

Gymea Gorillas
J.R.L.F.C



2025
Yearbook



OUR MAJOR SPONSORS



2025 PREMIERS



Over 35-2 Gold Mens League Tag



Over 30-2 Women's League Tag



Under 18 Girls League Tag



Under 13-1 Gold



Under 13-2 Gold Girls League Tag



Under 12-1 Gold



WELL DONE TO ALL OUR GORILLA FAMILY

COMMITTEE GYMEA J.R.L.F.C 2025

EXECUTIVE

President - Jordan Moyle
Secretary - Scott Miller
Assistant Secretary - Brendan MacNamara
Treasurer - Steve Coffey
Senior Vice President - Grant Smith
Junior Vice President - Luke Kemp
Junior Vice President - Ben Hughes

GENERAL COMMITTEE

Bar Manager - Jamie Loader
Canteen Manager - Sarah Catlett
Child Protection Officer - Bev Herbert
Junior League Delegate - Jordan Moyle, Grant Smith
Licensee - Keith O'Grady
Merchandise - Chris Brown
Public Officer - Steve Coffey
Recorder - Joanne Hartley
Registration - Lisa Coffey
Social Media - Mark Hartley
Sponsorship - Kieran Moore
Website - Mark Hartley
Gear Steward - Paul McCormack
Social Secretary - Trent Coleman, Dean Bladon
Patrons - Graeme Wynn, Rob Willis, Chris Allen

Peter Hadfield, Alex Phillis, Darren Stephens, Wade Horsnell, Brendan Hodge, Sandy Hartley, Matt Habojan, Kurt Puohotaua, Ryan Wilson, Grant Davies, Daniel Walsh, Jo Hardy, Jake Heap, Shaun Cain, Andrew Ferguson, Dane Thatcher, Mitch Wynn, Mark Chandler, Amanda Brennan

Ground Set Up - Brendan MacNamara, Ben Hughes, Dean Bladon, Grant Davies, Grant Smith, Jordan Moyle, Kieran Moore, Luke Kemp, Scott Miller, Steve Coffey, Lisa Coffey, Trent Coleman

Special thanks to Dane Thatcher - **Green by Nature**,

Sunday Canteen - Zoe Campbell



LIFE MEMBERS

+R McInnes, +T Froggatt, +M Kirk, +G Brook, +F Battersby, +R Glass, +R Riley, +L. Judd, +T Daly, +D Scott, +E Chippendale, A Prince, +W Murphy, K Gough, +T Evans, +W Trevethan, N Berkley, J Pike, T Cliff, R Davis, B McConnell, T Bagnall, K Howland, T Wenham, G Edkins, P Hadfield, +N Robson, J Lintmeijer, C Martin, G Jamieson, G Phillips, M Stubbs, P Townsend, S Williams, G Wynn, +G Ward, G Clay, P Murray, B Fleming, J McNamara, C Whittaker, J Foster, +M Brown, P Smith, M Marton, D Tapping, I McInnes, R Childerhouse, M Macnamara, S Robbie, C. Diener, P Habojan, M Heenan, D Ollerenshaw, R Willis, K O'Grady, +T Johnson, N Foloumoeloa, +P Lynch, C Allen, G Mortlock, R Brewer, L Phillips, J Allen, N Irving, M Smith, A Herbert, J Hardy, M McLaughlin, G Ferrow, P Donaghy, J O'Brien, J Whitaker, T Ash, +S Field, S Budd, D Stephens, G Wood, Alex Phillis, Shaun Dooley, Glenn Wilson, Steve Coffey, Sarah Catlett, Paul McCormack, Chirs Brown, Mike Sidoti

+ Denotes member is Deceased



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Jordan Moyle

It has been an absolute privilege to serve as President of the Gymea Gorillas Junior Rugby League Football Club and to reflect on what has been another truly exceptional year.

The 2025 season has been a standout in every sense. With 72 teams and more than 1,000 registered players, the Gymea Gorillas are now officially the largest junior rugby league club in Australia, an incredible milestone that reflects the passion, dedication, and community spirit that defines our club.

This year, we proudly expanded our female participation with the introduction of an all-girls Under 9s tackle team and the return of our all-girls Under 12s tackle team, further strengthening our commitment to providing pathways and opportunities for girls in rugby league.

Celebrating seven premierships, including our A Grade side, which delivered one of the most outstanding final series performances I have ever witnessed. Congratulations to coaches Luke Phillips and Paul Homann for leading the team to a memorable and hard-fought premiership victory. Highlights across the club include Under 12 Gold - 4 peat Premiers, closely followed by our 2nd gold team in this age group. In fact this age group had teams in finals across all 3 divisions - Under 13 Gold - Premiers in the Second Tier Plate - Under 14 Gold - Grand Finalists - Under 17 Silver - Grand Finalists - GLT Under 13 Gold - Premiers - GLT 18 Gold - Premiers - Over 30s-2 women's LT - Premiers - Over 35s-2 Men's LT - Premiers (vs Gymea 1) - Emerging Cup - Finalists - Second Grade - Finalists - A Grade - Premiership winners

Our younger non-competitive teams also shone, with the U10s moving up to play in the U11s competition. This success across juniors to seniors highlights the depth of talent and the enduring strength of the Gorilla spirit throughout the club.

What truly makes Gymea special, however, is our people, players, coaches, volunteers, families, and sponsors. This season, the club continued to lead in community engagement, hosting other clubs during inclement weather, introducing Friday Night League Tag games, and celebrating ANZAC and Indigenous Rounds.

The launch of our Little Gs program for under 5s, led by Nathan Wynn and supported by team of current and ex-players of the club, sold out in just two days and expanded from a 30 to 40-player limit due to overwhelming demand, a testament to the growing interest in grassroots rugby league. In partnership with Creating Chances, we introduced a teamwork and resilience program for our U14s, helping young players develop not just as athletes, but as confident, respectful individuals.

Community engagement also extended to events, from fireworks nights to recognising two of our most dedicated club patrons: Graeme Wynn, awarded the Order of Australia Medal (OAM), and Chris Allen, honoured with the Cook Community Award for outstanding volunteer service.

Our continued success, on and off the field, is built on the commitment of our committee, volunteers, coaches, and sponsors. I extend heartfelt thanks to our Life Members, the Events Committee (special mention to the Coleman and Bladon families), and long-time canteen volunteer Sarah Catlet, who will be passing on the role your contribution has been invaluable. To our executive, your support makes my role enjoyable and effective together we get the job done as a team.

A particular note of thanks goes to our sponsors, whose generous support enables the club to provide opportunities for all players and enhance the community experience. Your contribution is vital to everything we achieve, on and off the field.

Looking ahead, our goal remains to build a strong, inclusive, and community-driven club, with continued growth and support for women's tackle. I am confident that 2026 will be even bigger and better.

Thank you to all players, coaches, managers, volunteers, families, and sponsors for making 2025 a year to remember. Together, we've proven that the Gymea Gorillas are more than just a club — we're a Gorilla family.

Jordan Moyle
President
Gymea Gorillas Junior Rugby League Football Club



SECRETARY'S REPORT

Scott Miller

As the sun sets on another remarkable season, it's a great time to reflect on a year defined by growth, achievement, and community spirit. With over 70 teams and more than 1,000 registered players, we are thrilled to have officially become Australia's largest junior rugby league club. A milestone that speaks volumes about the passion and dedication of our players, families, volunteers, and supporters.

On-Field Success

2025 was a season to remember, with 7 premierships secured across various age groups, including a triumphant campaign by our A Grade team. These victories are a testament to the hard work, discipline, and camaraderie that define the Gorillas' ethos.

Rising to the Challenge

Despite facing inclement weather, our club stepped up to support the broader rugby league community by hosting games for other clubs when their grounds were unavailable. We also pioneered Friday night fixtures for our senior league tag teams, adding a new layer of excitement and accessibility to the competition. This also facilitated our league tag teams being able to watch their families play over the weekend.

Honouring Traditions & Giving Back

We proudly celebrated both Anzac Round and Indigenous Round, paying tribute to the heritage and values that unite us. Our commitment to community was further strengthened through ongoing support for our charity partners, including Sporting Chance and the Cronulla Veterans Association, causes close to our hearts and central to our mission.

Community Highlights

Our annual fireworks night once again lit up the skies and brought families together in celebration. This year we combined the event with our junior presentation. The event has become a signature event on the local calendar, and this year's turnout was a glowing reminder of the strong bonds within our club and community. In addition, we had two life members acknowledged, Graeme Wynn (OAM) and Chris Allen (Cook Community Classic Award)

Building the Future

We launched the Junior Gorilla program for under 5s, which filled to capacity within just two days, a clear sign of the enthusiasm and trust families place in our club. This initiative lays the foundation for lifelong involvement in sport and teamwork. Thank you to Nathan Wynn and his team for kicking this program off. In addition our social media presence continues to grow with followers growing year on year on Facebook and Instagram by 11% and 24% respectively.

Developing Character

In a groundbreaking move, we introduced teamwork and resilience sessions for our Under 14s boys teams, working in collaboration with Creating Chances. These sessions went beyond the field, helping our young athletes build emotional intelligence, leadership skills, and a deeper sense of purpose.

Thank you

Lastly id like to thank a few people. Firstly our patrons and life members. You continue to assist and go above and beyond when called upon.

Secondly thank you to the general committee. Without the efforts of us all the club wouldn't operate. These are people like Sarah running the canteen, Jamie running the bar, Mark running the socials.....I could go on for ever!

I'd like to thank all the members of the exec. There's a lot of long hours and time away from families put into making this great club run. Thank you.

Lastly, thank you to the assistant to the secretary. Most of what we do goes unnoticed and is thankless, thanks for your efforts throughout the year which greatly contributed and drove the club to the great results we've achieved this year!

I know I've missed a lot of people to thank but the list would be too long! Thanks to everyone and see you in 2026!

Cheers

Scott



TREASURER'S REPORT STEVE COFFEY

The season started off great but unfortunately towards the end of the season we had a couple of washouts. These washouts had an effect on our Canteen and Bar as they were unable to open.

This year the Club had the highest player registration numbers to date.

All income and fundraising are used to support the clubs operations, including training gear, jerseys, shorts and socks and game day expenses.

We also greatly appreciate our Sponsors who contribute to the Clubs overall success.

A huge thank you to all Committee members and Volunteers as without your time and support the club would not be in a stable and financial position.

Steven Coffey

SPONSORSHIP REPORT KIERAN MOORE

Dear Sponsors,

On behalf of the executive committee, myself, and the entire Gymea Gorillas family, I'd like to extend a heartfelt thank you for being such a vital part of our club in 2025. Without your support, we simply wouldn't be the club we are today — and that's not just any club, but the biggest and one of the most successful around.

Your contribution has ensured our teams have the resources they need, helping us remain strong, welcoming, and full of energy. From our youngest Gorillas through to our seniors, every player has directly benefited from your generosity and commitment.

I'd also like to acknowledge Jordan, the executive, and the general committee for their trust in me this year, and give a special mention to my good mate Luke Kemp for recommending me for this role. Luke set a high standard in 2024 and gave me a strong foundation to continue building on.

In 2025, we were proud to achieve:

- Over 1,200 active members across the club.
- Recognition as the largest single club in NSW.
- Expanded social media coverage across multiple platforms, including recognition on Bar TV.
 - Ranked 2nd on Facebook and 5th on Instagram among Junior League clubs in the Sutherland Shire.
 - Facebook: 11% growth with 1.062 million views, 139,678 reach, and nearly 15,000 interactions.
 - Instagram: 24% growth with 870,000 views, 38,013 reach, and more than 18,000 interactions.
 - Special thanks to Mark Hartley for ensuring our sponsors remained visible throughout the season.
- One of our biggest Sponsors Days on record — a highlight of the year, celebrating our club, our life members, and of course, our sponsors. A huge thanks to Trent and Adriana Coleman, and Tonetta Walsh, for the enormous effort that made the day such a success.

Looking ahead, we're excited to keep building on this momentum. With your support, we're confident 2026 will be an even bigger and better year — for our players, our members, and for you, our valued sponsors.

Here's to a safe and healthy 2025 for you and your families, and to another exciting season ahead. I look forward to reconnecting with you all next year.

Kind regards,
Kieran Moore



CLUB RECORDER'S REPORT

JOANNE HARTLEY

In 2025, we completed our second season using the updated WebStats system for recording player games. The original system, built in 2010, had become outdated and unreliable, with numerous data issues that affected the accuracy of milestone tracking. The new system has significantly improved our ability to record and report player achievements, ensuring that milestones are celebrated with confidence and consistency.

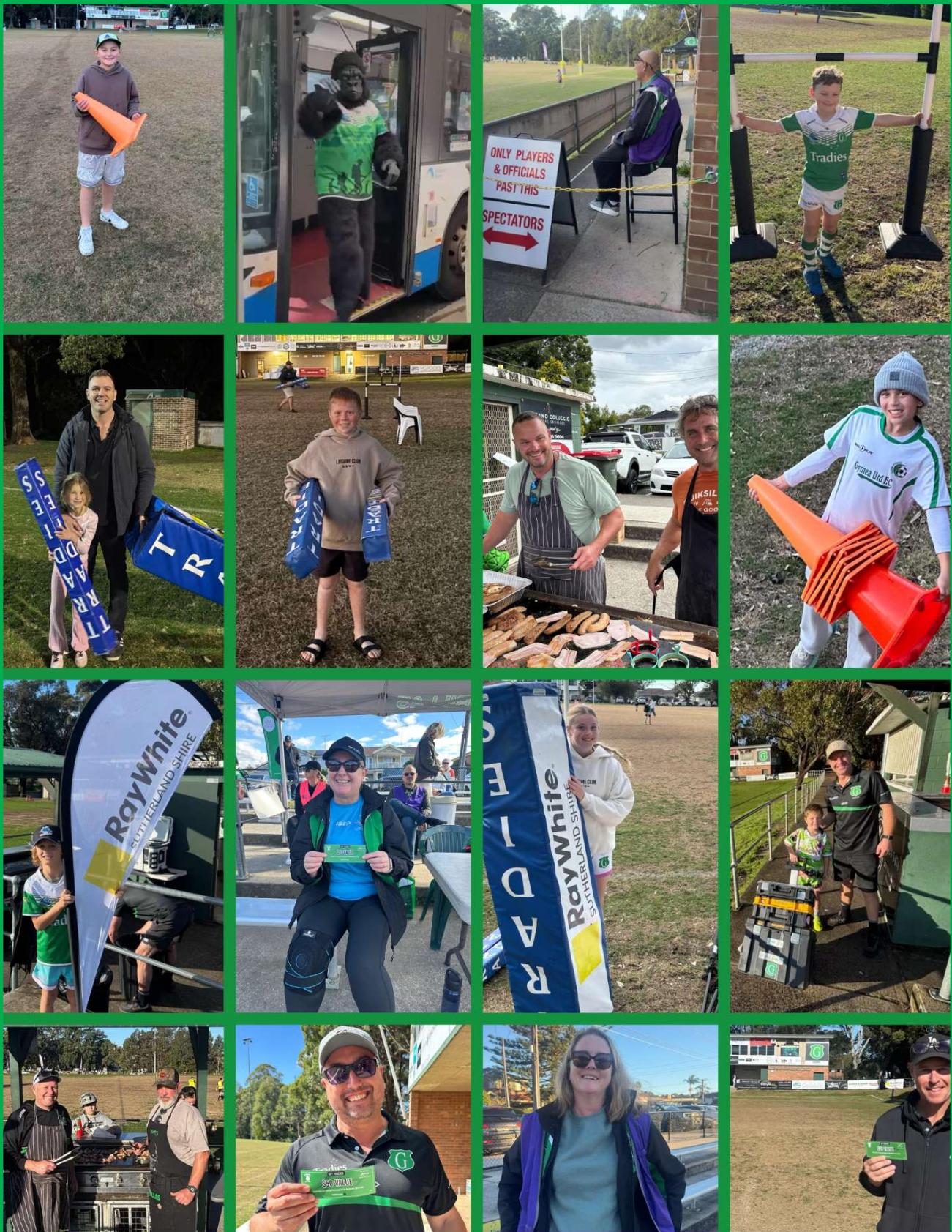
Accurate weekly game reports remain essential. They form the foundation of our club's historical records and ensure players and their families can properly celebrate 100, 200, and 300 game milestones. With the new system in place, the task of submitting reports has become more streamlined, and we thank our team managers for their continued diligence. Your commitment plays a vital role in preserving the legacy of our players and the club.

We again had washouts this season but we were proud to celebrate:

- Sixteen players reaching their 100-game milestone
- Two players joining the Zoo Club with 200 games
- Corey Willis playing his 300th game, a remarkable achievement and a testament to his dedication.
Congratulations to Corey.

Congratulations to all teams for their efforts throughout the season and well done to our premiership winners. Thank you to the committee and executive for your ongoing support and leadership. We now look ahead to the 2026 season with optimism and enthusiasm.





Volunteer of the Week
Courtesy of St George Motor Boat Club

GORILLAS 2025 ACHIEVERS

SPECIAL AWARD WINNERS 2025

MINI LEAGUE GORILLA PLAYER OF THE YEAR	Zachary Stathis
MOD LEAGUE GORILLA OF THE YEAR	Remi Wells
JO HARDY - SENIOR FEMALE PLAYER OF THE YEAR	Phoenix Green
JUNIOR COACH OF THE YEAR:	Shaun Dooley
SENIOR COACH OF THE YEAR	Luke Phillips
GLEN HAZELWOOD AWARD:	Phoenix Wiggins-Payne
PHIL MURRAY (Muzza) EMERGING CUP PLAYER OF THE YEAR	Thomas Stephens
PETER HADFIELD - 2ND GRADE PLAYER OF THE YEAR:	Xavier Wallis
GREG PIERCE - SENIOR PLAYER OF THE YEAR:	Josh Sidoti
RON MCINNESS - CLUBPERSON OF THE YEAR	Darren Stephens

REPRESENTATIVE PLAYERS

Player	Team	Rep Team
Richard Whalebone	Open Gold	Jersey Flegg (Cronulla)
Dallas Blackburn-Kingi	Open Gold	SG Ball (Cronulla)
Hemi Blackburn-Kingi	Open Gold	SG Ball (Cronulla)



100 GAME PLAYERS

Player	Team
Matthew Bird	Open Gold
Kai Tagg	U/14-Gold 2
Zac Kourouche	U/13 3
Jax Wells	U/13 3
Austin Smith	U/14 3 Silver
Harley Parkinson	U/13 3
Jayden Hema	U/17 Silver
Sebastian Rodway	U/14 2 Gold
Breaker Hodge	U/12-3
Mitchell Hodgson	Open Gold
Micah Dewes	U/13-2
Leo Hogg	U/16 Silver
Kieran Eisenhuth	U/12-1
James McCormack	U/12-2
Archie Anderson	U/17 Silver
Corey Lucas	Open Silver

200 GAME PLAYERS

Player	Team
Nathan Riley	Open Silver
Jae Lloyd	Emerging Cup

300 GAME PLAYERS

Player	Team
Corey Willis	Open Gold





Nathan Riley

700
club



Jae Lloyd

COREY WILLIS 300 Games



2025 UNDER 6 - UNDER 12 TACKLE TEAM REPORTS

U/6 (1) Red

SPONSOR: SBD Studio

OFFICIALS:

Coach: Kurt Mulcahy
Manager: Lilly Bentwitch
Trainer: Michael Bentwitch

AWARD WINNERS:

Best & Fairest: Tyson Asotasi
Most Consistent: Ashton Bentwitch
Coaches Award: Jesse Callaghan

TEAM:

Tyson Asotasi, Rocco Blake, Loxley Bentwitch, Jesse Callaghan, Indi-Mae Mulcahy, Bohdi Mulcahy, Ashton Bentwitch, Archie Sorokin

REPORT:

This 2025 marked the second season together for the majority of this team. We lost a couple and gained a couple of kids with the addition of Tyson and Indi-Mae. There was a big difference in the teams ability and understanding of footy this season. The tagging of these kids was up there with the best in the whole u6 competition! Kurt structured training in a predictable way and they really became good at using their side step and learning to walk up slowly in defence instead of shooting up off the line. At the tail end of the season they even started passing the ball to each other in the play! They are a passionate, high spirited bunch of kids that loved their footy and no doubt will be back and ready for some tackling next season.

