



CRONULLA CARINGBAH SHARKS JRLFC

2020 BLACK BOOK



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2020 COMMITTEE

President	Todd Ganderton
Secretary	Peter Axiak
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Treasurer	Janelle Ganderton
Senior Vice President	Cameron Johnston
Junior Vice President	Daryl Gleeson
Registration Officer	Pam Dean
Junior League Delegate	Nick James
WWC Officer	Pam Dean
Sponsorship Officer	Nick James
Canteen Supervisor	Caroline Tumeth
Gear Steward	Peter Axiak
Caretaker	Charlie Bate
School Liaison Officers	Andy Matthews Cameron Johnston

Our 35s league tag side played a friendly v Joeys "old battlers cup", game was played in great spirits. Thanks for the game Joeys. Cronulla Caringbah winning. Looking forward the 35s league tag comp starting again next season.



2020 CLUB AWARDS

ENCOURAGEMENT AWARDS

Lyla Ganderton &

Archie Matthews

JUNIOR PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Jayden Best

GIRLS LEAGUE TAG PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Frankie Potauaine

SENIOR PLAYER OF THE YEAR

David Kanard

WOMENS TACKLE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Taylah Noppen

COACH OF THE YEAR

Joe Lichaa

MANAGER OF THE YEAR

Ashlie Olson

TRAINER OF THE YEAR

Dennis Gonzalez

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

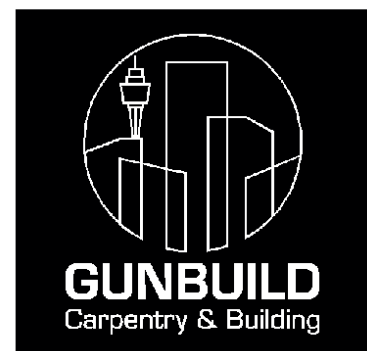
Daryl Gleeson



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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF CRONULLA CARINGBAH SHARKS J.R.L.F.C. Inc.

28 November 2020

4pm at the Cronulla Caringbah Sharks JRLFC Clubhouse.

BUSINESS

1. Apologies.
2. To confirm the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Cronulla Caringbah Sharks JRLFC held on 12 December 2019.
3. To receive, consider and adopt the Annual Report of the Committee for the Season ended 30 September 2020.
4. To receive, consider and adopt the Financial Report, Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure Statement for the season ended 30 September 2020.
5. To elect Office Bearers for the 2021 Season.
6. General business arising - of urgent matters only.

You MUST hold your Working With Children Check that is granted through the RTA - apply here <https://wwccheck.cyp.nsw.gov.au/Applicants/Application#> and take your paperwork to RTA for approval.

EXECUTIVE

President, Senior Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Assistant Secretary.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Delegates to any affiliated bodies; Registration Officer; Social Secretary; Publicity Officer; Canteen Manager, Gear Steward; Grounds Setup Team; Schools Liaison Officer; Insurance Officer, Working With Children Officer. Such other additional officers as it may determine such as - Bar Manager.

You MUST be a current financial member of the Cronulla Caringbah Sharks JRLFC, or the nominated parent of a current financial junior member of Cronulla Caringbah Sharks JRLFC to vote.

To ensure all applications are accepted and acceptable to our constitution, we must have at least 20 members present at the AGM.

Dated 31 day of October 2020

Peter Axiak
Secretary



Cronulla Caringbah Sharks JRLFC

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OFFICE BEARERS NOMINATION FORM 2021

Name: _____ Mobile: _____

E-mail: _____

WWC Number: _____

I hereby nominate for the position of:

_____ for 2021 Committee - Cronulla Caringbah Sharks JRLFC

If accepted and elected into the above position, I agree to abide by the Constitution of Cronulla Caringbah Sharks JRLFC.

_____ signature of Nominee - Date

_____ Nominated

_____ Seconded

Please send all nominations on or before 24 November 2020 to:

The Secretary
Cronulla Caringbah Sharks JRLFC
PO Box 712, CRONULLA NSW 2230

Or via e-mail to: secretary@cronullacaringbah.com.au

Positions available for nomination are:

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President | Vice President | Secretary | Assistant Secretary | Treasurer

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Junior Vice President
Registration Officer
Publicity Officer
Working with Children Off.
School Liaison Officer
Jnr League Delegate x 2-3

Canteen Manager
Gear Officer
Grounds Set up Team
Insurance Officer
League Tag Delegate

Caretaker
Sponsorship Officer
Social Secretary
Player Welfare Officer
Womens Delegate
General Committee x lots



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Request for Nominations – 2021 Office Bearers

Dear Member / Parent,

Firstly, we would like to thank all 2020 Office Bearers for Cronulla Caringbah Sharks 2019 season. It was a tough year with not many on the Committee, but those who helped out really dug deep and went over and above. We hope that 2021 finds us with more helpers and committee members – that old saying, many hands make light work is such a cliché, but so true.

We know that there are many parents with untapped talents and ideas that could improve our Club and do a great job on the Committee or in any other key areas of the club operations. Please give serious consideration to helping next year.

Nominations for the positions below should be lodged via email to the Secretary no later than 6pm Tuesday, 24 November 2020 to the PO Box or e-mail secretary@cronullacaringbah.com.au, or hand delivered to the Clubhouse.

Nominations must be Nominated and Seconded by a Member.

Note that nominations from the 'floor' will only be accepted where there are no written nomination for a particular position.

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Registration Officer	Gear Officer	Sponsorship Officer
Publicity Officer	Grounds Setup Team	Social Secretary
Working with Children Off.	Insurance Officer	Player Welfare Officer
School Liaison Officer	League Tag Delegate	<u>Womens Delegate</u>
Jnr League Delegate x 2-3		General Committee x lots

In accordance with the Club's constitution only financial or life members will be entitled to vote or hold official positions during the 2021 season.

Please give what you can to ensure our Club gets to the status that we have in the past – one of the greatest clubs not only in the Shire, but in Sydney & Australia.

Thank you.

2020 Retiring Committee

PRESIDENT AND REGISTRAR REPORT

Wow-what a season with the COV-19 epidemic, the season was delayed to after the school holidays. To play 1 game yet play the season was a remarkable effort so much work behind the scenes working with NSWRL and the Cronulla JRL, steps and procedures we had to put into place so the players could get on the field. No semi-finals this season which meant 1 v 2 on the ladder after the regular season then straight into the GF which saw most games played with semi-final intensity.

Fielding 32 teams including 24 Boys tackle, 2 Girls, tackle, 6 Girls league tag sides. Congratulations to the 9 teams that made the Finals. Special mention to the Boys tackle 11a, 12b, 9 Girls League Tag & our Sydney Shield side winning their Grand Finals.

Unfortunately due to the COV-19 restrictions we not able to have our trip to Inverell its a shame as its a great tradition between our clubs or have our major fundraiser night, Tommy Bishop Shield was cancelled along with the 6/7s gala which is such a highlight for the younger teams to be involved in.

Thanks to our coaches, managers & trainers the commitment and hard work you guys put are greatly appreciated, To the players every game was played with 100% commitment and should be very proud of yourselves, We hope you have had a great season and looking forward to having you all return next year.

To the parents, grandparents, family members who volunteered and supported the players and the club during the season Thank you.

Thanks to our major sponsors Tradies, Wonderwhite bread, Along with all our club sponsors we appreciate your support. All money goes directly back to the players helping keep playing rego cost down, new training equipment, player's uniforms and trophies on presentation day.

Thanks to our hard-working executive & committee - Pammy, Camo, Pete, Daryl, Janelle, Charlie, Celeste, Nick & co... The club wouldn't be where it is today without the time and effort that goes on behind the scenes.

Thanks, Megan Bard acting as our COV-19 officer.

Thanks, Caroline for another successful season of running the Canteen & Jess for your efforts in the Canteen on Sundays.

Thanks, Karen Frazer with your help getting the Black book together.

The AGM coming up it will be great to get a big attendance and get some fresh faces with new ideas joining the committee to help build on the hard work from previous seasons.

Enjoy the offseason and Looking forward to a ripper 2021 season. Gando & Pam

SECRETARY REPORT

Well 2020 was a year like no other. The year began with the club building on the number of teams it would field across both male and female tackle along with league tag. The clubs growth over the past few years attributed to the work done by Gando, Camo, Pammy, Janelle and Daryl. I'm very thankful to have worked with such a hard working executive.

As the season was ready to start we were hit with the corona-virus and footy was put on hold. Thankfully we were able to return and the work required by the NSWRL, Cronulla Junior League and Cronulla Caringbah committee should not be forgotten as it allowed us to have our children play the game they love.

Upon our return word got around that we would field an open men's team put together by father and son, Joe and Michael Lichaa. In what was a miserable start to the year for everyone, this lifted the spirits around the club in a very big way. We would soon learn that the team would have to compete in a NSWRL competition and not in the local A grade. It became very clear to me early on as to why, clearly they were a level above the local district.

Over the year I watched a number of games from our under 6's to our Sydney Shield team. From the passion of the players to the love of the parents I only see good times for this club that is stepped in history that in my opinion does not get the respect it deserves.

I'd like to make special mention to two women in the club, firstly, Carolyn Tumeth who has done a wonderful job running the canteen for a number of years now, sometimes at the detriment of not being able to watch her children's games, something I don't think I could ever do. You truly are just a great club person Carolyn.

Secondly thank you to Pam Dean. Pam asked me to be secretary this year to shoulder some of the burden. I cannot tell you enough about the work load of the role as secretary. While it has been hard and tiring at times I believe I've done so to the best of my ability and am honoured to have carried out the role for the club. When our Sydney Shield team entered the NSWRL Competition it took up a lot of my time and Pam as Assistant Secretary picked up the slack for me. Thanks Pam.

Whilst I am proud of all of our teams I'd like to make special mention of 2 teams in particular.

To our 11A's, congratulations on getting the monkey off the back this year and winning the title. You have been the outstanding team for the past 3 seasons, meeting a different opponent every single time and this year things went your way and you walked away victorious. The team is organised by people that care and it shows in your performances. To Josh, Ox and Dave I congratulate you all on how you have stuck solid and built the foundations for future success with this team.

Now to a team I was luckily to be heavily involved with, our Premiership winning Sydney Shield team. I was introduced to Joe Lichaa early on in the year and for reasons unbeknown to me he approached me and asked if I would help him with the off field side of things for the team. Anyone who knows Joe knows that he's hard to say no too. I learnt early on through Joe that to be a successful team it took more than a coach, it took a team of people he simply just got us all working for him. A great team of staff it is. Steve Kelly was brought in to assist with the coaching and all though having known Steve for a period of time I'd never seen him coach. I would stand in the background at training and on game days and listen and I can say that without doubt Steve would be one of the great minds I have witnessed in the game at this level. To Pete Saville thank you for allowing me to work beside you on handling the off field administration, I say we made a good go of it and our results certainly prove that.

To our trainers, game day staff, physios, our sponsors and 'the worst ball boys ever', thank you for all helping me make this a success, I sincerely love you all.

To the players, what a great group of men you are. You included me in everything and treated my son and family with the utmost respect. When the score on grand final day got back to 26 – 12, I could hear the words in my head saying as Michael would always say to me, 'we'll win this Pistol Pete and then we'll party'. You were a man of your word Michael and I for one know what you put your body through just to get their on grand final day. As I said to you all, do not under estimate what you have all done for the club and its junior players. Thanks kings.

Finally to Joe. What started out as a simple request has turned in to a friendship that feels as though it has been for many a year, one that will continue for as long as my days. I hold you and our friendship in the highest regard and thank you for bringing me on a journey that will last with me forever.

To my wife and children thank you for allowing me to be absent so much during the course of the year, you mean the world to me.

Finally to all our members thank you for having me as secretary and for being a friend. The club is in a great position to build on and thrive into the future.

Cheers Pistol.

Peter Axiak



TREASURERS REPORT

It was a short but successful season this year for the Cronulla Caringbah Sharks! Our Profit & Loss and bank account are showing that the hard work put in by the dedicated volunteers has been effective.

As has been the case in previous years our main expenses have been payments to the JRL for player fees and insurances, \$23,890.93, Gear costs, \$39,839.93 and Canteen and BBQ supplies, \$23,722.23.

Registration fees have increased as has sponsorship and these have helped to give us a profit currently of approximately \$68,000. A massive increase on last year! This profit will help pay for maintenance of the clubhouse and the purchase of fresh gear for all teams next year.

This year we have had a number of new sponsors that have come on board and some of our old sponsors that are still helping keep our kids on the field. I would like to thank all sponsors as without them we couldn't keep our club running. It is greatly appreciated! Thanks to;

- Bob Mol Automotive
- Bodyfit
- Condell Park Smash Repairs
- Cripps & Cripps
- DLB Insurance
- Duffy Landscapes
- Gun Building
- Hinton Linings
- Ideal Roofing
- L R Dunne Cabinetmaking
- Lucky Dog Minding
- McDonald Strata
- Nulla Nulla
- On Que Electrical
- Pink Termite & Pest Control
- Reef Pools
- Rep Ready
- Rhino Mouthguards
- Runnulla
- Sanders Property Agents
- Saville and Watson
- Signature Property Agents
- South Beach Seafood Co.
- Southside Physio
- Synergy Group Australia
- The Tool Store
- TLH Group
- Vitalis Family Medical Practice
- Websters Locksmith
- Wonder White
- ZMH Metal Roofing

Thanks also to Nick James for working with the Tradies to acquire their \$10,000 grant. The Tradies have been our main sponsor for many years and their grant allows us to provide training shirts to every player free of charge. We can't thank the Tradies enough.

Special thanks go to Caroline again this year. The reason our canteen runs so well is all down to the hard work Caroline puts in all season. The canteen is still our only income stream and Caroline has it working like a well-oiled machine. Our canteen income was only down 25% on last year and given the late start to the season due to Covid this is amazing. Even more amazing is the fact that even with the reduction in income the profit for the canteen is up 38%. Well done Caroline!

Janelle Ganderton

Treasurer

SENIOR VP REPORT

Well CCsharks after what was supposed to be a crazy short Covid19 season it felt like it was actually longer than usual to us committee members. This is mainly because of the extra hoops we were made to jump through just to get us all on the field.

In the end it all turned out ok and we were able to get on the field for a successful season. We won a handful of premierships in both tackle and league tag which was awesome and congratulations to those teams that came away with a premiership. To all who played the 2020 season win, lose or draw I hope you all made some lifelong friends and memories because that is what it is really all about.

The highlight for 2020 for a lot of us older crew and life members like Charlie Bate was the A grade mens premiership win which has been 42 years in the making.

The look on Charlie's face when we presented him with the Shield was priceless. The wait was well worth it as it made the win all the more sweeter. Thank you to Joe Lichaa for being a man of his word building the team that would bring us this premiership. Thanks to his assistant coach Steve Kelly for playing a huge part in the direction and thanks to the trainers and medical staff.

Brooke Barlow you and your band of troops are worth your weight in gold. We seriously can't thank you enough for your time and generosity. Thanks to both the Pete's with the work you both did behind the scenes. The average person doesn't see or know what you guys do to get a team of this calibre on the field each week.

Off the back of this Sydney Shield venture not only did we win it in our first attempt but we also raised funds for Kurt Drysdale. Kurt is one of our former players that suffered a tragic neck injury playing at a representative level leaving him wheelchair bound a few years back. The fact we were able to raise a little support to help Kurt and his family during our Sydney Shield campaign in this Covid year speaks volumes in the culture of our members so well done CCsharks and hopefully we can help Kurt a little more in the future.

This year we also had Matt Emery, Bradley Whetters and Jeremy Saville coaching teams whilst they were still playing themselves. We haven't seen this kind of player/coaching commitment for some time so well done on showing great leadership and being such good role models to the young players that look up to you guys.

Huge thanks to all our committee members and their partners. Not just the executive committee but all members that helped throughout the year. Whilst volunteering your families miss a fair amount of time with you during the week and a fair part of the weekends during the season. It's a big ask but it doesn't go unnoticed so on behalf of every member, thank you.

Special mention to Daryl Gleeson our Jnr VP on his behind the scenes work securing us the highly prestigious 'Blue Shield' badge. To be recognised as a Blue Shield club is well respected and a lot of work is required to achieve this with a club as big as ours. Well done Daryl, you are our 2020 'Volunteer of the year'.

Looking forward to 2021 and rolling off the back of this great season we have had in 2020.

#wearesharks #CCsharks
Who let the sharks out !

Cameron Johnston



U6 BLUE

Fantastic season had by all kids involved this year!

All great listeners and willing to learn the greatest game of all .

Remy. : Natural born footy player , strong runner with great defence.

Asher : The best 6 year old defender I have seen . No one gets past him . Very strong runner with the ball .

Hunter: Great footwork , improved every week .

Phoenix : Big and strong , started season off slow but finished with a bang with some huge runs and tries up the middle .

Tayl : Speed to burn can find the try line from anywhere on the field .

River : Plays well above his weight , huge heart and puts his little body on the line for his team .

Parker : Improved every week , in both attack and defend .

Brax : Started season off slow , but finished with a bang also . Playing a lot more minutes and scoring some nice tries .

Darcy : Unfortunately season ended to a broken arm but played well above his weight .

Was an absolute pleasure coaching these future stars, I know they enjoyed their season and hope to see them all next season.

Josh

U6 RED

Coach: Michael Srougi - Trainer: Brett Cooper - Manager: Kate Cooper

Undefeated little champions! The year that nearly wasn't ... turned out to be our best season yet! Whilst this year brought about many changes and fewer games, it didn't deter our under 6 Reds. They came out stronger than ever. Each week they gave their heart and soul and played like it was a premiership. Friendships were strengthened, ball skills improved and comradery continued. We began the season with Coach Michael on the field and ended it with him on the sideline. Doesn't that just say it all! Coach Michael, you did it again. Most importantly, you survived! I think we can safely say you have graduated to Under 7s (well for a year at least!). Thanks so much for all your efforts throughout the season, on and off the field. We said it last year and we will say it again, your dedication, organisation and patience is second to none. We appreciate all that you do for our boys and look forward to some off season training"!

Our team ...

Dominic Bowyer #3: "The Dominator". Whenever we needed a tackle, Dom was there. He's got speed, strength, focus and determination. Dom was always 'on' in every game. Watch out for The Dominator next season.

Grayson Chandler #9: Grayson has come a long way since last season. He made some great runs and tackles, was never afraid to put his body on the line and loved the magic water on the bench! Well done Grayson.

Leo Cooper #6: Leo found his feet this year and made some great tackles. From not enjoying the contact and not wanting to play, by the end of the season Leo was happy to throw himself in harm's way and pull off a try saving tackle. Super effort Leo.

Dax De Haan #4: Agility, speed, drive and hair! Dax had it all going on this season. Go hard or go home! Dax certainly gave each opposing team a run for their money. Can't wait to see you on the field next season buddy!

Luke Gruchot #5: Luke, the palming king and speed demon. This kid is quick! As soon as he touches the ball, he's off. Luke had some great try scoring moments this season. Can't wait to see what he brings next year. Go Lukey!

Ned James #1: Ned kicked off some super starts to our games this season. Kick off the mark, he certainly found the try line and played some of his best footy yet. Well done Ned.

Koby Srougi #7: Koby gives his best every game. Our little smiling assassin was able to keep clear of the sideline this season and find the try line numerous times. Well done Koby we look forward to your enthusiasm next season.

Thank you to all our supportive parents for helping out with club and team duties, for team photography and for cheering our boys on each week. A special shout to "stand in" Pete, who excelled at interchanges and magic water!! We are so proud of you boys. Well done on another great season. Can't wait for 2021!
Kate J



U6 YELLOW

What a year this has been! The team was made up of boys between the ages 4-6, and for most of them this has been their first year playing modified league in a team competition. The start of the season was tough on the boys because of Covid 19. They had to take a long break from doing any form of playing or training followed by adjusting to the new restrictions when the competition had started back up.

