30C	
2019	W14D	W12C	

YEAR	REDBACKS SERVICE AWARD	JUNIOR SPORTSPERSON	ACTS SECURITY AWARD BEST DEFENSIVE TEAM
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
2008	Declan Treacy/Brian Howell	James Palamara	SWF
2009	Steve Hogg	Nathan Breen	11C
2010	Phil Richards	Luke Di Stefano	11D
2011	Andy Neudegg	Jamie Death	13C
2012	Harry Symes	Maxwell Crook	SWB2
2013	Andy Neudegg	Jack Davis	18B
2014	Liz Spink	Ellie Esquilant	15B
2015	Liz Spink	Julia Castle	W14B, SWB
2016	Dave Chernich	Ashley Blayney	W14C
2017	Giulio Di Stefano	Ethan Rowney	W12C
2018	Steve Smith	Piper Dodson	W12C

2019	Jodi Backhouse	Livinia Burns	W12C
2022	Dawn Kennedy-Sims	Sienna van der Linden	
2023	Michelle Newman	Zulai McTackett	

	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
2008	13B	AL10	Lucy Scales
2009	11F	AL7	Benjamin Armstrong
2010	12D	-	Finn Ross
2011	W12B1	SWA	Joshua Ryan
2012	11X	W13B	Luke Rogers
2013	10F	-	Daniel Hoff
2014	16A	SWF	Hugo Cox
2015	W16A	AL2	Toby Tindale
2016	18A	18A	Kiera Toohey
2017	18E	W30A	Holly Sims
2018	21D	W14B	Judah Williams
2019			Emily Stellmacher
2022			Caiden Charles
2023			Matilda Newman

INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL GROUP AWARD
RISING STAR AWARD

2007	Nathan Donellan
2008	Daniel Quartermain
2009	Jessica Woolbank
2011	Luke Moss
2012	Troy Stamatelos
2013	Alex Tobin /Adam Castle
2014	Olivia Bode
2015	Sarah Lawler

2016	Chloe Neudegg
2017	Riley Phillips
2018	Luke Backhouse
2019	Tom Robbins
2022	Charlotte Slattery

THE JOHN WELSH MEMORIAL AWARD

	JUNIOR COACH OF THE YEAR	SENIOR COACH OF THE YEAR
2007	Glenn Doyle	Michael Cavanagh
2008	Michael Cavanagh	Andrew Esquilant
2009	Ivan Brown	Keith Reynolds
2010	Steve Mason	Dan Smith
2011	Paul Jones	Alistair McAdams
2012	Darren Lozell	Dan Smith
2013	Ben Steege	Chris Langby
2014	Santo Ambrosi	Chris Langby
2015	Ian Ross / Grant Taylor	Peter Zahn
2016	Ian Lynch	Rick McTackett
2017	Ben Steege	Michael Jones
2018	Tim Blanch	Gary Freeland
2019	Richard Hoff	Andrew Mancuso

SERVICE AWARDS

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	Stephen Tobin	2013
Nathan Freeland	2018	Gary Freeland	2018
Liz Spink	2018	Scott Milsted	2019
Steve Harris	2020	Dan Tehira	2020