Players:

PLAYER PROFILE:

Tyson Asotasi: Poor Tyson was probably shocked at first because of how loud and crazy his new team were but he was made welcome and was a valuable member of the team. His side stepping was so good every game and uncanny speed and tagging earnt him the Most Valuable Player this season. Go Tyson! So polite, so gentle, a joy to train and a great footy player in the making.

Rocco Blake: Wow. Rocco's focus in games and training got better and better each week. He has really come a long way since last season. He consistently took great runs and you could visibly see his confidence grow each week. Well done Rocco.

Loxley Bentwitch: Lox is an animal. He literally throws his body head first at full speed to get tags. 100% effort and unbelievable tagger. He was also growing in confidence in attack with his footwork and agility getting better and better. Look out everyone because next year Loxley is going to smash everyone when he is finally allowed to tackle!

Jesse Callaghan: Jesse, the quiet achiever. He turns up, takes runs, and tries so much every single training and game. One of the few that actually listens to Kurt and had some brilliant tries this season. He never complains and is just a great, lovely boy to have in the team. This year Jesse has earnt the coaches award for his efforts.

Indi-Mae Mulcahy: Indi had two seasons in one. Initially she was hesitant to get involved but something clicked halfway through and she turned on her amazing speed to score some great full length trys. She will be one to watch in the years to come.

Bohdi Mulcahy: Bohdi is a try saving, tagging machine. Wonderful speed and ultra competitive spirit, teams would find it very hard to score and get around Bohdi in particular. He is itching to tackle next year and no doubt will dominate in years to come.

Ashton Bentwitch: Ashton, this year has earnt the Most consistent award. His vision and side stepping to consistently score tries was exceptional. He is turning into Kurt's go-to dummy half, always there and willing to pass to his teammates. This season is he also drastically improved his tagging ability and looked so much faster all of a sudden. Go Ash!

Archie Sorokin: We are hoping Archie comes back next year to play footy.

U/6 (2) Red

SPONSOR: The Blocked Drain Guys

OFFICIALS:

Coach: Ramiz Gendy
Manager: Sarah Gendy
Trainer: Adam Bonnor

AWARD WINNERS:

Best & Fairest: Jesse Bonnor
Most Consistent: Matty Hristovski
Coaches Award: Sam Fisher

TEAM:

Sam Fisher, Noah Gendy, Braxton Allen, Jake Dane, Kaiden Lindsay, Leo Kambosos, Jesse Bonnor, Tai Retimana, Matty Hristovski

REPORT:

Wow - what a season, Under 6 Red 2! You were fast, fearless, and always ready to chase down those tags. Every game was full of energy, excitement, and plenty of smiles. It was such a joy to watch you all grow, improve, and most importantly, have so much fun out there together!

Even with a few new teammates this year, you all slotted in like you'd been playing together forever. The teamwork, the effort, and the try scoring celebrations made every match a blast

Here's a shout-out to each of our awesome players:

PLAYER PROFILE:

Jesse Bonnor: With your lightning step and determination, you were always sprinting for that try line.

Matty Hristovski: 150% effort every game! You powered through defenders and scored try after try.

Sam Fisher: That big smile lit up the field! You loved tagging, loved scoring, and loved every second of the game.

Noah Gendy: A true powerhouse! Your passion and drive made you unstoppable on both sides of the ball.

Kaiden Lindsay: Charging forward with strength, always focused on the ball and pulling off some awesome tags.

Leo Kambosos: Our speedy whippet! Zooming down the sideline and finishing it off with tries galore. 🦘

Tai Retimana: Always giving it your all, charging forward and never afraid to get stuck in with tagging and tries.

Jake Dane: Full of energy and enthusiasm, you were always in the thick of the action, never giving up on a play!

Braxton Allen: Strong, determined, and fearless, you kept driving forward, making great runs and tagging hard.

Together, you were an unstoppable little team - running fast, tagging hard, and celebrating every try like true Gorillas. Well done, Under 6 Red 2 - you should all be super proud of yourselves. Bring on next season!

A Big Thank You

To all the parents and families -On behalf of Adam Sarah and I, thank you for cheering, clapping, high-fiving, and being the loudest supporters on the sideline every week!

Go Gorillas!

U/6 (1) Orange

SPONSOR: St George Motor Boat Club

OFFICIALS

Coach: Andrew Foster
Manager: Laura Cucca
Trainer: Nick Barrett

AWARDS WINNERS

Best & Fairest: Jack Barrett
Most Consistent: Sonny Davies
Coaches Award: Ollie Cucca

TEAM:

Jack Barrett, Lawrence Briggs-Terure-Keresoma, Ollie Cucca, Sonny Davies, Tommy Foster, Caleb Hambly, Flynn Reardon, Nate Richmond

REPORT:

I certainly didn't realise how much fun it would be to coach a group of 6-year-olds! This season has been both rewarding and humbling, and it's been such a joy to watch the kids grow, learn, and love their footy. I've thoroughly enjoyed getting to know the parents and being part of such a supportive and enthusiastic little community.

These boys came together as teammates and ended up great friends who loved turning up each week to play footy and have fun. Their energy and laughter at training and on game day showed just how much they enjoyed being part of the team.

Every game was full of excitement, with diving tries, speedy runs, and plenty of tags that kept each opposition team on their toes. Although it's not a competition at their age, they managed to finish the season without a loss (thanks to their ability to keep score themselves!) Which shows how skilful and talented this little team has been in their first year of footy.

It was a pleasure to watch each child grow in confidence and shine in their own way throughout the season. From their determination on the field to the big smiles afterwards, they made every moment enjoyable. More than anything, this group showed that rugby league is about having fun, working together, and making memories with friends.

A big thank you to our amazing manager Laura for keeping us organised and to Nick our trainer for helping at training and on game day.

Looking forward to next season!

PLAYER PROFILES:

Jack Barrett: Jack played every game like it was the NRL, showing his passion for footy each week. He loved nothing more than diving for a try in the corner with a big smile on his face. Jack's energy and excitement lifted everyone around him.

Lawrence Briggs-Terure-Keresoma: Lawrence might have been shy, but he played with a big heart every week. He pulled off some fantastic tags that were very impressive to watch. Lawrence always gave his all and made his team mates proud.

Ollie Cucca: Ollie was small but mighty, with fast feet and determination that never stopped. His great footwork made him a tough player to catch. Ollie's speed and effort always got the crowd cheering.

Sonny Davies: Sonny showed great skill, consistency and natural footy IQ every time he took the field. He always gave his best effort and helped lift the team with his steady play. Sonny has a great attitude and made the game fun for his teammates.

Tommy Foster: Tommy showed true perseverance and always stayed positive no matter what. He kept turning up ready to play and support his team. Tommy's commitment and smile remind everyone what footy is all about.

Caleb Hambly: Caleb's competitive spirit and impressive speed made him a standout on the field. He scored some brilliant full-length tries that were exciting to watch.

Flynn Reardon: Flynn always ran hard and straight, showing courage with every carry. He never backed down and inspired his teammates with his determination. Flynn gave his best every single game and kept improving each week.

Nate Richmond: Nate loved running the ball and always looked for a chance to break the line. He was also a kind teammate who encouraged others. Nate's enthusiasm made him a joy to have on the team.

U/6 (2) Orange

SPONSOR: Ray White Sutherland

OFFICIALS

Coach: Ryan Oconnel
Manager: Crystal Simpson
Trainer: Benjamin Hughes

AWARDS WINNERS

Best & Fairest: Freddy Hughes
Most Consistent: Liam Oconnell
Coaches Award: Bohdi Morris

TEAM:

Reilly Browne, Noah Deng, Remi Bartlett, Max Mcmahon, Freddy Hughes, Bohdi Morris, AJ Veaumtahau, Caleb Mear, Liam Oconnell

REPORT:

This was my first year of coaching and I loved every minute of it. Watching the boys improve out of sight throughout the season. I really think all the boys had a great time. Thanks to all the parents for being there each week. Thanks to Ben the legend trainer and our Manager,Crystal for all your help cheers.

PLAYER PROFILES:

Reilly Browne: Reilly had a great year; he made a lot of improvement in getting tags and scoring a lot of tries down the sideline. Well done

Noah Deng: Noah is a speed machine, when he gets the ball he would almost score everytime and he made a lot of tags. Well Done

Remi Bartlett: Little Remi Only played half the season but his improvement was outstanding.

Max McMahon: Max had a awesome year making many tags and scoring some great tries.

Freddy Hughes: Freddy had awesome year scoring a lot of tries and making a lot of tags, it was very hard for the opposite teams to stop him.

Bohdi Morris: Bohdi was probably the most improved player in the team, he made some awesome diving tags and scored plenty of tries.

AJ Veaumtahau: AJ improved a lot towards the end of the season, Scoring a awesome try from half way

Caleb Mear: Caleb made a lot of improvement during the year.

Liam OConnell: Liam had a awesome season, making lots of tags and scoring heaps of tries.

U/6 (1) Green

SPONSOR: More Than Meat

OFFICIALS:

Coach: Zac Clay
Manager: Yasmine Lintmeijer
Trainers: Adam Lintmeijer & Corey Lucas

AWARD WINNERS:

Best & Fairest: Ace Allebi
Most Consistent: Kai Lucas
Coaches Award: Josh Hawes

TEAM:

Austin Lintmeijer, Ace Allebi, Leo Mincuas, Navy Clay, Josh Hawes, Kai Lucas, Dre Allebi, Banks Clay, Ahmed Taleb, Kali Lucas

REPORT:

Firstly, I would like to say a big thank you to our Manager Yasmine for always ensuring that things run smoothly and keeping us all up to date with what's going on.

Secondly a massive thank you to Adam & Corey for helping at training and on game days it really makes the job of coaching that much more enjoyable. Even when the kids load up on red cordial before training on the odd occasion.

Thirdly to all the mum and dads that pitched in and helped out by sitting on the table & setting up grounds, it doesn't go unnoticed.

Finally, to all the kids it has been absolute pleasure to coach you all. To watch you all grow and improve each week - even if I didn't think they were listening. Is what makes coaching young kids so rewarding.

We started the year off with a mixed bag of first- & second-year players, while it took us awhile to get going by the end of the year it was like they had been playing for years.

Each week they gave it there all and left everything they had out on the field it was a real pleasure to watch and be apart of.

I would like to say a big, massive thank you to the Club and the committee for making Gymea the greatest club on earth.

Looking forward to seeing you all next year.

PLAYER PROFILES:

Austin Lintmeiger: Austin was a running and tagging machine. He made sure he was always the first one to put his hand up for a run. You would often see him streaking down the side line to score a try under the post. He missed the back half of the year due to a family holiday and the rain and I don't think he will let his mum and dad forget about it.

Ace Allebi: Ace was as silky as they come. He would skip around defenders for fun when he had the ball. In defence he would make bone crunching tags to stop the opposition in its tracks. When Ace and his brother where on the field it was like the bash brothers had come to play.

Leo Mincuos: When Leo had his batteries in, he was unstoppable. As a first timer playing footy, he grew from strength to strength each week. Watching the Joy on his face as he made some dashing long field runs to score try's was a true pleasure. We just need to work on him holding the ball when he gets tagged.

Navy Clay: Navy lives and breathes footy and throws himself into training and games at 100 miles an hour. Navy was in his second year of footy and you could really see the improvement in his game week in week out. I was exceptionally lucky when footy was over I got to spend hours kicking the ball in the backyard.

Josh Hawes: Josh started the year a little bit reluctant to make any runs. Once he realised that he was faster than the kids on the other team he was a force to be reckoned with. He made some unreal tags and was an absolute pleasure to coach.

Kai Lucas: Kai had a lethal step that left the opposition in his wake. When he got off and going, he was hard to catch. Kai was just as damaging when it came to tagging. I have had the pleasure of coaching his dad and I can say Kai we will surpass the old man in no time.

Dre Allebi: Dre was a handful on the field. He glided in and out of defenders with ease scoring try's for fun. He was tough as a nails in the tagging department. Dre was a joy to coach and lead from the front all year.

Banks Clay: Banks went from strength to strength every week. His runs would be like a mad man dodging in and out of traffic. I had the pleasure of being his dad, as well as his coach, to see his progression from last year was bliss.

Ahmed Taleb: Ahmed was the enforcer of the team. From his bone crunching tags to his long field dash's which resulted in tries, Ahmed was a fierce as they come. Off the field he was a delight to be around.

Kali Lucas: Kali was the toughest and sassiest in the team. She would be out there doing cartwheels and tagging at the same time. The real highlight of the year was her post try celebration. Kali would put all the boys in their place if they ever got out of line.

U/6 (2) Green
SPONSOR: Gymea Pre-Kindergarten

OFFICIALS:

Coach: Dean Bladon
Trainer: Nicola Thatcher
Manager: Emily Bladon

AWARD WINNERS:

Best & Fairest: Brooklyn Bladon
Most Consistent: Billy Reardon
Coaches Award: Alfie Bish

TEAM:

Leo Arena, Alfie Bish, Brooklyn Bladon, Freddie Heares, Billy Reardon, Flynn Russell, Sonny Talbot, Hugo Thatcher, Mack Turner

REPORT:

This was the boys' very first season and what a great first season it was. They started the season with lots of enthusiasm and smiles and gave it their all.

The team worked together to score tries and to try and learn the skill of tagging. The tags were hard to get off but the boys never gave up, even if they were just running beside the opposition. Always out for the chase.

They made great little new friends and all got along so well. We can see these boys being friends for many years to come.

Every one of them were a pleasure to coach and we look forward to seeing them back in their gorilla gear next year. Lastly a big thank you to all the parents who helped out on the BBQ and Ground Duty.

PLAYER PROFILES:

Hugo Thatcher: Having 2 older brothers who also play footy, Hugo was not shy to the game and this was evident. Hugo was a confident little player who would not give up chasing the kid with the ball. Hugo would take the field each week with a smile on his face ready to give everything he had. Hugo was a pleasure to have on the team.

Leo Arena: Started the season off with a bang! You could tell he really loved it. Leo's full field tries always got the crowd cheering. Even though Leo lost a bit of confidence towards the end of the season, you could tell he loved being around his new friends. We can't wait to see Leo back next year!

Flynn Russell: Is a burst of energy who also brought that vibe to the field. He would never give up trying to get a tag and once he had the ball he would beeline to score a try. Flynn's personality is infectious and all the kids loved having him around.

Mack Turner: Is a quiet sweet kid. Mack really understood the game and scored some great tries. Mack got a few weggies from the hard to get off tags, but that wouldn't deter him. Mack was always attentive at training and took everything in. Mack would show up each week ready to give it his all and try his very best for the team.

Sonny Talbot: You could tell Sonny really loved playing. Sonny really came into his own in our last few games, he really got his hot wheels going and was finding the line every time. Sonny made not only some really great tries, he also made some really great friends. Sonny would always try his best and took direction well.

Freddie Heares: Has the best personality. Always making us laugh. When Freddie was on the field he would be a bulldozer we needed to push through the players to score a try. Freddie was a social butterfly who the boys really loved to be around. Freddie was a pleasure to have on the team

Brooklyn Bladon: Brooky was our little man that lead from the front his year. His courage and determination got those little legs going which pretty much got to the line every time. He knows how to read the play and for a young boy that a big accomplishment at this age. He never the size of the opposition stop him. He would even help others up off the field and return their tags to them. Brooky was our inspiration for all his teammates.

Alfie Bish: Alfie was our little gun that love to run . He is literally our littlest man out there but I don't think Alfie ever knew it. He would take on the line, run around the opposing team and just fly down the sideline with a smile from ear to ear. You can tell he loves to play the game and with his big smile he was so infectious and such a joy to watch. He always listened and took on every play, ready and determined . He may have been our littlest man, but by far he had the biggest heart out on the field .

Billy Reardon: Billy is ready for the front row. He could deadset play for the under 16s. He was always ready to take the ball & run it straight. He took the opposition by surprise so many times just going straight up the middle of the field and putting the ball down under the post. He definitely understands the game and showed the most discipline in always being on side first and always making sure he was with the ref. Thats a hard thing to teach at this age and Billy already has it in spades. Great season from Billy and can't wait to see what next year brings.

U/7 (1) Red

SPONSOR: Emora, Ahoy Bathrooms

OFFICIALS:

Coach: Kieran Moore
Manager: Shayne Sauverain
Trainer: Luke Kemp

AWARD WINNERS:

Best & Fairest: Carter Kemp
Most Consistent: Remy Smith
Coaches Award: Zane Marjoram

TEAM:

Flynn Moore, Carter Kemp, Remy Smith, Zane Marjoram, Will Coleman, Val Sauverain, Tex Crawley, Tye Sherwin

REPORT:

What another successful year of growth, learning and playing footy with your mates!

Our first season of being able to tackle legally — and what a year it was!

The boys came in fired up, chomping at the bit to finally tackle, and when the time came, they didn't hold back. With all the hard work at training, you'd think they'd been tackling for years.

Watching this group grow together over the past few years has been something special. The bond they've built is clear every game. While size wasn't always on our side, that never stopped them. No matter who they came up against, the boys ran out with belief and determination every single week.

Next year brings the excitement of a bigger field and more challenges, and I can't wait to see how much further they grow together.

Bring on the 2026 season — hopefully with a little less rain!

PLAYER PROFILES:

Flynn Moore: The coaches son, always hard one to write! Another great year from Flynn who always gave 100% even when he was sick and probably shouldn't have been playing. He tackled well all year and put some great shots on larger kids with no fear. He was a strong runner of the ball and crossed the line with some great tries.

Carter Kemp: What a great year from Carter. Whilst he is one of the younger and smaller kids in the team, that did not stop him at all and he brought his best to each game. He used his amazing speed to score some of the best tries this season and was consistent in defence. Keep up the great work mate.

Remy Smith: Better known as James Graham!! Remy this year was outstanding, ran and tackled like a machine every week, and had a smile doing it. Some really strong runs and length of the field tries, as well as solid defence.

Zane Marjoram: What a difference a year makes and some tackle practice with the big brothers! Zane came out of the blocks this year running strong and tackling even harder. He is quick off the mark and always hungry to give 100%. Really strong year from Zane

Will Coleman: Will, Mr reliable. When the team needed a lift, Will would be the one to deliver it for us. As the season progressed Will became more comfortable tackling and running the ball hard and fast. Will is a great kid that always gives 100%.

Val Sauverain: Val the well-mannered kid and a pleasure to coach. Val looked like he grew in confidence over the year, he was reliable and constantly turned up for his mates. He was always a keen ball runner and was great to have in the team, always listened at training and carried it out on the field.

Tex Crawley: Tex loved scoring tries, he worked hard on straightening up his ball running and was unstoppable when he ran hard and fast. He scored some of the best long range tries and always did everything at 100 miles an hour.

Tye Sherwin: Tye had a cracker of a year, pulled off some of the best tackles on kids double his size, pleasant kid that always listened and took in the feedback. His step caught a lot of the opposition out, with them not knowing which way to go to wrap him up in a tackle. Keep it up mate, you will be one to watch in the coming years!