In the end, our team has really come together not just as team mates on the field but as friends off the field.

Right from the registration, I knew there was something special about these boys. After putting on the Sharkies Jersey, grabbing a football and playing around on the field, I knew these group of boys were ready to have a good year. And they did!

The aim for the boys this season was to teach them the basics such as playing the ball, passing and catching the ball, the basic tackles, running straight and making sure they didn't run over the sidelines.

As the season went on every single one of the boys had improved so much and they all gained more confidence as the weeks went on. The boys had taken what they had learnt and practiced at training and used it in every game they played. As the weeks went by, the boys had not only become more skilled individually but they also to played better as a team.

With the great season the boys had this year, I know that this is the start of a new and fun journey for them.

I would like to thank our team's training staff. Thank you to our team manager, Jennifer Hay, who kept our team organised by setting up the Facebook group, sending out the messages and scoring every game.

A big thank you to our assistant coach, Mark Winder, who showed great passion and enthusiasm for the team and the boys. He showed up to every game and training session motivated to help not only the boys but myself as well.

All the boys should be so proud of themselves as they all improved so much.

There are many highlights for the team this year but the following five stand out the most.

- 1: Becoming and working as a team as well as developing mateship.
- 2: Everyone scoring a try.
- 3: Listening and learning through training and then putting their practice into play.
- 4: Tackling with care and ball handling skills.
- 5: Having fun and building confidence.

Archer Tunbridge Archie this season was Mr. Consistent. He is a terrific ball runner and a great tackler. He never battered an eyelid while at training or in the game, he always listened and followed the given instructions. Archie shows what a well-balanced football player should be on the field and off the field.

Axel Kelloway Axel joined us halfway through the season and is the youngest player in the team. Being the youngest in our team did not discourage him from having a good go. He was always willing to tackle the opposition without hesitation. Axel scored an amazing try in the last game of the season, earning himself Man of the Match.

Bohdi Crothers Bohdi was quiet during training sessions and it took him a few weeks to adjust to the game but once he adjusted and got a feel it, Bodhi made great runs that were always hard and straight. Bodhi made many amazing tackles throughout the season. Bodhi's a consistent ball runner and his skills helped out the team.

Flynn Stares At the start of the season Flynn was very reluctant to attend games and training. However, as the season went on Flynn started to develop a love for the game and became excited to play and train. Flynn made some great tackles and attempted to run the ball a few times. Flynn has improved so much since the start of the year.

Harry Sutherland I consider Harry the Side Step Machine. Harry fairly new to the game but has become a natural on the field. From his footwork, tackling and passing from dummy half, Harry was great asset to the team and was always asking for a run. Harry should be so proud of himself, in the 2nd game he scored 4 tries, if not more.

Jack Simpson Jack is an all well rounded player. Once he adjusted to the game we began to see that Jack is a player that is able to move quickly and easily. Jack has scored numerous tries throughout the season making him a great asset to the team. Jack made great tackles throughout the season as well.

Jackson Hay From his first game to his last game, Jackson gave 110% each and every time he was on the field and at training. Jackson made many hard hit, try saving tackles throughout the season. Wherever the ball was, Jackson was. He especially found a love playing full back and often asked if he could play in this position.

James Winder James almost always fell naturally into the fullback position. With determination, he always tried to play his very best every game and always tried his hardest at every training session. James, with his speed, made a great player in both offence and defence. James became a key in our games and is a very tough player.

Mason Vink Mason is one of the most improved players in the team, his best game being the last. Off the field Mason is a shy, quiet boy off the field but once the game started he became fierce and had a Martin Lang style of running. Mason always ran hard and straight and didn't stopped until he hit the ground. Mason never gave up and never stopped trying his best in every game.

Nate Dolden Nate is a player who was always willing to try his hardest both in the game and at training. In the last game of the season, Nate played the majority of the game which just shows how tough this young player is. Nate has a fierce tackling style and when he has the ball he makes a great attempt to fend off almost every player that came near him.

These kids have been an absolute pleasure to train. I have enjoyed every training session and game I've had with these boys and I am so proud of how far they have come since the beginning of the season and I hope to see them all back for another season next year. If all of the boys have made this much improvement, I can only imagine how great they will be next year!

To all the parents, thank you for letting me coach your kids. It's been a great experience and I have enjoyed every minute of it.

Aaron

Under 6 CC Yellow (AS)

U6 GREEN

Well what a year!!!!!! Like all Teams for 2020 we are extremely grateful to have had played the 10 game modified season. The Team had a mix of experience with some boys playing their first season, some their second season and one playing 2 age groups up!!!

The boys had more than a successful year, they had 7 Wins, 1 Draw and 1 Loss to the smallest of margins (30-26) with an unsuccessful try in the dying second of that match vs De La. Most of all what was very pleasing was the respect and empathy that they showed every team we played again.

Our Training Staff were Ashlie Olson (Manager) who managed the roster, fostered great relationships with the Parents and was the back bone of our great team. Ashlie's passion for the boys and the games were unparalleled and whilst scoring the match ensured she took videos of each player and sent them to their families after the game.

Wesley Wai Wai (Trainer) was a great support for the me at training. Wes would assist at Training with pad development and the most scary 15 minutes of training – the practice game!!!!, His level of compassion and understanding when the boys were “injured” during the game was amazing.

The highlights for the team this year were:

- 1/ Developing a team/mateship with their other players that will hopefully lead into Under 7's and beyond.
- 2/ Learning that defensive footy wins you the game. Defensive effort was legendary.
- 3/ Every player scoring a try for 2020.

William Jurd Some kids can play naturally and this is a tag that will follow Will in the years to come. Finished the year with most tries for 2020 with over 20 scored. However what we have seen in attack is also duplicated in defensive and whilst there was no Fox Sports Lab, Will probably finished the season with most tackles. Often seen racing across the field from wing to wing to pull off a 1:1 tackle. All round League Player that will keep developing and supports the Sydney Roosters. He is developing into a young Brett Morris type of player. Tough and gritty.

Toby Edwards Toby has been one of the players that keeps develops week to week for the team. Had not played league before this year and started to learn to focus on his strength and size. Toby developed a brilliant fend and towards the latter half of the season would often send opposition players falling over by taking the line on and bursting through. Reminds me of another player that could burst through a line with a massive fend and send his rivals tumbling over. Toby supports the Sydney Rooster. Could we be seeing a new Sonny Bill Williams in the making?

Jesse Webber Jesse joined us a few games into the season. He came to a Friday Afternoon training session, asked to train and that was the start of an amazing first season for Jesse. Often playing close to the half back role, he would run into the line, step just before first tackler and off he went. What was amazing to see was Jesse's non selfish play for his team mates. In one true amazing morning of footy, Jesse broke the like, could have scored, but passed to support player on the wing for a great team try. Jesse supports the Penrith Panthers and starting to look like his idol – Nathan Cleary.

Rahiri Pirini Our youngest player in the team and started the year playing at 4 years old. However as the saying goes..... age is just a number. Rahiri finished the year as the 3rd highest try scorer in the team. The team has some players that could score a try. So this is saying something. Rahiri's footwork is something that you cannot teach and is a true natural talent when it comes to running the ball and looking for line when it's not set. Rahiri is also known as the loudest singer of the CC Sharks Celebration Song. Could we be seeing the start of a young Benji Marshall or perhaps a dual representative with the NZ All Blacks?

Luke Gleeson Luke's second year at the Under 6 Level and with the CC Sharks. Luke is developed into a fine runner of the ball and often seen taking on the line at the Centre Position and using his footwork to get 1:1 with his opposite and then onto the try line. Often looking to get plays going from offloads from his team mates and has a great eye for what team work is. Has improved dramatically with his tackling and defensive effort this year.

Massive Fan of the Cronulla Sharks and starting resemble the likes of Shaun Johnson with that foot work close to the line.

Jax Barnett Jax started the year very quiet and a little hesitant to tackle and run into the line hard. Fast forward 10 matches and the look that Jax has on his face running into the opposition is priceless. Has started to learn that he can walk the ball forward whilst has the entire pack of the opposition on his back trying to tackle him. Highlight of the year was seeing Jax send 2 opposition players cartwheel backwards from a left sided fend and score a length of the field try. Starting to develop into one of the great Canterbury Bulldogs forwards – Jim Dymock.

Kai Baxter Kai earned the title Mr Footy during the year. First full year of League for Kai, however played like a player that has done it all before. Kai finished the year with second highest try scorer for the year with just on 20 tries. Kai is not one of the bigger kids of the team, but he heads straight up the middle with no fear or hesitation to break into the line. Whilst it was in the only trial match, Kai's first run in footy was into the pack and they fell like dominos. An apparent Fan of the Cronulla Sharks, I'm starting to see a young Wade Graham develop.

Marley Wai Wai At the start of the year and during the first trial of the year, Marley asked how do you play rugby league? 10 rounds on and during our Round 9 Match, Marley scored not only a hat trick but 4 tries in that game. So I guess that answered his earlier question. Marley developed a half back running game and developed a great right handed fend that helped keep the opposition at bay. Marley's defensive work was great and the longer the season went on, the more 1:1 tackled he would make. Marley supports any club that plays the Warriors (??) plays like a young Nathan Cleary.

Charlie Saunders Charlie also joined us a couple of games into the season. Charlie was probably the most vocal in the team on the field. Charlie soon developed into a young player that was extremely focused at training and this flowed onto the field each Saturday. Very all round type of footy player and could score a length of the field try along with an amazing try scoring tackle often coming from nowhere. Charlie really found his footing in the last few rounds of the year. Charlie is quite the organiser on the field and is constantly arranging the boys in attack, could this be the signs of a young Cooper Cronk being seen?

Charlie Beare Charlie's second year in the 6's and his ball playing skills are exceptional and shows that he is developing into a fine footy player. Charlie's expertise was the tap and go from the restart. Charlie would often beat the opposition out on the wing with a quick left and right and off down field he would go. Great defensive player for the team and would often put his body on the line for a 1:1 tackle. Charlie is one of those players that will develop into a team player rather than an individual as he always puts the team first. With his wing skills he is starting to emulate the leading NRL Try Scorer from the Cronulla Sharks – Sione Katoa.

Boston Karuria – Henry Boston started the year with us and unfortunately only played 1 trial and 1 game before setting off to Japan with his family. Boston showed a passion for footy and if he did play the year, I am sure we would see the start of a career similar to James Tedesco for the mighty roosters. What was pleasing to hear that Boston kept in contact with his team asking for updates.

So in the end it was a true pleasure to Coach these bright and energetic bunch of little legends.

The passion they showed at training showed during their games and why they had the results they did.

So what do you reckon boys, are we ready for the 7's in 2021?

Daryl

Under 6 Green Coach



U7 BLUE

Another year in the books, and another outstanding effort, by this amazing group of boys. After an outstanding year in our first year, going through the season winning 14 games from 14 starts, the boys backed it up this year going through the season with only the one loss. This season we had three new additions to the team, Jack, Campbell and Cooper.B. These boys fit seamlessly into the team, not only as solid little footballers, but more importantly, as great teammates.

After a delayed start to the season, it was obvious in the first few training sessions that the boys were ripping and ready to go once the season finally kicked off. The boys put the effort into their training every Friday, leading to the team achieving great results on game day.

This year was a completely new year when it came to our discipline and ball handling. The removal of the 'second chance' rule, meant the boys had to be much more switched on in attack. It was great to see the boys learn the new rules, put them into practice at training, then implement what they had learnt on game day. As a coach, that was one of the most rewarding aspects of our game, that I took out of this season.

Throughout the year we had some massive wins, played out a couple of tough fought draws, and tasted defeat for the very first time. Regardless of the result, the boys played as a team every week and ensured that no matter who we came up against, we were always going to be tough opponents in both our attack and defence.

Specials thanks to Pete Cohen (Trainer/Assistant Coach) and Darryl Melvin (Manager). Pete's input at both training and on game day, were a major contributing factor to the successful year the boys had out on the park. Pete's knowledge, experience and patience with the boys was a massive asset for our team. Darryl once again managed the roster and all of our game day duties/responsibilities. Darryl's support and contributions to this team were also an asset. The post-game video reviews Darryl produced were also something to look forward to each week.

Ryan Cohen Ryan continued to improve in both his attack and defence. In attack, Ryan has consistently shown that he can outrun his opponents at will. Ryan added more aggression to his running game this year, whether it be one of his lightning fast sideline runs, or tough runs straight into the teeth of the defence, Ryan was near impossible to tackle. Ryan's cover defence was also as impressive as his flair in attack. We have a future fullback in the making.

Cooper Melvin Cooper built on his dangerous running game this year. In attack, Cooper looked like he had spiders on him for much of the year, with the defence finding it almost impossible to take him down. His side stepping also went to a new level this year. Cooper matched his defensive efforts of last year, with several important try savers throughout the year. With his ball skills and elusiveness in attack, Cooper is shaping up to be a dangerous five eight in future years.

Luka Arbinja Luka's most dangerous weapon is his sheer speed. It was very rare this year to see Luka get tackled, consistently leaving defenders in his wake, on his way to the try line. Added to this, Luka's efforts in defence, for his size, were enormous. Luka's defensive efforts were lethal at times this year, taking down opponents who were twice his size. With the inclusion of his skill with the ball in hand, Luka is shaping up to be our future half-back.

Oliver Campbell Oliver's confidence levels built with every game he played. As he did last year, once Oliver realised that he is near impossible to tackle when he runs straight and hard, the floodgates opened. Added to that, a lethal fend, Oliver was able to bulldoze his way down the field with his barn storming runs. As the confidence grew, so did Oliver's efforts in defence, shooting out of the line putting pressure on the attackers. I think Oliver is guaranteed to have one of the two future starting front row spots in this team.

Caleb Jackson Caleb, with ball in hand, no longer needs to intimidate the defence with his loud roar, instead, pulling out some dangerous fends and proving difficult to tackle once his side-stepping was in full flight. As his confidence grew, so did Caleb's talk out on the field, organising our defensive line, ensuring that the defensive wall of ours was going to be tough to crack. Caleb is shaping up to be a dangerous weapon in the outside backs in future years.

Hugh Teasel Hugh is unofficially the smallest player on the team. You definitely wouldn't realise it in his attack. Hugh proved to be one of the toughest players on our team to tackle. With his elusive running game and strong fends, Hugh made massive post contact metres, leading to line breaks and some big tries. In defence, Hugh put his body on the line, punching well above his weight every week to make some massive plays in defence when our team needed it most. With his pace and strength, Hugh is shaping up to be a great hooker one day.

Campbell Sellick Campbell had his first year in league this year, and his transition was seamless. Campbell's fire in attack added another dimension to this team. Getting off the mark in his very first game, Campbell didn't look back, scoring tries in every game he played in. As the year progressed, Campbell's efforts in defence, matched his abilities in attack. Campbell would be one of the toughest players in our team, and in his first season in the team, should be very proud of his efforts. Again, I think we have another strong forward in the making.

Cooper Bell Cooper had his first year in league this year. If an award were to be given out for our most improved player throughout the year, it would go to Cooper. His confidence levels grew with every big run he had in attack, leading to a number of great tries during the year. As one of the smaller players on the field, Cooper was also fearless in defence, with his tackling having improved every week he ran out onto the field. With his quick footed stepping and ability to get to the try line, we have an outside back in the making in Cooper.

Jack Gallen Jack had his second year in league this year, although it was his first for this team. Jack's commitment and attitude to his training, was reflected each weekend, on game day. Jack's improvement in attack and defence was on display each weekend, continually growing in confidence, leading to some big runs and a number of great tries. Like a number of the other boys, Jack has a dangerous sidestep and will prove to be harder and harder to tackle in future years. Again, I think we have another valuable addition to our backline in future years.

Coaching this group of boys has been an amazing and rewarding experience for me personally. Their commitment, teamwork, courage and passion has been on display every week, both at training and on game day. Next season couldn't come soon enough. Bring on 2021. Go the Sharks!

Pete Under 7 Blue (Coach)

U7 RED

Unfortunately we didn't get entire footy season this year due to COVID-19 but when the season did fully kick off, the boys were so pumped to get back on the field.

The first game was a little rusty but the boys soon found their feet and I could see that we had a great little team full of potential.



As individuals, their skills and confidence developed each week. As a team the boys learned to work together, supporting each other and encouraging each other. The team improved immensely throughout the year, by fostering an inclusive environment through each dummy half working to ensure that everyone got the opportunity to play the ball. This helped to increase their confidence and communication on the field.

The boys should be so proud of themselves and it was awesome to be part of their journey, looks like some football stars in the making. More importantly, all the boys had a great time at training and games, always showed sportsmanship and respect for their opposition, the referee and team mates!

At training we focused on the fundamentals which were always transferred on to the field on Game Day.

Shout out to the their coach Mick for dealing with a bunch of 7 years olds on a Friday afternoon for training after their long week at school, Mick was always so supportive, encouraging and showed a lot of patience. Mick taught the boys skills which they have developed to have a long and enjoyable footy career. The boys also showed great teamwork when Mick decided to step off the field for the last quarter, getting them ready for when the move into the next age group, when they don't have a coach on the field at all. I noticed that not all teams did this and the boys smashed it.



Thank you to all the parents, grandparents, friends and family that came along each Saturday to cheer on our boys helping them perform their best.

Well done under 7 reds- what a great year!

Noah Ropeta #1
Noah (simsey) Sims #2
Henry Keane #3
Koa Matthews #4
Ziggy Neal #5
Leon Hinton #6
Thomas (Tommy) Smith #7
Kayde Beare #8
Sonny Emery #9
Archie Goody #10



PS: I'm sure the boys aren't going to miss the laps of the tennis court.
Cheers and see you next year!
Alanna (Lan) Hall
Team Manager

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U8 GREEN

We had a lot of fun this year! There were some challenges with moving up to the bigger field, more players, and the 1st receiver role. That did not stop anyone from getting involved and having a go at everything.

Jack took on the straight hard role this year whenever he ran the ball. When Jack puts his footy head on, he can do anything on the field.

Sophie had a strong year in attack with her running (I still think you can run faster Soph!). She also worked out what she can do in defence and really put in some great efforts.

Will is our speed machine and he can motor! But it was Will's defence that impressed the most this year. Will showed recommitment in defence at training and on game day.

James is a runner and he knows how to duck and weave through the defence. James can put on a shimmy that fools everyone.

Kai really ran hard and tackled hard this year. Every time he ran the ball, he would punch holes in the defence, he also saved a few tries with some solid tackles.

Dane is 1st at everything! Always 1st to training, 1st to move up and make contact in defence and always 1st in attack. Dane had a very strong year.

Harrison was strong every week. He ran hard whenever he had the ball, tackled hard and help direct the team around and showed great leadership.

Darcey was a 1st yearer and you could not tell. He was everywhere! Darcey always put in 110% at everything. He showed great skills in attack and defence.

Dempsey was also another 1st yearer and started late in the season, but it did not take him long to find his footy feet and he showed he belonged on a footy field. He ran hard and made some good tackles

Thanks again to Don for all your help.

Also, Justin for taking care of game day scoring and the big cheer when we completed our 1st full set of 6 in defence!

Thank you to everyone that helped out at training and canteen.

Cheers,

Matt



U8 RED

Coach: Colin Hoekstra; Manager: Nick James; Trainer: Kris McClelland

After playing 2 trial games in a day against Engadine & St Josephs in March, our Sharkies were pumped for a new season. Unfortunately, as we all know this wasn't to happen until later. When we did resume training the boys were so keen to see their mates and play some footy.