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

YEAR	PRESIDENT	SECRETARY	TREASURER	VICE PRESIDENT	REGISTRAR
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	M Bell	Ken Tasker	P Moore
1971	R Walker	Ken Tasker Evan Craggs	Phil Craggs	L Simmons	P Moore
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
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 Warwick Blackwood	Garry Law
1993	David Madden	Jann Hardcastle	Lindsay Milsted	Warwick Blackwood	Garry Law
1994	Warwick Blackwood John Hughston	Lindsay Milsted	Jill Hughston	Warren Girdler	Garry Law
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	
2005	Lindsay Milsted	Linda Langton	Sandra Jorgensen	Jenny Clarke	
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
2008	Gary Freeland	Lindsay Milsted Giulio Di Stefano	Steve Hogg	Michael Cavanagh	Shayne Toet Andy Crawford
2009	Gary Freeland	Steve Hogg	Stephen Tobin	Michael Cavanagh	Bryan Pirie
2010	Gary Freeland	Steve Hogg Lindsay Milsted	Stephen Tobin	Carl McDowell	Bryan Pirie
2011	Gary Freeland	Steve Hogg	Stephen Tobin	Harry Symes	Steve Hogg
2012	Vacant	Scott Milsted	Stephen Tobin	Harry Symes	Steve Hogg
2013	Vacant	Scott Milsted	Stephen Tobin	Harry Symes	Andy Neudegg
2014	Gary Freeland	Greg Mann	Stephen Tobin	Harry Symes	Andy Neudegg
2015	Gary Freeland	Liz Spink	Andy Crawford	Andy Neudegg	Andy Neudegg
2016	Gary Freeland	Liz Spink	Andy Crawford	Andy Neudegg	Andy Neudegg
2017	Andy Neudegg	Liz Spink	Andy Crawford	Nikki Durant	Andy Neudegg
2018	Andy Neudegg	Liz Spink	Andy Crawford	Steve Smith	Andy Neudegg
2019	Andy Neudegg	Liz Spink	Andy Crawford	Steve Smith	Mel Rommel
2020	Andy Neudegg	Liz Spink	Andy Crawford	Steve Smith	Mel Rommel
2022	Andy Neudegg	Liz Spink	Michelle Neudegg/ Kim Doyle	Steve Smith	Mel Rommel
2023	Andy Neudegg	Liz Spink	Kieran Spink	Rob Ivanoski	Michelle Newman

U6B

For most of the boys this was their first season playing for the Redbacks but at times they looked like seasoned professionals. Pedro played with such flair he scored regularly including a double hat trick! Mack did some blistering runs up the field which resulted in plenty of goals. Eli was ever reliable in the midfield with his big clearing kicks. Benji showed a lot of passion and scored some great goals. As Eddie progressed through the season, he showed he has the skills of a great soccer player. Zade bought his natural skill to the team and added to the goal tally regularly.

We had some great wins and hard losses. But the snakes and lollies meant each game ended with smiles. Looking forward to watching these boys play for the Redbacks for many more years.

Thanks, Catriona



U6-D1

Team:

Caleb – Absolute power kicker. Scored a goal from halfway.
Flynn – Incredible growth over the season. The determined engine-room of the team, chasing down every ball.
Milos – Joker of the pack. Putting smiles on everyone's dials.
Noah – Silky smooth goal poacher.
Orton – Dominator in defence, with perfectly-timed slide tackles.
Sonny – Fancy-footed flair. The Messi of the team.
Wallace – Not scared to drop the shoulder. Played the game like rugby league.

Coach:
Barry - "Hands up if you're listening!"
Manager:
Michelle – "This week's captain / on oranges is…"

"Rule-number-one: have fun. Rule-number-two: score some goals!" were the weekly instructions from coach Barry for this fresh team of footballing first-timers.

One of our club's youngest Mini Roos teams, this intrepid group of four-turning-five-year-olds, took rule-number-one and RAN with it; rule-number-two, not so much!

The joy on the boy's faces as they proudly pulled on their Redbacks shirts, and, put their hand in the ring to chant "Go Redbacks!" was the highlight of the season for everyone.

Despite the fact our boys finished the season with just two wins, and a string of high scoring defeats, they never once let their heads drop. With a full team turnout most weeks, Caleb, Flynn, Milos, Noah, Orton, Sonny, and Wallace played with heart and determination.

Endlessly patient, Coach Barry armed these rookies with new skills, and it was wonderful for the parents to see the boys growing in confidence each week and things starting to 'click'.

With a solid base for growth and learning we can't wait to see what these boys are capable of when they get a second shot at the U6s in 2024.

U6I

In the lively world of Caringbah U6 I Football, a team was forged with more character than a superhero squad. Under the watchful eye of "Coach Dave", known for his boundless enthusiasm (and constantly reminding the boys to "just tackle") this group of young athletes embarked on a season that was nothing short of legendary.

Tommy "The Wall"
With Tommy on the field, the opposition might as well have been trying to scale a fortress. He guarded the goal with a determination that struck fear into even the most seasoned forwards. Despite constant nosebleeds if he crossed the halfway line, Tommy still managed to bag some crackers himself.

Nathan "Roy Keane"
Always in the heart of the action, Nathan emulated the spirit of the legendary Roy Keane. His midfield prowess was nothing short of masterful. Nathan's strong runs and fierce tackles left opponents bewildered (sometimes terrified) and teammates in awe.

Ollie "Long Ranger"
When it came to scoring goals, Ollie was like a sniper with a cannon. From near or far (mainly way too far), Ollie's shots often found their mark. His precision was matched only by his lack of celebration as if it was "just what he expected".