U/7 (2) Red

SPONSOR: More Than Meat

OFFICIALS:

Coach: Grant Davies
Manager: Bede Elphick
Trainer: Matt McInnes

AWARD WINNERS:

Best & Fairest: Jamison Smith
Most Consistent: Noah McInnes
Coaches Award: Ziggy Tomkins

TEAM:

Oscar Davies, Jake Elphick, Archie Gooch, Lincoln Heneghan, Blake McInnes, Noah McInnes, Jamison Smith, Benji Snelson, Ziggy Tomkins

REPORT:

What an honour it was to coach such a great bunch of boys & having great parents helping makes coaching so much easier!

The season began with six weeks of League Tag, which helped the boys ease into the year and build their confidence. Once we transitioned to tackling, their true colours really started to show. The boys committed to

training each week with the same intensity they brought to game day. While there were some challenging moments—sometimes even tears—these experiences ultimately contributed to their growth, both individually and as a team.

Throughout the season, the boys demonstrated significant development in their tackling technique, passing, and overall ball skills. Most importantly, by the end of the season, they had come together and were playing as a team.

Although the season was unfortunately cut short due to rain, the consistency of playing week in and week out had a huge impact on the team's progress. It was a rewarding season, and I'm incredibly proud of how far the boys have come. I'm looking forward to seeing them continue their development with a full season of tackle next year.

Thank you to all the parents for getting all the boys to training and games each week. Also, a special mention to Manager Bede & Trainer Matt for their dedication.

PLAYER PROFILES:

Oscar Davies: Another strong season for Oscar, which led to him finishing the season as our leading try scorer. He has a great ability to read the game, and score tries from all parts of the field. Oscar is extremely competitive which drives him in defence to stop the opposition at all costs. Congratulations on a great season Oscar!

Jake Elphick: Jake had a fantastic season this year- scoring tries down the sideline and using his speed and agility to get past defenders. Jake thrived on the tackle part of the season. Never giving up is one of Jake's best qualities. His line speed was one of his best attributes in defence, never allowing the opposition to get away from him. Congratulations on a great season Jake!

Archie Gooch: A welcomed addition to our team this season. This was Archie's first season playing footy, but you would never know it! A superb runner of the ball scoring plenty of tries this season with his speed and agility. Archie also wasn't scared to get his hands dirty, and he proved to be a great defender towards the end of the season. It was a pleasure to coach you this season, congratulations Archie!

Lincoln Heneghan: Linc had another fantastic season this year. Never shying away from having a run or making tackles. There was no one on the field with a bigger smile after he scored a try. Linc even developed an offload through out the season leading to many try assists. This kid is one to lookout for in the future. He has developed his game over the past few seasons and I think is going to be the one to look out for in the upcoming seasons! Congratulations on a fantastic season Lincoln!

Blake McInnes: A great new addition to our team this season. Blake brought a lot of energy to our group. Never shying away from taking the first hit up, Blake became an integral part of the team very quickly. His willingness in defence and aggression in attack was second to none proving to be one of our stronger players this season. I look forward to seeing Blake grow over the next few seasons. Congratulations Blake!

Noah McInnes: This was the season Noah has been waiting for. With absolutely no fear, Noah runs the ball as hard and straight as anyone and more often then not this season, he came up with the big play when the team needed it. He never gives up when defending & gives 110% every time he runs onto the field. This year Noah receives our Most consistent award which recognises all his hard work at training and games every week. Congratulations Noah!

Jamieson Smith: Jami certainly took his game to another level this season. With absolutely no hesitation, Jami was fearless throwing himself into tackles every week. In attack he sidesteps, jinks, palms & just runs over the top of defenders. Forcing mistakes from the opposition when he shoots out of the line to put a "hit" on, Jami truly excelled this season in his first season of tackle. Jamison made the decision for me to give him Best & Fairest quite easy. After the spectacular season he had I couldn't think of a more deserving player for the award. Congratulations Jamison!

Benji Snelson: Another fantastic season by our silent achiever Benji. There aren't too many more graceful runners of the balls than Benji. When Benji gets the ball, he just glides across the field stepping left & right scoring tries all over the park. In defence, Benji has a great technique with his speed proving to be an important attribute when running down players & making try saving tackles. Well done on another great season Benji.

Ziggy Tomkins: What a year this kid had. Our biggest improver by far and the best part, he does it all with a smile on his face! Ziggy will take the first hit up, shoot off the line and make the first tackle. Wherever the team needed him, he was there. Seeing Zig grow over the last few years has been a pleasure to watch. Always giving his best at training which never goes unnoticed by the coach! I'm super proud of the season Ziggy had which made it so satisfying to give Ziggy the reward he deserves this season in receiving our teams Coaches award. Congratulations Ziggy!

U/7 Orange

SPONSOR: The Gymea Lily

OFFICIALS:

Coach: Nathan Amatto
Manager: Dave Tucker
Trainer: Brad Buchanan

AWARD WINNERS:

Best & Fairest: Archie Cully
Most Consistent: Lachlan Buchanan
Coaches Award: Hudson Menzies

TEAM:

Lachlan Buchanan, Roman Tan, Archie Cully, George Tucker, Nate Amatto, Maverick Singh, Addin Fonua-Blake, Rieko Emery, Hudson Menzies, Dominic Daher.

TEAM REPORT

The U7s have enjoyed a fantastic season, showing remarkable growth, teamwork, and enthusiasm in every game. Each player has developed their skills while contributing to the team's success in their own unique way. This season has built a strong foundation, and the future looks very bright for this hardworking and talented team.

The players showed great consistency, winning nearly all their games and playing strong at all times. We cannot wait for next year as this kids will continue to improve into great young league players.

PLAYER PROFILES

Lachlan Buchanan: Lachlan has had an excellent season, showing great commitment and determination on the field. He has developed a real strength in tackling, often leading the way with the most tackles in a game. Lachlan's speed and enthusiasm lead to a number of tries and great cover defence.

Roman Tan: Roman has been an outstanding member of the team this season, showing that size is no barrier when it comes to effort and determination. As the smallest player on the team, he consistently shows the biggest heart, always giving his best in every match and training session. His fast running lead to a number of exciting tries.

Archie Cully: Archie has enjoyed an outstanding season with the U7 Orange, quickly establishing himself as a consistent and our most valuable player. His ability to score tries regularly has made him the team's try-scoring machine. He consistently performs at a high level and leads by example through his effort and attitude.

George Tucker: George has been our fearless and inspirational leader up front this season, consistently setting the tone with his determination and strength on the field. His tackling busting has been a standout feature of his game, often dragging several opponents down the field. His enthusiasm and energy are infectious, inspiring those around him.

Nate Amatto: Nate has had a fantastic season, showing impressive speed and determination in every game. His pace makes him a constant attacking threat. Alongside his attacking skills, Nate is also strong in defence, making critical stops to help his team win games.

Maverick Singh: Maverick has continued to improve this season, using his speed to great effect in both attack and defence. His pace allows him to create opportunities and break through opposition lines with confidence, often finishing with impressive tries. Mav has scored a significant number of tries this season, showing excellent awareness and determination around the field.

Addin Fonua-Blake: Addin has been a powerful presence this season, using his size and strength to great advantage on the field. He has shown excellent commitment in defence, regularly providing vital cover tackles that stop opposition players.

Rieko Emery: Rieko has had a great year, showing real strength in both attack and defence. His tackling technique around the legs is one of the best in the team, bringing down opponents with confidence and reliability. His speed and determination has lead to Rieko scoring some great length of the field tries.

Hudson Menzies: Hudson has had a fantastic season showing outstanding consistency and steady improvement throughout the year. His tackling has become a real strength, and he never hesitates to put himself into challenges to help his team. Hudson's commitment and determination mean he always gives his very best, both in matches and at training, and his progress has been clear to see each week.

Dominic Dahir: Dominic has been one of the team's standout performers this season, making a strong impact in both attack and defence. His speed and strength have been a real asset, allowing him to break through opposition lines in attack while also shutting down opponents with determined defensive efforts.



U/8 (1) Red
SPONSOR: Loftus Pies

OFFICIALS:

Coach: Craig Jory
Manager: Kaye Palmano
Trainer: Neill Posthumus & Mitch Hunt

AWARD WINNERS:

Best & Fairest: Jamie Palmano
Most Consistent: Toby Posthumus
Coaches Award: Oliver McInnes

TEAM:

Jaxon Jory, Toby Posthumus, Max McDonnell, Archer Thompson, Anakin Lintmeijer, Oliver McInnes, Aquiles Allebi, Jamie Palmano, Lucas Hunt, Oscar Rauzan.

REPORT:

2025 was another successful and fun season. The boys only dropped two games in close contests the entire season which was a result of their hard work and resilience.

We had two new additions to the team this season, both of which it was their first season playing league. Both fit in seamlessly.

All of the boys continued to improve. We dedicated most of our training to working on our defence, and it really showed with the boys proving difficult for the opposition to break through against.

We also scored some really good individual tries, team tries and tries from great offloads, as we encouraged the boys as the year went on to find some more passes.

We are very fortunate to have a committed group of parents who bring the kids to training and games.

Thank you to Mitch, Neill and Kaye for all of your support and efforts throughout the season.

Bring on 2026.

PLAYER PROFILE:

Archer Thompson: Archer copped a couple of big knocks early in the year which dented his confidence early on. It is a credit to his character that he found the resilience to put the knocks behind him and perform the way he did for the remainder of the season. Archer didn't score as many tries this season, however his tough carries and length of the field runs would often result in a team mate falling over the line on the next play. His defence and tackling technique out wide was fantastic to watch and will prove valuable as he gets older.

Max McDonnell: Max brought his tackling technique from the previous season to this season on a whole new level. When he hit with his shoulder, the opposition knew they'd been hit. Max was one of our most consistent performers in the 'FR' bib, handling it calmly and leading the rest of the boys around the park without a fuss. Max is equipped with a strong palm, swatting opponents like flies as he'd march down the field. Max is a player every team needs.

Toby Posthumus: While points proved a little harder to come across this season with the bigger field and more players, Toby still found a way to consistently score 4 or 5 tries each week. Toby has both power and speed and is an all-round athlete. Toby didn't miss in defence either, hitting opponents with big shots or chasing them down from a long-range line-break. Toby was our most consistent player this season with a number of great tries, goals and tackles. Well done, Toby!

Anakin Lintmeijer: Unfortunately, Anakin missed a large portion of the season, however he made his mark in the games he played, scoring some unbelievable long-range tries from some darting runs from dummy half. Anakin contributed in defence with some ball and all tackles after shooting out of the line to stop the opposition in their tracks.

Jaxon Jory: Jaxon is all effort. The tougher the game, the tougher Jaxon plays and this was particularly on display in a game against Cronulla Caringbah. Jaxon has an unbelievable attitude and desire to do well. He has a very high footy IQ, whether it be to find a pass to an unmarked player on his outside or to race over to help a team mate to stop them from getting pushed in to touch. Jaxon doesn't do a lot of the fancy stuff and he doesn't get a lot of praise, but he should be extremely proud of himself.

Aquiles Allebi: Aquiles is a little dynamite, often proving too difficult for the opposition to tackle. Aquiles would appear to be tackled, before bouncing out and racing off to score another try. Aquiles cleaned up a few run-away opponents in one-on-one try-saving tackles. Aquiles must have been practicing his goal-kicking, as I can't recall him missing a goal the entire season often kicking them in to the carpark. Aquiles is a pleasure to coach.

Jamie Palmano: Jamie top scored for our best & fairest and was a deserved winner, with some fantastic individual performances throughout the season. Jamie scored some fantastic solo tries as well as made a number of grass-cutting tackles over on his side of the field. Jamie played well in the 'FR' bib, organising the rest of the team in to their order for runs. Jamie has a lot of natural potential and will be a weapon in both attack and defence in the years to come.

Oliver McInnes: Unfortunately, Oli was unable to make every game, however the games he played, he left a mark. Oli has unbelievable speed for his size, scoring some great long-range solo tries from clean line breaks. Oli is at his best when he runs hard and direct, proving too difficult and strong for the opposition to tackle. Although Oli didn't play as much this season, he is an asset to the team. Oli earned the coaches award through his hard work and great attitude over the previous three seasons combined.

Lucas Hunt: Lucas was one of our new additions to the team this season. Lucas slot in to the team like he had been playing for years. Lucas often shot up out of the line resulting in some great one-on-one tackles or forcing a mistake from the opposition through his relentless up in the face approach. Lucas scored some incredible solo tries from dummy half with some superb footwork. He was one of our most consistent at training, always putting in 100%. Lucas was a pleasure to coach and it is amazing to think how good he could be after another season or two.

Oscar Rauzan: Oscar was another one of our new additions to the team this season. Oscar always had a smile on his face, whether it be at training or at the games. Oscar started off a bit nervous, but at around the half-way mark of the season, really found his groove. At one training session, it clicked for Oscar, where he was running like an 8-year-old Andrew Fifita, swatting the boys off and playing like a machine. It was so good to watch him play like this towards the back end of the season and score a couple of tries as a result of all of his hard work. Oscar should be extremely proud of himself and his efforts.

Thanks to all the parents for all of your support. See you in 2026.

U/8 (2) Red
SPONSOR: McDonalds Taren Point

OFFICIALS:

Coach: Conor Dowsett
Manager: Matt Dinuzzo
Trainer: Mikhail Izhik

AWARD WINNERS:

Best & Fairest: Kade Liebenhals
Most Consistent: Andrew Dowsett
Coaches Award: Kobe Izhik

TEAM:

Kobe Izhik , Kurt Waldock, Levi Dinuzzo, Brayden Robinson, Kalyn Warren, Tiger Passfield, Jimmy Dowling, Tori Folaumoeoa, Andrew Dowsett , Kade Liebenhals

REPORT:

What a fun year it has been coaching this awesome team! The boys were all in, eager to play footy and to learn, which made coaching them such a blast. It was so great to see them bonding as a team, having fun and getting better and better each week.

The teams in the Red division were strong , but I loved how our boys never backed down. They showed so much heart and determination out there. At training, we worked hard and it was amazing for Michael and me to see them take what they learned and put it into action on the weekend.

A truly fantastic group of boys, and I really enjoyed watching them play every week. Their teamwork and support for each other was awesome to see!

A big shout-out to Matt for keeping everything organised, and always looking out for the kids. Huge thanks to Michael, our trainer, who was an amazing encouragement to the boys both during training and in games. The boys learned so much from you.

Lastly, thanks to all the parents for being so supportive throughout the season. Your encouragement made a huge difference and helped create an amazing experience for the kids. Thanks to all for making this season one to remember!

PLAYER PROFILE:

Kobe Izhik: One of our standout players, he consistently broke through the defence, leaving the opposition scrambling. His passion for scoring tries was matched only by his impressive tackling skills. Kobe showed remarkable improvement week after week, building on his skills and growing in confidence. A fantastic footy player and an absolute joy to coach.

Kurt Waldock: Always eager to learn and listening attentively at training. Kurt's impressive footwork and ability to find open space were amazing to watch, and the team could always rely on him to make those crucial try-saving tackles. An impressive passer of the ball, who played exceptionally well in the first-receiver vest.

Levi Dinuzzo: Levi was the kid who would turn up to every game, ready and eager to play. He excelled at charging forward with the ball, scoring some truly impressive tries throughout the season, and loved the opportunity to take the kick for conversion. Levi's performance improved every game, and he proved to be an outstanding team player amongst his mates.

Brayden Robinson: When Brayden ran hard and straight, he was unstoppable! He never shied away from a front-on tackle, often taking defenders head-on with a fearless attitude. His willingness to engage in tough plays led to some spectacular tries. Brayden loves his footy and celebrating tries with his teammates.

Kalyn Warren: Kalyn absolutely loved getting his hands on the ball. He had a great palm and a clever dummy pass which often caught defenders off guard. Kalyn always put in his best effort at every game, and showed a real try-scoring determination.

Tiger Passfield: Tiger made several impressive runs and always got back up after a heavy hit, even when most kids would stay down. He enjoyed the opportunity to play the role of first receiver, but most of all he loved hanging out with his teammates and building on his footy skills.

Jimmy Dowling: It was Jimmy's first year playing rugby league, but you wouldn't be able to tell by watching him. He quickly picked up the game and truly enjoyed the physicality of it. Jimmy made some impressive line breaks as he confidently ran onto the ball. With his dedication and talent, there's no doubt he will continue to improve and excel in footy.

Tori Folaumoeoa: Tori showed up ready to play and consistently gave 100% in every game. He had an incredible ability to score tries from anywhere on the field, making him a constant threat to the opposition. Always ready for contact, Tori made some impressive tackles. Our team speedster, I don't think I ever saw an opponent manage to run him down.

Andrew Dowsett: Andrew showcased impressive skill with his footwork, using his step to evade defenders before turning on the speed to break through and score tries. He was the big voice on the field, always encouraging the team and ensuring they were spread out in defence. Andrew loved his footy training, and spending time with his friends, making him a great little teammate both on and off the field.

Kade Liebenhals: Kade has the best tackling technique of any kid I have seen of his age, getting low on the opposition and cutting them off before they can even get started. Kade made some phenomenal try-saving tackles throughout the season, and also backed it up as an exceptional runner of the ball. Beyond his footy skills, Kade is just an all-round good kid - a popular teammate and a pleasure to coach.

U/8 Orange

SPONSOR: Habcorp Builders, MAC Developments

OFFICIALS:

Coach: Pat Franks
Manager: Jarrod Johnstone
Trainer: Matt Habojan

AWARD WINNERS:

Best & Fairest: Mack Johnstone
Most Consistent: Sasha Snelson
Coaches Award: Wade Rehmie

TEAM:

Mack Johnstone, Sasha Snelson, Wade Rehmie, Cooper Bown, Sonny Bown, Carter Franks, Harry Habojan, Crejtion Nailer, Harlan Lloyd, Bobby Trotter

REPORT:

What a season! The Under 8 Orange Gymea Gorillas have gone through 2025 undefeated, and I couldn't be prouder of this group of boys.

Many of them have been playing together since they were Under 6s, and the way they've grown as both players and teammates has been incredible to watch.

Firstly, I'd like to thank all of the parents and families. Your commitment, encouragement, and support - whether it was getting the boys to training, helping out on game day, or cheering from the sidelines - made all the difference. This team doesn't just succeed on the field; it succeeds because of the community around it.

A special congratulations to our award winners for 2025:

- Best & Fairest - Mack Johnstone
- Most Consistent - Sasha Snelson
- Coaches Award - Wade Rehmie

These boys truly embodied the values of the team this year, but every single player contributed to what was a special season.

I am proud to have coached this group, and I can't wait to see how far their rugby league journeys take them in the years to come.

PLAYER PROFILES:

Sonny Bowen: Sonny loves taking the ball up and never takes a backward step. He gave our team momentum every week and always played with plenty of heart.

Cooper Bowen: Cooper was rock-solid with the boot, rarely missing a conversion. His consistency and cool head under pressure gave the team confidence all season long.

Carter Franks: Carter had a brilliant year, scoring over 12 tries and showing his love for rugby league every week. He's always involved in everything and never shies away from a tackle.

Crejtion Nailer: Crejtion's speed and skill made him a constant try-scoring threat. With 11 tries for the year, he gave us plenty of spark out wide.

Mack Johnstone: Our Best & Fairest winner, Mack had an outstanding season. He led the way in both defence and attack, finishing as the team's top try scorer with 22.

Bobby Trotter: Bobby was fearless running the ball up for his teammates and never let the opposition past him without a strong tackle. A real team-first player.

Sasha Snelson: Sasha's pace was electric, and he crossed for an incredible 21 tries this season. His Most Consistent award shows just how valuable he was each and every week.

Harlan Lloyd: In his first year with the Gorillas, Harlan scored 10 tries and quickly showed he belongs. A fantastic debut season!

Harry Habojan: One of our most improved players in 2025, Harry used his speed to great effect, regularly slicing through gaps and finishing with some outstanding tries.