Although the boys had a tough season, the back end of our year they all took it upon themselves to learn more and develop their skills. This was mainly because of Coach Colin's methods of training and talking to each player individually and as a team. Our attack has come along in leaps and bounds. The boys will continue to focus on using their shoulders in tackles and moving up together in defence. U8 reds motto is: FOCUS, FUN & FAIRNESS - we are all really proud that the boys always played and trained by this motto.



This year the boys had to adapt to being first receiver/dummy half, and they all did a great job! We also welcomed new players Jebb and Roman. Both boys have become great mates and a big part of the team.

Individual player report:

Archie James: Your great running to the defensive line, then that side step left, side step right weaving through the defensive line is awesome to watch. Your tackling is great. Your cover defence is excellent and you never give up. Great season Archie!

Billy Srougi: Your tackling and palming players off this year was awesome. You're always in the middle wanting to tackle and you're doing it so well. Your Dummy half work was outstanding. Such a team player, always talking and helping your mates. At the back end of the season, your runs up the middle were so good mate!

Caleb Hoekstra: Always focussed and reliable. Talking to your mates, helping them out on the field and at training. As soon as we see you with the ball we know something is about to happen. And it usually ends with a try when you weave in and out of defenders to get a meat pie. Your cover defence is great. Another great year mate...well done!

Dimi Colovos: Being the youngest in our team, you're also one of the toughest! Your runs are so hard. Bending your back and using your shoulder in tackles was the highlight in your progress this season. By far your best season, mate. Playing a lot of dummy half, you were always there giving good service to your mates. Onya D.

Jackson Best: Great to get Jackson back at the end of the year for a few games. You're a great ball runner mate...and so fast! Your tackling was also solid!

Jake Milton: Great season Jakey. Always using Coach Colin's motto of Focus, Fun & Fairness. Listening and learning at training has seen you improve all aspects of your game - strong running of the ball, always going into tackles using your shoulder. We Love your commitment to your mates. This year we think you played your best games of footy. Keep it up Jake!

Jebb Cooper: Starting with your new mates this season, you had an amazing year. Your tackling was very good. Running into the defensive line was great every game - you never stopped trying to gain ground up the middle. Dummy half and first receiver effort was great. We really appreciate your commitment to training and learning.

Kynan McClelland: Love your passion mate - you live and breathe rugby league. Your tackling has really started to get better. Your hard runs are just awesome. Starting to focus at training is progressing your game so much. Your goal kicking was great - you didn't miss a goal all year! Well done Kynan you have had a great season!

Luke Best: You improved so much this year, Lukey! Helping your mates to move up in a straight defensive line and showing the bigger boys how to make tackles. Running hard into the defensive line and always asking questions to make yourself a better player. We've all seen how much you developed as a footy player this year. Best season you've had!

Matthew Sullivan: You have come so far this year mate. Your tackling, dummy half and first receiver work has improved so much. When you were captain you organised our team on the field really well. You also started using your shoulder and bending your back in defence. Great season buddy!

Roman Vula: Our mid-season gun recruit. You're such a great runner of the footy, mate! Your vision and passing game helped our side go forward. Great tackling, especially those cover tackles. Well done, Roman!

You boys know how much your team means to you all. You're all best friends. Next year we need to focus on improving our skills and to continue playing for your mates. That's what a TEAM is!

Many thanks to our parents and supporters, especially those that have helped us and the club out.

Have a great off season little fellas and see you next year...shoulders boys!

From the coach

The team approached 2020 with 3 themes – Focus, Fair and Fun.

We attempted to focus our attention at training and during games, especially when errors were made, or calls did not go our way. Attention at training invariably lapsed but the boys did quite well keeping their focus during games. The team played fairly by understanding and applying the rules and trying to make sure that everyone had their fair share of the ball. As always, we tried to keep things fun for the boys by incorporating games and competition at training, and not developing a 'win at all cost' attitude.

It was a difficult season for the boys as they came up against some really strong competition. It was good to see everyone retain a positive attitude. All of the boys developed their individual skills and grit, and they continued to gel as a team which will be enhanced with consistent training attendance.

I'd like to thank everyone for providing me with the opportunity to coach the boys, and I hope to get the same privilege next year. Thanks to Kris and Nick for their support throughout the season. Thank you to all the parents for helping with set-up, canteen and barbecues, and supporting the boys in their chosen sport.

U8 BLUE

A delayed start and a shortened season meant our boys had to make the most out of every game and that was certainly the case. The team welcomed some new faces that made a strong contribution to their success. We worked hard at training on setting a strong standard in defence and being organised and fast with our attack. It was great to see the boys embrace this on the field and turn up for each other when it counted. It has been an absolute pleasure to coach this talented team and personally rewarding to be part of their success.



In photographic order:

Lewis- A very skilful player, Lewis ticks all the boxes in attack and defence. Our right edge was always safe with Lewis in position. He has a knack for reading the opposition defence and can create opportunities out of anything. His support play led to plenty of tries and with a conversion rate of 99.9%, six point tries were the norm with Lewis behind the tee.

Finley- Finley had a great season and showed improvements in every game. A quiet kid who absolutely loves his footy, he turns up at training and game day with enthusiasm and commitment. As his confidence grew Finley showed some great tackling work. He is a strong runner and when the ref calls held Fin is usually still standing.

Quinten- Number one on Quinten's Saturday to-do list is to welcome his opponents with a crunching tackle. He takes pleasure in getting up in the oppositions face and loves to tackle the first receiver. He prefers to run straight and hard with the ball and his contact can be heard from the sideline. While he is one of the most intimidating players on the park he is also one of the most polite, fair and respectful players.

Ohio- Another welcomed new face to the team, Ohio made his mark from the onset. He is a quiet and respectful player who always listened and gave 100% at training and on gameday. His team mates called him 'The bulldozer' for good reason. He loves to run straight and hard and generally requires 50% of the opposition team to bring him down. His tackling technique is also very good and he is developing into an awesome footballer.

Zac- A great all round player Zac has shown maturity this year contributing to a very focused approach to his game. He made plenty of one on one try saving tackles and always shows potential with the ball. He took his share of big hits but always got back up to get on with the job. Support play was a big focus at training and Zac noticeably took this on board.

Taj- Taj is always willing to put his body on the line to save a try and tackling opposition players twice his size at full flight is just part of Taj's Saturday morning chores. He is a very talented player in all aspects of the game and a strong communicator on the field. Taj scored plenty of tries and set up even more.

Nolan- Throughout the season several people, including the club president, asked me ‘Who is the kid in the pink head gear?’ With a style that makes people stop and look Nolan is creating a reputation for success at a very early age. He is a natural born leader that communicated and organised the team very well. All of which is done with his respectful and humble Nolan way.

Koby- Welcomed to the club this year, Koby is a no fuss kid that has a very strong work ethic and always displayed this at training and on game day. He is developing a very strong tackling technique and his quick left and right passes from dummy half were a strong contributor to our fast attack.

Patty- Also welcomed to the club this year Patty soon became an integral part of this team. He is quite capable of tackling kids twice his size and displayed this in the last game of the season with a one on one try saver in the last quarter that preserved the 40-0 score line. He scored plenty of tries throughout the season and has the assistance of sideline support that can be heard in neighbouring suburbs.

The 2020 footy season was a major highlight of an otherwise strange year. Thanks again to the parents for their help throughout the season. Doug and several of the dad’s were a huge help at training and game prep. It is also important to note that our full time trainer Justin played a huge part in this team’s success, his cool calm and assertive nature was respected by all the boys.

Special thanks as well to our team manager Michelle, from all the parents and I, for keeping us all up to date, organised and informed.

Well done Under 8 Blues you can be proud of a very successful 2020 season.

Luke Dunne (Coach)

U8 GREEN 2

After the false start at the beginning it was great to sneak the season in. A big thankyou to the committee for their hard work to ensure we all managed to safely get together and have a short yet great fun season.

With most of the guys back from last year's side plus a couple of off-season recruits we were all set to go on the bigger field. The introduction of the first receiver also meant we had some learning to do early on. We were competitive in most games and ended up with 5 wins and 5 losses with a for and against of +2. Highlight performance was a big win over a strong Bosco team where the guys managed to put together a great attacking and defensive effort over a strongly favoured team.

A big thanks also to the U8 Blue team who helped us out at several times though the year filling in when we were short a player or two.

Now introducing the guys...

Sonny Barlow – Another great year from the “Narwhal”. Plenty of hard running and big hits again from the big bopper!

Crew Crothers – Back again after a great debut last season. Tough defender in the middle of the field who was never afraid to put his body on the line

Koby Hyde – Koby excelled in his first season with his lightning quick speed and elusive footwork. Try from the restart in the last game was a particular highlight!

Byron Krivohlavy – Byron was always the first one up in the defensive line and constantly harassed the opposition playmakers. It was great to see the energy he brought to the field.

Lawson Meagher – Great season from another one of our big boppers. Also excellent to see a goalkicking front rower kicking them onto the basketball court!

Carter-Roam Peters – Our cheeky dummy-half in the making, Carter never missed a ruck and was always there to get the ball to his mates.

Chase Spradbrow – Another great year with plenty of growth from our flash fullback in the making. Chase's defence at the back saved many tries and his ball running was next level.

Ryder Tepania – Ryder's footwork in attack managed to get him over the line plenty but some of his most impressive work in attack were the offloads that put his mates over for tries.

Marley Wilson – New addition to the team added some real steel to the middle of the field. Best defender in the team took some good knocks but always got back up!

A big thankyou also to those parents who helped out through the year. I really appreciated the support from all, in particular Nat (Manager), Clint/Corey (Trainers), and all those who scored and cooked the BBQ! Hope to get the crew together again next year and have another blast. Go Sharks!

U9 DIV 1

This was the first year of competitive rugby league for these 8 year olds so the kids were graded into two sides. With only the one trial under our belt to pick the side it was going to make for an interesting year.

We started the year copping a 12 tries to nil flogging. We backed it up by getting towelled 22-0 the following week. I was scratching my head. I knew we had a physical, talented bunch of kids but just could harness it. Our next game was our first home game against Engadine. I challenged the boys to 'refuse to lose'. They didn't disappoint me and we notched up our first win. From there we went 4 wins on the trot and were humming.

We then had a rematch against the dela side that put 12 tries on us. All I wanted was to see improvement. It was a game that we were certainly in up until half time but while we were outscored 8 tries to nil, we were not the same team that got smashed in round 1 and I was pleased with the improvement in our team. We were still in the hunt for the grand final and our next game against gymea was basically our season on the line. It was a game that went down to the wire at 18-18 late. History shows we lost the game but didn't lose any faith. A shock loss to Aquinas and a great win at Como rounded out our season 5 wins, and 5 losses.

Here is how I saw each boys year...

Kaydon- Our 'super Samoan' big Kaydon has the potential to be a destruction machine. When he has his angry face on, look out. I look forward to seeing him realise how good he can be. Scored a great try against Gymea in a tough loss. Another step in the right direction for Kaydon this year who continues to improve.



Maximum- our other 'big bopper' . Max is almost always the biggest kid on the field, and usually with the biggest smile. He loved nothing more than running straight at, and straight over the opposition. Had a massive game against Aquinas where he ate up more metres than I've seen from him in any other game. At training, I soon realised Max loves bullrush more than any person loves anything in the history of the planet.

Lennox- It became clear to me early on this kid was our leader. His effort was never in question. His voice and line speed kept our defensive line in order, and the aggression levels high. Smart enough to spread out wide and scored a few nice tries by being there at the right time. Had a massive defensive game against dela 2 and managed to bag not only man of the match, but the defensive award in that same game.

Henrick- Henny plays a year up for his age, which is amazing considering his skill level. Henrick has a wonderful passing game, and can throw cut out passes that land on the chest of the intended receiver. Has a great turn of pace, wonderful defensive player who also is unselfish with the ball in hand. A player that makes the others better in the team, and a player the other boys love playing with.

Hudson- Huddo just gets in there and rips and tears. Rough around the edges but his toughness and aggression can never be questioned. Some of the knocks he took made me wince....Huddo didn't bat an eyelid. He runs like he wants to hurt the opposition, and tackles the same way. Tough little bugger who will only get better.

Kalani- He came to us late and hadn't met any of the boys prior. Kalani was apprehensive early on and looked a bit like a baby deer who wasn't sure what to do. In quick time I realised what a willing defender he is. Kalani would sometimes take out his team mates trying to get to the opposition. He tackled anything! With the ball in hand by the end of the year he was breaking tackles with every run. Huge potential in him.

Brae- Little Braemondo. Brae is a coaches dream. Never complains, never plays up at training, never shirks his work. Brae is such a great little defender who I can't remember missing a one on one tackle. He must have saved 50 tries this year. He goes about his work so quietly people don't notice the little things he does. He dives on loose balls, he wraps up the ball when second man in a tackle. In the DH bib he is a threat every time he ran. A really break out year for Brae.

Manny- Manny has a knack of playing better than he believes he can. He would tell me before a game he didn't want to tackle and go out there and belt someone. He would say he is hurt and go and score a try. It boggled my mind. Manny's biggest opposition is his own self belief. Manny is a great little player who all his team mates loved playing with. Once he starts believing in himself he will realise how good he can be.

Isaac- What Isaac lacks in size, he makes up for in heart. His will to win is obvious. He lives and breathes rugby league. He took every loss really hard which shows how important the game is to him. Defensively busy and racked up plenty of tries, taking his Cronulla Caringbah total to 235 in his 5 years of footy so far.

Brax- Brax is our fastest boy over the 70 metre field. I handed Brax the FR bib after two rounds which he made his own and formed a good combination with Isaac in attack. Brax is a really unselfish player who thinks pass before run. He showed what he can do in defence more towards the back end of the year as one of our all important wing defenders. Another boy who needs to believe in himself and he will flourish.

All in all we finished 4th in the top division. In any other year other than Covid 2020 that would have got us a semi finals spot. The pleasing thing for me was the improvement in us from the first game to the last. We are certainly heading in the right direction and the boys friendship was clear to see. This in a season that started in difficult circumstances, but ended on a high.

Thank you to all the boys for going out there and having a dig each week. You did great and made me proud. Thank you also to Steve Holtz, my trainer, whose rugby league knowledge was a great help. Also to Mark Gasnier who stepped up when myself or Steve were stuck due to work. The kids are lucky to have two guys with the level of league know-how teaching them. Thanks to Kylie Wicks who stood in as manager for Kim when she was ferrying my eldest son to games. And of course to Kim, for helping me on, and off game days. Also for listening to me talk nothing but rugby league for 3 months!

Go the Sharkies!
Cheers Bevo..



U9 DIV 2

Coach David Griffin - Trainer Dennis Gonzalez - Manager Joe Hughes



Wow what a year for the U9 Div 2 one I will truly remember for a long time. We started the season off great with a win over Gynea and which kick started our season off all the way to the grand final. Everyone from the word go put in 100% at training, and it showed on the field as we were putting some great scores on the other teams. The boys and girls were playing to their full potential and getting better and better week by week. Sitting second on the table we were playing some great footy then came the time play Dela a game that we would like to forget for the year, Which lead to our first lose of the year the team worked hard through the next week to make up for the lose and they did having played the best game all year against the leaders Sutho to which we won 18 to 16 what a game it was outstanding defence to which we worked on all year to have and archive. Then came the grand final it wasn't the ending we wanted but we never gave up played all the way to the end fighting hard as we Sharkie's do. The teams passion all year has been second to none, And to which I hope all players come back again next year for another crack at the big one I hope we will be there again. I would like to thank my team to whom I'm very proud of all of you for making the grand final and to what you have archived throughout the year, I know it wasn't the ending we all wanted but lets learn from it and get back to it next year.

I would like to thank Lloyd and Issac for helping us throughout the year on game day and at training.

I would also like to thank all parents for helping out on the BBQ and in the canteen, also for supporting the team during the season. Thanks to Dennis and Joe for all your help throughout the year as trainer and manager I hope you guys are keen to come back next year for another crack.

Cameron Hughes: Wow what a great year he has had (chicken legs) is a try scoring machine can run through and run rings around the competition to get over the line.

Tom Gallen: Turbo got better and better with the year he was quick out of marker and always ran the ball straight and hard never gave up.

Luca Jury: Wow what a year such a great improvement from the start, as the year went on he got better in attack and in defence.

Will Cooper: Another great player such an awesome talent his defence is outstanding and his attack is second to none one to hunt for the ball and made a few line breaks resulting in tries.

Sebastian Gonzalez: The little general out on the field, Puts his head down and gets the job done he can read the game well and most dangerous when he attacks the line from the play the ball.

Jake McGraw: Jake has plenty of ability once he starts to believe in himself, He can run the ball with plenty of guts made plenty of metre's and left the opposition in his wake.

Noah Gale: Wears his heart on his sleeve such a team player, with what he lacks in size made up for in effort developing the confidence to deal with the tough opposition each week.

Jess Williams: Such a shy girl at the start but improved so much throughout the year always listening at training and game day such a pleasure to coach one of the most improved players this year.

Amie-Lee Griffin: Wow what a year she has had running the ball like a machine always a handful full the opposition and her defence was outstanding always making the big hits when needed.

Issac Bevan: A player that deserves to be in the top side always making metre's and defence WOW a player that has a great work rate and fearlessly regularly taking on the bigger opposition and getting his mark.

U10 DIV 2

We have reached the end of a season like no other and hopefully we will never have to see again. 2020. The year of Covid. Shortened season, no semis, social distancing, hand sanitiser and no shortage of challenges.

In the end we did really well, falling just short of the GF, and in any other year we would've been playing semis and I would've backed our chances.

In our last hit out of the season we stunned the eventual Premiers, the Engadine Dragons, by beating them on their home ground. They were not happy, but we were. It was great way to finish.

Once again, it's been a ball and I feel absolutely privileged to have been able to coach these young fellas. I've had a few of these kids for a few years now and they just keep getting better. They're becoming better footballers every season and that's nothing to do with me. If anything I'm holding them back.

To all my middle forwards, you have been enormous this year. I always stress to my sides, it's the forwards who win games in rugby league, the backs just decide by how much.

To Cody and Lucas, my two big boppas, you were fearless and tireless all season. You continuously bent the opposition back and laid the platform. Cody was just a beast for us in the middle. A big man with a big motor, will take run after run and still make 40 thousand tackles in a game. An absolute powerhouse.

And Lucas, sometimes he can pack the Tom Burgess hands, but when he's on, he's all Sam. Just skittles defenders, bodies bouncing out of tackles left and right and Lucas powering up the middle. Can put a shot on too. Love watching him play.

To all my 2nd rowers, Aden, Tyson, Darcey, Will and Reido, you guys all had stand out seasons. You boys all play tough, smart football. You all work tirelessly in defence and when we get our hands on the ball, lookout.

Tyson moved to the back row this year to get his hands on the ball more and was amazing. A hard running lock forward with a lethal fend and the ability to offload. The skills of a half with the toughness to play in the forwards. Tore it up all year and a real leader in the side. Outstanding.

Aden, unbelievable season, you really stepped up. Absolutely tireless in defence, always tearing off the line and so strong in your carries this season. We scored a brace of tries off the back of the opposition just about never being able to get you to ground and the quick play the balls you give us. Told him several times that our quick blokes might be the ones who put the ball down over the try line, but those tries were all made by you.

Darcey, AKA Treetrunks. Thighs bigger than mine. And you were huge this season. Often had to play big minutes and had more carries this season than ever before. The loveliest kid who still doesn't realise just how big he is, but when that penny drops, Darcey you are gonna cause havoc.

Reido, just a deadliest machine. Can play anywhere, can drop him into the forwards, the backs the halves and you know he's gonna kill it. But I love him in the 2nd row because he's capable of strong carries with dancing feet and he's just such a great defender. If Reido gets to marker on you, get ready because you're about to get crunched.

Will AKA Wilbur. Shortened season this year because he thought he could fly and jumped off a shipping container. Shipping container 1. Wilbur 0. Massive loss for us, great ball runner and without a doubt the best legs tackler going round. A true treelopper, just chops big blokes in half.