Finn "The Dribbler"
Finn had a sixth sense for dribbling, gliding across the field with the grace of a ballet dancer. Opponents chased shadows as he weaved through defences with finesse. Finn, aka "Giggsy," was a marvel to watch. Always smiling (unless he didn't win MOM 😊)

Dexter "Mercurial Talent"
Dexter was the embodiment of mercurial talent. His moves were as unpredictable as a plot twist in a mystery novel. Whether a sudden change of direction or a mesmerizing feint, Dexter kept both teammates, opponents (but mainly his parents) on their toes, waiting for the next magic trick or bacon sandwich.

Harry "Sniffer":
In the thick of goalmouth scrambles, there was no one better than Harry. Like a bloodhound for goals, he had an uncanny ability to find the net in the most chaotic situations. Harry, the ultimate opportunist (unless his shoelaces were untied again)

As the season unfolded, the Mini Magicians of Caringbah U6 Football brought a touch of magic to the pitch. With a wonderful blend of joy and friendship, each game was a spectacle of skill, humour, and camaraderie. The season may have ended, but the legend of this team will live on, leaving a legacy of laughter and soccer sorcery for seasons to come.

Russell Smith



U7B

The Under 7Bs came together at the start of the year and quickly developed a camaraderie that served them well throughout the season. Arlo, Ethan, Jude, Lennox and Remy displayed great teamwork and tenacity in every game and should be proud of the manner in which they applied themselves to their football.

The team's dedication to training was fantastic, with every player developing their skills and gameplay knowledge. By season's end things began to click, with many great passages of football often linking passes together to the benefit of their teammate.

Importantly, our team continued to display good sportsmanship and fair play. The boys consistently showed respect for their opponents, coaches, and officials. They have developed strong friendships both on and off the field, and we look forward to seeing them continuing on their footballing journey into the future.

Thank you to all involved in the club to provide these boys with the opportunity to play each week, and to the other families in team for their support.

Chris Gaffney (Coach) & Jon Shineberg (Manager)



W7A

The W07As had an exceptional season in the top tier of under sevens soccer. This team was a unique blend of talent, not necessarily comprised of the age groups absolute best players, yet they consistently delivered remarkable performances, establishing themselves as fierce competitors in a highly challenging league. They even managed to triumph over the undefeated Gymea team on two occasions, adding to their memorable season.

One standout moment was the Loftus Gala day, a true highlight of the season where friendships were cemented on the background of footballing fun.

Throughout the year, our girls displayed an aggressive and high-tempo style of football, facing incredibly talented opponents, and consistently upheld the Redbacks honour. Another feather in the team's cap was Matilda Newman&'s well-deserved recognition as the recipient of the Jake Dixon Memorial Award for Under Seven's Player of the Year. Matilda was singled out for the award as a result of her resilience and collaborative spirit towards the team.

Overall, it was a phenomenal season for these girls, and we eagerly anticipate what 2024 has in store.

Players in the spotlight:

Hannah - undoubtedly the most improved player of the year. Showcased her talent by scoring incredible goals and serving as a pivotal asset to the Redbacks.

Scarlett - ran tirelessly throughout the entire season and demonstrated her grit by delivering some spectacular performances, especially towards the end of the year.

Anastasia - crowned as the team's leading goal scorer. Consistently struck the ball with precision and power from all corners of the field.
Mia - a late addition to the team, immediately adapted and played like a seasoned veteran, becoming a stalwart in our defence.

Mathilde - known for her lightning-fast agility, chased down every ball with unwavering determination, proving herself as an indispensable part of the team despite being a first timer.

Matilda - exhibited remarkable skill and patience on the ball, guiding teammates to execute a number of set plays. This together with her outstanding sportsmanship, contributed significantly to the team's success.

W7B-1

Team: Bonnie Barker
Ivy Barlow
Ava Demir
Florence Lee
Elki Smoothey-Miller
Harper Tood
Ellie Yallop

Coach: Martin Todd with a little help from the enthusiastic parents

2023 was a great year for women's soccer with the World Cup and the great efforts of the Matildas which I think added an extra dimension to the enthusiasm of our little team.

We had players who had returned for the second year of playing as well as fresh new faces and what a great team we had. Each week I had the hard job of substitution were every one of the girls wanted to get back on that field as soon as they were subbed off with the ongoing dialogue of 'How long now.'