Wade Rehmie: Also in his first year, Wade was a standout with 10 tries and a Coaches Award to his name. He gave everything at training and in games, showing great potential for the future.

U/8 (1) Green
SPONSOR: Tradies

OFFICIALS:

Coach: Peter Menzies
Manager: Gemma Deng
Trainer: Alan Ciuncuisky

AWARD WINNERS:

Best & Fairest: Theo Deng
Most Consistent: Tommy Schmidt
Coaches Award: Hunter Ellis

TEAM:

Theo Deng, Tommy Schmidt, Hunter Ellis, Riley Menzies, Thomas Sunderland, Heath Lucas, William Westwood, Hudson Ciuncuisky, Ashton Grant

REPORT:

Gymea Gorillas U8 Green Team 1 - Unbeaten Season 2025

What a year! With a strong core group returning and some exciting new talent joining us from Joeys and Bundeena, the boys rose to every challenge this season. The shift to set positions at dummy half and first receiver, along with kicking conversions, only lifted their game.

Each week they grew stronger finishing with dominant wins, including three back-to-back 50+ point performances. Their defence was rock solid, their attack relentless, and their kicking flawless. Most importantly, they played as true mates backing each other in the tough carries, supporting the breaks, and celebrating every try together.

A huge thank you to our trainer Alan, team manager Gemma, and club age manager Craig for their tireless support, as well as all the parents for turning up rain, hail, or shine with such positivity.

Unbeaten, united, and unforgettable, well done boys, what a season!

PLAYER PROFILES:

Theo Deng: Theo returned for his second season and stamped his mark as the team's top try scorer with his incredible side step and fearless tackling. Drawing on his Brazilian Jiu Jitsu skills, he's tenacious in defence and impossible to shake, all while being a true team player who models his game off Will Kennedy.

Riley Menzies: Riley thrived in his role at Dummy Half, leading from the front and showing off his sharp game sense with the most intercepts of the season. Give him space and he'll punish you with a long-distance try, all while bringing great energy and friendship to the team.

Hudson Ciuncuisky: Hudson was our defensive rock, never afraid to put his body on the line and always first to put his hand up. Growing in confidence with ball in hand and even stepping up for conversions, he became a key thinker in set plays and a stickler for the rules.

Hunter Ellis: Hunter was the most improved player this year, shining in every area of the game. From crunching tackles to running in a stack of tries, his growing confidence made him a complete player and a real character both on and off the pitch.

Thomas Sunderland: Thomas was the team's enforcer, fearless in defence and powerful in attack, always lifting those around him with his passion for the game. Despite missing games, he still made a late surge as one of our top scorers and proved himself a true force of nature.

Heath Lucas: Heath was the team's dependable playmaker, running the show at first receiver with excellent knowledge and composure. A stalwart across the park, he didn't miss a single kick all season and set the standard with his consistency and leadership.

William Westwood: William made an immediate impact with a player-of-the-day debut and quickly became known for his powerful running and fearless defence. His season was unfortunately cut short through injury, but he brought a new dynamic to the team and we can't wait to welcome him back.

Ashton Grant: Ashton joined from Joeys and slotted straight in, bringing power in both attack and defence with a fantastic attitude. Always dependable and known for his diving tries that had him airborne over the line, he was a brilliant addition to the team.

Tommy Schmidt: Tommy lit up the season with his blistering speed and trademark positivity, always caring for his teammates and lifting the group. Known for his length-of-the-field tries and game-saving tackles, he's the fastest and loudest on the pitch with a big future ahead.

U/8 (2) Green

SPONSOR: Domino's Sylvania

OFFICIALS

Coaches: Sam Hurley and Nathan Ross
Manager: Paul Feite
Trainer: Nathan Spanos

AWARD WINNERS

Best and fairest: Jack Rowley
Most consistent: Elijah Hurley
Coaches award: Leo Feite

TEAM

Jack Rowley, Elijah Hurley, Emmett Robertson, Noah Colley, Leo Feite, Archie Spanos, Arlo Mockett, Trent Hanrahan, Christopher Donohoe, Charlie Ross.

REPORT

The Green 2's started the season with a completely new team: a mix of grizzled Gorillas veterans, some star recruits from other clubs, and a handful of boys playing their first full season of rugby league - not to mention a couple of nervous rookie coaches.

Right from the outset the boys were a pleasure to coach, with lots of enthusiasm and energy at training and support for each other on the paddock.

It took a while for things to come together on the field, but the team improved every week - sticking together through some tough games, keeping their chins up through some nailbaiting losses, and focussing on working as a team with the ball and in defence.

By the second half of the season we had racked up a few good wins, just missed out on a couple of games where goalkicking was the difference, and started going toe to toe with the best teams in the grade. At some point during the year every single kid on the team stood out with a man of the match performance, and it was great to see all of our new players growing in confidence and showcasing their skills as the season went on. Despite a few washouts at the end of the year we ended the season on a great note, winning two of our three gala day games and cheering on our mates in the other Gorillas teams.

Most importantly, the boys played and trained with a wonderful attitude - keeping it tough, fun and fair, supporting our teammates and being respectful to the opposition and the officials, not to mention putting up with a few long-winded halftime talks from the coaching staff. Thank you to all of you for all the hard work and good fun we had together this year - and to a great group of parents and families who made training and game days a pleasure. Hopefully we'll all be back bigger and better next year to pick up where we left off.

PLAYER PROFILE:

Jack Rowley: Jack was our standout for best and fairest player this year - slotting straight into a new team and leading by example with his barnstorming runs, constant effort in defence and energy on the training paddock. As well as being our top try scorer, Jack was our busiest player without the ball, running himself to a standstill every week.

Archie Spanos: Archie had a great year in his first season as a Gorilla. He always put his hand up to take tough carries, always soldiered on bravely after copping a big knock, and his hard work on tackling and defence at training really showed on the field as the season went on. Archie was rewarded with a couple of multi-try scoring performances at the end of the year where opponents simply couldn't manage his hard running and determination.

Noah Colley: Noah's pace and agility meant that on his day he was the hardest player on our team to tackle - as well as the undisputed GOAT of bullrush at training. He had a couple of stand out man-of-the-match efforts, scored some scintillating tries and slotted in brilliantly with a new bunch of teammates right from the start of the season.

Christopher Donohoe: Christopher's enthusiasm at training and on game days was unbridled and all his hard work on his skills, running and tackling paid off with some excellent performances towards the end of the year. The harder the game got, the more locked in Christopher was - and he scored a few great tries in the corner with his determined runs down the sideline.

Arlo Mockett: Arlo was the team's toughest, most fearless and most inspirational player this year. His darting runs always required 3 or 4 opposition players needed to drag him to the ground, and his tackling technique and sheer determination against players double his size meant that they never made the mistake of running at him twice.

Leo Feite: Leo is an absolute pleasure to have in our team and the stand-out choice for the coaches award. He consistently put the team first, helping to organise and support the other boys in attack and defence and always being prepared to do what the coaches asked of him - as well as being one of our most dangerous runners of the footy. With his ball skills, footwork and great attitude Leo will be unstoppable in the under 9s.

Charlie Ross: After some interrupted games early on, Charlie finished the year in red hot form, wracking up four tries in a single game against our arch rivals Menai and being the team's standout goal kicker after putting in a tonne of hard work on the practice field. By the end of the year Charlie's dummy half work and darting runs from close to the line had him looking like an under 8's version of Blake Brailey.

Elijah Hurley: Elijah was our most consistent player this year - the team could depend on his strong tackling and agile running every week, and he put in a few standout defensive performances when we really needed them in close games. He was always focussed on how he could help his team, and was never short of an encouraging word to his teammates on the field (or some free advice for the coach on the way to the game).

Emmet Robertson: Emmet was a wonderful addition to the team this year, always showing up to training with a big smile and working hard on his skills every week. On the field he was a strong and elusive runner of the ball and one of most dangerous first receivers, and his never-give-up attitude in defence saw him make some try textbook saving cover tackles that had the crowd on its feet.

Trent Hanrahan: In his first full season with us, Trent was easily our most improved player - coming on in leaps and bounds as the season went on, especially with his tackling which was close to the best in our team at training and in games by the end of the year. He was always willing to listen and learn and cool under pressure - my personal highlight as coach this year was watching Trent calmly step up to slot his first ever kick for goal to keep us in front in a close game.

U/9 Red
SPONSOR: Green by Nature

OFFICIALS:

Coach: Dane Thatcher
Trainer: Darren Trotter / John Stathis
Manager: Rachael Gallagher

AWARD WINNERS:

Best & Fairest: Austin Thatcher
Most Consistent: Bailey Mulcahy
Coaches Award: Cooper Devos

TEAM:

Cooper Devos, Leo Dowling, Zac Flanagan, Slater Gallagher, Dusty Trotter, Bailey Mulcahy, Jack Patton, Zachary Stathis, Austin Thatcher, Archie Smith

REPORT:

This year was another big year for our boys, with three new faces they slid in like they had always been a part of this great side and all the boys welcomed them with open arms which I was super proud of. We have built a reputation of the team to beat & we didn't disappoint.

This year starting to play positions and with some structure we had strength across the park. All the boys were so committed, hungry & also gracious in our only one defeat. Everyone that knows me and how this team has been built, is on defence and wow the number of donuts this year, could send a man broke. A special thanks goes to Rach, Trots, John, Smithy, Matt and my wife for all the help either on or off the field, great teams don't just happen it's teamwork and I couldn't do my job without you all.

Thank you! This team is an absolute dream to coach because of the great little men you all are raising and thank you all for making my job so easy. Bring on 2026!!!!

P.S. Must say a big Thanks to Smithy for saving me few hours here

PLAYER PROFILES:

Cooper Devos: We welcomed Coops this year and what an asset he has proved to be, he brought his silky halfback skills, sharp running game, and strong vocals! Manly might have their next DCE in a few years. He's also one of the most well-mannered 9-year-olds I've met — always shaking my hand before and after training. Clearly he has a wonderful mother, a coach's dream.

Leo Dowling: Leo, another new addition and first year in footy, the quietly spoken powerhouse, arrived with a big smile and an even bigger heart. From the start, he was a strong ball runner, but mid-season something clicked — suddenly his tackling was a real weapon, sending players over the sideline or backwards... always with that smile.

Zac Flanagan: Flanno, my star signing coming from the Silvers last year he didn't disappoint. The human wrecking ball, plays with only two speeds: 0 and 100%. His textbook tackling technique, combined with his ferocity, made him a sensational addition to the team. Maybe the wild side comes from Mum — because Dad is calm and collected!

Slater Gallagher: Slater with an even most outrageous hairstyle was at his aggressive best — carving up defences with acrobatic tries and even better celebrations. When fired up, he tackles like a wrecking ball, this kid never disappoints and can change a game with his aggression pound for pound this kids is the toughest in the comp (Maybe Rachel's red-head genes explain it all!)

Dusty Trotter: Dusty has the best fend in the comp, leaving defenders sprawled. He's grown massively this year — from avoiding tackles to pulling off 5 dominant hits in a single set in the last game. A handful on and off the field even for his parents. Thanks Mel those Crocs at training turned his season...

Bailey Mulcahy: Bailey, our not-so-secret weapon — legs like springs, shoulders like concrete. Give him an inch and he's gone. His attack is brilliant, but he also saves almost as many tries as he scores. Almost. The Storm always seem to find good fullbacks and they won't find a better young fullback than our Bailey! Lucky enough to have been able to coach this kid since the u6's -Just love seeing him in full flight.

Jack Patton: Big Jack is a naturally gifted player who makes it look easy — strolling through the line to score or driving players back in defence. Quiet but deadly and missing for our loss to De La which I know is still hurting him. This kid is a pleasure to coach and loves to play, don't worry bud we'll get them next year!

Zach Stathis: This kid never misses a training session and loves to play with his mates giving 110% at everything he does. Made huge strides this year, especially with his running game. He always took the toughest runs to swing momentum our way, with the best leg drive and post-contact metres I've seen in a young player. Doggies scouts take note — this kid's a weapon and I'm sure they can find some salary cap to squeeze him.

Austin Thatcher: Aussie , the halfback trapped in a front-rower's body! A brilliant passer of the ball with a great show-and-go, even pulling out a goose step last game. But hurt one of his teammates and he turns into a freight train, tossing kids over the sideline or carry kids backwards like ragdolls. I can proudly say this was Aussies most consistent year.

Archie Smith: Archie - joined us late last year and only gave us a glimpse of what he can offer. This year from the trials he showed us what a power house he can be and is for our team. Our middle forward with Hitler like footwork, and aggressive defensive line speed which set the pace for our defensive efforts!!

U/9 (1) Orange

SPONSOR: Wymap

OFFICIALS:

Coach: Mark Chandler
Managers: Ann Le Roux, Bec Monajed
Trainer: Jason Monajed, Sammy Morrocu

AWARD WINNERS:

Best & Fairest: Sonny Morrocu
Most Consistent: Jeremy Wilson
Coaches Award: Owen Le Roux

TEAM:

Sonny Morrocu, Jeremy Wilson, Owen Le Roux, Xavier Daher, Koda Monajed, Noah Pacheco Chandler, Kostya Peart, Jordy Blomfield, Kirby Tomkins, Levi Chalker

REPORT:

The start of this season was a big change for us, kicking off for the first time with gradings, this meant our first game was with a new side which hadn't played together before, given we had only one session of training our first game was to set the platform for the year, that first game set our season off to a perfect start, tough defence all game and with a try on the bell to win the game scored by Noah, that game showed us how much these boys were committed and wanted to play together by not giving in until that final whistle. As the season progressed, so did each and every one of these players, I'm so proud to coach these boys and watch them turn into the little footy players they are today, each and every one of you boys should hold your heads high after all of your performances this season.

Without the parents and volunteers of this mighty club we wouldn't be in this position today, so a big thank you to all of you who helped out during the season, we couldn't do it without you!

Sammy and Jason, your help means these boys are shaping into skilful young footy players, helping with passing on your knowledge and passion of the game, with training and the sideline chat keeping them in line on the field, I can't thank you enough for your presence.

Ann and Bec thank you for all the off field work behind the scenes as we couldn't run a team without you guys! Onwards and upwards for next years season, I hope to see everyone back in the green and white.
Cheers,Mark

PLAYER PROFILES:

Sonny Morroco: our starting DH, Sonny bought aggression and a great running game to our side week in week out, Sonny is our best and fairest this year and well deserved, Sonny was also our top try and goal scorer for the year, great work Sonny!

Jeremy Wilson: another great year for Jeremy, I'd say the fastest in the team and that showed each week with his long range tries, tackling improved immensely this year and takes home our best and fairest award. Always a pleasure to coach.

Owen Le Roux: Owen found out that he has shoulders this year and boy did he use them!! Our most improved player in the team by far, was awesome to watch every week and also took home a stack of lollies for his tackling, can score some great tries too, Owen gets the coaches award this year. Well done Owen.

Xavier Dahir: Xavier was a great addition to our team this year, a well rounded footy player with great passion for the game, Xavier brings a lot of enthusiasm to training and the game which reflects on how the boys play around him. Well done Xavier!

Koda Monajed: another great season for koda, our starting FR for a reason as he brings the boys together and wears his heart on his sleeve, always puts in 100% and leads from the front, awesome work koda!

Noah Pacheco Chandler: Noah is our starting #8 front row, leads the team with his strong runs which sets our backs up in great field positions, Noah improves every time he plays and has a lot of unused potential to unlock, love ya mate keep doing you!

Kostya Peart: another new addition to our team this year, Kostya scored plenty of tries this season and has a great running game from DH, always plays with plenty of passion and hated it when called off for a rest, this shows how much he is loving his footy, great work Kostya!

Jordy Blomfield: Jordy is an important asset to our team, brings a lot of talent whether kicking, running or tackling, one of our FR jerseys this year and is a great all rounded player, well done Jordy, I'm looking forward to see what you bring next year!

Kirby Tomkins: Kirby is next in line for the most improved this season, after a couple of games Kirby really found his feet and finished off the back end of the season with force. Strong running and some hard tackling really improved him and our teams overall performance, great work Kirby!

Levi Chalker: Levi improves every game he plays, he is big and strong and very hard to tackle, when he gets going no one can stop him! Levis overall skills have improved so much and I can't wait to see what he brings to our side next year. Well done Levi!

Kobe Izhik: A special mention to Kobe, we were short a few players against engadine and he played up an age to help us, not only did he get man of the match also scored a great try, if we are ever short again we know who to call! Thank you Kobe!

U/9 (2) Orange
SPONSOR: Tradies

OFFICIALS:

Coach: Ryan Walker
Manager: Michaela Bestwick
Trainer: Matt Bradley

AWARD WINNERS:

Best & Fairest: Saxon Bradley
Most Consistent: Locky Keed
Coaches Award: Kobi Foley

TEAM:

Jack Fanning, Flynn McInnes, Saxon Bradley, Elijah DF-Walker, Ben Burnell Wildman, Kobi Foley, Thomas Roy, Locky Keed, Leo Demertze

REPORT:

What a season it has been for the Under 9 Orange 2 boys! This year was the very first time this group of players came together as a team. With so many new faces learning to play alongside each other, it was always going to take a little time to find our rhythm, but they worked hard and never gave up.

The season started off tough, with a few hard losses early on. But what stood out right from the beginning was the determination, effort, and positive attitude from every single player. They never dropped their heads. Every week the team worked hard at training, listened to all the parents at training that were helping, and showed great courage on the field no matter the score.

As the weeks went on, all that hard work really started to shine through. The boys began to gel as a team. They started passing more, supporting each other in defence, and playing smarter football. The improvement was amazing to see. By the back half of the season, their hard work paid off with some strong performances and a few awesome wins that showed just how far they'd come.

More important than the wins, though, was the teamwork, mateship, and never-give-up spirit that developed within the group. All the boys can be proud of how much they improved and the way they represented the club this year.

A giant thank you to our trainer Matt and also Nathan and Matt for all your help this year whether at training or game day. And to all our parents thank you for all the support and cheering. Also to our manager Michaela who kept us all up to date and informed with everything all season. I am extremely grateful to all involved

A massive congratulations to all the boys. You've made your coaches, your families, and your club very proud. Bring on next season!

PLAYER PROFILES:

Jack Fanning: had an awesome year! He never gave up in any game, no matter what. He always kept trying his hardest and showed everyone what teamwork is all about.

Flynn McInnes: had a great season playing dummy half. He was quick, smart, and helped get the ball moving so his teammates could score tries.

Saxon Bradley: was our super speedster! No one could catch him, and he ended up being our top try scorer this year. Always chasing for a cover tackle.

Elijah DF-Walker: worked really hard on talking to his teammates on the field. He really enjoyed playing at first receiver, he helped organise the team and made sure everyone knew what was happening.

Ben Burnell Wildman: was full of energy every time he got the ball. You never knew what he was going to do, but it was always exciting to watch!

Kobi Foley: had his very first year playing rugby league and he made some massive tackles. He showed lots of courage and gave it his all.

Thomas Roy: or as we like to call him "Tommy Special" - was our big, strong front rower. He loved charging at the other team and making big runs.

Locky Keed: improved heaps this season, both with the ball and in defence. He got better every single game and really made a difference on the field.

Leo Dermertze: also had his first year and he ran and tackled like a freight train! He was strong, fast, and hard to stop

U/9 (1) Green

SPONSOR: St George Motor Boat Club

OFFICIALS:

Coach: Shane D'Aprile
Manager: Mary Anstiss
Trainer: Dallon Hansen

AWARD WINNERS:

Best & Fairest: Flynn Vasilevski
Most Consistent: Thomas Hansen
Coaches Award: Ameen Renno

TEAM:

Finn Owsnett, Manaia Emery, Ameen Renno, Max Buzo, Flynn Vasilevski, Xavier D'Aprile, Vaughn Patel, Marco Theodossiou, Thomas Hansen, Levi Grimshaw, Rory Naughton

REPORT:

This was a team with several players experiencing their first year in rugby league. We enjoyed some great wins and copped our fair share of defeats, but overall the boys were competitive every week and finished with a pretty even win/loss record. More importantly, their skills and confidence improved right throughout the season.