I cannot speak more highly of our ball players, our hooker Tommy and our half, H-man. Both had absolutely outstanding seasons and were a huge part of our success. Both such brave boys, always pushing us up over the advantage line and cool as cucumbers under pressure out there in the middle.

Tommy just gets better and better every season, it's scary to think how good this kid can get. Possesses everything you want from dummy half, blinding speed, great vision and absolutely fearless in defence. A born hooker who is only going to become a more dominant player if he chooses to continue. I'm just happy to get to be a spectator watching Tommy grow.

And our half, the H-man. Was absolutely outstanding this season. Got his shot at the first receiver jersey and just owned it. Organized his troops on the field, never gets flustered or intimidated, always wants the ball, great passing and running game and most of all great feel. Knows when to pass, when to run, when to get the ball to the edges. Ball players like Tommy and H-man can even make coaches like me look good.

To our outside backs, Van, Harley, Bluey, Ollie and Rhino, just a bunch of try scoring animals. Once our forwards laid the platform, boy could these fellas find the tryline. We played a couple of games where these guys just put the opposition to the sword, we won by 40 or 50 points.

My wingers, Van and Ollie, pace to burn and good luck trying to go around us coz their either gonna crunch you or drag you over the sideline. Van, on our right side had an outstanding season. Big, fast, strong, what every coach dreams of in a winger and an absolutely outstanding defender. Saves as many tries as he scores, and Van scores a lot of tries.

And Ollie, on the other edge, just an athlete. The fastest bloke on earth and a left AND right foot step to die for. So unfair. If you give Ollie an inch of space, get ready coz he's bound to make you pay. Scored some tries this season where he deadset beat the entire team on his way to the line. We lost Ollie to injury for the last rounds, which was a massive loss, but we still managed to win those games. If Ollie had still been there those games might have been absolute shut outs.

Our centres, Harley and Bluey, killed it for us all season. Harley was only in his first year of footy, but he was fantastic for us. There's not much of him, but he punches well above his weight. He scored a couple of tries off kicks that were absolutely amazing to watch. Comfortably made the highlights reel in his 1st season. Can't wait to see how good he can get.

And Bluey. An angry ranga. Who would've guessed? Another bloke whose slight in stature but possesses a huge ticka. You always love a player who gets absolutely filthy at you if you take them off to have a breather. Fearsome with the ball in hand and fearless in defence, a young man with no sense of self preservation. Doesn't matter how big the other guy is, Bluey just wants to get off the line and fold you like yesterdays laundry.

And we round out our side with Rhino at the back. Gave him a shot at fullback this season, and as I knew he would, he absolutely excelled. Dancing feet, blistering speed, safest pair of hands in the business, always pushing up in support and absolutely rock solid as our last line of defence. An outstanding player and just like the NRL, a different hairstyle every game day. Love it.

A massive thank you to all my parents who help out all year and who cheered the boys on in a challenging year. I hope you all had as much fun as I did coz I love watching the boys run round and am immensely proud every time we took the field regardless of the result. Cbah always have a red hot crack.

Wanna make a mention to 2 of our missing Cbah team mates, Lara and Rabbit, who started the season with us, but due to the challenges this Covid season through at us, wouldn't finish with us. Spoke to their parents and if they ever want to return, they're very welcome.

And lastly I wanna say a massive, massive, MASSIVE thank you to our Manager Megs and our Trainer Dave. I'd be absolutely useless without either of them. They both work really hard for the boys all season and are tireless in their efforts and enthusiasm. Dave's son Will went down mid-season with injury and Dave continued to be there for the boys regardless.

And Megs, without whom I would be absolutely lost. I wouldn't back myself to get to a single game without her. How she puts up with me all season is a testament to her patience and perseverance. Many thanks.

That's it. Hope everyone had fun in 2020. Hope we'll all be back to have more in 2021. Hope that by then Corona is just a beer again and hope to watch the boys continue to grow and love the great game of rugby league.

Cheers, Blair

U11 DIV 1

The 11 Div 1 CCSharks dominated the competition from start to finish in 2020 and secured the ultimate prize in a thoroughly deserved premiership.

A premiership that was years in the making after three consecutive grand finals in a row and our second minor premiership in a row.

The year saw the boys win 10 from 11 games with only one narrow loss in round 2, to then go nine straight to win the trophy.



Grand final day saw the boys treat the game as just another game with calm confidence and want. A completely dominant display didn't see the opposition get a hand on our trophy. Every boy played their role to replicate what we did all year.

The coaching staff and parents couldn't be prouder of the boys achievements, you deserve all the success you earned this season but above all its the memories and mateship you have gained that you will hold for a long time to come.

I'd also like to thank Paul and Zowie from Duffs Landscapes for their sponsorship and ongoing support each week for these boys. The boys loved having Duffs on the jersey and you guys on the sidelines for the last three years.

1. **Jayden Best** was his brilliant best this season. A player who can deliver a highlights package with ease. He scored tries off individual brilliance at fullback whether it be the length of the field kick returns or putting the polish on the end of a backline shift. No bigger highlight was a defensive play in the grand final which saw Jayden crunch his opposite number who split the ball and we ran away with a game winning lead.
2. **Nash Caine** a very popular addition to the team this season. Nashy created laughs off the field and havoc for the opposition on it. His skill set is high as he covers our key positions in DH/FR. His best game was in the grand final where his defence nailed a few. A busy player who is now a CCShark
3. **Will Best** never plays a bad game and this year was no different. His skill set in attack and defence are at the same level which speaks volumes to the effort at training he puts in. A knowledgeable footballer who has listening as an asset. Enjoys a win more than most and you can never wipe that smile off his face on Saturdays.
4. **Darcy Teasel** came into the side this year after a big 2019 and had a year of growth and ended up a premiership player. He is super fit and an excellent trainer whose skill set grew in each session. Will have a big 2021 off the back of this experience.
5. **Parker Cavanough** new to the club and team with a big smile and plenty of cheek for his mates. PK played in the backs and always came in to help the forwards with more than useful carries, especially in the grand final where he took three hit ups in a row. He is now a CCShark.
6. **Charlie Bateup** steered our attack with control and class beyond his years. A player who is marked heavily each week by opposition teams and always comes out easily on top.

Coaches, spectators and players just watched in awe of his performances each week, whether it's his numerous tries and try assists, defence or grand final winning kicking game.

7. **Zaza Diab** is tough as they come and plays well above his weight at first receiver. Grand final try scorer who scored many important tries through the season with his speed and ability to take on the defensive line. He loves his teammates and such a team player.
8. **Ashton Taylor** played in the middle this year and punched holes in each team he played. Ash had such a year of growth and confidence on the back of effort and believing in himself. He always puts himself in a position to get the ball and can even still be on the end of that last pass for a try.
9. **Eden Humphreys** a two try hero in the grand final! This speaks volumes as to the player Eden is, a player that gets around the footy and can find a try line. His defensive shots this year rattled bones and his versatility showed his value on an edge as well as his skill from dummy half.
10. **Jimmy Potauaine** our leader, premierships captain! Jim gained more and more momentum as the season went on. There is not a team in the comp that wants him running at them. He lives and breathes football and his teammates are everything to him. He was everywhere in the grand final and him holding that trophy is a life memory for him and all his teammates.
11. **Tyler Moon** another who got better at the business end of the season. His grand final efforts almost mirrored our 2019 grand final with line breaks and important front on tackles. A destructive and skillful player with the ball in hand. Tyler plays a year up which speaks volumes and is now a premierships winner.
12. **Josh Cody** had a standout season and showed his dominance on the competition with his controlled defensive aggression and strong hit ups. Josh was close to the best each week which highlighted his consistency this year. Josh defensively rattled each opposition forward and dished that up when it counted in the grand final.
13. **Jordi Elkin** was such a welcomed addition to the team who you could tell enjoyed his footy this year. He found his rhythm as the season went on and his charges through the middle created an impact each time. He rarely missed in defence and will be even better in 2021. He is now a CCShark.
14. **Cash Walker** had an untimely injury before the season that took out the first five rounds. He returned the same dominant forward he was in 2019. He was delia's forwards worst nightmare in our round 6 clash. Cash gives his all each week and his development as a footballer continues to grow.



U11 DIV 2

Wow! What an amazing journey we have had this year as a team. Last year's C Grade team was joined by a few A Grade players, a talented player from another club and another who had returned from having a year off Footy. Under the amazing guidance of super coach Joe Lichaa, trainer Cory Rinaldi and Manager Greg Page, we were able to make it all the way to the Grand Final. They should all be immensely proud of their achievements.



The year started off well with the first two games as wins and the boys learning to play with each other. We then went up against St John Bosco a strong talented team and our boys fought hard to draw with them at full time. This is when Joe called it and said, "These two teams will play against each other in the Grand Final."

As the weeks went on, confidence grew at training as well on the field and our boys were able to come home with a win quite convincingly. Then in round 6 the draw changed, and our boys qualified for Division 2 Gold!

Round 6 we drew again with Bosco. Round 7 we just won against De La. Round 8 we lost by 2 points against Taren Point (didn't help with their trainer taking 2 minutes to check on a player right on the death). Round 9 a win against Menai and Round 10, a win against Como that qualified us to play in the Grand Final, but at a very stressful outcome with Will being hurt and carried off in an ambulance, but in the end was ok. Thank God!

Next came the Grand Final....

The week leading up to it the boys seemed calm and ready and trained hard to give themselves the best outcome on the day. But unfortunately, the better team won, and our boys gave it a gallant effort of which Joe, Cory and Greg were immensely proud to be a part of and cannot wait till next year. As Joe said, "We have unfinished business now."

This was our Grand Finalist Team –

Play makers – William Lanham, Benjamin Lowe, Caleb Mickell and Maurice Marroun...

William played all year as our first receiver, his tackling ability was a standout in the team and each week he put his body on the line defending for his mates. His passing ability and awareness grew with each game and effortlessly put players through holes with soft passes to score most games. He became one of the leaders and playmakers in the team which all the boys listen to. Best of all was seeing his big smile each week knowing he was happy playing in this team.

Benjamin shared the roll as first receiver but played mainly on the opposite side to Will for extra playmaker attack. Once again Ben left nothing on the field and played his heart out each game. He was another player whose tackling ability stood out in the team and consistently took on bigger players no-matter the outcome. He always attacked the advantage line achieving great metres and pulled off

some amazing passes to his teammates. Unfortunately, in Round 9 he was hurt but showed great grit and determination to come back and play hard for his mates in the Grand Final.

Caleb played a few positions during the year, from outside back, forward, dummy half and with Joes' guidance settled on half back to support our first receivers. His game awareness enabled him to always make great metres past the advantage line, turning defenders inside out before offloading to one of our outside backs. His passing ability and tackling were always strong and consistent and improved every game. When tasked by Joe to stop a big kid on the opposite team, he took the challenge head on and never let his team down.

Maurice played most of the year as dummy half. He was our star import that came with Joe and we are so glad they both came! Straight away he showed leadership above his age and brought calmness to the team during difficult moments on the field. He always encourages his mates and re-focused them on the task. His ball playing and running ability was outstanding and always pushed passed the advantage line and gained metres and tackled when needing to, especially at vital points in a game.

Forwards – Lawson Rinaldi, Braxton Matoka, Kutis Lill, Tully Mathews and Jake Page...

Lawson played all year as prop forward alongside Braxton. Each game he improved and was the strike weapon second off the ruck. His speed on to the ball made him difficult to stop and even broke the defensive line more than once during the year to score tries for his team and left the defenders in his dust. His tackling improved weekly as his confidence grew, he became more consistent each week even adding a quick sidestep to confuse defenders. His runs became iconic in each game and the phrase "Go Lawson" was heard from his teammates and supporters every time he hit the ball straight, hard and fast.

Braxton played the other prop forward position alongside Lawson. He was the team all round try scorer, scoring a total of 20 tries during the season. Braxton embodies what a forward is. A hard-straight running tackling machine. His consistent epic runs dragging sometimes up to 5 defenders up to 50 metres are legend status amongst all Under 11 players and his perfect tackling ability saved us in many clutch moments. He turned up each week to training and game day leaving nothing on the field and sometimes it seemed like he never stopped running.

Tully played all year as a forward for the team. His mature head at training and game day calmed and encouraged the boys if they made a mistake. Even though he was the smallest of the forwards! The way that he ran onto the ball at pace into big defenders was so impressive to watch. He always made great metres when he ran the ball, weaving around players looking for support and an offload. He fired the boys up when they were tackling and rarely missed a tackle himself.

Kurtis played all year as a forward for team. He improved every week with his ball handling, tackling ability and running at pace onto the ball. Each game you could see his confidence was growing especially running the ball forward. He started to poke his head through the defenders and at time make 10-20 metres each run. Like so many on the team he was very vocal in support of his teammates and backed them up no matter the task.

Jake played all year as a forward for the team. Each week you could see his overall improvement at training and during the game. He never backed down from a task and even when tackled hard and winded, he still wanted to stay on and play for his team. Jake was always very vocal on the field supporting his mates. Each week you could see his confidence growing especially with his tackling, stopping some of the big players in their step and always coming into support his mates 2-3rd into the tackle.

Backs – Dane Gosby, Korban Peters, Riley Polo, Luke Phizacklea, Taine Littlejohn and Sunny Ganderton

Dane played all year on the right wing. Dane improved with every game and most evident with the last few rounds before the grand final where he was able to stop some fast-moving runners with a textbook tackle. He has quick feet that enabled him to weave around big plays and achieve big metres before being tackled. He worked hard at training alongside his centre Korban, so their right side was impenetrable, which showed at the end of the season and in the grand final. He also showed great ball handling skills especially with a clean pick-up during the grand final which helped us almost win the game.

Korban – Played most of the year as a centre partnering up with Dane. But being the versatile player, he also helped the team out as first receiver or dummy half when needed. He has a quick step reminiscing of Benji and was able to weave around defensive players and make big metres. He is one of those players who is difficult to tackle and even after it looked like he had been tackled slipped through and made more metres for the team. Just like so many in the team his tackling skill was a pleasure to watch, especially his cover defence.

Riley – played most of the year as centre partnering up with his good friend Luke. From game one Joe was so impressed with his ‘textbook tackling’ and said on more than one occasion that he has one of the best techniques for his age that he has seen. Just when a defender thought they had got past him, they found themselves on the ground with Riley holding onto their boot laces. On top of that, his low tackle cut some of the bigger defenders in half stunning them for a few minutes. His ability to weave through defenders, run like the wind, catch a ball on the run and score tries even impressed the opposition.

Luke - played all year on the wing partnering up with Riley. Just like his teammate Luke had the uncanny ability to tackle right down to their shoelaces and cut defenders in half. He has a quick step and can weave though any defensive line who struggled to tackle him. On many occasions he received an offload, ran down the sideline nearly scoring a try. He may be small in stature but has a heart of a lion and never stepped away from a big challenge. On top of that he can kick goals as well.

Taine – played most of the year as a centre but like a few boys was versatile to play most positions when needed. He is fast, difficult to tackle and able to weave around defenders looking for that open ground to hit the throttle. His ball handing is sharp and can catch a ball from height every time. Even though his not big like a forward he can be quite deceiving for the opposition team, his uncanny ability to rap up the ball in a tackle stopping their run was a gift in many games.

Sunny – played most of the year as fullback but stepped in as first receiver when needed. He was the captain of the team and led the boys at training and on game day. Like so many in the team his tackling ability was flawless and rarely missed a tackle. He read the play perfectly, dropping back to catch or retrieve the ball to make great metres after a kick. He fast legs weaved around defensive players and his great ability to pass enabled many a try scored. Coming to the end of the season and knowing that we might make the grand final, Sunny stepped up another level as captain and fullback, leading the boys forward in the defensive line and showing perfect form as a fullback not dropping one ball. Something he worked hard at leading into the finals.

U12 DIV 1

This is a team on the rise ladies and gentlemen. Make no mistake about it. We have a fine group of young men here. Great blokes across the board who have demonstrated good sportsmanship and held their heads high throughout the year. Never quitting. Staying positive. Having a red hot go at things when it seems too difficult. When you look at the big picture, you couldn't be happier.

In this regard alone, they are winners.

A back story. As grand finalists from last year we were due a promotion. Onto A grade at last. But just as we were getting ready to play, the 'rona hit. 2020 will be forever remembered as that time when everything went crazy and stuff stopped. When we got back to it, well . . . it was tough. We learnt a lot. We learnt what happens when you face a team who will punish you when you make a mistake. We learnt who can concentrate for a full 40 minutes. How to play to the whistle. All sorts of great lessons were soundly delivered to us. And we took some licks along the way. The top of A grade were tough to play, but we competed. And kept going. No 40 point losses, and heaps of encouraging effort and heart.

Along the way we had some rightful, well earned, external recognition. Fully half the team were selected in the PSSA league teams for Cronulla Zone, Sutho/Engadine Zone and Botany Bay Zones which was excellent news. No one got to play a game unfortunately – it's an honour team this year. And then we had the joy of 4 of our team earning recognition with a place at Endeavour Sports High in the 2021 League program – Congratulations go to Brady, Cortez, Cruz and Koby. To the boys who missed out - there will be many more chances for you coming up. There are way more (like about 10 times more) 1st graders in the comp from normal high schools than sports high schools.

So they split the comp in 2. Golds and Silvers. And suddenly we found ourselves on track for a showdown with our arch nemesis. Como. Same as last year. We powered through the second 5 weeks dropping just one game. To Como. Another grand final awaited.

The boys poured themselves into the GF. Attacking strongly at the death we needed just one try to even it up. 16 to them. 10 to us. It wasn't to be.

It was brutal. They didn't really beat us. We beat ourselves. Some mistakes cost us dearly. It's hard to think after the game. Emotions are high and we all felt devastated. But their effort was fantastic. The margin was 4 tries last year. This year – 1 try. Super improvement. It's easy to feel good and handle a win. Managing ourselves during defeat is when we learn a lot more. The tears showed we cared. Our heads were never bowed.

This team is magnificent.

Declan Garner – The 80m chase and tackle on a runaway winger in the GF had to be seen to be believed. As good as scoring a try it was. A tough fast player with huge upside. Hitting the holes in the backline with more speed and perfect timing – Dec lifts his teammates with his presence. He makes people play better. **Next step:** master that timing into the backline and the very next pass, and your combo with Caleb. Catch em snoozing round the ruck.

Jayden Garling – He was getting cold out there on the wing so with 4 weeks to go we threw him into everything. Restarts. Hit ups and run backs. He is lightning fast with the best step in the comp. Gave it everything and came off the sick bench to help out when we were short of numbers. Guaranteed metres and strong in defence. Onya Jay! **Next step:** Timing that cut out pass so you can catch it at speed.

Cruz Parkin – wanted to play in the centres but can, and does, go anywhere. Godzilla to tackle and with a huge motor that never stops or tires. Cruz lifted the team on more than one occasion this year and his passion and fire is much loved by his peers. Another super year as our most deadly attacking weapon. Scored our only try more than once. **Next step:** working on that combo with Ben down the left side.

Koby Pickering – 2nd year of footy? No problem. A grade? No problem. Nothing is too hard for Koby. Martial Arts have given him massive amounts of natural strength and balance and his tackling is amazing for someone new to the game. Scored tries and just as importantly, stopped a bunch as well. Will continue to improve as he learns the game with huge upside. **Next step:** Work your way into the attack and run onto the ball at speed.

Ben Carengelo – scored the try of the year! An absolute pearler just the same as Gaz and GI in the Centenary Test. A quality player out wide. Super fit, great speed and solid in defence, Ben formed a great combination with Cruz over a few games late in the season which will be very profitable in the future. Still a great trainer willing to learn and develop his game. A super young man as well. **Next step:** develop your passing game to support your backs.