The efforts of the girls each week really impressed us all and they had already established their roles on the field. Bonnie and Elki were our strikers, little dynamites with no fear and happy to score which they did often over the season.

Harper and Florence were our established defenders and saved many goals with their hustle, with fancy footwork from Florence and Harper's big kicks to get the ball out of the opponent's goal. It was Ivy's first season, and you wouldn't have known it, she was everywhere and challenged everything.

Ava started off tentatively but by the end of the season she was in the thick of the game and she started to show some real skills. Ellie was the smallest but had great heart even scoring this season and what a celebration. It was a real pleasure to manage and watch the girls turn up wanting to play each week and have so much fun.

My job was made easy with the great parents who drove the girls to the games each week and showed support with guidance and wisdom to help the girls become an incredible team.

Shout out to Martin for being the coach of the WU7B1 girls team, it's not an easy job and the girls did listen most of the time. Thank you to Sheeri who stepped up and took on the coaching role when Martin couldn't do it. Lasting friendships were made with the formation of this team and I hope next season will be as good as this season.

Alison Parker (WU7B1 manager)

U8D

The boys had a great season and all improved their confidence and skills as the season progressed. In our early games there was a lot of bunching and crowding of the ball, but as they developed as a team managed to spread out and have some good formation and passing. Often playing with 1 or no subs meant everyone had plenty of game time and always gave their all.

Hudson – Playing his first season of soccer coming from league, Hudson wasn't afraid to challenge for the ball. He led the way in goals scored and had some memorable goal saves from his time with the keeper's gloves on.

Jonah – One of our most improved players throughout the year. Showed off some great ball control while running up the sideline and kept turning up despite a remarkable amount of ball strikes to the head.

Tom – Found the back of the net with some great strikes off the left foot and showed some excellent goalkeeping abilities when called upon.

Lachlan – A great all-rounder to have on the team. Lachlan persevered all season and after several near misses and some positional tweaks managed to get his elusive goal in our last game.

Evan – Our self-elected sweeper shut down a lot of opposition plays and got us possession back. Great defensive work and evasive when he had the ball.

Levi – Showed excellent ball control with some great attacking runs throughout the season. A great all-rounder and always close to the action.

Bodhi – Developed much more focus on the game throughout the year. Was always positioning well and calling for the ball. Had some great clearing kicks when we were under pressure.

Darcy – The great tactician was always keen to share his ideas for team formation and attacking plays.



U8F-1

What a season our boys had!

Unfortunately our team was short of players all season, but without reserves and often a player down each game our little legends had a lot of field time and watching them dig deep each and every game was inspiring. They never gave up and put everything on the field.

Their skills and game improved each week and by season end were a team to be reckoned with. I'm so proud of these boys for their grit and determination and big hearts. A huge thank you to our amazing coach, who consistently told the boys it is not about the score board but how you played.



U8F-2

Coach: Bryan
Manager/Spiritual Guide: Monique

The best part of my days are when I walk onto a soccer field feeling the grass under foot. The grass that is filled with blood, sweat and tears of the warriors of past Redbacks.

I can't play anymore. I'm too old. It is what it is, and the body knows what it can and can't do but every time I step onto Redbacks Stadium I am filled with such passion and joy that radiates from these modern-day warriors that there is no place I would rather be.

These boys never cease to make me proud and teach me how to be a better person. Thank you so much for allowing me to pass on any knowledge I have about soccer. The game is in good hands.

Big thanks to all parents and extended family members who contribute to a beautiful experience. Thank you so much to Manager Monique who was always there to make sure our team had fun and ran smoothly and was there with great words of wisdom.

My "job" is easy.

My warriors are:

Angus "The Mighty" Hill
Started the season on fire and then left on a family fact finding mission. Came back later in the season and was always ready to learn and improve.

Austin " Sonic" Roubetis
New to soccer and welcome addition to the team. Super speed combined with an infectious personality. Showed great improvement.

Caesar "Cman" Pirie
A constant source of joy. Reads the play like an old head and crunches in defence like a brick wall. At ease from goal to goal.

Charles “Charlie” Nicholson
Our linchpin between defence and attack. Usually involved in some part of the play and confident in his own ability. Massive!!!