A highlight was seeing every boy score points during the year - a massive achievement for the team and a thrill for the parents on the sideline. Our best wins came when we did the little things well, especially after strong, focussed training sessions.

Defence became a real strength in the back half of the season, with the boys repeatedly driving opposition ball runners over the sideline. The teamwork and communication really started to click.

The most common thing they probably heard from Dallon and myself: "Spread out!" 😊 Big thanks to Mary, whose stats were invaluable, and to Dallon for his excellent drills at training. Thanks also to all the parents for lifts, encouragement, and even jumping in during training sessions. And to Vin, who was always ready to lend a hand when we needed it.

Community is what makes junior footy work, and the support from everyone this season was fantastic. I thoroughly enjoyed my first year coaching such a great bunch of kids, alongside a great manager, trainer, and parent group.

PLAYER PROFILES:

Finn Owsnett: Joined after the start of the season and quickly made the left side his own. Small in stature but deceptively quick, Finn was a bullet when given space. Hope he enjoyed the season.

Mania Emery: A versatile player who handled multiple positions well. Focussed in training, which showed in his game play. One of our leading goal kickers, and despite my best efforts, he stayed loyal to the Wahs over the Sharks!

Ameen Renno: Disciplined at training and focussed on game day. Scored the team's first try in our opening game and loves a kick! Put through a grubber for a try and modelled his goal-kicking style on Ryan Papenhuyzen. Developed a sharp dummy and step that caused opposition headaches

Max Buzo: Loves to be involved in all parts of the game and never shied away from contact. Earned some stitches for his commitment after a collision! Always full of energy and excitement at both training and games.

Flynn Vasilevski: One of our top try scorers with great pace, and without doubt our number-one tackler. Strong technique and fearless commitment in defence made him stand out all year. Roughhousing with older siblings has clearly paid off!

Xavier D'Aprile: A quieter kid who plays his best when he fires up. Usually played out wide but loves a dart from dummy half. Would've happily kept that pink bib on all season if he could.

Vaughn Patel: A great kid with a great attitude. Handled different positions across the park and steadily improved his skills throughout the season.

Marco Theodossiou: His smile when scoring his first try said it all. That day he also earned man of the match. A genuine team player and a pleasure to coach.

Thomas Hansen: Passionate about his footy and gave nothing less than 110%. Our top point scorer this season, very versatile in attack and defence - loved getting into the FR bib to drive the attack.

Levi Grimshaw: Tall, quick, and hard to stop once he got going. His fend accounted for plenty of defenders. Great to watch his game develop as the season went on.

Rory Naughton: Joined later in the season but made an immediate impact. A polite young man and a strong ball runner who usually played through the middle but could accelerate out wide when needed.

U/9 (2) Green

SPONSOR: Ray White Sutherland

OFFICIALS:

Coach: Jordan Moyle

Assistant Coach: Bodhi Moyle

Trainers: Kerryn Stearman, Alex Marshall

Manager: Jessica Moyle

AWARD WINNERS:

Best & Fairest: Lillian Shaw

Most Consistent: Aria Moyle

Coaches Award: Charlie-Rose Cully

TEAM:

Sienna Anderson, Charlie-Rose Cully, Annie Marshall, Aria Moyle, Savannah Morrocu, Lillian Shaw, Wynter Singh, Kylah Stearman, Indi Veanatahau, Lani Phohotaua, Airley Keeley

REPORT:

What an incredible year for this history-making group of girls! The U9 Girls Tackle team proudly became the first all-girls tackle team in Gymea Gorillas history and the youngest team in the district to take on the boys. Every week they showed up with heart, courage, and determination that inspired everyone watching.

For most of the girls, this was their first-ever season of tackle football, yet you wouldn't have known it from the way they competed. They didn't just play they took it to the boys, with fearless defence, strong runs, and teamwork that improved every single week.

We quickly became a crowd favourite each weekend the sight of an all-girls team mixing it with the boys always drew plenty of spectators, and the girls never disappointed. They represented the club with pride and proved that girls can play just as tough and smart as anyone.

A big thank you to Bodhi, who played a huge role as Co-Coach, running all the training drills and helping the girls build their tackling confidence and teamwork. His effort and commitment were a massive part of our success this year.

I couldn't be prouder of this team they listened, learned, and grew so much over the season. The confidence they've built, both individually and as a group, has laid the foundation for something really special.

Thank you to Jessica for managing the team so smoothly, to Kerryn and Alex for their support as trainers, and to all the parents and supporters who cheered these girls on every week. The girls gave the boys a real run for their money — and this is just the beginning!

Jordan Moyle
Coach

PLAYER PROFILES

Sienna Anderson: Sienna grew in confidence with every game this season. Starting the year quietly, she quickly found her rhythm, making strong tackles and determined runs. Her effort and attitude were excellent. An awesome first year of tackle footy!

Charlie-Rose Cully: Awarded the **Coaches Award**, Charlie-Rose gave 100% every single week. Her fearless approach, speed, and determination made her a key player. She never backed down from a challenge and always gave everything she had for her team.

Annie Marshall: Annie was our tackling machine! Her chase-down, try-saving tackles became a trademark she simply never gave up. Her effort in defence and attack was something special. Annie was a scoring machine.

Aria Moyle: Our **Most Consistent** player and highest try scorer. Aria's footwork, and defence hit the mark each week especially when she versed her cousin. Aria was a dependable player who gave her best every week.

Savannah Morrocu: Savannah has a heart of steel! She charged into contact without hesitation, smashing through the defensive line and setting the tone for the team. Her toughness in both attack and defence made her one of our strongest players.

Lillian Shaw: Our **Best and Fairest** for 2025 — and what a season she had! Lillian gave her all at both training and on game day. Her determination, consistency, and improvement were remarkable, and she became a true leader on and off the field.

Wyntah Singh: Wyntah came to life in the back half of the season! Her diving tackles around the legs were outstanding, stopping countless tries. She's brave, quick, and always puts her body on the line an absolute star in defence.

Kylah Stearman: Our powerhouse up the middle and team kicker! Kylah drove through defenders all season, gaining huge metres and setting up attacking plays. Her strong carries and accurate kicking game made her a vital part of the team.

Indi Veanatahau: An absolute machine up the centre! Indi ran hard all year, breaking tackles and pushing the team forward. Her aggression and fearless attitude made her one of our most damaging and reliable forwards.

Lani Phohotaua & Airley Keeley: Lani and Airley joined us in the final two rounds of the season and what an impact they made! Both brought incredible energy and excitement to the field. They were absolute firecrackers, fearless in defence and full of enthusiasm. We can't wait to have them for a full season next year!

U/10 Orange **SPONSOR: The Barber Project**

OFFICIALS:

Coach: Adam Fleming and Andrew Houston
Manager: Kristie Foley
Trainer: Joel Stewart

AWARD WINNERS:

Best & Fairest: Flynn Taylor
Most Consistent: Jaxson Houston
Coaches Award: Jacob Leckie

TEAM:

Henry Spangenberg, Jimmy Stewart, Phoenix Masters, Jacob Leckie, Luke Braiding, Finn Fleming, Jaxson Houston, Flynn Foley, Blake Woelms, Bailey Wagner, Jake Botha, Flynn Taylor, Xavier Graham.

REPORT:

What a season it was for our Gymea Under 10 Silver team! From the very first training session to the final whistle of the year, this group of boys showed incredible strength not just as rugby league players, but as young men learning what it means to be part of a team.

Early on, the focus was on building strong defence, learning the basics, and understanding each others strengths. Week by week, the boys' grew in confidence and developed a real trust in their teammates. Their defence became stronger, their attack more organised, and their effort never wavered no matter the scoreline. One of the most impressive parts of the season was their resilience. Every challenge they faced whether it was a tough opposition, wet weather (standard), or a tough day on the field they stood tall and gave it their all. They learned that rugby league isn't just about scoring tries, it's about sticking together, working hard, tackling harder and never giving up. By the end of the year, it was clear how much the boys had matured. They encouraged each other, played with spirit, and carried themselves with pride both on and off the field. The improvement from start to finish was enormous, and every player contributed to making this team something special.

Nugget, Murray and I really enjoyed coaching the boys this year. The Gymea U10 Silver team should be proud of their efforts they showed toughness, resilience, and heart. Most importantly, they took big steps in their journey of growing not just as players, but as growing into young men. A huge shout out to Nugget, the boys have so much respect for you and learnt so much from you thanks for all you did with them. Murray and Joel thanks so much for running the boys at training and helping out on game day. Kristie thanks so much for your outstanding role as our manager, you were amazing.

Thank you, parents, for all the bbq and ground keeping as well as your support. Well done boys. I am honoured to have had the opportunity to coach you this year you are a fantastic bunch of young men. You represented your club, your families, and yourselves with pride all season I hope to see you all next year bigger and even stronger!!!

PLAYER PROFILES:

Bailey (Bull) Wagner: Bailey lived up to his nickname this season, charging into every run with power and determination. As a strong forward, he was always tough to tackle and consistently made metres for the team. His ability to get away clever offloads created opportunities for his teammates and kept our attack rolling forward. What stood out most was his commitment. Bailey gave 100% every game, no matter the conditions or the opposition. He set the standard for toughness and effort, and his presence on the field gave the whole team confidence.

Blake Woelms: Blake had a good season, showing real strength and determination every time he took the field. His strong running ability was a huge asset to the team, often breaking through the defence and putting Gymea on the front foot. Blake saved his best for last, scoring an incredible try in the final game of the year a moment that summed up his hard work, toughness, and never give up attitude. He should be proud of the way he developed this season and the impact he made for the team.

Finn Fleming: Finn had a standout season, making his mark with fearless defence and a tough attitude. Even out on the wing, his presence was always felt - shutting down opposition attacks with his strong, hard tackles. Quick on his feet and never afraid of the contest, Finn showed that he's not only reliable in defence but also a genuine competitor who gives his all for the team. His toughness and determination were key to his success this year.

Flynn Foley: Flynn might be quiet off the field, but he let his actions do the talking on it. This season, he produced some of the heaviest and most memorable tackles, proving himself as one of the team's toughest defenders. As the year went on, Flynn's confidence grew stronger and stronger, and it was fantastic to witness his development as both a player and a teammate. His courage and commitment set a great example for the rest of the team.

Flynn Taylor: Flynn was electric with the ball in hand this season, proving to be one of the team's most dangerous attacking weapons. His incredible ball-running ability and natural vision for the game often left the opposition guessing, as he created opportunities out of nothing. But Flynn wasn't just about attack his defence was consistently strong, showing courage and commitment in every tackle. A true allrounder, Flynn was a constant standout and a key part of the team's success.

Henry Spangenberg: Henry had a brilliant season and showed maturity well beyond his years. Whether he was at dummy half or first receiver, he always gave 100% and played with his heart on his sleeve. His vision and knowledge of the game stood out, allowing him to guide the team around the field and create opportunities in attack. Close to the try line, Henry was especially dangerous, crossing for many great tries with his determination and skill. A natural footballer with a bright future.

Jacob Leckie: Jacob had an outstanding season, consistently leading from the front with his powerful runs that created countless line breaks. His tough defensive efforts showed his resilience and determination, while his natural leadership qualities lifted those around him. Off the field, Jacob is polite and enthusiastic, and on the field he channels that energy into giving 100% effort in everything he does. A committed and inspirational player, Jacob was a key part of the team's success this year.

Jake Botha: Jake is a rampaging forward who plays in only one gear full throttle! Like a freight train, he thrives on heavy contact and never shies away from a challenge. His fearless approach and relentless energy make him a constant threat on the field, and his enthusiasm is contagious, lifting his teammates every time he runs into the action. Jake's commitment and intensity have been a highlight of the season.

Jaxson (chimp) Houston: Jaxson is fearless on the field and never backs down from a challenge. In fact, the bigger the opponent, the more he thrives! He runs hard, tackles even harder, and plays with a toughness that makes him exciting to watch. Jaxson's courage and determination set a high standard for his teammates and made him a key contributor to the team's strong performances this season.

Jimmy Stewart: Jimmy had an excellent season, showcasing his talent as a great passer and a very capable first receiver. He committed fully to the season and demonstrated strong organising skills on the field, helping the team execute strategies effectively. It was fantastic to watch him put together creative plays, showing both vision and confidence. Jimmy's contribution to the team's attack and structure was invaluable this year.

Luke Braiding: Although Luke suffered a bad knee injury during the trials at the start of the year, which kept him out for many weeks, his commitment never wavered. He cheered on his teammates at every game, showing real team spirit. When he finally returned to the field, Luke was determined to give it his all. He made strong forward runs, gained good meters, and showed great determination in attack and defence. Always polite and respectful at training, Luke's perseverance and positive attitude were an inspiration to the whole team.

Pheonix Master: Pheonix is a defensive powerhouse who plays with fearless intensity. Week after week, he produced bone-rattling tackles, showing incredible technique and determination. When attacking, he has no regard for his body, giving everything for the team. His commitment and dynamite defence make him a standout player and a key part of the team's success. Keep up the great work, Pheonix!

Xavier Graham: Xavier was a fantastic utility player this season, able to step into any position and make an impact. His commitment and positive attitude were evident in every game, and he particularly excelled at dummy half, showing great awareness and skill. Xavier's versatility and team first approach made him an invaluable member of the squad

U/10 (2) Orange

SPONSOR: Tradies

OFFICIALS:

Coach: Mark Cremona
Manager: Ben Evans
Trainer: Daniel Walsh

AWARD WINNERS:

Best & Fairest: Josh McMahon
Most Consistent: Charlie Cremona
Coaches Award: Blake Martin

TEAM:

Arthur Kouloumbrakis, Blake Martin, Charlie Cremona, Dallas Trainor, Harley Tan, Hudson Walsh, Hugo Buzo, Hunter Preston, Josh McMahon, Koby Lindsay, Mason Davis Ferguson, Oliver Russel, Oscar Cachias, Paul Habojan, and Sam Evans.

REPORT:

The 2025 Under 10 Orange 2 team had a season defined by courage, determination, and true team spirit. From first-time footballers learning the ropes to more experienced players providing guidance, the team consistently brought energy, skill, and commitment to every game. The team's attacking play was dynamic and unpredictable, creating opportunities and scoring impressive tries, while defensively they showed resilience, physicality, and discipline. Across all positions, players demonstrated versatility and adaptability, stepping up where needed to ensure the team performed cohesively as a unit.

Beyond the on-field achievements, the Under 10 Orange 2 team's personality and culture were its greatest strengths. Players supported one another through challenges, embraced new roles, and celebrated collective successes with humility and enthusiasm. Bravery, perseverance, and a willingness to learn were on full display, and the team's joy was contagious — especially when they celebrated wins singing the Gorillas club song together. This season was a testament to the boy's dedication, teamwork, and heart, setting a strong foundation for future growth and leaving a lasting impression on coaches, teammates, and supporters alike.

Can't wait for next season - hopefully with less washout!

PLAYER PROFILES:

Arthur Kouloumbrakis: Arthur is a powerful and reliable second-rower, known for his relentless energy through the middle. He thrived on running the ball back into the ruck, always looking to break the line or weave his way through traffic. Arthur's strength wasn't just in his carries, but in his team-first attitude — the kind of presence that lifted those around him. Although he missed the last few games while overseas, his absence was felt both on and off the field. A true competitor and team man, Arthur's commitment and work rate made him a key part of the squad.

Blake Martin: Blakey was a dynamic second-rower with a rare combination of size, speed, and skill. His explosive pace and trademark fend made him a constant threat on the edge, with countless runaway tries to his name. Beyond his ability with the ball, Blake was an absolute pleasure to coach — respectful, hardworking, and always supportive of his teammates and coaching staff. A natural competitor with a team-first mindset, Blake's presence on and off the field left a lasting impact.

Charlie Cremona: Charlie was another lighter body in the team, but he more than made up for it with his tenacious and competitive spirit. Tough and fearless, he played both hooker and fullback with reliability and determination, earning the reputation of being Mr. Dependable. Whether it was scoring tries or covering at the back to prevent the opposition from crossing the line, Charlie could always be counted on. He finished the season as the team's top try scorer, including an incredible 9 tries across 3 consecutive games, sneaking over from hooker or weaving through the entire field to cross in spectacular fashion. An avid goal kicker as well, Charlie's skill set made him a constant threat in attack while his commitment and toughness set the standard for the team.

Dallas Trainor: Dallas played with grit and determination, a no-nonsense competitor who thrived in the physical contests. His strong carries and fearless defence set the tone for his side, making him a go-to player in tough moments. Off the field, Dallas's leadership and encouragement lifted those around him, proving his value extended well beyond game day.

Harley Tan: Harley was another first-time footballer and had never tackled before this season, but you'd never know it from the way he played. One of the lighter bodies on the field, Harley always listened closely to instructions and quickly learned to tackle low — a technique that showed both discipline and courage. What stood out most was his bravery. No matter the size of the opposition, Harley put himself on the line and never shied away from contact. If he made a mistake, he simply shrugged it off and got on with the job, showing maturity well beyond his experience. Always respectful, well-mannered, and eager to learn, Harley was a genuine pleasure to coach and an inspiration to his teammates.

Hudson Walsh: Huddy consistently played in the first receiver bib, bringing a dangerous step and the ability to deliver wicked cut-out passes that could change the course of a game. Always giving 100%, Hudson reliably provided whatever the team needed to secure a win, whether that was a try-saving play, a smart pass, or putting himself in the thick of the action. A tough competitor with a solid understanding of the rules, Hudson combined skill, determination, and intelligence on the field, making him a player both teammates and coaches could always count on.

Hugo Buzo: In his first year playing football after coming across from rugby, Hugo made an immediate impact with his raw strength and fierce competitive spirit. While the adjustment took some time, his running style quickly became a weapon in attack. One standout moment came when Hugo was named team captain for a match. The pitbull in him came out that day, and it became his best performance yet — a display of leadership, determination, and sheer effort that made everyone proud. His resilience, refusal to take a backward step, and rapid development showed his deep commitment to the team cause.

Hunter Preston: Hunter was a creative and confident player, always eager to back himself and take on the line. His ability to weave through traffic and turn half-chances into big moments made him a constant attacking threat and a player defenders had to watch closely. Just as impressive in defence, Hunter was a fantastic tackler with a knack for pulling off incredible bootlace tackles that stopped opponents in their tracks. His balance of flair in attack and grit in defence made him one of the most well-rounded players in the side.

Josh McMahon: Joshy was the definition of reliability, a player who never shied away from the dirty work and consistently gave his all. His defensive toughness and effort plays inspired those around him, and his steady presence was a backbone for the team. Always respectful and always learning, Josh carried himself with humility and respect for the game, making him a role model for his peers. He began this year in the halves but was always eager to run the ball, so a move to hooker opened up new opportunities. From there, Josh showcased his attacking instincts, crossing for some well-deserved tries while still maintaining his trademark toughness in the middle.

Koby Lindsay: Big Kobes lived and breathed football and thrived on the contest every single week. He ran hard, tackled even harder, and brought a relentless energy to every game. Coaches and teammates loved seeing him on the field — he was always keen, focused, and ready to give his all.

Towards the back end of the season, Koby really hit his stride, showing his full potential and making a big impact in attack and defence. His passion, commitment, and intensity made him a standout player, and he left a lasting impression on everyone around him. Keep getting it, Kobes!