Blake McConnell – has been on the journey with us right through the grades. Once he is in the game he is a joy to watch. Can do everything. Possibly our best broken field runner, you'd think wing might be the place for him. But then he wants to tackle everyone and everything in the middle. Filled in at lock and went well - for the lightest lock in the comp. Set up the try of the year with the incredible flick back for Ben to score a la GI in the centenary test back in '08. Can do anything in the sport if he sets his mind to it. **Next step:** a full 40 minutes of concentration each and every game. The body is there. You just have to make sure your mind is.

Rizal Peters – We needed a 5/8 and wouldn't you know it we had one on the wing all along. Rizal asked for more action and boy did he get it. Handled the intensity really well for his 1st go round in the middle in League. A master at touch footy, Riz doesn't flinch from the tackling either, taking on the biggest runners the opposition tries to run at him. Great support player and a good kick when needed. **Next step:** Get your combination with Caleb going. Look at what the defence is giving you and play footy based on your instincts.

Caleb Richardson – Our leader and organiser. Learning the hardest position in the game and getting better and better each time he plays. Can run, step, kick, and more importantly, has every pass in the book. Organises his team and is learning to get them where he wants them. A tough and fearless tackler as well. **Next step:** Look up. What is the opposition giving you? Take on their weaknesses. You can run our team. Now you need to dissect the other side.

Billy Webber – Billy continues to improve each game. Once he finishes growing into what promises to be a huge physique, he'll bring toughness and skill along with his power. A hard worker, Billy has built his fitness this year and it shows, with his knack for being around the ball in attack and defence. Lots of tackles and a solid 'whack' when he really hits. **Next step:** Get the short pass actually happening in a game. Looks great at training. Now time to do it.

Dylan Madgewick – Welcomed from Joeys this year. I'd seen Dylan play great footy last year at Kareela PS and was stoked he joined our team. A tough inside runner with strength and power. Dylan took on the challenge of making himself an A grader – and succeeded! Will continue to scare defences as he gets older and bigger. Great work Dylan, with your resilient mindset to work towards your goals. **Next step:** Fitness to manage the full 40 minutes in the middle. A super first year at The Sharks.

Cortez Mathews – The beating heart of the team. Passionate, vocal, loud and totally emotionally invested in each game, Cort has been a joy to watch. Can lead his team by example. Encourages everyone. Ferocious running that lasts all game with a step and a great offload make him a sure thing for metres every hit up. Ability to lock up the ball on his own in 'd' with even the biggest runners is special. **Next step:** A fend with those long arms to go with the short passing game that is coming along.

Nixon Pure – Played his best footy this year – and that is really saying something. Ever since he started, Nix has been the biggest guy in his team. Not the heaviest, but the tallest. So he gets called upon to run at the biggest forwards in the opposition all day every day. Not once has he flinched or blinked. Tough. Dependable. Totally coachable. Listens. Follows instructions. Player of the year! **Next step:** Using that enormous wingspan to get more offloads away.

Logan Gardiner – Looking for a new start, we welcomed Logan to the club this year. A lovely guy with a ton of talent, Logan played almost every position on the field this season. With an uncanny knack for making things happen, Logan consistently did . . . stuff. Really good stuff. Made breaks. Threw the last pass for a try. Showed super quick hands. Stepped and dashed for 20 easy metres. Rushed up and stopped a backline raid. Over and over again. Great work on the year. **Next step:** Get more speed. Sprint training. Then we'll see even more tries.

Koby Moon – Welcomed back with open arms, Kody brought his experience and quality to our team this year after a few years up the road and took up where he left off. Just a foot taller. A lethal tackler with soft hands Kody was all class on either side of the ruck. Was a steady presence for his team mates on the field and popped up just when we needed him to score some handy tries against his old club. **Next step:** be more vocal and work an offload into your game with those big wings you have.

Brady Tomkins – Brady delivered the ball on time and like a rocket from dummy half. He is choosing his scoots now and making metres and scoring tries from them. Fiery and passionate, Brady wore his heart on his sleeve and lifts his mates with his controlled aggression. Absolutely owns the space around the ruck in attack and defence. Still getting up and under people in 'd' and driving them backwards. **Next step:** add trickery to your power and strength. Inside balls. Deception. Cunning.

I'd like to make a special mention here of **Billy, Blake and Cortez**. These guys started playing footy with The Sharks in C grade. Year on year they have developed their game, getting fitter and stronger. Most importantly they have handled the pressure. Playing in the As comes with a few unexpected challenges. And one of those is the mental pressure the boys face. These 3 have been on the journey with me, and I'm especially proud of the effort and resilience they have shown to climb the ladder.

Thanks also to **Kosta, Dylan** and the mercurial **Hugo** for helping out when injuries hit us this year. Great work guys. And a shout out to **Axel** who took a gap year. We hope to see him back in 2021.

A huge thank you to our **extended crew** this year for helping us to do our best. To **Matt Webber** and **Luke Richardson** for their support as Trainer, Manager and idea bouncers. To **Wids Peters** and **Nathan Garner** for their invaluable help fine tuning our halves and backs. To **Dave Parkin** for his help before the lockdown. And congratulations to **Mani and his team** for doing what they set out to do and winning their comp and being great opposition for us at training. And to all the **mums and dads** of course. Thanks for bringing your sons down and playing with this great club - trying to build something greater than the sum of its parts. Along the way I think we've learnt a lot about teamwork, life, dealing with success and setbacks, as well as scoring a few tries and making some killer tackles. I've had an amazing time coaching this squad for 5 years now and it's been a pleasure and a great privilege to share the experiences we've had. I've had ordinary weeks of wondering what else I could have done, and joyous weeks of marvelling at the way they played on the weekend (see the last Bosco game for proof). Watching them perform in the future will be fascinating. Thank you. Andy Mathews

U12 DIV 2

Coach: Mani Akis

Assistant Coach: Stuart Fing

Manager: Jeff Keats

Trainer: Laura McLachlan

Out to prove that their 2019 finish of 6 wins from their last 7 games was no fluke, this remarkable Team had a fantastic 2020 season that saw them win 8 out of their 10 regular season games and finish top of their table by a considerable margin. The season then culminated in one of the most tense and heart stopping Grand Finals imaginable, with the Premiership not secured until literally the last play of the game.

In a performance that exemplified bravery, guts, determination and what it means play for each other, this courageous group of kids found something where there was precious little on offer in that Final, grabbed it with everything they had, and hung onto it for dear life. As their Coach, I could not possibly be any prouder of each and every one of them for the sheer will and heart they showed out there.

In a game that saw:

- Momentum swing back and forth multiple times,
- The greatest U12s try you will ever see,
- A high pressure, side position conversion kick to tie up the match with just minutes to play,
- A heroic match winning try with 2 minutes left in Extra Time, immediately followed by
- A final 2-minute goal line defensive display more akin to an impassable black wall than a footy team of 11 and 12-year-old kids, the 2020 Grand Final was truly a Game of DEFINING MOMENTS. In saying that, it must be noted that EVERY single player in the team that day, did at least one thing which directly resulted in the side's ultimate Premiership glory.

The Cronulla Caringbah Sharks 2020 - U12s Div 2 PREMIERS, in order of jersey numbers are:

No.1 - Kosta Akis (Fullback) - An outstanding defender & tackler, Kosta proved almost impenetrable at the back this season. Kosta would constantly get his body underneath opposition players and hold them up, even when they were over the try line and on countless occasions this season, his open play bone crunching, try saving tackles, were the difference between the team winning and losing games. An excellent team organiser who on his day, is also absolutely unplayable in attack as he showed in our Round 8 Game against Como. Kosta produced some fantastic one on one tackles in the Grand Final to thwart Como's attack and keep them to just 10 points, and he was ultimately responsible for the pinpoint perfect short kick off to the left wing in the second period of Extra Time, which saw our team regain possession deep into Como territory and score the Premiership Winning Try in that same set.

No.2 - Joshua Shield Moseley (First Receiver/ Centre) - One of two players in our team who don't turn 11yo until December, Josh is not only the youngest player in our team, but 2020 was also his first ever year of Rugby League. Blessed with tremendous natural talent and ball playing ability, Josh was instrumental in setting up many tries this season, while also scoring a few himself. His defence improved massively throughout the season and in the Grand Final, Josh came from nowhere to make an absolutely crucial textbook try saving cover tackle on Como's biggest player who after breaking our

defensive line, had nothing but daylight between himself and our try line. It was a tackle that ultimately kept us in the contest.

No.3 - Grace Thomas (Left Centre) - Picked up exactly where she left off last year & hasn't missed a beat. 2020 was a fantastic second year of footy for Grace. She ran stronger, made plenty more metres and her defence improved out of sight, resulting in more than just a few try saving tackles. By far one of the most improved all round players in our team, Grace saved her best for last, producing a colossal Grand Final performance to help power her team to victory. After making tremendous ground and countless post contact metres throughout the game, deep into the second stanza of extra time, Grace threw the offload to Logan which saw him raid the Como line and set up the Premiership winning try.

No.4 - Taj Littlejohn (Right Centre/ Wing) – In just his second year of Rugby League, Taj had a fantastic season. Possessing a deceptively powerful running style that left countless defenders grasping at thin air, Taj was a great contributor, making countless metres down the right-hand side in attack. Furthermore, he was our strongest right-side defender by some way and was himself responsible for stopping many opposition attacking waves throughout the season. Like Grace, Taj saved his best for last, playing his best game in both attack and defence in that memorable Grand Final with his big moment arriving very late in the game. With the scores locked at 10-10, Taj produced an unbelievable match saving tackle which saw his opposite number's left foot dragged onto the right touchline, just centimetres before he planted the ball down for what he thought was the match winning try. Sorry mate... Taj got ya!! What a Tackle!!

No.5 - Hugo France (Left Wing) – What a player?? Best Back, Best & Fairest, Top Try Scorer, Top Point Scorer, Team MVP. What more can one say? Just a phenomenal season from a phenomenal player. Blessed with unparalleled speed more akin to a Gold Medal winning Olympic Sprinter than a humble footy player, Hugo showed an uncanny ability to find space on the footy field, where for any other player, there really wasn't any. He would constantly terrorise defences with his running game, leaving defender after defender in his wake and scoring 100m tries at what seemed like will. Try hatricks were just a common occurrence whenever Hugo took the field and he was just absolutely unstoppable once he beat the outside man and found the inside of that left touchline. It was simply 'shut the gates' as they say - over and over and over again. Having already played Como twice before the Grand Final, Hugo had scored try hatricks in both games. Knowing that on Grand Final day, our attacking superstar was a marked man, we devised a plan, that would ultimately see Hugo play a starring role in all three of our tries that day. Starting Hugo on the right wing instead of the left in the Grand Final forced Como to stack their left side defence and leave their right side short. It was immediately after Hugo was tackled on the right wing by no less than five defenders close to the Como try line, that he quickly played the ball, and the opening try of the game was scored two passes later straight through the exposed Como defence. A set piece move, in the second period of Extra Time, saw Hugo regain possession in Como's half from Kosta's short kick off, and a few tackles later the Premiership Winning Try was scored. Sandwiched between those two tries however, was the moment of the Grand Final which saw Hugo receive the ball from an unassuming pass deep in our own half, with the side losing 10-4, and with just minutes left on the clock. Realising that his avenues on the left wing were closed, Hugo looked up and absolutely backed himself, to sprint from the left wing to the right, literally beat 5 Como Players who tried and failed to tackle him, look up and see another 4 who had slid across and were ready to pounce, only for him to kick the ball ahead, sprint past the waiting defenders, chase down his own kick, regather the ball and score what was THE BEST U12s try I have EVER seen scored, regardless of Grade or Level. Backed by Logan's successful pressure conversion, it was without question - THE ONE MOMENT of pure Rugby League Brilliance that paved the way to Premiership Glory.

No.6 - Logan Reeves (Left Side Second Receiver) - For almost every try Hugo scored, it was Logan who either provided the final pass or pinpoint accurate left side kick to ultimately create the opportunity. In just his second year of Rugby League, Logan was unquestionably one of our best this year and was front and centre of each and every attacking raid. He possesses a very powerful running game, can throw a fantastic pass and is one of the hardest and most reliable tacklers in the team. Logan was not only the best kicker in the side from open play but was also the top goal kicker in the team, with a near perfect conversion rate. He not only kicked the massive pressure conversion in the Grand Final to level the scores at 10-10 with just minutes remaining in the second half, but he was also the one player in Extra Time who had the presence of mind to latch onto Grace's offload, make a darting run towards the Como line, and then produce a super quick play the ball, to ultimately set up the premiership winning try. Another fantastic season Logan - Great work mate!!

No.7 - Kade Wicks (Right Side Second Receiver) - What Logan did for us on the left this season, Kade mirrored him on the right side of the field. One of the most consistent and reliable players I have ever come across, Kade possesses everything a team needs from a playmaker. Kade is not only a fantastic and illusive ball runner, he is also one of the best and hardest tacklers in the team. He was instrumental in creating countless attacking opportunities for the side this year and deservedly bagged a few tries for himself in the process. One of our toughest players, whenever the team needed someone to stand up in any game this season, whether in attack or defence, Kade was always the first to produce an inspirational tackle or run out of nowhere to inspire his teammates and ultimately guide them to victory.

No.8 - Riley Keats (Prop Forward) – Is really starting to realise the damage he can do when he runs onto the ball from depth and at full speed. Constantly improving in his attacking game, Riley made countless metres for us this year, giving the backs in the team the perfect field position they needed to ultimately do their thing. With his ability to attract a large number of defenders, each and every time he runs the ball, Riley's offloads are also developing very nicely, and he is now really on the verge of being an extremely dangerous player every time he runs the ball. Riley's defence and tackling have come a long way this season, with huge improvements in his technique and on field attitude. With increased fitness next season, Riley has the ability to be one hell of an all-round footy player.

No.9 - Milton Akis (Dummy Half)– – The other player in our side who doesn't turn 11 until December, Milton had an absolutely fantastic season at Dummy Half. One of the fastest and fittest players in the team, Milton constantly kept the side rolling forward, by encouraging quick play the balls, releasing fast passes from dummy half, and taking some fantastic opportunistic scoots whenever the chance arose to steal some easy metres. Despite his relatively small frame, Milton was one of our best and most reliable tacklers this season and as he showed on countless occasions, he can easily bring down players on his own, that are double or even triple his size. Like all good Dummy Halves, Milton is tough, fearless and has a really good understanding of the game. With everybody exhausted at the end of almost 50 minutes of footy in the second period of Extra Time of the Grand Final, all 26 players on the field were playing at a somewhat subdued pace as Extra Time was coming to a predictable end with the scores locked at 10-10. It was at this point, with just 2 minutes remaining, that Milton doubled the speed at which he ran to attack Logan's play the ball, sprinted for the corner post, but then cleverly stepped back inside while diving for the line to score what would ultimately be the 2020 Premiership Winning Try.

No.10 - Adam Brooker (Prop Forward) – Joined the team in our Round 3 clash against GyMEA, having never played a game of footy or never having even previously attended a footy training session. The improvement of Adam from that day, to the player that presented himself at the season ending Grand Final, was nothing short of extraordinary. Through his careful listening, persistence and hard work, by

season's end, Adam was running unbelievable lines, making huge metres, and even creating second phase opportunities for the team through some unbelievable offloads. His aggression in both his running and tackling is exactly where it needs to be and with some improvement in his tackling technique and fitness during next year's pre-season, Adam has all the hallmarks of a readymade power forward, in just half a season of footy. His progress to date has been just astonishing, in every possible way.

No.11 - Shannon Griffin (Right Centre/ Wing) – Certainly one of the most improved players in the team, Shannon has made tremendous progress in her footy this season. Her work in attack on the right edge has been awesome with some strong ball running and some fantastic passes to set up tries for her teammates. Her attacking combinations with Taj and Milo in particular have been unreal to watch develop this season. Defensively, Shannon's tackling has come along in leaps and bounds, and she produced some fantastic try saving tackles at right centre throughout the season. Her Round 7 performance against Bosco showed that Shannon knows exactly what's required to take her game to the next level. With improved fitness in the off season, consistently producing these strong performances week in week out, is just around the corner.

No.12 - Aaron Carroll (Right Back-Row) - It's really hard to believe this kid just played his second ever season of Rugby League. On the wing last year, with his big strong frame, Aaron was shifted to the Back Row this season. Set for a massive year, (trained the house down in the pre-season), Aaron was so unlucky to break his wrist in just our first game. As he limped off the field in tremendous pain, in the short time he had played, Aaron had without doubt made his mark on the 2020 season. Making massive metres in attack and backed by bone-crunching after bone-crunching tackle in defence, Aaron was our best player by a mile that day. In his first game back in Round 8, Aaron scored an absolutely outstanding solo try against De La Salle, as he continued to run and defend with pure heart and courage. Aaron produced a massive performance for us in the Grand Final this year and was the only player from our team who made Endeavour Sports High School for Rugby League. Congratulations mate - You absolutely deserve it!!

No.13 - Banjo Mathison (Anywhere) – Is by far the side's most versatile player. He has the body and strength of a forward combined with the ball playing ability and passing skills of a halfback. Although injured for much of the season, Banjo was undoubtedly there for the team when it absolutely counted. He possesses a thorough understanding of the game and knows exactly where to position himself in attack to best serve his team. A super strong ball runner, he almost always beat at least one tackler in attack and consistently made fantastic metres up the field for the side. Producing some unreal one on one try saving tackles towards the back end of the season, Banjo's defence has improved so much over the last two years, that he is now without doubt one of the side's most effective and reliable tacklers.

No.14 - Ethan Dauroff (Halfback) – Despite joining the team in Round 3, Ethan very quickly became a very key member of the side. Blessed with outstanding attacking skill and talent, Ethan was front and centre of countless attacking raids this season and with his freakish ability, created many tries for himself and his teammates from the first receiver position. One of the fastest players in the team, Ethan would dazzle defenders with his unique combination of speed and illusive running. As one of the best open play kickers in the team and possessing a fantastic pass off both sides, Ethan's contribution to the side's 2020 Premiership was invaluable to say the least. And if all this wasn't enough, just to top it off, as one of the side's 3 smallest players, Ethan's defence and tackling technique was absolutely second to none this year. On many occasions, Ethan would bring down players double his size.... Over and over and over again. Just an outstanding all-round little player, who scored our

first try in the Grand Final to get us underway with some fantastic illusive footwork. A fantastic season mate & thank you so much for joining our team!!

No.15 - Milo Bridgewater (Right Wing) - In just his first ever year of Rugby League, Milo was unreal for us on the right wing this season. Both his attacking game and his tackling improved out of sight from the start of the season to the end. Saving a number of tries with some great tackles, Milo was consistently excellent in returning the ball from 5th tackle kicks and open play throughout the season. An excellent trainer and listener, Milo constantly improved in each and every game he played and was absolutely rock solid in the Grand Final. A tremendous first year of footy - well and truly matching it with many kids who have been playing, year in year out for more than 5 years.

No.16 - Kurt Fing (Lock Forward) – The best tackler in the team by a country mile, Kurt was just a fantastic asset to our footy team this season. Assuming the position of marker on almost every tackle of every defensive set, Kurt would consistently make 3-4 tackles per set and absolutely suffocate the life out of any attacking raids that opposition sides were attempting to mount against us. To add insult to injury, the tackles Kurt made were not only intended to stop players and bring them down gently, but instead, they were absolutely ruthless, unforgiving and just plain brutal. Kurt's unlucky run of injuries this season saw him miss a few games, and it was no coincidence that it was in these games, that despite facing what looked like easy opposition on paper, the team struggled quite badly defensively. A massive improvement for Kurt this season, was his attack and running game. He ran straight and hard at opposition defences and made countless metres moving forward. As we knew he would be, Kurt was absolutely fantastic for us on Grand Final day in both attack and defence. His tremendous job from marker, saw Como really struggle to make any significant inroads through their attack and he was a huge contributor in restricting them to just 10 points in 50 minutes of footy.