Chester “Vitamin C” Schinazzi
Better than he knows he is. Understands the game and positional play as well as anyone at his age. Watching him is like stepping back in time.

David “The Weapon” Fifield
An attacking weapon that never stops. Always up for a chat and a laugh.

James”Jimmy” Perreau
An enigma wrapped in a mystery tied up with a ball, awesome. A free spirit that has the ability to shine.

Jenson “Double J” Wade
Easily has the best hair and best attitude. Always willing to try new things and has improved in leaps and bounds.

Miller”Big M (The Politician)” Robson
Future Prime Minister of Australia or Future Goalkeeper of the Socceroos. I would be happy with either. Assistant to the Assistant Regional Manager. This year wouldn’t have as been as fun if Miller wasn’t there.

Travis “T-Bone” Hogan
Our brick wall. Defensive and attacking dynamo. Beautiful to have watched improve over the years.

Thank you men.

Coach Bryan





U11E

The 11s spent their last season on the smaller field focusing on keeping position and playing as a team playing.

Season highlights included a heap of goals and also some spectacular goalkeeping performances. All the parents were so proud of the boys and are looking forward to next season already.



W16B

The 16WB team enjoyed a fabulous season in the B Division competition this year. Many players in this team have played together for numerous seasons and a few have played together for over 10 seasons now. Over the past two seasons, the team has been bolstered by new players who have joined the Redbacks from neighbouring clubs. This team plays with harmony, a tremendous spirit that is clearly evident.

For most of the season, the team sat in second position on the competition ladder behind Georges River. During the last few games of the regular season, we struggled to field a team, lost a few games and dropped to 4th place on the ladder.

In the first week of the finals, we played Sylvania and pulled off an inspiring victory. Ater conceding two goals in the first half of the game, we fought back to be two all at the end of regular time before sealing the game with a remarkable goal late in extra time. The following week we held our nerve to defeat Miranda one nil and progress to the final against Georges River. Unfortunately, we were beaten three goals to one in the final.

I would like to congratulate all the girls for their effort this year and thank Kerrie Tomlinson (Manager) for all the hard work she put in throughout the year. I would also like to thank all the parents for their support and encouragement this season.

U18C

Thank you to the boys for providing excellent footy entertainment each and every week. The good calls, the bad calls, the support, the laughs, the frustrations and the fun.

The season showed us some awesome plays, spectacular goals, impressive teamwork and ‘passionate’ supporters on the sidelines.

We were lucky to have the whole season with no rain, it really allowed our boys to play the game their way and enjoy it for what it was. We are thankful that the season was mostly injury free.

Steve and I also want to extend our gratitude to the fantastic bunch of parents involved. Always happy to give their time – this is what helps to make a great team. It's easy to see that the apple doesn't fall far from the tree. We have enjoyed each and every minute watching these young men.

And with that, we call a close to the 2023 season.

Steve Smith and Jodi Backhouse

W18B-2

Another season rolls by, not our best result wise but up there with the fun factor!

B grade was pushing our skill level and has made us better players for the next season. The derby games against the other redbacks outfit was good to watch, after losing the first round against them then winning the second round clash was a relief!

Lucky to have Redbacks' best manger, Michelle Dodson running the admin section once again.
We are still operating a team with no set goalie, hopefully next season we can find one!
I'm sure this vegetarian team (no beef) will return again and win another comp next year!



O45D-2

The 45D-2 team was a new team that was hastily formed in the days leading up to the 2023 season. It was comprised of players who have previously played for the Redbacks along with a group of newcomers who had not played football for many seasons.

The season started slowly with numerous narrow losses. However, the team began to gain momentum as the season progressed and by the midway point of the season, we were challenging for a position in the finals. After a wonderful three nil victory over Lilli Pilli, we found ourselves in 4th position and we remained in this position for the remainder of the regular season. By this stage of the season, the team had developed into a far more cohesive outfit who were playing well for each other.

In the first week of the finals, we surprised ourselves by defeating the Caringbah Redbacks D-1 team four goals to one. The following week, we defeated Sylvania, the minor premiers, three goals to one and were headed into final against Marton. Unfortunately, we were defeated one nil in the final.

In summary, this was an amazing effort by all of the players involved who worked together positively to achieve results that they can be truly proud of. I would like to thank all the players for their effort this season. I would also like to make special mention of Robert Riggs who helped form and manage the team this year. I know he enjoyed the season which was his last as a player for the club.