Mason Davis Ferguson: Mas had one of the best football brains in the team — he lived the game and had a strong understanding of the rules. Versatile and dependable, he filled in at hooker a few times, showing his adaptability and willingness to do what the team needed. As the season progressed, it became clear that Mason was best suited to the halves, where his vision and decision-making allowed him to control play and get the ball to the right players at the right time. Smart, composed, and highly aware on the field, Mason's football intelligence made him a key contributor to the team's success. Great work, Mason!

Oliver Russel Oli was the surprise packet of the team, consistently producing moments that caught everyone off guard. Some of his defensive efforts seemed to come out of nowhere, with Oli bravely throwing his body at attackers to stop them in their tracks. No matter how hard the hit, he always got up with a smile, often unsure himself of just how well he'd executed the play. On the attack, Oli was just as impressive, scoring some fantastic tries and showing a natural instinct for being in the right place at the right time. His courage, unpredictability, and infectious positivity made him a joy to coach and a real asset to the team.

Oscar Cachia : Oscar joined the team late in the season, and what an addition he proved to be. With an unorthodox running style, he had a knack for bounding through the entire field to score tries, often leaving multiple defenders in his wake. This became his trademark — consistently challenging the opposition and scoring some incredible long-range tries. Oscar's fearless running, persistence, and ability to turn half-chances into spectacular points made him an exciting player to watch and a valuable contributor to the team.

Paul Habojan

Pauly was a fantastic player, equally comfortable in the halves or stepping into the second row. When he ran the ball, the opposition never quite knew what he was going to do — his elusiveness and unpredictability made him a constant threat.: With a sharp football brain, Paul could read the play, create opportunities, and make split-second decisions that benefited the team. His versatility, skill, and intelligence on the field made him a standout player and a joy to coach.

Sam Evans: Sam was a dominant forward whose pace and power made him difficult for any opposition to handle. In the middle of the field, he consistently showed an exceptional work ethic, always ready to take on the grind and do the hard yards for his team. Sam's combination of strength, speed, and relentless commitment made him a key presence in both attack and defence. His determination and dedication set a standard for those around him and made him a vital contributor to the team's success.

U/10 Green
SPONSOR: The Barra

OFFICIALS:

Coach: Kieran Smith
Trainer: James Culbert
Managers: Kaye Palmano & Laura Dolos

AWARD WINNERS:

Best and Fairest: Sammy Galopoulos
Most Consistent: Hayden Ellem
Coaches Award: Hudson McNamara

TEAM:

Toby Palmano, Cooper Smith, Cooper Sunderland, Asher Lucas, Tom Hodge, Tom Culbert, Banjo Kennedy, Connor Dolos, Levi House, Hayden Ellem, Hudson McNamara, Sammy Galopoulos, Jake Mulholland, Louie Turner, Josh Culbert

REPORT:

As the curtain closes on a fantastic season, it's time to reflect on what has been a year full of growth, learning, excitement, and Gorillas spirit.

2025 marked our first year on the big field, and with that came the transition from 8 players on the field to 11-a-side footy - a big change for our young players. For some of the boys, this was their first year playing rugby league, for others, it was their first time joining our team.

Naturally, it took a couple of rounds to find our rhythm. But from around Round 3, the mighty Gorillas started to click into gear. Every single week, we saw individual improvement, team cohesion, and most importantly, our passion for the game grow stronger.

What really stood out this season wasn't just the effort on the field - it was the way the boys formed a tight-knit unit. We saw new friendships form, and old ones rekindled from seasons past. The boys played for each other, and that showed in every single performance.

Week in, week out, our matches were tight contests, often coming down to just a few points either way. And in true Gorillas fashion, teams who may have had the upper hand early in the season soon fell to the firepower and determination of our boys later in the year. There's no better feeling than watching all that hard work pay off.

A heartfelt thank you to all the parents, grandparents, aunties, uncles, siblings and friends who supported the team all year. From getting the kids to training and game days, to cheering from the sidelines, your support helped fuel the boys' energy and confidence. You were there in rain, sunshine, early mornings and late nights - and the boys felt it every step of the way.

A massive thank you to James, our dedicated trainer. James always puts the kids first, takes pride in their improvement, and manages to keep the coach calm and his mouth shut when needed! His contribution is invaluable and he's truly irreplaceable.

We also can't thank Laura and Kaye enough - our fantastic team managers. From submitting team lists, ensuring everyone knew where to be, to managing the new team app, they made the season run smoothly and successfully. Their work behind the scenes is a huge part of what made this season so enjoyable.

Finally, and most importantly - thank you to the Gorillas players. You're a brilliant group of kids, and it's been a privilege to coach you every week. Your eagerness to learn, determination on the field, and enthusiasm for the game made every session a pleasure.

Now that we are a little older, it's been exciting to start building a game plan, learn positions, work on set plays, and see the boys motivating each other on the field. There's been real accountability within the team - the boys knew when we were flying, and when we all could have given a bit more - and they weren't afraid to say so. There were some truly inspiring half time talks and our second halves were always filled with energy, teamwork, and some brilliant comebacks.

This season was a big step up - and the Gorillas rose to the challenge. We can't wait to see what next year brings.

Thanks again to everyone who played a part in making this year such a success. Let's carry this momentum forward, and keep building on what we've started.

PLAYER PROFILES:

Toby Palmano: Was one of our true Mr Consistents. Switching seamlessly between first receiver and fullback, he worked tirelessly on his high-ball catching and developed a great dummy, which left the opposition wondering where he went... play. Week after week, Toby gave great service to his runners, and with his deceptive speed, he finished the year with some brilliant solo tries.

Cooper Smith: Was another of our Mr Consistents. While his work sometimes went unnoticed, his crisp service from dummy half kept us rolling forward. He formed a great partnership with Sammy as our first-half Bibs, and he also stepped into fullback with confidence, improving his kick returns dramatically. Despite being one of our "least-big" players, Coop worked hard on his tackling technique and pulled off some excellent one-on-one tackles.

Cooper Sunderland: Sundo brought speed and excitement to every game. With space to move, he was always dangerous with ball in hand. His dedication early in the season — attending extra rugby league workshops — showed in his strong, reliable defence. With his solid foundation, Sundo is ready for an even bigger year ahead.

Asher Lucas: picked up right where he left off last year, improving week after week. His confidence in defence grew enormously, and he rarely gave up ground. He's beginning to understand just how powerful he is, using that strength to make valuable metres all season. Always eager to learn, Asher also showed great versatility, stepping into dummy half when needed.

Tom Hodge: Hodgey enjoyed his best season yet, earning recognition as one of our most improved players. His positional play on the wing and vastly improved defence meant very few tries were conceded on his side. He also showed his strength with some powerful runs and provided excellent support at dummy half.

Tom Culbert After a year away, returned and steadily grew into a reliable winger. His defence improved dramatically, impressing the coaches with tough tackles, and he showed real confidence under the high ball, snatching opposition kicks out of the air. Add in his ability to find the try line, and it was a strong comeback season. Welcome back, Tom.

Banjo Kennedy: Although not his first year with the Gorillas, this was Banjo's first season in this team. It took him a few weeks to settle in, but in our first game against De La, he found his confidence — and never looked back. His defence was outstanding, consistently shutting down opposition attacks, he loved coming in and helping the forwards out with some long runs and he quickly became one of the team's most improved players.

Connor Dolos: Was consistently one of our standouts. Always eager for a run and deceptively quick, he was almost impossible to stop once he hit space. One of our most reliable forwards, Connor's effort never wavered. And when he got a bit fired up, there was nothing better than watching him call for the ball, charge through the line, and leave defenders scattered behind him.

Levi House: Is the heart of our team and an absolute pleasure to coach. He embraced every chance to learn new skills, and his powerful running was a constant headache for opposition defences. He was also our go-to for kick-offs and drop-outs, where his trademark "super boot" was a real weapon.

Hayden Ellem: had a brilliant first season as a Gorilla. A fearless, powerful runner, he often took the first carry, crashing through the line and sometimes running the length of the field to score. Tireless in his effort, Hayden gave everything each week — so much so that the team would often protest when we tried to give him a rest! With a smart football brain and a great attitude, he even came up with drills and moves for us to use at training.

Hudson McNamara: A first-time footballer is the perfect example of what hard work can achieve. Starting with the basics, he put in the effort at training and even outside of it — running after school and joining the junior classes at the gym. By season's end, he had developed into a powerhouse front-rower, driving the team forward and establishing himself as one of our most improved players.

Sammy Galopoulos: One of the quieter boys off the field, **Sammy** transformed once he crossed the white line. Blisteringly quick, he could turn a game on its head in an instant, sometimes scoring every try in a match. Yet he remained a true team player, always willing to do the hard work to help his teammates. Sammy was also a superb cover defender, never giving up until he brought his man down, saving us from countless tries.

Jake Mulholland: was our defensive rock. Fearlessly taking on bigger opponents, he stopped them dead with textbook tackles that often made players think twice about running his way again. He was also an excellent dummy half, using smart timing to exploit tired defenders and score some clever tries.

Louie Turner: had a tough start, suffering a concussion in his very first game. But once he returned, he made a huge impact in his debut season. Playing in the centres, he used his strength and determination to bring down larger opponents, and his willingness to listen and apply himself at training made him a valuable asset to the team. Another one of our big improvers.

Josh Culbert: was one of our hardest hitters every single week. Building on last year's strong season, he consistently shut down opposition attacks with crunching tackles, often sending players crashing over the sideline. His strength and physicality set the tone for our defence, and he also added some great tries — often fending off almost every defender on the field in the process!

U/11 Red **SPONSOR: Ahoy Bathrooms**

OFFICIALS:

Coach: Nick Herb
Manager: Belinda Yusuf
Trainer: Dean Bridgman / Brent Sherwin / Grant Moore

AWARD WINNERS:

Best & Fairest: Cade Moore
Most Consistent: Ashton Bridgman
Coaches Award: Cody Marjoram

TEAM:

Bailey Thatcher, Archie Herb, Isaac Milton, Nash Sherwin, Jasper Terides, Marat Spence, Brayden Yusuf, Cade Moore, Ashton Bridgman, Callum Kelly, Cody Marjoram, Fletcher Geronimo, Cooper Easton, Jack Coleman.

REPORT:

Well done boys, you should be very proud of the way you all developed throughout the year and the confidence you all gained as the season progressed. We started the season with a bang and never looked back with the boys only losing 1 game all season and that was on a weekend when we were missing over 50% of the team

during the school holidays. We became the team that everyone feared, they knew it was going to be a tough game against Gymea every week!

You all played the game in the right spirit, having fun and enjoying the game week in and week out. The way you all bonded as a team was wonderful to watch and you all had each other's backs on the field.

I'm very proud of how you all trained and played throughout the year, you are all super talented and respectful kids, your parents should be immensely proud.

I loved watching our strong defence "Green Wall" and our big hits that earnt the CRUNCHIE bar award, I personally loved watching the boys smile, laugh and sing our team song after our many wins!

I would like to thank all the parents and families for your excellent sideline support during the season, for trusting us as coaching staff and for everyone who volunteered for BBQ, canteen or ground control duties.

For me, I have loved coaching these boys and I will miss it during the off season. Every Wednesday and Friday afternoon was always fun and a big thanks to Dean, Shifty & Grant for helping out.

Huge thanks to our Manager Belinda, the boys and I appreciate everything you do behind the scenes & on game day.

Lastly big thanks to Dee Sherwin the U/11 age co-ordinator for all your organisational work.

Bring on 2026!!!

PLAYER PROFILE:

Jack Coleman: Jack carries the ball strong and was always hard to contain, he played Front Row this year. In the absence of a few of the other forwards during the year Jack stood up to be our enforcer making some big hits and valuable metres with his carries. This was Jack's first season in Gold, he had an excellent season, Jack trains hard & gives it his all out on the field.

Archie Herb: Archie played most of the season at dummy half, halfback & in the centres, he is a great little organiser, he never gives up and is a great team player. He defended strongly in the middle of the field & plays well above his weight, great season Archie, Team first is Archie's mentality and he loves this team.

Ashton Bridgman: Ashton was our "Most Consistent" player, he was outstanding every game makes an impact every time he touches the ball or when he is in defence. Ashton played second row all year and was our 2nd Top Try Scorer for the year. Ashtons speed, late foot work and strong fend is a defending team's nightmare!

Cody Marjoram: Cody wins our "Coaches Award" this year, Cody is a tough little player who worked hard in Silvers for the last few years, and he thoroughly earnt himself a spot in the gold side this year. Cody was outstanding this year in the Dummy Half role; his dummy half service is first class, and he just loves his footy. So proud of you mate!

Bailey Thatcher: Bailey is a super talented kid who can play anywhere on the field, he filled several positions this year from Fullback, Centre, Halfback, Hooker and Second Row. Bailey is a very smart footballer and has a beautiful long ball to set up many tries for his outside backs. Bailey is a natural leader and really stood up in the fiery game's vs De La.

Brayden Yusuf: Brayden played second row & centre this season and is a great ball runner. He has speed to burn and a very strong fend, once he is in space no one is catching him. Brayden worked hard on his defence this year and regularly featured in the CRUNCHIE awards with excellent tackling technique and big hits.

Nash Sherwin: Nash was our halfback this year and filled in at fullback at times, he is very vocal on the field & during warm up's and is a leader which inspires the rest of the boys. Nash has silky footwork and an excellent kicking game making him an attacking weapon, Nash is very strong in defence and bamboozled defenders with his show and go, strong fend or a short ball at the line. Excellent season mate!

Jasper Terides: Jasper had an excellent season, he carries the ball stronger than anyone else in the competition, no one is stopping him 10m out, Jasper has fantastic leg drive and silky soft hands. Jasper played front row this season and oppositions feared him as he hits hard in defence. Jasper is a pleasure to coach, great season mate.

Cade Moore: Cade was our Best & Fairest winner, Cade had an excellent season, he is so quick, agile and strong and he is a handful for defenders as he was always breaking tackles and scoring some very important length of the field tries through footwork and speed. Cade is an excellent defender who has perfect tackle technique. Cade played second row and front row this season. Well done on an excellent season mate.

Isaac Milton: Isaac has worked hard on his defence throughout the off season, and it showed as no one ever got passed him, he never missed a tackle. Isaac played the majority of the season on the wing, he did his role perfectly, he knew when to come in & take a tough run and when asked to he defended strong in the middle.

Marat Spence: Marat had some huge moments in games this year, when behind on the score board he would make that long range break that would set up a try or he would score himself, he runs hard and played in the front row and second row throughout the year. Opposition players did not want to run at him! He regularly folded attackers in half. Marat scored some crucial long range tries through strength & speed. A great season mate.

Cooper Easton: Cooper joined the Gorillas in 2025 and was a great addition to the side, he played the majority of the season at halfback and found a home at the end of the season at fullback, Coopers kicking game is outstanding and at fullback his kick returns are James Tedesco like. Cooper scored some excellent tries through perfect support play, Welcome to the Gorillas Cooper, what a perfect debut year!

Callum Kelly: Callum has X Factor! In his first year at the Gorillas he excelled! Callum finished the season as our top try scorer with 10 tries, he played in the centres & second row and is an excellent ball runner, his footwork, strong fend made him a handful ensuring he would always beat the first defender. Callum is the best kick chaser in the competition which was shown against C'bah when he scored a memorable hat trick in a big win. A great first season in the Green & White.

Fletcher Geronimo: Fletcher is a coach's dream; he trains hard and gives 110% every time he steps onto the field. Fletcher played on the wing this season, he is lightning fast with unbelievable footwork, Fletcher defends very strongly with no one ever scoring on his wing, well done on a great first season at the Gorillas.

Finally, I would like to say a big thank you to the Gymea Junior Rugby League Football Club, the committee, and volunteers for all your help and support this year.

Bring on the 2026 season with NO Washouts!!!! Let's Goooo!

Thanks
Nick

U/11 (1) Orange
SPONSOR: John R Turk

OFFICIALS:

Coach:	Joel Allen
Manager:	Matt Fellingham
Trainer:	Luke Marinkovic

AWARD WINNERS:

Best & Fairest:	Nate Cordi
Most Consistent:	Jake Marinkovic
Coaches Award:	Aidan Krause

TEAM:

Mason Allen, Nate Cordi, Locky Griffiths, Cooper Waldock, Gus Miller, Frankie Lymberis, Kai Ritchie, Duke Vaotuua, Taj Conwell, Will Bunker, Connor Fellingham, Jake Marinkovic, Tommy O'Connell, Aidan Krause

REPORT:

From the outset we were expecting to have a decent team given the strong side that was graded by the club, and the results reflected this. Whilst there were plenty of challenges in games along the way, we were good enough to only have one loss and one draw all year, and the remainder of the games we came away with the W, so credit to the boys and their efforts. Physically we were a lot smaller than some of our opposition teams across the park but we showed enough resilience and toughness to win games where in parts we were being physically dominated but toughed it out which just shows how we were willing to keep turning up and grinding.

Obviously, we can't control the weather and regrading's, but it would have been interesting to see the outcome if we got to play Aquinas who seemed to be one of the dominate teams in the first half of the season. In saying that there were some great team efforts coming from behind throughout the season such as Taren Point and Cronulla Caringbah where she showed some true character to comeback.

The season can't happen without the commitment of my team Matt & Luke, thank you so much along with Jason and Craig who filled in a couple of weeks it is much appreciated. Thanks to all the boys for committing to the year and effort put in week in and week out, and obviously the parents who ferry the boys to the games, training, helping out on the BBQ , ground duty etc, it takes a village so thanks again.

It will be a big challenge for the boys to go up again next year to 12's on a larger field, more players as it is for this age, so hopefully we started to learn a few things in the right direction with what's a head in mind.

PLAYER PROFILES:

Mason Allen: By the end of the season found his way in the team and managed to involve himself more and more as the season went on, after a couple of weeks lacking in confidence he had a strong game in a tight game middle of the season scoring a couple of tries which really gave him the confidence to find the ball and get involved.

Nate Cordi: Always willing to tackle anything in front of him and put his body on the line, and a strong runner out of dummy half that really led the team with effort every week.

Locky Griffiths: When on his game unstoppable with the ball, a real wrecking ball that is hard to handle. Great character to have around the team and really keeps improving each year, including defence this year where he started to realise how strong he is.

Cooper Waldock: A pleasure to coach and have around, always willing to help everyone and on the footy field plays well above his weight and gives a 100% with everything you ask of him.

Gus Miller: Willing to do whatever is asked of him and plays well above his weight also. Being one of the smaller players didn't stop Gus having a crack each week .

Frankie Lymberis: Always willing to put his hand up and carry the ball each game and got better as the season went on at just doing what he was best at just running hard and straight, scored a great try off a kick off, off doing just that.

Kai Ritchie: Improved each week in contact and participation, consistently worked to ensure his effort grew stronger and never disappointed.

Duke Vaotuua: Tried his guts out each week, and one of our strongest players each week with his effort and commitment on the field being outstanding.

Taj Conwell: Really improved each week and got more confidence and involvement as the season went on, was really starting to find himself on the edge in defence.

Will Bunker: Had a strong start to the season and was really clever in a lot of situations and efforts, what he lacks in size he made up for in effort.

Connor Fellingham: Really loved to be in the open and running the ball back in broken play and really excelled at it whenever he saw the space open up.

Jake Marinkovic: Tough as nails and really puts his body on the line each week, willing to help any of his mates out and be there when it counts with no self-preservation.

Tommy O'Connell: Like Jake tough as nails and no fear at all and got better each week and really started to find his feet as the season went on.

Aidan Krause: Was really a constant at every training session and game with effort and commitment and the reason he deserved my coaches award, plenty of respect for his teammates and another one who was a pleasure to coach.