No.17 - Dylan Brennan (Left Back-Row) – Having never previously played Rugby League before this season, Dylan is without question a supremely gifted and talented footy player. He was far and away one of our very best players in both attack and defence this year, as he constantly propelled the team forward with huge metres through the guts of the field with every carry and his huge bone crunching tackles, were absolutely massive for us, when the chips were down and inspiration was needed. Dylan's fierce aggression, determination, fight and fearless attitude, typify everything that is great about Rugby League and there is absolutely no doubt whatsoever that Dylan has the potential to become a very serious footy player if he chooses. While Dylan had a fantastic all-round game in the Grand Final, his effort in Extra Time was THE Highlight of the season for me as his coach. With tears rolling down his face at fulltime, he looked at me and told me that he was in too much pain from an injury sustained in the game and he just couldn't go on and play the Extra Time period. I looked into his eyes, wiped the tears from his face and asked him if he could possibly give me just 5 more minutes. He looked straight back at me, fighting back his natural instinct to continue crying and said "Ok Mani – I'll do it." The performance he put on in that 10 minute Extra Time period was nothing short of extraordinary, and something I won't be forgetting in a hurry. An Absolutely phenomenal first year of footy for Dylan.

No.22 – Josh Ipca (Prop Forward) - By far one of our best forwards in attack this year, Josh proved an absolute menace for opposition defences with his consistently super strong and direct ball running. On many occasions this year, Josh led the team in metres gained and on countless occasions, he was solely responsible for the side's fantastic field position, prior to scoring points. Defensively, Josh's game also improved significantly this year as he made some really hard and tough tackles on opposite players. Like many of his teammates, Josh really rose to the occasion on Grand Final day. He was inspirational, when really late in the game, with the scores locked at 10-10 and the team struggling to get off their line, Josh took it upon himself to produce a tremendously powerful run, which saw him

carry three defenders 20 metres up the field from our own try line to get the team out of trouble. A fantastic moment and all-round year for Josh.

In terms of individual talents, each player brought something very unique and special to the table this season, and when we put it all together, it formed the framework of a potential packed squad of players, that could really achieve anything they set their minds to, regardless of their footy experience. All they had to do was work hard, listen and play for each other when it counted - and boy did they do that!!

CONGRATULATIONS & WELL-DONE KIDS - A VERY HARD FOUGHT & WELL-DESERVED PREMIERSHIP!!!

For making 2020 such a wonderful and memorable footy season for our team, Special thanks goes to:

Stuart Fing: A great mate of mine, Stu was an enormous part of the team's Grand Final triumph. Regardless of his own son's availability to train or even play on the weekends, Stu was unwavering in his commitment to the kids, helping me coach the team, each and every Tuesday & Thursday night as well as their games each Saturday. Stu possesses great knowledge of the game and our team benefited greatly from his input and tough work ethic.

Jeff Keats: Every great team needs a great manager, and Jeff is all that and much more. Through their diligence and experience, Jeff and his wife Kim, always stayed on top of all administrative requirements associated with the team and thereby ensured that I could 100% concentrate on just coaching the kids. Jeff was also very hands on at training throughout the year, constantly encouraging the kids and doing his absolute best to reinforce what Stu and I were trying to teach. Another fantastic year as Team Manager.

Laura McLachlan: Was excellent in ensuring our team adhered to all COVID 19 protocols each week and was absolutely instrumental as the communication conduit between myself and the players during games. Even when her own son was injured or unable to play in a large number of games in 2020, Laura never let the team down, attending every game throughout the season and performing her job with absolute distinction.

Parents: Without you guys bringing the kids to training and games three times a week & constantly encouraging them to do their best for themselves, their teammates and the club, we have no footy team and as such, the collective triumphs experienced this season, would have been impossible without you. Thank you all so much for your massive contribution to our season this year and for also trusting us (Stu, Jeff, Laura & Myself) to make your kids better footy players.

Andy Mathews: Thanks for EVERYTHING AGAIN this year buddy. You're a great mate who is always there for me and all of our U12s kids. I am extremely proud of everything we have achieved together and the culture we've built for this wonderful group of young footy players in our age Group. I love your passion, your love for the game, our late-night coaching text exchanges and quite frankly, I could not have wished for a better mentor to look towards to inspire my coaching. You're an absolute legend mate.

Camo Johnson: Attended our Grand Final and addressed the side before they took the field and again at halftime with some memorable and stirring words of wisdom. There is no question that his talk and presence on the sideline inspired the team throughout the match. As Camo quite rightly predicted before the game, the kids made memories that day - memories that they will carry with them for the rest of their lives.

CC Sharks Executive: Can't thank them enough for all that they do. Without their tireless work, we have no club, no footy team and no Premiership. Thanks, so much for everything – you guys are the best!!

Our Girls: Last but not least, I would like to thank our 2 amazingly talented girls – Grace & Shannon. You guys have been a huge part of our footy team for the last 2 years and we will ALL miss you massively when the team regathers for pre-season training again next year. No matter what, you guys will always be part of this side and we will forever be grateful to you for the vital contributions you both made in us winning our first Premiership together. We wish you both the very best of luck in the all-girls comp next year, and we will no doubt see you around the CCSharks Clubhouse and Home Ground in the not too distant future.

2020 - A PREMIERSHIP YEAR for the Cronulla Caringbah Sharks U12 Division 2 side.

Onwards and upwards in '21.

Mani Akis,

Coach

U13 GOLD



Hey team !!! What a crazy year it's been. From the 1st round till the end this season threw up many challenges. Unfortunately falling short of the grand final this year. Despite not achieving this, the improvement and development in each individual player from when we first started in early February to now, has been the most rewarding thing for myself.

Like I said before we have faced many challenges, injuries, illness, coaches having to go into isolation even playing with no bench during many games. Though I never heard one of boys complain or show any negative signs, they just got on with the Job and did their role for the team, which was highlighted in our last round performance we started the game with just 13 players, many players out of position, we stuck to the game plan and ended beating eventual grand finalists Aquinas 14- 4. This year has been built on resilience and desire, which these boys show plenty.

This is how we saw the boys In 2020 !!!

1. DJ Kulitapa - little Uce, first year at fullback mate and you really made a good fist of it. You provided great energy at the back and took some tough carries out of our own end to get our sets started. As all good fullbacks do, it's what you did off the ball, always pushing up in attack and organised your defence line well at the back. As the year went on you really grew into the position, well done on a great year.

2. Jacob Habkhouk - Safe as houses on the wing for us this year mate. You put your body on the line every week despite playing against some much bigger opposition. You never shied away from taking some tough carries and making some big tackles out on the edge this year. You're one tough kid that never let size get in the way, well done Jacob on a great year.

3. Nash McNally - one of our mid year recruits to the team. You just fitted into this team, with little fuss. Again I had to throw you into many different positions, but you adapted and got on with Job. Centre was where you played mainly and you did an exceptional Job out there, pulling of some big tackles. Great Year Nash, we would love to see you back again at Cronulla Caringbah.

4. Kaden Garner - bit of setback at the start of the season with injury, but bounced back and was inspirational at the back end for this team. KG would make every tackle and take every run if he could on the footy field. Towards the end of season, due to injuries we moved KG into second row and he grew another leg there, it was awesome to watch. I've never seen anyone to have the desire to win like you do mate. Well done KG, big year from you !!!

5. Issac Lopes - plays like forward in a wingers body, one of the toughest kids in our team. You were unreal buddy. Still don't know how you scored that try against Como earlier this year. You're carries from the back always started our sets on the front foot and from the wing putting on some big tackles, that left us coaches saying "how does he do that". Well done mate, you had a fantastic year.

6. Callum Grantham - Last minute before the season kicked off we put Call to 5/8, we knew This kid just needed the ball more times in his hands any doubts we had were gone after round 1 scoring 3 try's and setting up 1. Many times this year Call was the difference between winning and losing some games. Just through his ability to pick out defensive holes or use his strength to barge over opposition defenders. You're an absolute pleasure to coach and anything's possible for you mate.

7. Max Johnson - you're a student of the game, all the little things we worked on your game this year, you executed it brilliantly. You did an exceptional job steering this team around the park and making sure every player was where they needed to be. You were courageous in defence having many big bodies constantly running at you. It was great to see you start running the ball more towards the end of the year, like all great halfbacks do. You really matured into the halfback role and every game plan we had you made sure the boys stuck to it. Great year Maxy !!!

8. Cooper Axiak - Coops great year from you in the middle. Put your body on the line and took some big carries this year , because you're a handful to stop you attracted lots of defenders, which laid the platform for your outside backs. You came up with plenty of big hits and had some great creative tip on and off loads that setup some important tries for the team. You had to play some big minutes at times in the middle and pushed through, great season mate !!!

9. Kayden Thomson - (vice captain) Again another player thrown into a position last minute. But Jerry you're a genuine dummy half and a position that's made for you. You're as tough as nails, hardly ever missing a tackle which is huge considering you have front rowers running at you all day. Scored some sneaky try's out of dummy half at important moments of games. You lead your forward pack around the field and provided great service to them. You're a no fuss player, who gets on with the job. Love coaching you mate, cracker year from you Jerry !!!

10. Harlem Peters - "the human wrecking ball" I think every defender in the comp fears you running at them. You're big, fast and strong. Probably the only front rower I know who can score length of the field tries. At times you had to play a full game in the front row, but you just rolled up your sleeves and did it. Another player that can be anything if he wants. Terrific season Big Uce.

11. Jack Ennis - (Captain) what a great leader this guy is. It's the standards Jack sets himself and the team at training and on the field which made me put this guy as our captain. You lead from the front with some big tackles and strong carries when the pressure was on. Ran some beautiful holes of maxy this year. Jack is another student of the game and it's what he does with the ball in games that makes

him so valuable. Unfortunately injury cut you're year short, but none the less you had a great year and can't wait to see you back bigger and stronger in 2021 !!!

12. Mason Bevan - At the start I didn't know where to put you mate . We had this one contact session at training before the season started and I was like this kid can tackle and run hard. We gave him a crack at second row and from there played every minute there during this season. Your defence was outstanding snapping opposition players regularly, along with this your hit ups were unbelievable always breaking the defensive line or throwing players off you. You made the right edge your own mate. Fantastic year Mason !!!

13. Kane Pearse - every team needs a Kane Pearse in it I always referred to him as our "Mitch Aubusson" literally played every position this year bar wing I think. You're a coaches dream mate. Whatever we threw at you, you just did it at the best of your ability. A highlight was some of the bone rattling tackles you pulled off, very impressive. You work hard and do the little things right at training which we love to see. Couldn't be more proud of you buddy, killed it for us this year !!!

14. Reilly Charlton - Another late addition to the team, but boy we needed you. You were great in the centre's for us this year a position which we struggled to fill. I always felt we were safe defensively when you were out there. Your scoots out of dummy half we're always strong, setting a great platform for our get out sets. You fitted unbelievably well into this team, great season Reilly !!!

15. Jackson Marsh - still guts me Jacko I couldn't get to see you play much this year, unfortunately injury kept you to just 1 game. But the game you played I saw enough that you're a genuine rugby league player. You can run hard, strong in your defence and have ball skills to match, you're the package deal mate. Keep your head up mate, we can't wait to see you back bigger and better next year. 2021 is your year champion:

16. Oshay Harrison - Another guy that had to play big minutes in the middle. Against Engadine when we had 13 players, played a whole game in the front row which is huge. Teams struggled to take you down big fella and you but some nice shots on too, which made attackers think twice about running at you. Solid year Oshay, well done mate.

17. Tyler Laubsher - Another one, who had their year cut short cause of a broken collar bone and was starting to find top form, you're last game you had against De La you just rolled through their defence with some big charges and made some nice under the ribs driving tackles. Front row is definitely your position mate and we can't wait to see what you bring in 2021. Still a great year Tyler.

18. Matiasi Falaniko - Another one of the late brigade that joined during the season and what a welcomed addition you were mate. Being a rugby player you transitioned well into league and provided some size up front for us. You really found your feet the last 2 games of the year, playing big minutes in the middle, taking plenty of carries carrying defenders on your back sometimes 20 metres at a time. We would love to see you come back and start the season with us, I believe we were only just seeing the best of you, well done Mati.

Couldn't have asked for better bunch of young men to start my coaching career. As any football season does you have its ups and downs, we were unlucky with injuries, but through adversity comes opportunity and a lot boys were able to play positions they may never of played before and excelled there which as a coach is pleasing to watch. The biggest goal of mine was to show these boys to have a team mentality and that the team comes before the individual, which they showed me that this year. It was their first year of international rules and at times the boys were learning and implementing things that are well beyond their years. Boys you should still take pride in finishing in 3rd place and at

the end of the day we were just 2 points of making the grand final, which is something you boys should still hold your head high about.

For myself personally it's been one of the best years I've had involved in my 20 year career of rugby league. To be able to give back to a club that I love and gave myself so much over the years is honestly the best feeling. So Thankyou to Camo for handing over the reigns and allowing me the opportunity to coach these boys. This is only the start of our journey and can't wait to be a part of these boys development in the future.

Special mentions

Thankyou to our loyal sponsors Saville and Weston solicitors, Gunbuild, Rep ready, Runnulla and Rhino mouthguards your contribution to this team is greatly appreciated.

Thankyou to all the parents that helped this year on canteen duty. We appreciate it and the club do aswell. Thankyou

Thanks to our executive particularly Pete Axiak, for always being there if we needed anything and always in the background helping make our jobs easier.

Camo Johnson - I know it's hard to let go of what you started, but without you're support none of this would of happened. Appreciate you recording every game for us, that stuff is invaluable. You're the man !!!

Celeste Johnson - Thankyou for being an unreal manager (still haven't told Pete he's been sacked) , you did a fantastic Job. And you did an even better Job dealing with me on the sidelines. Thanks for all your help.

To my coaching staff cheers Thommo for jumping in at trainer when we needed you it was greatly appreciated. To My old man Pete Saville unfortunately commitments with Sydney shield team took up a lot of your time, but you helped me greatly getting this team organised at the start and appreciate your contribution. To my assistant coaches Steve Lemone and Josh Gunning coaching this year made it even better having my 2 best mates by my side. You guys were fantastic and did so much for this team, honestly couldn't of done this without you guys, we all shared the same passion to help these boys be the best they can. Killed it lads !!!

Well that's 2020 dusted. Thankyou to all the parents allowing me the opportunity to coach their Son. I feel very privileged for this opportunity It's been great to get to know everyone over the course of the year. Will be back bigger and even better in 2021.

Look forward to seeing the boys back in January for their first real pre season.

Hope the boys enjoy their break, freshen up and come back ready to go.

Thanks Team, for making our first year coaching an absolute blast.

Your Coaches Jez, Steve and Josh

U13 SILVER

Very proud of the effort the boys put in this season, first year with Hunter and I as trainer and coach and it felt like there was instant chemistry. An unfortunate mid season draw mix-up put us on a tough position to win every game to make it into the grand final. To miss it by only one win shows how well these boys performed. With low numbers at the beginning of the season they still went out and were smashing the opposition. Can't wait to coach the boys in further years to come!

Player report:

Will: played fullback but would run the ball we had as a forward. Besides running dead to miss out in a try in the first game, one of the best

Archie: a true captain of the team, showed courage and heart on the field and at training. One of the toughest on the team playing on with injuries.

Jake: The little hooker, one of the smallest in the field but will play like one of the biggest. Leading up the defence and showing passion on the field.

Mason: a late comer into the squad but with in the first session was controlling the team like he was a professional. Big things to come from mason

Declan: was seeing improvements each week from Declan, listened each week on what we had to say and would give his all each week.

Blake: close to the cheekiest on the team but was one of the best, picked up new moves within minutes and would replicate them perfectly on the field. Perfect No 7

Kelani: the smallest centre you'll every see but played like he was in first grade, would smash the biggest kids and has pulled off some amazing tries. One of the best

Jackson: the heart of the team, each week Jackson would put his best foot forward and lead the team in defence and attack. The smallest player on the field but by far the loudest in important moments.

Jackson (Fitzy): my best mate, showed up to each and every training session and game without fail. Ran the ball hard and fast and hit hard every time

Dylan: one the biggest on the team and the fastest, when running would make 25+ metres each run without fail. With big tackles, he's the definition of a front rower

Harry: the big boy of the team, lead from the front and always played his heart out on the field. Making big runs and big hits when the team needed it most. One of the best

Ben: Big Ben, came in late to the season but made an instant impact to the team. Big strong hard runs and massive hits. Can't wait to coach Ben again

Kane: first season out at centre and was one of the best, for a small build Kane would smash anyone who ran towards him and pulled off some amazing plays

Caleb: one of the best defenders in the team, never let anyone get past him. Scored some great tries on the wing off kicks.

Kasey: my little mate always played his heart out, mix and match in positions throughout the year but always played well in each spot.

Luka: a late addition to the squad but showed what he was made of each week, was tough in each and every position.

Kody: for his first season in centre he showed what he was made of. Always gave his 100% and never let me down.

U14 GOLD

We started the season with a challenge - we didn't have enough kids for two teams, as we did the previous year, which meant we had too many kids for one team. But after talking to everyone we decided to run with the 24 players we had and pushed on and started pre season with a new mix of kids. Big mention to Jasper who came back to pre season in top shape and killed it. From a kid who was coming dead last in fitness the year before to coming in the top 3 is credit to himself for the work he put in. After getting all the new boys on the same level and understanding what was required to play in the gold comp we hit a bump with Covid happening.

After a long delay, the season was back on and finally we had a draw to work off with a shorten season and 1 and 2 playing the grand final. It was going to be a tough ask to make it to three Grand finals in a row. It did not help with the draw we were given either. First up the red hot Colts team and a team we don't do well against every time we play them. Yep same old story cheap turnovers and miss tackles and no belief in ourselves lead to a one-sided scoreline. But credit to the boys They turned up to training, got smashed, found some belief and put in the best defensive effort I had seen for a long time to beat old rivals dela.

After that it was a mixed bag of results - the games we should have won we lost, the games we needed to win we just fell short on, but credit to the boys they kept turning up and doing everything that was asked of them and more sometimes. And it really showed in the last couple of games what they can really do if they play as a team, have belief in themselves and have fun.

To the boys- I hope you enjoyed the season and had fun and learnt something along the way. Next year is a big year with development squads and all that, everyone can have a crack at them easy, just have belief in what you can do, but remember practice makes perfect and there is always room to improve your game.

These words sum it all up Hard work beats talent every single day.

Lastly I would like to thank Jimmy, Craig Day, Craig Sims and Amber for everything you have done for the team and for me. I'm not the easiest to work with but I appreciate everything you guys have done for me and the team. You guys are truly amazing.

2021 is the sharks year !!! Matt



U15 SILVER

I feel so privileged to coach these amazing kids. After only two years of coaching these boys I have seen them grow as football players as they have expanded their knowledge and understanding of the game and also grow into young adults.

A massive thank you to Ryan my trainer who did an absolute killer job helping me coach these kids, making it to training when I couldn't and also a big thank you to Mat and Gando for going above and beyond for this team, couldn't have done it without you guys.

A better season overall this year for the boys. We had a few new players join our team, all of which lead by captains Kye Beasley and Sam Nelson who both had great years once again leading the forwards around the park with a big help from one of our best players this year Baylee Kerr, a coaches dream. I cannot speak more highly of Baylee, he always listens, doesn't complain about anything, just does his job on and off the field and puts his team first.