U/11 (2) Orange **SPONSOR: Willet Johnson Partners**

OFFICIALS:

Coach: Nathan Smith
Manager: Alex Marshall
Trainer: Steve Blomfield

AWARD WINNERS:

Best and fairest: Albie Smith
Most consistent: Blake Vasilevski
Coaches award: Zac Kerkmez

TEAM:

Albie Smith, Austin Robertson, Blake Hanrahan, Blayne Vasilevski, Charlie Hanslow, Fred Marshall, George Rougas, Kye Harden, Rio Blomfield, Ronan Burnes, Thomas Davis, William Alexander, Zac Kerkmez

REPORT:

The core of this team was handful of returning Gorillas players from the previous season. They were joined by some classy footballers new to the club and a couple of boys new to the game.

The first few weeks were tough - 50 to nil was our worst scoreline, a result of us lacking structure and facing talented opposition teams. Training focused on skills and the basics, then teamwork and structure. As the season progressed the goal was to improve each time we trained and played. As the boys friendship developed,

they started playing for each and the score lines became closer. As usual, the rain would come and our momentum would slow, but the boys were always supportive of each other.

By the mid-season we had good structure and the players were able to play to their strengths. The first win soon came and from then on won the majority of the games in the second half of the season.

After the match It was always great to hear the boys acknowledge and celebrate each other's individual efforts, and they showed great team spirit, regardless of the scoreline.

A very big thank you to our coach Nathan Smith for his dedication to the team and to all the parents for their support throughout the season.

PLAYER PROFILE:

Albie Smith: what a legend. This year Albie recovered from a serious health issue that had him wheelchair bound only months before the season started. Albie overcame this and was by far our best defender, and his courage was inspiring to the team. He might be one of the smaller boys but he has a huge heart. Albie was the clear winner for best and fairest and voted by the team as Players player this year. Congratulations Albie.

Austin Robertson: the friendliest kid off the field, Austin is a fierce competitor who never takes a backward step, often putting his body on the line and shows no fear. Give him early ball in and watch him fly. Austin was a real leader this year, tough, selfless always reliable. Equal top try scorer this year, and he saved just as many tries as well. Well done Aussie.

Blake Hanrahan: Blake joined our team having never played footy before. Softly spoken with a gentle nature, it didn't take long for Blake to show his toughness when he defended his wing and never took a backward step against tough opponents in the early games. A real team player Blake would do whatever was asked and improved consistently throughout the year. Great effort Blake.

Blayke Vasilevsk: another new player to footy. Blayke turned up to the early training sessions and immediately made an impact as a tough boy that was willing to listen and learn. His attitude made up for his lack of footy experience and he became a key to our success. His game improved week by week, and he soon established himself as one of our best defenders. Awesome improvement Blayke and our most consistent player for 2025.

Charlie Hanslow: this season Charlie came up a grade and the team appreciated his outstanding kicking ability, soon becoming our last kicker and he would often get us out of trouble. Throughout the year Charlie showed us just how fast he was with ball in hand, and he quickly sidestepped his way to become our equal leading try scorer this year. Awesome stuff Charlie.

Fred Marshall: Fred showed determination we hadn't seen previously and his effort was outstanding throughout the year. He learnt to use his size and speed effectively and often got the team moving forward early in the set with a tough carry. Fred is also equal top try scorer, scoring several memorable line busting tries. Huge effort Freddie!

George Rougas: a returning player from last year, George's strength was an asset to the team. George's highlights include some bone crunching tackles and some strong runs that would scatter the opposition. He would play until he was exhausted and always gave it his all. Great season George.

Kye Harden: new to the Gorillas this season, it was great to see Kye quickly grow in confidence and become a big part of this team. It was fantastic to see the celebrations when he scored his first try. He never missed a training session and was always supportive of his teammates. Nice one Kye.

Rio Blomfield: one of our most experienced players, Rio was often our starting dummy half and could be relied upon to deliver clean ball out to the halves. Rio trained well and set the record for the beep test. Another great player and a huge part of this team. Excellent work Rio.

Ronan Burnes: another player new to the Gymea club, Ronan started quietly but soon found his place and his voice and improved out of sight. Super supportive of his teammates, he would always do whatever he could for his team and played selflessly all year. A great team player, well done Ronan.

Thomas Davis: Tommy saw the light and converted from soccer. Fast, nimble with great hands, Tommy is a natural wing or fullback, and scored several long-range solo tries with his speed and swerve. He is another player who improved tremendously throughout the year. Sensational year Tommy.

William Alexander: A natural ball player with great vision, Will was a regular bib wearer but would also play as a second receiver, selflessly spreading the ball to our edges in attack. His passing game was the best in the team, and his attitude at training was outstanding. Fabulous effort Will.

Zac Kerkmez: Zac impressed right from game 1, he looked classy when running the ball and had a great hands. It was a surprise to learn it was his first season playing league. Zac became one of our starting half's and was always willing to give it his absolute best effort in training to set the team up for game day. This commitment and attitude earnt him the coaches award this season. Superb achievement Zac!

U/11 (3) Orange **SPONSOR: More Than Meat**

OFFICIALS:

Coach: Grant Smith
Manager: Belinda Dowsett
Trainer: Ben Tauta and Mitch Weir

AWARD WINNERS:

Best and Fairest: Ryder Smith
Most Consistent: Achie McConnell
Coaches Award: Koby Schell

TEAM:

Achie McConnell, Axel Weir, Carter Gundry, Channing Tauta, Jacob Dowsett, John Azar, Jasper Thompson, Keanu Taufa, Koby Schell, Levi Liebenhals, Mackson Bladon, Ryder Smith, Taj Rauicava and Xavier Barlow.

REPORT:

What a year these boys had! I was lucky enough to coach the nine players I had last year, along with five new boys who joined the side as we moved up to the bigger field this season.

This team hit the ground running from the very first training session and played like they had been together for years. It was a pleasure to coach every one of the boys - they were all so willing to learn and took on everything I asked of them.

We started the year in the 10 Red division, which was only a four-team competition this season. After two convincing wins in our first two games, the JRL made the decision to combine the Red and Orange competitions.

As a coach, I wasn't happy with this decision, and requested permission to play in the 11 Orange division, which was granted. It was a tough decision, but I knew our boys could handle it. It was the only way they could grow as individuals and as a team.

Our first game in the 11s was a tough challenge against the Colts, where we were beaten convincingly. But I couldn't have been prouder of the boys' attitude - their determination to improve was clear every week. And improve they did! We enjoyed plenty of wins and a few close losses, but this year wasn't about wins and losses; it was about testing ourselves week in, week out, and the boys certainly rose to the challenge.

The highlight of the year for me was our second game against the Colts, which ended up being our last game of the season. Losing 12-10, it was incredible to see just how much the boys had grown in skill, confidence, and belief in themselves.

I would like to thank Belinda, my manager, Mitch and Ben, my trainers, and all the parents for your support throughout the year.

But most importantly, thank you to the 14 boys I was lucky enough to coach this season. I can't wait to see you all back on the field next year!

PLAYER PROFILE:

Achie McConnell: Where do I start? You're a true competitor, giving 100% in everything you do, whether it's getting our sets started or smashing a kid over the sideline. You're a talent and a pleasure to watch, and very well deserved Most Consistent Award.

Axel Weir: Another great season from you. When you were switched on in defence, the opposition knew they were in for a tough day with your big shots. You're also a strong runner of the ball and so hard to handle.

Carter Gundry: You could play in any position and consistently made a huge impact wherever you were on the field. Whether it was running the ball, supporting your teammates, or stepping up in defence. You fitted into the team well.

Channing Tauta: Big Chan! You had another outstanding year of footy. You're a powerful and damaging runner with the ball, and your defence is just as strong. You took on the tough job of starting off our sets and never let the team down.

Jacob Dowsett: You were the glue of the team playing fullback. The bigger field really suited you, giving you plenty of room to move on the kick returns. You're also a very strong defender, saving many tries at the back. What a year you had!

Jasper Thompson: I think you played in just about every position this year, and no matter where you were, you never let the team down. You're a strong runner of the ball with the defence to match. Great year, mate!

John Azar: Welcome to the club, Johnny boy! You quickly showed why you're Mr Football. As one of our first receivers, you read the game so well and could do it all. You steered us around the field, and your kicking game was always on point. It was a pleasure having you in this side.

Keanu Taufa: One of our big boys in the middle, you did all the tough stuff and got us on the front foot with your strong runs. You were on fire in the last few games, and I can't wait to see what you bring next year!

Koby Schell: Koby really made the dummy-half role his own this season. His quick scoots and speed out of dummy-half often got us out of trouble. Week by week, his confidence grew, making him a vital part of the team. Very well deserved Coach's Award.

Levi Liebenhals: You had another great year. Whether you were playing out in the centres, in the middle as a forward, or at dummy half, you always delivered great runs and are very hard to stop with your footwork.

Mackson Bladon: You're as tough as nails, and I love watching you play. You never take a backwards step, whether with the ball or in defence. Playing dummy half, you really dominated with your strong passing game.

Ryder Smith: As his dad/coach, I'm very hard on him, but he never fails to surprise me. The tougher it gets, the more he excels. He loves his footy, and it shows on the field. Great year, and well deserved - Best and Fairest.

Taj Rauicava: You were our reliable winger, standing strong both with the ball and in defence. Your wrestling at training was a standout. You're also a great listener, and I really enjoyed coaching you as you were always willing to learn.

Xavier Barlow: Xavier was one of the new boys to the team, but you wouldn't know, you made your mark out on the wing with your speed and strong runs. In defence, you were rock solid, making it tough for the opposition to get around you. Great year, mate!

U/11 Green

SPONSOR: Cement Distribution Products

OFFICIALS:

Coach: Simon Mills
Manager Johnathon Stavdal
Trainers Ben Lathwell and Eoin Mullins

AWARD WINNERS:

Best And Fairest: William Roy
Most Consistent: Hendrix Easthope
Coaches Award: Hendrix Lathwell

TEAM:

Hendrix Wall, Hendrix Lathwell, Oscar Kordiak, Flynn Mullins, Cooper Jonas, Harrison Micallef, Hendrix Easthope, Louis Jackson, Dax Emery, Oscar Stavdal, William Roy, Edward Whitfield, Maximus Mills

REPORT:

Was a pleasure to coach this team. I learnt a lot from them and I hope they learned a little from me. We had 4 players that were new to the sport this year so we had a period of adjustment time at the start of the season where they were learning the game and where they would be playing. We had a good mix of different types of players all with different experience levels that went together really well.

Wasn't long before we started to play as a team and had some really close games that could of gone either way before getting our first win of the season.

We also had some tough losses but it was inspiring to see the boys front up to training the next week and continue to work on getting better without being negative. Seeing them improve each week or watching them try something in the game they had been working on at training was mad.

I would like to thank Jonathon for being manager and all that comes with that. Ben and Oien for their work at the boys training sessions and game days.

And also the under 10 boys and other 11's boys who helped us out when we were short. There were weeks when it looked like we would not be able to field a team but we always had players willing to help.

Simon Mills

PLAYER PROFILES:

Cooper Jonas: was one of our best players this year. He played a lot of games at first receiver and always ran and tackled hard. He scored a couple of long range solo tries that were impressive. You would never had believed it was his first year playing.

Edward Whitfield: This was his first year of footy and he was a great addition to the squad. It was great to see him increase in confidence as the season went on. He had a great year in the centres and made many great try saving tackles. He is one our best defenders and also a damaging runner that opposition would struggle to bring him down.

Flynn Mullins: had a great season. Played in the halves a lot for us this year and had his best games as hooker. He has a good instinct of what is happening in the game and when to run or pass. He makes lots of good metres running from dummy half and is always in the middle tackling.

Harrison Micallef: had a great first year. He played on the wing this year and was great at chasing our kicks and making quality kick returns. He is also quite handy at taking a interception. Was awesome seeing his defence improve significantly throughout the season.

Hendrix Easthope: was our most consistent player. He played every game hard and was always tackling boys twice his size the whole game. He is also very evasive when running with the ball making many line breaks. If every player had his consistent effort and toughness we would win every game.

Hendrix Lathwel: had a great season. He was very successful at dummy half scoring many tries from dummy half scoots. He was our top try scorer and impossible to catch if he got into open field. He also is a strong defender making many tough tackles on the opposition.

Hendrix Wall was one of the better tacklers in the team always tacking hard at training and on game day. Some of his better games were whilst playing first receiver. He is a good halfback who is good at organising the team and getting them around the field.

Louis Jackson: had his first year of league and became very quickly one of our best defenders. He made many great 1 on 1 tackles and stopped opponents in their tracks. He played centre mostly and was always chasing after the ball and the opponents if they made a break. Louis would make a great fullback.

Maddox Emery: played many positions for us this year and was our main kicker. He set up many tries with his kicks and is great at organizing and motivating the team. He had some great games whilst at first receiver and Captain taking big runs up the middle and setting up tries.

Maximus Mills: was one of our best runners of the footy. Made many line breaks whilst on the burst up the middle of the field. Also a high energy defender turning up all over the field and making multiple tackles from marker.

Oscar Kordiak: was a great addition to the team this year. He has good hands and always tackles hard. He found good success backing up the teams offloads and always being busy on the field. He is always keen to play dummy half and had good success there with his good passing and "dummy and go" runs .

Oscar Stavdal: was our most damaging attacking weapon. Once he got going the other team struggled to bring him down. Always making awesome metres and getting us down the field. Had great success in making the big tackles against the bigger players in the opposition teams.

William Roy: was our best and fairest this year. He mainly played front row for us but has the skills to play anywhere. His runs and offloads were damaging and was a good defender. He was always leading and organising our defence and even got a couple of tries from chasing kicks.

U/12 (1) Gold

SPONSOR: JADE Sport & Nicholas Haywood Jewellery
Undefeated Minor Premiers & Premiers

OFFICIALS:

Coach: Jeremy Latimore and Jason Wells
Manager: Michael Eisenhuth

AWARD WINNERS:

Best & Fairest: Ezra Asotasi
Most Consistent: Jude MacNamara
Coaches Award: Hudson Haywood

TEAM:

Zane Ferguson, Remy Wells, Remy Goodwin, James Rodway, Bodhi Moyle, Kieran Eisenhuth, Orlando Latimore, Tommy Miller, Ezra Asotasi, Hudson Haywood, Jude MacNamara, Zach Weir, Joey Gumley, Max Pistola, Cooper Robinson

REPORT:

I am doing this before we have played a finals game, so I can't give a full breakdown on our season or how we fared. But our regular season was fantastic. We didn't let a try in our last 5 games defensively. Our defence all season has been fantastic. Adjusting to 13 on the field with our attack has us with a lot more improvement to come there. Which is scary for our opposition!!!

The boys turn up to train every single session. They are an absolute pleasure to train and coach. They want to be better individually which makes coaching them so easy. Both of us coaches look forward to helping mentor these boys and push them to get the best out of themselves as people and rugby league players as they grow as individuals and enter their teenage years.

A great bunch of kids & parents who make this journey with these boys even better. A very enjoyable and rewarding year for both of us coaches and nothing seems to surprise us with this group. A few new boys into the squad this year and they couldn't have transitioned in any easier. Great additions to the squad. I always find it hard when it comes time to choose a player for an award as I would love to give them all one. I hope these boys keep their hunger for learning and life as they grow, as they will be valuable contributors to society with their attitudes they have now.

Both of us coaches would like to thank both Mick and Ange Eisenhuth for their continued assistance as our team managers as well as Ange in her role as age coordinator. Very lucky and grateful to have such great people involved in our footy team as well as the footy club.

PLAYER PROFILES:

Zane Ferguson: Zane has really shown how versatile he is. Will often start the game at fullback and challenge teams on sweep plays then transition into dummy half to help close out games and keep the big fellas honest in the middle of the field. One of really good competitors and someone who I know will go out and try and get it over his opposition player in every moment he can.

Remy Wells: Remy always turns up to play and play at his best. Continues to grow as a rugby league player and sees things out on the field which most 12-year-olds don't see. Constantly terrorising opposition defenders with his attacking nous. Consistently plays at a high standard and an absolute pleasure to coach. Makes others around him perform better as well.

Remy Goodwin: Remy had an injury in round 1 and missed a fair bit of footy this year. Has come back into the team and slowly started to find his feet again after a serious injury. Starting to time his run and looking forward to seeing him lift in our big games over the next few weeks and own the big moments.

James Rodway: Jimmy has moved into the halves this year and his game has thrived. Played with a lot of confidence and used his footy IQ to stamp his authority on the game. Had a really positive season. Unfortunately hurt his elbow in one of our last competition games and will miss the finals.

Bodhi Moyle: Bodhi has blistering speed. Often leaves defenders clutching at air. He will start the game at 9 and move out to the wing to finish games. Scoring plenty of tries and is our top try scorer from 2025. His game awareness is getting better and better and looking forward to a strong end to the season.

Kieran Eisenhuth: Kieran had a slow start to the 2025 season. But grand finals aren't won in a March and Kizza has had an excellent back end of the season and is looming large just in time for the finals. I am looking forward to seeing him skittle opposition defenders in the finals and helping us defend our title.

Orlando Latimore: Big O has moved out to the edge and has gotten stronger and stronger in his new role as he has grown into it. A student of the game and a great listener who continues to be one of our most consistent players week after week. Looking forward to a big final's series for Ollie.

Tommy Miller: Tommy got a lot of confidence from playing up an age division with our 13s team. His game improved off the back of mixing it up with the older kids. His tackle technique when he is on, puts fear into opposition attackers.

Ezra Asotasi: Always a pleasure coaching Ezra. Rips into his work and has had one of his best seasons yet. His game continues to grow and numerous times this year when carrying the footy, you will see defenders getting skittled off from the power of Ezras carries. Our pack leader.

Hudson Haywood: Hudson gives his best every single game. Any role he is asked to do, he will do willingly. Such a great little competitor and someone who is picked first every game. Love how much he has developed this year. Had some fantastic games in his new position at fullback.

Jude MacNamara: Jude has also become one of our most consistent performers. Has had a really great season and has thrived playing as an edge back rower. Strong fast and powerful. Will punch a fantastic hole off his halfback then in the following set put a huge shot on defensively. Great season for Jude.

Zach Weir: Zach has also had an injury disrupted season like Remy. Since coming back from his injury, Zach has had a couple of great games and will be key player in our final's series and backing him to score a few tries for us. His back off the field runs and catches have improved out of sight this year.

Joey Gumley: One of the boys who has come into our team from Gorillas Gold 2. Joey has got a lot more confident as the season has gone on and has really grown into his role in the team. Excited to see him keep developing ongoing with our squad.

Max Pistola: So dangerous with ball in hand. Has fantastic speed and often burns his centre creating an overlap for his winger. Really thrived among the boys and his game will keep developing as he matures. Comes flying in defensively and puts big shots on his opposition centre.

Cooper Robinson: Cooper is so dynamic carrying the footy. Absolute hand full for defending teams and has great speed and leg speed for a big man. Every time he comes onto the field, he brings energy in his carries and bends the line back. Excited to watch him keep growing in our team.

A big thank you to all players, parents and supporters.

We look forward to coaching the boys next year in 2026 and helping our boys grow into great young teenagers.