The backs were lead by Marley Matthews and Josh Simpson. Returning to Cronulla Caringbah this year, Marley is a very talented kid and has amazing football brain and amazing ball skills and always lifts the team with his presence. Josh's season was sadly cut short due to a broken arm, which was unfortunate as it was the best I have seen him play since being with him, he had high confidence in everything he did and it was just starting to shine through onto the team. I really can't wait for next year, and to hopefully see you all back and go that one step further.

A massive thank you to all the parents for their commitment this year, bringing the boys to games, the early mornings, the late arvos and even the canteen and bbq duties and also taking the jerseys home each week for a wash!!!

Cheers

Brad Whettters



U16 SILVER

Coach: David Griffin

Trainer: Blair Tumeth

Ball Girl: Amie-Lee Griffin

How good is Rugby League!

A big congratulations to the U16 Silver for the awesome year you guys had, I don't think half these players had played together before but did they work and look great in a team with the ball. These boys stepped up right from word go with a tough win against Aquinas, with the refs against us right from word I knew it was going to be a tough year, also with injuries the players were dropping like flies. We had a great start to the year, training hard, playing hard and some nice combinations starting to form on the field, by mid-season I think we were shaping up as the team to beat, We were playing some really good footy and toughing it out against the better teams. The boys worked really well with one another and played together as a team right from word go. As a team and as individuals they grew each week, with each player putting in 100% every game. Although sometimes they did get along a little to good, so much I think they forgot they were at training sometimes.

I would like to thank every young man in the team this year for whom I'm very proud of for what you have achieved this year as a team and individuals, I hope to see you all back again next year for another crack at it, I do think we will be the best in the shire and the comp next year.

I would like to thank Blair for his hard work and commitment to the team this year as trainer.

I would also like to thank the Rock, Doctor, Manager the amazing Lady behind the scenes Caroline for her hard work in keeping the many injured at rest on the side lines during the season and going beyond her duties as manager.

Lastly a big thank you to the U16 team for going out there and playing some good footy and keeping your heads cool under pressure, I have learnt a lot this year not only as a coach but as a person too.

Troy: Wow what speed he has and always proving to be a handful for the opposition not only in attack but also in defence as fullback stopping many tries, Troy can get the footy and make something out of nothing it takes a good talent to do that.

Blake: He was outstanding on the wing making some good metres, quick on his toes in defence was also great at running the ball down the sideline, Blake had good hands never making a mistake with the ball.

Dane: Dane had a great year always wanting to get involved with the ball, his defence was as strong as any winger in the game by putting on some big hits throughout the season, In attack his ability to hunt for the ball and made a few line breaks resulting in tries.

Dave: Davo was our 5/8 for the year and would get our backline firing and would always get them moving on the front foot, Always up in the line of defence. He made some great runs when the opportunity was there and followed it on with a few tries being set up or scored by himself.

Daniel: Dan played left centre for the year, He is a great defensive centre and improved more and more as the season went on, with his ability in reading the attacking plays and positioning himself in the defensive line always taking his man down.

Corey: Corey was one of our toughest players out there in the centres and has an untapped potential and a tonne of talent. His tackling technique is reminiscent of Sonny-Bill and would often leave his opposite number left writhing in pain, Always a constant threat in attack with his hard running and speed. Fearless competitor.

Jack: Wow what a season sad that it got cut short with injury. A passionate player and committed to getting a win every week. A player that was part of our engine room making plenty of metres with his carries and is renowned for his hard running and line breaks. His defence is brutal always putting his body on the line and charging at the defence, defiantly held his own in the defensive department. Tough as nails.

Marvin: Wow another player that was in our engine room making awesome metres with his carries. What you see is what you get, A hard running forward making 10 to 15 meters per run proving very awkward for the opposition to contain. His defence also took some big steps forward, putting on some big hits and lifting his work rate on the field.

Luca: Luca has been a powerful and reliable player all year. Whatever you ask of him he will give you his all and more making sure not to leave anything in the tank. His defence was a massive understatement this year and his hits could be felt from the sideline. The opposition always had a hard time wrapping him up as he uses his power to grind the opposition down defiantly a player that can change a game.

Max: Max is a real passionate footy player who is always committed to the team, He played tough every week and never gave up. He was quick out of the ruck area to make those very important metres when we needed them. He led the team forward every chance he got and wasn't scared to give the team a spray when needed a very variable player in our team.

Cory: Cory was our half for the year, organising the team in attack and was never scared to be there and make the first tackle no matter the size of the opponent. He took a few knocks throughout the year but showed his courage and commitment every time by getting up and going harder. Great enthusiasm for the game or Rugby league and it showed in his performance week by week.

Jed: A very passionate player. His eagerness to learn the game and work on his skills has seen his game improve a great deal. His timing when running onto the ball or out of the ruck area saw him make plenty of metres up the middle and on the fringes of the ruck area. His work ethic at training and on the field was really pleasing even though he was forced to play a number of positions.

Mark: Mark was our right centre for the year, A very busy player he showed great enthusiasm for every game, always looking for a run and never afraid to take on opposition players that had an obvious weight advantage. His reads in defence out on the wing was a real highlight. Very few players were able to get around him.

Nav: Nav has plenty of ability, He ran the ball with plenty of guts, made plenty of metres and left the opposition in his wake, he was quiet a handful for the opposition when he came off the bench refreshed and full of energy. He is fearless when it comes to tackling the opposition. A player that worked hard for himself and his teammates.

Tom: Turbo has been a very powerful and reliable player all year. Tom played the game hard and always intimidated the opposition with his tactics, played every game like it was his last. He was always out on his feet yelling at the team trying to lift them, just as you think he has nothing left he finds something deep inside and will lift himself to another level. It is rare to find a player that can keep pushing themselves to the end.

Howie: Howie is the gentle little giant, He had a great season as one of our forwards. He came to training and game day pumped ready to go and always did the extra when asked of him. He was always putting a smile on our faces with his larrikin personality , He is always one to get the ball an try an bust the line an make good metres. Howie is no shy to put on the big hits or chase a player down on the sideline when needed, he is one for making big improvements during this season with his running and tackling.

Matt: Matt is a player that makes coaching easy. Always turns up wit a great attitude and is willing to do what is best for the team. Unfortunately his season ended short due to injurie. His elusive running style saw him make line breaks constantly and his defence is awesome. He is the complete player. The boys look at him during the tough moments of a game to get us going and without fail he is always there ready to take a run or come up with a big tackle.

Sunny: Wears his heart on his sleeve, team player and never stops trying. Quick runner which in attack he was very crafty and read the game well, Puts his head down an gets on with it, With what he lacks in size makes up for in effort, Sunny is one of the most dangerous on the field, He can read the game and most in attack, He has a great work rate fearlessly regularly taking on bigger opposition and getting his mark.

Swilly: Swilly had a great year always wanting to be involved in every set, A solid defender out in the middle especially on our try line. He was nothing short of devastating in his powerful and explosive running through the guts of the opposition defence, He is a fast ball runner and a valuable team player that has made a great contribution to the team's success this year.

Ashton: Always dangerous when he gets ball, Ashton has a fantastic running game, makes easy metres with every hit up. Whatever you ask of him he will give you his all and more. Using Ashton as an interchange player he was so dynamic. His defence was massive and his hits could be felt from the sidelines, He has a great attitude towards the game and his team mates.

U18 SILVER

What a year 2020 turned out to be!

I would like to thank Juicy and Shane for their help all year and to our wonderful sponsor Frances Crossle.

It was a year the comp got away from us, it all came down to the last game of the season and unfortunately we didn't get the chocolates. I can't praise the boys enough for the effort and willingness to never give up.

We started off slow and it took us a few games for us to get match fit but then we put every team on notice. With some new guys coming in it helped us form an unbelievably team and the potential was there for everyone to see. As always we finished the year of strong and had the footy gods on our side for a change but just couldn't get over the line in the last game There is always next year boys.

I hope you all stick around so we can set our eyes on the bigger picture which is getting that AGrade team with all you younger boys coming up.

To my boys, witnessing history with our AGrade side taking out the Sydney Shield when they were 26-0 only proves that the game is never over until that final bell rings.

I would like to say thanks to all the parents and friends for your unconditional support, the boys and I really appreciated it.

Special mention goes to Gando, Camo, Pete, Pam and Caroline Without beautiful people like you guys our club would not be where it is today.

Finally to my boys , It has been an absolute pleasure to have been your coach over the last 2 yrs and a trainer since u guys were 12.I hope I've been able to help you grow as footballers and as men in some way I will definitely be there to help Shane coach you guys and support you all in anyway I can.

Cheers Tippa



SYDNEY SHIELD

“Good, Better, Best, never let it rest, till your good is better and your better, best.”

On Sunday 27 September 2020, a team of young men etched themselves into Cronulla Caringbah Sharks folklore by winning the NSWRL’s 2020 Sydney Shield Men’s Competition.

At one stage being 26 to nil behind, the team produced an incredible second half comeback to claim victory 32-30 over Ryde-Eastwood Hawks in the Sydney Shield Grand Final at Bankwest Stadium.

Some 42 years have passed since Cronulla-Caringbah were able to taste the sweet success of victory competing at a similar level.

With an extensive playing roster that included a host of past Cronulla-Caringbah players and those players that were drafted from other Clubs into a cause, no a dream, that in future years will, without a doubt, be shared as one of the greatest moments in Cronulla-Caringbah Sharks club’s history.

However, the story would be incomplete to simply pay honour to those players who made up the grand final team without also recognising the efforts of all the other players and those people that contributed throughout the season to enable us to be in a grand final.

Co-captains, Michael Lichaa and Tokerau Raru, their leadership was their strength which brought and kept the team together on and off the field.

Coaches, Joe Lichaa and Steve Kelly

Sport Trainers/Physio – Brooke Dawson, Rob Childerhouse, Jay McGuinness and Kyle Pearce

Gear Steward – Doug Smith Manager – Pete Saville

Photographer – Thalia Smith-Astudillo and her sister, Belah Smith-Astudillo

Ball Boys – Cooper Axiak and Maurice Marroun

Sponsors – THL Group (James ‘Gabby’ Marroun), DLB Insurance & Risk Solutions (Dean Bowen), ZMH Roofing (Zac Hansen), Condell Park Smash Repairs (Mick Chahoud) and Saville & Weston Solicitors (Pete Saville).

Cronulla-Caringbah Sharks JRLFC Executive in particular Club Secretary, Peter Axiak

Supporters – The players’ families and mates, the Cronulla-Caringbah faithful and yes, the HFC.

No greater foundation stone has ever been laid for this Club’s future then that which was laid by the players and those team contributors of the 2020 Sydney Shield Team.

In summing up the sentiments of the Club as a whole you would have to simply say:

“That’s gold luv, pure gold. Yee haa Cronulla-Caringbah”

2020 Sydney Shield Grand Final Team

Brent Anderson	Deejay Lokeni-Pucell
Benjamin Chahoud	Nesi Mataitonga
Kamren Cryer	Daniel Perkins
Mathew Emery	Rea Pittman
Hayden Fepuleai	Mason Pure
Jacob Gagan	Tokerau Raru
Bailey Hayward	James Spencer
Lachlan Hughes	Callum Tutauha
Michael Lichaa	Joseph Tramontana

2020 Sydney Shield Team

Brent Anderson	Penani Manumalealii
Dean Bowen	James Marroun
Rewi Brown	Nesi Mataitonga
Tom Carr	Paul McClory
Benjamin Chahoud	Wiremu Peters
Kamren Cryer	Daniel Perkins
Mathew Emery	Rea Pittman
Hayden Fepuleai	Hayden Preece
Bronson Garlick	Mason Pure
Jacob Gagan	Tokerau Raru
Zachary Hansen	Kruse Robinson
Bailey Hayward	Jeremy Saville
Lachlan Hughes	Jyi Seymour
Richard Irwin	James Spencer
Corey Jeffreys	Luis Strickland
Ryan King	Callum Tutauha
Michael Lichaa	Joey Tramontana
Deejay Lokeni- Purcell	Blake Williamson
Dane Malone	Bradley Whettters



GIRLS U14 TACKLE

Yes the 2020 season was one to remember, very disrupted and uncertain the good thing was we were able to finally get some footy in. The season started really well with a huge improvement from the trial game to the 1st game, every game from there on we got better and better with the girls in their 1st year picking up the game super quickly and combined with the experienced girls started to shine, although there were a few hiccups along the way, we had a most successful season narrowly missing the Grand Final on points for and against. We had some spectacular wins and some losses from our errors, but the girls stuck together throughout and generally got better as the games went on.

The most pleasing aspect for me was being able to develop the girls from beginners into footy players and expanding the knowledge and skills of the experienced girls. The whole team found their feet quickly and there was no looking back, the girls learnt so much and will be so much better next season

1. Moana - Moana is a player who can play anywhere and excel, naturally brilliant with the ball, leaving the opposition guessing every time she has the ball, great talker and key organiser, super solid defender with great technique, every coach wants a player like this in their team. One of our star performers.
2. Inaya - One of the 1st year girls, "Nay" started a little hesitant but soon grew into footy, relishing every new challenge that was presented to her, the more the season went on the more determined and confident she got to the point she wanted to "rip in" and mix it in the middle, doesn't like anyone getting the better of her, true competitor.
3. Eden - Another 1st year girl, who hit the scene with some barnstorming displays with the ball and some punishing defence at crucial times who will benefit so much from this year, she will become a fierce competitor and a handful for every opposition, unfortunately missed some games with injury but her determination will overcome that.
4. Jess O - The season from Jess was outstanding, super speedy, who was a try-scoring machine, simply too fast for the other teams always giving us good field position, also has a brilliant step and is extra tough, playing through the pain on many occasions. Her defence is straight out of the textbook nullifying the attack and also saving numerous tries. Star performer.
5. Ava - One of our 1st year girls who excelled in everything she did, found her position quickly and loves the tough stuff but her cover defence at fullback was absolutely dynamic, saving several tries every game, was extremely hard to handle in attack chiming into the backline nicely as well as taking it on up the middle. Very easy to coach and keen to learn, another star performer.
6. Ella-Mae - Plays 6 sizes above her weight, also plenty of speed that saw her score many long range tries, very versatile playing several positions in a game, great fill in at dummy half giving ball players good service, fearless defender taking on anyone, good thinker that reads game well, always 100% committed to the team.
7. Taylah - Captain and standout player, has super football brain and skills that are in elite class, leads by example, dominates in attack, too quick and smart for most teams defences, another points-scoring machine. Outstanding defender often turning defence into attack. Unlimited potential. Star performer.
8. Kiki - Another 1st year girl, who has to be the quietest girl in the world, but speaks volumes on the field, she started a little out of sorts but very soon developed a power running style often needing 3-4 defenders to stop her momentum, she moved to the middle and straight away had an impact, solid defender who rarely missed, our most improved player
9. Summer - One of our experienced girls who got through her workload without any fuss, can play anywhere and mainly was one of the mainstays of defensive line out wide, good positional

player in defence who often gave opponents few options, can fill in anywhere in the middle or out wide.

10. Kelis - Kelis had a great season, a sensational goalkicker for us, kicks them from anywhere, and her kick offs are a feature of her game, she is a great thinker as well as being our forwards leader who always got us moving forward especially close to our line, always gave us momentum with fast play the balls. Her defence was 1st class leading from the front, another sort of player every coach wants.
11. Jess S - Jess showed us this year what a power player she is, in both attack and defence, her ball running was determined and straight up the middle always In the thick of things defending or attacking, scored some great long range and determined tries, and plenty of crunching tackles, pleasure to coach and will be a star of the future.
12. Erika - Erica joined us late, but has been a wonderful acquisition, exactly what we needed, played with plenty of strength and force in the middle, always ready to take the other sides on, kept getting better and better each game with her last couple of games outstanding, proving hard to handle and extremely hard to get to ground, a challenge she was given and succeeded with flying colours. Defensively sound cause no one wanted to get tackled by her. Will improve immensely next season.

14. Lyla - 1st year player and our youngest girl, although she missed a few games through injury but when on the field was solid in defence and did her job on the wing in attack, she is keen to learn and will benefit from this year with her confidence so much stronger, best one on one strip from girl running full pace.

15. Ashleigh - Another 1st year player who also improved as the season progressed, once she scored her 1st try her confidence grew and became very enthusiastic, will only improve more next season and will certainly cause problems for opposition teams out wide. Will eventually make the transition to the forwards where she will be a impact player. Tackling players into touch specialist, used sidelines to advantage many times

I would also like to take this opportunity to extend my utmost thanks to Paul for his assistance, knowledge and input every week at training and on game day, sure made things a lot easier for me,

Also a massive thank you to Debby, our Manager who sat on the table every week under some trying circumstances at times, making sure the girls were signed on and ready to go

And to the parents thanks for allowing your girls to play and the unenviable task of getting to training on cold winter nights and also your support at the games. Due to the restrictive world at the moment we never really had a chance for any group get together, hopefully next year we can be a bit more social without the distancing. Overall a hugely successful year and looking forward to seeing everyone back again next season.

A couple of things the girls have learnt this year was every referee sees things differently, and always leave the field last.

On a personal note from me, I have absolutely enjoyed the journey and have got great satisfaction from developing and improving the girls skills and watching them grow as a team and creating that bond between them that footy provides, as a team and individuals they have surpassed all my expectations.

Thanks everyone, Greg

GIRLS U16 TACKLE

Whilst not a typical season we would normally expect, it's been a time to reflect on what really matters. That is, getting the kids on the park doing what they do best and having loads of fun in the process. Thanks to everyone involved (directly and indirectly), in going that extra mile to make it all happen. There's a lot of you. We are really lucky.

To our coach and trainer, Dave and Mark a huge THANKYOU. You pulled the girls together well.

This season, to put it simply, was ALL ABOUT THE FOOTY, and how good it was, we got to play. Another great season by the girls, making the grand final and giving it their all. Something to be very proud of. All the girls love their footy, you only need to watch them to know that.

To each and every one of you thank you. Some highlights in summary:

Lina: Her evasive, dodging runs. Scooting around players, making good metres at every opportunity. Gold to have in the team.

Murphy: Bright and loud. You can always locate her on the park, but not likely to be able to stop her. She's relentless.

Bianca: No matter what size or shape of the girl who needs tackling, she's there, like an Ever Ready battery. Always on full charge and ready to go. Another good season Bianca.

Eden: Quiet and shy initially but given the chance she will seize the moment. Who could forget those two tries in the grand final against Arncliffe. What a way to finish a season. Next year's challenge, a trifecta?

Brooke: Great ball distribution out through the backline, enabling the wingers to do their thing. Also good to see a few "broken ankles" when she runs the ball. Well played Brooke.

Tairah: Not only a great talker in defence but someone who is relentless and reliable. She always makes the tackle. She always somehow manages to find a way to burst through the line at any opportunity when given the chance.

Laura: Who could forget the line breaking run that resulted in a try against Redfern to put us through to the G.F. Laura, we always knew you had it in you, now you do too. Hope to see you back next year.

Shontae: Not much this girl can't do. A great motivator on and off the field, encouraging the girls onwards and upwards. A strong tackler and someone who's not afraid to run it straight. Great year Shontae.

Leilani: Who needs two good knees when you play as strong as this girl. Bone crunching tackles and powerful runs through the middle. Glad she plays for us.

Susana: There's not a position this girl can't play, and play well on the field. A really valuable versatile player with loads of skill. Nice to watch. (Not so sure about the passport photo though. Lol)

Esther: Strong and confident with her plays. Never failing to make valuable metres every time she has the ball. "Pass it to her"...please. See you next year Esther.

Sage: Best supporting Player on the park, always assisting her wingers, enabling many a great try this season. Well played Sage.

Angie: Captain Courageous. Leader of the team. The glue that helps the team stick. Guiding the girls around the park, spurring them on to do better.

Zoe: Hands of steel under a high kick. Always reliable and versatile and throw in some good kicks too. Nicely played Zoe.

Lailah: Plays with her eyes wide opened. If she sees a chance, she'll take it! Always there to help, waiting to assist. We need more Lailahs!

Laine: Always reliable and most effective. This girl can run straight through any opposition wall, causing damage. An absolute gem, just like her sister. Its great to have twins in the team when they're like this.

Bring on season 2021.

Hope to see you all next year girls.

Leisa



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LEAGUE TAG U9

Well what an exciting few months of footy for our little team!

After a false start in March with the lock down, then to be allowed back to start training we didn't muck about.

14 new girls wanting to have a go at footy with only a couple of them knowing each other, but the girls wasted no time becoming friends and quickly became a solid bunch!

For me, I needed to head way back to simple coaching techniques, teaching the girls the basics on footy like ,the play the ball, standing on side ect. And When they think they play on the big field, then you tell them we play the other way at this age, they want to know why! And trying to convince 14, 9 year old girls that that's the way it is and has been for a long time is time consuming and exhausting!



One thing I noticed ,was that all the girls were genuinely interested in being together and learning about the game, sometimes tickticking and looking at birds but when I said stuff they somehow ALL heard what I had said. In 10 short weeks the girls had 5 set moves, and a kick in play all down pat at the end of the season, ready for the GF and that is something to be proud of for this age group and so new to the game.

Fast forward 11 weeks and we find ourselves in the GF against the Stingrays who came ready to win, but with the girls determined as ever ,pulled up their socks and defended like they were possessed to secure their fist Grand final WIN!!

On another positive, I would like to thank the parents for all the support and positive vibes this year. Having a good bunch cheering on the kids plays a big part mentally for them and makes my job that little bit more enjoyable, so thanks.

Also a big shout out to our Manager Kaz, who was across everything like a seasoned booky!! There is a bit to do being a manager and you were fantastic!! Thanks again for your help this year.

Rugby league is a great game that brings people together and pushes different aspects of your abilities, both mentally and physically and this year our little group of champions exceeded in both!

Girls, Thanks for your commitment, and I hope to see everyone back next year,

Ox.

1. Ava- Ava was a little timid when she first arrived but quickly settled in fine. Always up for a run with the ball and some tagging, sometimes surprising herself on how she pulled some of her moves. Well done Ava!!
2. Lola- A dynamo who hit her strapps towards the end of the season, lightning fast out of the blocks ,Lola will be an exceptional talent if she sticks it out. Keep it up Lola!
3. Violet- So determined at being every where at once and always listened, made the move the highlands with the family, thanks for your wonderful efforts.

4. Indiana- Our second half first receiver, she was an expert at mushing the others into position and reading what was in front of her. Defensively, there wasn't much that got past Indie either taking note to stand in front when defending and not follow. With a bit of speed to burn also Indie would quite often find herself on the right side of the try line with ease, Keep focused and you will be wonderful sportswoman!!
5. Chelsea- What about this kid! She could probably fit in my pocket she's that little, and she lives every footy kids dream by jumping the back fence to get to training! Our 2nd half hooker who's passing game got better by the week, Chelsea loved getting in their face in defence from marker and making them pay. Such a clever little player, and wonderful to coach!
6. Cali- At the start of the year, this girl closed her eyes and looked the other way before catching the ball, within 6 weeks she was running onto the ball with ease and when they thought she was napping Cali would make 4 or 5 perfect tags in a row! Also the teams Bestest Ticktoker!
7. Tilly- A nervous start to the season, but quickly found an important part whilst on the field! Some super defensive efforts, who's skill level also improved 100% at the right end of the season! 2nd best Tiktoker, Well done Tilsta.
8. Nichole- Determination plus for this chick! Trained hard and listened each week and was always ready for a run. We worked on her tagging and it payed off towards the end of the season. Got our only goal in the GF and her smile nearly went past her ears! A pleasure to coach, and Nikky's enthusiasm is Contagious! Well done Nikky!!
9. Winny- Our rocket! From a footy family full of Boys, it was Winters year to have a go on her own and Winny did it easy! So fast she could out run a cold! And can turn on a ten cent piece! In that 9 year old head there is a footy brain that would embarrass most adults. So competitive and enjoyed training and game day, also such a humble little human. Thanks Winter.
10. Frankie- I think Frankie found out how fast fast is when she had to keep up with Winny the first time they ran together. Such a competitive nature and absolutely loved our weekly routine with the girls, Frankie was very good defensively and also made sure all the girls were ok if injured or hurt and loved leading the team song. A wonderful team player, who's skills developed quickly throughout the year. Great work Frankie Anne!!
11. Lilliana- Violets sister who only got to play a handful of games but enjoyed her footy and hanging out with the girls. Elusively fast and was always on the hunt for a tag and to be involved. Thanks Lilly!
12. Harlow- Another one of our super enthusiastic players! Harlow is the type of player that knows what she wants to do before she does it, even if it doesn't work. Loves the structure we built in the game and has a reach for tags with one hand that even had me asking myself how she did it! Always a huge effort at training and on game day, Thanks Harlow!
13. Maddelyn- Madd's, Our first half 1st receiver, and main girl! Madd's brought a little tag experience to the team which made my choice for her position early, easy. So good at organising the troops and swivel hips that would make a Latin dancer jealous, although she wasn't quick Madd's some how had them chasing her like she was teasing them. Took the role as the ball player easy and understood the directions about the game. Together she was pivotal in our moves and kicks and made sure the others were up to speed. Thanks for taking charge on the field Maddelyn, great season.
14. Remi- Winny's Little brother, who I brought as apart of a deal from the U11s div 1 side. Although I believe we paid overs for his services in co-coaching and Tee running, Remi's knowledge of our set plays was unbelievable! New all the girls names and thought my name was 'Aye Aye' until a month ago. There was also a point during the GF when he was running the Tee out, that he actually did overtake his shadow!! So fast. Thanks Legend.

LEAGUE TAG U11

We all know what a crazy year 2020 has been. The girls had to deal with the uncertainty of not knowing if the season was even going ahead, the new 'norm' of social distancing and strict hygiene and the shortened season but the girls took it in their stride and were relieved and super excited to get back on the field.

Majority of this year's team were part of last year's premiership winning team, who won the comp with only one loss for the season. We welcomed to the team Skyla, Ivy, Keziah and Sienna Best (the third Sienna of the team!) which made the team even stronger.

As I mentioned above, the girls only lost one game last year and most of their wins were by an average margin of 30+ points. This year, we decided to challenge the girls by playing them up an age group to Under 11s. We wanted the girls to get used to playing against more skilled players, in tight/high pressure games and to find ways to win when they are behind on the scoreboard.

The girls did exceptionally well and we couldn't be any more proud of them. They more than held their own losing only 2 games by a try difference in both games and drawing one game against much older girls, in some cases against girls that were 2 years older as some of our girls were only 9.

Most of the games we played were close games which is exactly what we wanted, with one exception which the girls won by a 52 point margin. It was a great test for them and I think they will benefit from the experience of having that tough competition week in week out and will take away some key learnings to make themselves even better players.

A definite highlight was a come from behind win against Joeys. The girls went in to half time 0 – 14 down but the girls stayed positive and showed great fight and determination to come back and win the game 20 – 14!

Unfortunately, with the revised final series of only 1 and 2 going into the grand final, the girls missed out playing in the grand final by only 1 point, finishing third on the ladder. I have no doubt if it was the normal finals series, the girls would have made it all the way in to the grand final and would have been very competitive.

Obviously they were all disappointed not to play in the grand final but to finish third in an older age group is still a massive achievement and one that they should be proud of.



Awards

Best and Fairest

The best and fairest award goes to Lily Tickle. Lily won this award last year and has had another outstanding year. Scored plenty of tries, made plenty of line breaks and her defence was incredible especially from marker.

Coaches Award

The coach's award goes to Holly Sims. Holly always gave it 100% regardless if it was game day or training. She flourished in her role as first receiver. Got the team rolling forward in attack with excellent passing from first receiver. Holly has also worked hard on her kicking game and was our go to kicker on the fourth/fifth tackle. Holly was also our best trainer. Always first to get to training to practice her goal kicking and was focused from start to finish.

Most improved

The most improved award (as nominated by Scott) goes to Jarra. Jarra had a great season in both attack and defence. She thrived when the pressure was on and wanted the ball to make a play, which is a great quality. Scored some crucial tries when we needed it.

Special mention

Thank you to our team sponsors – Pink Pest and Termite Experts, Bob Mol Motors and Jason Hawes from Cripps and Cripps. Your support and generosity is very much appreciated.

Thank you to Scott and Mel for all of their help and support throughout the season

Thank you to all the parents, for their commitment in taking the girls to and from training and attending the games each week and a massive thank you also for your very generous gift to the coaching staff!

Thank you to Todd, Cam, Pam, Pete, Janelle and the rest of the CC Sharks volunteers for all their organisation, time and hard work. We know it can be a thankless job at times but it is very much appreciated by us all.

It has been an absolute pleasure and privilege coaching these great group of girls and look forward to an even more successful 2021!

John



LEAGUE TAG UI12

Congratulations to the 12 years girls league tag for a fun and successful year with some drastic improvements in many areas in what is the 2nd year for many girls in the team. After missing out on the semi finals in our first year in 2nd division we were thrust into the Gold League division this year playing teams with lots of representative players. We missed out on the finals but had a number of great wins during the season. With most girls returning from last season and with the inclusion of Eyerus, Zoe and Bo the girls really got a grasp of the game with games against the top teams only being lost towards the end of the game probably due to a lack of fitness. (Getting the girls to do fitness at training is like pulling teeth). Eyerus was stand out during the season but she broke her wrist during the season and we lost her for a number of weeks hurting the team. Bo for her first year was awesome playing first and second receiver doing an awesome job in that role. Zoe also in her first year took a couple of weeks to find her feet and confidence but as a real athlete didn't take long to become a quality player in the team. Every girl in the team improved drastically from the first year in both understanding of the game and self confidence and hope they again stick together next year as they continue to get better.

The awards for the season were a hard one to pick with a couple of girls unlucky to miss out. The best player award which was a hard one to pick went to Billi who had a real break out season playing first receiver and directing the team around the paddock. Billi scored a high number of quality tries as well as setting them up. Her goalkicking was outstanding with her missing only one kick during the season even when made to kick them from the sideline when certain refs made them kick from where they scored (incorrect).

The coaches award went to Asha who without a doubt gives her all every week and makes the coach shake his head sometimes with her determination and way she puts her body on the line even as one of the smaller players in the team

The most improved award goes to Bo who as a first year player basically filled in as a 2nd receiver role and worked perfectly in conjunction with Billi in a playmaker role. Bo also shows great passion and focus for the game and to improve. Again all the girls deserve praise for a great improvement during the season.

Special thanks to Dennis who assisted me during the season as trainer...thank you mate.

Thanks for a great season girls and hope to see you all again next year.

Mal Cohen

Coach



LEAGUE TAG UI4-1

These Girls showed enormous guts in what was their first year playing League tag, 11 a side full field. They all have great potential & improved individually as the season progressed. Whilst they didn't get any wins, they showed continuous passion each game (especially those wet weather games).

To the Girls credit they never gave up and turned up very week for training with smiles on their faces which made it all worth it,

Thanks to our manager Steph putting up with the girls & I on game days I appreciate it.

Thanks Tommy / Scotty for helping out at training and on game days, you blokes look good in the Cbah colours.

Thanks to the Parents that helped out on canteen / BBQ duties.

Gando, Steph.



LEAGUE TAG U14-2

Who would of thought with COVID-19 that this year would be such a great and enjoyable season. We appreciate and are extremely lucky that this season was even able to be played.

2020 Runners Up !!!!! We went one better than last year..... I am so excited to have watched this wonderful bunch of girls learn and grow, getting better every year.

The enthusiasm by all the girls this season has made both training and game day a pleasure. I feel very fortunate to be the coach of these amazing young women.

Unfortunately we had a few valuable players out with injuries this season. Hayley with a broken arm and our dynamic dummy half Eliza, with a serious knee injury.

However we were strengthened this year with our new comers Bianca, Chloe, Hayley and Zara.

Another great season by Keilana, Kyra, Maddi, Scarlett and our two Sienna's who always gave 100% every game (even pushing through injuries).

We saw outstanding improvement and talent by Jazzy, Bianca, Mia and Abbey.

This season our most consistent and valuable player in both attack and defence was Ava.

Thank you to the wonderful support from the girls families, our fantastic manager Leah, my assistant coach Ange and Freddy our trainer.

Hopefully we can do 1 better next year.

Matt



LEAGUE TAG OPENS

Please find below end of year reports for Women's Blues Tag Opens.

This was our fifth season together, but the first in the Women's Opens division.

The girls wanted to play up this year to challenge themselves, develop their skills and test their ability. With 2020 being the year that tested everyone, these girls definitely gave it their all. We couldn't be happier of their achievements during the season.

On the field, the girls were outstanding and finishing equal 2nd was a great achievement by a bunch of 17 year old girls playing in their 1st season in the Women's Opens and in a shortened season. With no semis, it was always going to be a challenge. Even though we were short on numbers some weeks, the girls were always competitive.



Watching the girls grow in confidence against women was outstanding - the girls always showed resilience, perseverance and always played for each other no matter what.

Highlights of the season were:

- Winning the first game of the season against Kurnell in a very fiery game (66-6)
- Playing with lots of emotion against East Hills with only 9 girls. East Hills were very considerate of the emotion that game and it was touching to have a minutes silence at the beginning of the game
- Playing against Moorebank and coming from behind to only lose by 2 points
- We had some big injuries throughout the season - Dakota (ACL/MCL), Brigitte (fractured finger), Liv (injured shoulder), Eve (hamstring), with the girls always rallying and playing for each other
- Special thanks again to Darren Owers, Jason Maher and our new ball girl Brigitte.

Thank you to all the girls for turning up to the games and to training on Thursdays. Lets do it again next season!!

Jeff

OFFICEBEARERS

Year	Chairman / President	Secretary	Treasurer
2020	T.Ganderton	P.Axiak	J.Ganderton
2019	T.Ganderton	P.Dean	J.Ganderton
2018	T.Ganderton	P.Dean	K.Corbin
2017	C.Johnston	P.Dean	J.McKinnery
2016	L.Weatherill	P.Dean	J.McKinnery
2015	S.Martin / L.Weatherill	G.Piper / N.Piddington	J.McKinnery
2013-14	R.Giles	G.Piper	J.McKinnery
2012	R.Giles	N.Piddington	G.Piper
2011	R.Giles	N.Piddington	S.Young
2010	R.Giles	M.Russell	S.Young
2007-2009	R.Giles	C.Gorman-Brown	S.Boylan
2003-2006	G.Bloor	P.Saville	K.Miller
2002	G.Bloor	T.Ismay	T.Ismay
2000-2001	G.Bloor	T.Ismay	J.Wood
1999	G.Bloor	T.Ismay	D.Curry / G.McMaster
1998	G.McMaster	S.Martin	R.Rennie
1997	G.McMaster	S.Young	R.Rennie
1994-1996	G.McMaster	P.McCue	G.Best
1993	G.McMaster	L.Ward	G.Best
1992	G.McMaster	P.McCue	G.Best
1991	C.Bate	R.Chambers / J.Buckley	R.Chambers
1990	C.Bate	R.Chambers	L.Ward
1989	W.Major	R.Chambers	T.Willett
1988	R.Chambers	B.Morgan	L.Ward
1987	C.Bate	B.Morgan	L.Ward
1986	P.Mahony	B.Morgan	L.Ward
1985	C.Bate	B.Morgan	G.Seward
1984	C.Bate	B.Morgan	B.Johansen
1983	M.D'Arcy	R.Chambers	B.Johansen
1982	M.D'Arcy	R.Chambers	R.Barnes
1981	G.Richardson	R.Chambers	M.D'Arcy
1980	G.Richardson	R.Chambers	G.Seward
1979	G.Richardson	K.Withall	R.Stubbs
1978	E.Topper	C.Bate	G.Seward
1977	E.Topper	C.Bate	J.Alford
1976	J.Tooney / C.Bate	H.Alkman	E.Cannon
1975	J.Alford / E.Scott	R.Rattery / M.D'Arcy	
1974	M.Phillips	H.Alkman	T.Devane
1972	R.Rattery	D.Renshall	
1969-1971	J.Tooney	W.Purcell	J.Tooney
1968	J.Redman	W.Purcell	J.Tooney
1967	E.Woodford	W.Purcell	
1966	E.Woodford	J.Redman	
1963-1965	E.Woodford	W.Heley	
1961-1962	A.Clarkson	R.Connolly	J.O'Brien
1960	A.Clarkson	R.Connolly	P.Burns
1959	R.Connolly	A.Court	R.Moat
1956-1958	S.Beaver	B.Gardenere	S.Cullan
1953-1955	A.Clarkson	S.Hodgson	
1951-1952	J.Ringstad	S.Hodgson	
1949-1950	A.McKenzie	J.Ringstad	D.Poulter
1947-1948	A.McKenzie	J.Ringstad	R.Moat

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CRONULLA CARINGBAH SHARKS

U/11's Div 1 PREMIERS 2020



Back Row: Jurdie Elkin, Cash Walker
Middle Row: Josh Bateup (Coach), Josh Cody Ashton Taylor, Tyler Moon, Will Best, Darcy Tassell, Dave Cody (Manager)
Front Row: Niall Cairne, Parker Cavanrough, Charlie Bateup, Jimmy Potaiaine (Captain), Jayden Best, Eden Humphreys, Hudhalla Dab

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CRONULLA CARINGBAH SHARKS

U/9's GIRLS LEAGUE TAG PREMIERS 2020



Back Row: Frankie Potaiaine, Harlow Anthony
Middle Row: Ava O'Leary, Calli Stroh, Madeelyn Cavanrough, Tilly Teasel, Jeff Potaiaine (Coach)
Front Row: Winter Humphreys, Indiana Sheridan, Nicole Lock, Chelsea Gruchot, Lola Tomkins
Absent: Carolyn Cavanrough (Manager), Violet Cribb, Lilliana Cribb

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CRONULLA CARINGBAH SHARKS

U/12's Div 2 PREMIERS 2020



Back Row: Jeff Keats (Manager), Ricky Keats, Grace Thomas, Dylan Brennan, Aaron Carroll, Laura McCallion (Trainer)
Middle Row: Stuart Fing (Assistant Coach), Kurt Fing, Taj Linleigh, Shannon Griffin, Baggio Matheson, Joshua Ipcat, Hugo France,
Main Ake (Coach)
Front Row: Eilish Daurill, Mibhi Ake, Logan Reeves, Kade Wicks, Kosta Ake, Adam Braxner, Mito Bridgwater, Joshua Sheld, Masdeley

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SYDNEY SHIELD PREMIERS 2020



Back Row: Ben Chetwood, Lias McPherson - Stockland, Ryan King, Brandon Glick, Michael Lucas
2nd Row: Stephen Kelly (Coach), Ryan Hobson, Tom Carr, Nj Seymour, Mason Pura, Virenu Peters, Paul McCory, Pete Saville (Manager)
3rd Row: Jayden Pappas, Daniel Peters, Kamran Cyril, Vadi, Emery,
Bulley Haywards, Richard Owen, Sam Lachlan (Coach), Brodie Dunstan (Head Trainer),
Front Row: Renee Bloom, Penan Marumakali, Dean Bowen, Reg Pittman, Tuarau Rau, Bert Anderson, Joey Hamondara, Callum Idalia
Absent: Jacob Gagan, Alex Goodman, Zachary Harston, Lachlan Hughes, Corey Jeffries, Desley Losen-Pocell, Dane Malone,
James Merriman, Nosi Marangoni, Hayden Preen, Jimmy Savin, James Eganor, Brian Williamson, Bradley Whitmore,
Robert Chidambou (Trainer), Jay McGuinness (Trainer)

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