Jeremy and Jason

U/12 (2) Gold
SPONSOR: Instyle Metal Roofing
Finalists

OFFICIALS:

Coach: Shaun Dooley
Manager: Gordon Mowbray
Trainers: Paul McCormack & Jamie Markou

AWARD WINNERS:

Best & Fairest: Archie Manga
Most Consistent: Jimmy McCormack
Coaches Award: Flynn Wady

TEAM:

Chayce Dawson, Lachlan Preston, Archie Manga, Chas Newman, Harry Randall, Jack Dooley, Hamish Mowbray, Ke'anau Roch, Henry Dowsett, Max Markou, Jimmy McCormack, Huey Rayment, Luca Dinuzzo, Flynn Wady

REPORT:

Once again, the boys started the season as our Gold 2 team. This was always going to be a huge challenge, but it was a challenge that the boys took on headfirst. It's a testament to everyone involved in this team for the way they applied themselves both at training and on game days. We started the season off winning our first 3 games and sat top of the ladder with our Gymea Gold 1 team. From here we set a goal to try and make the top 4 and play semi-final football. This would be an extreme achievement if we could pull it off. From here the intensity at training increased each week and the team morale grew stronger by the day. Everyone should be extremely proud of themselves for not only making semi-finals, but for beating Penshurst on a day I'm sure no-one will forget. We eventually went down to DeLa in The Prelim, but I'm sure there's not a parent out there that wouldn't have been blown away by their son's efforts.

The improvement and skill level shown far exceeded my expectations for this team but the boys will to keep improving and challenge themselves against tough opposition was on show every time a football was in their hands. Big thank you to all the U/11 boys that helped throughout the season. Without your help our season would not have been as successful as it was. Thanks to Gordo for his managerial commitments, and to Jamie & Umma who not only ran the water but showed up to every training session willing to help out when required. As coach of the team, it was a privilege to be a part of this adventure, and words can't describe how proud I am of everyone's efforts and dedication to the jersey. Bring on 2026!

PLAYER PROFILES:

Chayce Dawson: Chayce - Chayce possesses great footwork and acceleration off the mark. He scored some great tries off kicks and always defended solidly.

Lachlan Preston: Lachlan - Lachie played most of the season at dummy-half and did an amazing job. He was great at scooting and defended tirelessly in the middle. His goal-kicking was also a highlight.

Archie Manga: Archie - Archie had his first year for Gymea this year and played in multiple positions. He ended up in the halves, where I believe he played his best football, and was a worthy winner of our best & fairest award.

Chas Newman: Chas - Little Chas punched above his weight every game. He ended up playing most of the season on the wing and did an outstanding job in both attack & defence.

Harry Randal: Harry started the year in the halves, but later found himself in the back row, where I feel he played his best football. His copybook defending was on show every week.

Jack Dooley: Jack played the whole season in the halves, where he organised the team effectively every week. He had some great try-assists, and I was really proud of how much he improved this season.

Hamish Mowbray: Hamish got better as the season went on and come semi-final time he was at his most damaging. He ran the ball like a tough front-rower, and put on some good shots.

Ke'anau Roch: Ke'anau missed most of the season with a knee injury but returned to us leading into semi-finals. He is a tough footballer with a great will to compete.

Henry Dowsett: Henry was Mr Reliable every week. He played every game and always put in 100% whether it be running the ball or in defence.

Max Markou: Max played in the back row all season and really enjoyed his footy both at training and on game day. Defensively enormous and always ran hard on an edge.

Jimmy McCormack: Jimmy earned our most consistent award on the back of his competitive spirit. His defence this year improved out of sight, and it was great to see him run out for his 100th game this season.

Huey Rayment: Huey had a great season, playing both centre and fullback. He scored some great tries and was a reliable defender.

Luca Dinuzzo: Luca missed a lot of games through a hand injury, but the games he did play he was always a danger with the ball, and scored a memorable length of the field try against Kingsgrove which kept our top 4 hopes alive.

Flynn Wady: Flynn is blessed with speed and footwork and scored a heap of great tries throughout the season. He got my coaches award due to his willingness to listen and was extremely coachable.

U/12 (3) Silver
SPONSOR: Trend Joinery
Finalists

OFFICIALS:

Coach: Daniel Walsh
Manager: Matt Eastburn
Trainer: Brendan Hodge

AWARD WINNERS:

Best & Fairest: Mack Fetuunai
Most Consistent: Joel Eastburn
Coaches Award: Jamie Pardy

TEAM:

Mitchell Barnes, Lexi Bont, Joel Eastburn, Mack Fetuunai, Finn Fielder, Breaker Hodge, Cooper King, Dallas Litmann, Harry Nilon, Jack O'Brien, Jamie Pardy, Xavier Potts, Owen Probert, Cooper Walsh, Andre Winchester

REPORT:

A new year and new team bought challenges that the boys grabbed with both hands from the get go. A mixture of kids from 3 teams presented some challenges early on but moving to a full size field with 13 on the park, the boys found early confidence in the strength of their attack.

Winning all but 2 games all season, the boys showed lots of grit and determination throughout the season. Whilst the season was marred by rain (again), the boys made good by running external training sessions at the gym and ju jitsu. Whilst clearly some of the boys need to focus on their push up technique a lot was learned in the team aspect of playing football

Although the team fell short in the Prelim final to Hurstville who went on to win the title, there was a lot of growth throughout the year. The team bonded well from the start with a great bunch of parents supporting their kids. A great bunch of kids in the team and I really enjoyed my coaching and with Brendan as the Trainer and Matt as the Manager we had a great season but just didn't have our best stuff when we needed it in the finals

PLAYER PROFILES:

Mitchell Barnes: Mitchell provided us with the tough hitups all. Never one to back down, Mitchell played in the middle and on an edge and he always gave his all and had a great year.

Lexi Bont: A true speedster with a great step, Lexi made consistent improvement this season. After only a few years playing the game, I look forward to his development over the coming seasons

Joel Eastburn: Joels form was a revelation this season, his improvement was something to behold and he should be commended on his approach and attitude to his footy this season.

Strong runner of the ball and a lockdown defender on his side of the field Joel had a super season

Mack Fetuunai: Whilst Mack was quiet in speech, his hard running and tackling did all the talking. Our best and fairest this season, Mack sliced defences and scored some brilliant individual tries. A pleasure to coach

Finn Fielder: Finn played close to the ruck and excelled with the ball in his hands. A good decision maker and leader with a great cover tackle, Finn had a great season and always gave his all. Well done.

Breaker Hodge. Breaker celebrated his 100th game this season with a try. A hard running forward who was not afraid of making the big tackles. I enjoyed watching Breaker's progression and leadership through out the year and a great team first man as always Good Job

Cooper King: Stepping up from bronze this year, Cooper quickly adjusted to tackling the bigger players. A hard running forward that bonded well within the team made Cooper a pleasure to coach. I look forward to watching his development over the coming seasons.

Dallas Litmann: Dallas played dummy half for us this year with great success. His vision for the game has increased year on year as he takes on more responsibility of guiding the team around the park. A great team player that knows when to run and when to pass. Well done Dallas

Harry Nilon: After recovering from a early season injury, Harry slotted nicely into the wing for the team. As the season grew, so did Harry's confidence with some outstanding cover tackles on the edge and some hard running. Good Job Harry

Jack O'Brien: Playing on the edge gave Jack more time and freedom this season. His big fend and hard runs made him a handful for the opposition. Not afraid of tackling the bigger opponents, Jack always turned up and gave his all.

Jamie Pardy: Jamie left nothing on the park. Always giving 100%. Our first receiver with a big boot, he often led the tackle count and was relentless in defence hence winning the coaches award this season. Well Done Jamie

Xavier Potts: Xav was our Mr Fixit this season. Playing in the middle, edge or dummy half, he always tried his hardest and never backed down. Xav was a great asset to the team this year.

Owen Probert: Owens fend and speed on the edge was a highlight this year. Set up some great tries for the wingers and was always looking for an offload. Well done Owen

Cooper Walsh: Cooper was one of the team first receivers and guided the team well around the park all year. Whilst Cooper may have been the smallest in stature on the team, he was brave and Always giving 100% for the team getting his teammates into the game with his passing and kicking game.

Andre Winchester: His first season playing footy. Andre adapted quickly to the game and improved weekly. His big stature made him a target for the opposition but he held his own. Possessing a great offload, I looking forward to watching Andre's development over the coming seasons.

U/12 (4) Bronze
SPONSOR: Ray White Sutherland
Finalists

OFFICIALS:

Coach: Jim Unwin
Manager: Emily Bladon
Trainer: Dean Bladon

AWARD WINNERS:

Best & Fairest: Sonny Emery
Most Consistent: Liam Bartolo
Coaches Award: Ashton Moss

TEAM:

Kymani Anderson, Liam Bartolo, Bailey Bladon, Phenix Chrisifis, Harrison Ellem, Sonny Emery, Archie Harris, Kaden Heusler, Ashton Moss, Leo Pappas, Nikau Raku, Ceejay Singh, Ben Stearman, Riley Sutherland, Stav Tsounias, Oscar Unwin, Ned Vose

REPORT:

Succes in a footy season is not always based on whether you win the comp. It is judged on the character shown and some of the other achievements during the year. We began the year with 5 kids who had never played weekend footy before and more than half of the team who were new members. It is a credit to them all that they gelled so well and each and every one of them improved from the start of the year to the end in some way.

The boys only lost 1 game to a team not in the GF and that was only by 2 points. Those two grand finalists should probably not have been in Bronze division but the boys ignored that for the full season and just got on with the job.

Probably the highlight of the year was the game against grand finalist Kogarah who had at least one rep player. We were down by 22-0 and showed incredible fight to come over the top of them to win 34-32.

Against eventual grand final winner, Riverwood who hadn't been beaten in 3 years, we scored equal tries and only lost on goal kicks in one of our games.

The overall highlight and what was reflected in these games was the never say die attitude and the ability to stick together in the tougher moments. Effort, attitude & teamwork were the hallmarks of this team and enabled them to make the prelim. With a bit of luck they could have gone further but every one of them should be proud of their effort and achievements.

Finally, I would like to thank Dean for his great efforts and support as trainer and Emily for keeping it all together for us and making everything feel seamless. They were a great team to be involved with and we wouldn't have had our successes without them. Thanks also to any parent who helped out in any way and everyone who got the boys around to training and games and showed continual support. The boys were great to coach from the outset, always willing to learn and above being footballers, even better kids.

PLAYER PROFILES:

Kymani Anderson: A new member to the team, Kymani was always eager at training or game day and was fearless in taking on the bigger forward packs. He was always willing to take on whatever role was given to him with enthusiasm and his kick chase game was great.

Liam Bartolo: Liam had an incredible first year in footy and was consistent and competitive every game in both attack and defence as well as every training session. While quiet spoken, he let his actions do the talking. Whether it was scoring or saving tries, Liam was outstanding week to week and thoroughly deserves his Most Consistent award.

Bailey Bladon: Bailey had a fantastic year and is the type of guy that you need in every team. He is a leader, is consistent and always willing to listen. He was a cornerstone of the team, someone I could always rely on to get the job done and was fearless leading the teams' line speed around the ruck, taking on much bigger players. Every team needs a Bailey.

Phenix Chrisifis: Another player who was in his first year of footy, he was always really keen and could always be seen practising before training. That attitude will take him a long way. Unfortunately due to illness and injury he missed some games but was always keen to get back from those setbacks which speaks volumes about his character.

Harrison Ellem: Harrison is another new boy to the Gorillas and made a great start to his career here. He was extremely difficult to handle and he attracted multiple defenders to get him down each time he carried the ball. He had two of his best games towards the end of the year in the bigger games which is a reflection of how good he can be.

Sonny Emery: Sonny was our best from the start of the year to the end in both attack and defence and often carried the boys on his back in the tougher periods. For this reason he was given the captaincy and as far as I am concerned, his best achievement this year above all is the great and balanced leader that he became. He should be extremely proud of both his personal efforts and leadership.

Archie Harris: Another first timer, Archie played well above his weight and was very competitive at both training and in games. He scored some great tries from chasing hard and competing on kicks and was hard to stop close to the close. He missed a few games due to injury but was courageous in coming back from it.

Kaden Heusler: Kaden was always someone that I knew I could rely on no matter what role he had, whether it was in the backs or forwards. In terms of technique, he was one of our top defenders and played his best footy at lock or at hooker against some tough teams. He was one of the leaders of our pack and never shirked the tough stuff.

Ashton Moss: Ashton had an amazing first year of footy and became one of the team's most lethal defenders. When he flew in with his shoulder, once he connected, the attacker knew about it. Most importantly, though, he was always ready to listen and learn and did extras which fast tracked his development as a player. He was a pleasure to coach.

Leo Pappas: Leo is a great team player whether he played in the middle or out wide. He played a bit more regularly on an edge this year and given his size, mobility and speed caused a lot of problems for opposition teams once he ran up a head of steam.

Nikau Raku: Nikau had a great season this year and took on the biggest opposition packs with no fear. He got us going forward every game and was one of the leaders up front. His loss to injury late in the season no doubt had an impact on our chances but he should be proud of his season and especially that his best games were against those bigger and stronger opponents.

Ceejay Singh: Ceejay is a natural footballer and that is why he was moved into the spine early in the season, usually swapping from five-eighth to halfback. His versatility and understanding of the game also allowed him to play hooker and centre equally well. He had a great season, was among our best and unlucky not to get one of the major awards.

Ben Stearman: Ben had a great first year at the Gorillas putting himself in a good position to score some important tries. His defence was excellent too, playing above his weight and always putting his body on the line. His accurate goal kicking was also another good string to his bow.

Riley Sutherland: Riley was another player who had a great first year with the Gorillas. His confidence grew as he gained more experience and he was never shy about hitting it up against the bigger packs. He should be really proud of his season as he was a great team player and contributed well to the team's successes.

Stav Tsounias: Stav was a great team player and well like by everyone. He took a couple of crucial kicks to diffuse dangerous situations in important games and his effort and attitude were always top notch. He was an important member of our team and always gave his best at training or during the game. He was a pleasure to coach.

Oscar Unwin: Oscar had a great second year and the mark of a good player is consistency. He was a reliable team player in both attack and defence who moved around to cover multiple positions without complaint when others weren't available. His attitude and effort at training were first rate and he had his two best games in the semis when it mattered most, scoring an important try.

Ned Vose: Ned was another new player to this team and I could tell from the first training session that he was a natural footballer, so he was quickly moved into the halves. His reading of the game was excellent and got even better as the season went on and he continued to make the right decisions in important games. He was one of the best players on the field in the Prelim, easily our best player in that game, and the best players always step up in those important games.

U/12 Girls Tackle

SPONSOR: Tradies

OFFICIALS:

Coach: Jay Easthope
Manager: Eoin Mullins/Danni O'Grady/Matt Eastburn
Trainer: Eoin Mullins

AWARD WINNERS:

Best & Fairest: Tigerlilly Easthope
Most Consistent: Layla Chadwick
Coaches Award: Stevie Caine

TEAM:

Amerie Patel, Ava O'Grady, Bonnie Lockley, Calista Bunker, Charlie Patton, Isabel Mullins, Kate Eastburn, Layla Chadwick, Maeve Aitken, Sophia Shaw, Stevie Caine, Tigerlilly Easthope

REPORT:

This year was a great year for the girls. We had a mix of new girls, and girls who had played last year. It was great to see the development in the girls from last year going into this year. And, great to see a bunch of new talent and determination from the new arrivals we had.

Season started off great with a first round win. Each week, the girls put what they had learnt at training out on the field very well. Played together well as a team and most importantly had a lot of fun out there.

Best thing to take out of this year would be a lot of learning, learning the game. Learning to be a team. learning from our losses and learning to be brave. The girls always had a good vocal crowd and support and gave us all some very exciting games to watch.

Big thanks to everyone involved in making this all happen for the girls. Parents, Managers, Trainers. It was a big group effort to get the girls ready and encourage them throughout the season. It was a lot of fun and am very proud of every single one of these girls putting on that jersey and representing the club and themselves. Up the Gorillas.

PLAYER PROFILES:

Amerie Patel: Amerie is a great talent. She has good knowledge of the game and directed the girls around the field well. She's one of our younger players in our team but never shied away from the physical contact out on the field. Great little first receiver.

Ava O'Grady: Ava had a great year. There was an obvious improvement from last season. She was really impressive in defence and really owned her roll defending in the middle. She helped the new girls in the team a lot and made them feel confident. She always gave 100% out there on the field.

Bonnie Lockley: Bonnie impressed me a lot this year. She's such a shy and reserved girl. But this season we got to see a more fiery side to her. She showed aggression which help her game immensely. Once she gets going, there's no stopping her.

Calista Bunker: Calista's an athlete. She competes in every play. She's constantly on the move. And has the determination to win. She comes from a soccer background so is great at kicking. which we needed in some of our close games. She ran well, defended well. And never looked out of place.

Charlie Patton: Charlie's a little legend. She our smallest member of the team. But she held her own out there. She would have her little scoots out of dummy half and get us going forward when we needed. Unfortunately, Charlie broke her wrist in one of our last games. But showed us how brave she is by wanting to play again next year.

Isabel Mullins: Izzy is a natural leader. she would rev the girls up and get them ready for a big game. She's very competitive and had a great season. As our regular dummy half. She played a big part in getting us on the front foot and scored some good tries with some eyes up plays.

Kate Eastburn: Kate was great to have on the team. She is a fun character and her energy would rub off on the girls. She showed a lot of bravery and was always putting her hand up to take hit ups. Looking forward to seeing her progress.

Layla Chadwick: Layla is beast out there. She has a lot of aggression in her game. Few head highs early in the year but she corrected that (haha) She played a great season out on the wing and did everything I asked of her. Very strong runner, very strong defender and always came in for runs and had a great competitive attitude.

Maeve Aitken: Maeve had another great year. Just like last year she was one of our strong runners. She did a great job in the middle of field defending against some of the bigger oppositions. She worked really well with the team and always had a good attitude towards her training and game day.

Sophia Shaw: Sophia looks like shes been playing footy her whole life. When she wanted to, she would dominate with her strong hit ups and aggressive tackling. She always a handful for the opposition and had a very unique fending technique (haha) I enjoyed having her on the team.

Stevie Caine: Stevie is just talent on top of talent. Natural athlete, very light on her feet. She was never afraid to get amongst it. Scored about 100 tries this year (haha) but was never shy to ask the older players for help when needed in defence. Stevie was the youngest in our team which is even more impressive.

Tigerlilly Easthope: Tiger was one of those players that all the girls looked up to. She stood up to any challenge out there. Her defence was incredible. Not a lot got pass Tiger. She ran with a lot of heart and was my little general out there. Very proud of her as a coach and as a dad.



GORILLAS



GORILLAS



GORILLAS



GORILLAS



GORILLAS



GORILLAS



LITTLE GORILLAS

2025 UNDER 13 - UNDER 17 TACKLE TEAM REPORTS

U/13 (3) Bronze

SPONSOR: More Than Meat
Finalists

OFFICIALS:

Coach: Steve Kourouche
Manager: Rebecca Marjoram
Trainer: Chris Arnold, Luke Alexander, Tim Parkinson

AWARD WINNERS:

Best Back: Mason McGrath
Best Forward: Harrison Bish
Coaches Award: Cooper House

TEAM:

Balin Hunt, Cash Crawley, Cooper House©, Harley Parkinson, Harrison Bish, Harry Achmar, Isaac Perfrement, Jack Alexander, Jesse Timor, Kyron Jeffery, Logan Shumak, Luca Arnold, Luke Bywater, Mason McGrath, Riley Cameron, William Kruse, Xander Robins, Yasin Gouda, Zac Kourouche ©

REPORT:

What a great season for the boys. I'm so proud of what we achieved, making it through to a Prelim Final, with a very new looking team.

It was a rough start to the season, winning one of the first three games against some tough opposition. We slowly found our groove, and at the halfway point we were 4 wins out of 6 and feeling confident that we could make an impact. Then came the redraw, and the top two teams went up to silver, and the boys thought they'd won the comp in May!

We got a reality check against our old rivals Como, when they turned up ready for a battle, after we'd beaten them our first encounter 34-0. They bashed us around and we walked away with our tails between our legs escaping with a 20-20 draw. The next week against the Dragons we threw away a 22-6 lead to lose on the siren 23-22.

It was time to turn the season around and work on our mental game to get us back in the fight. Over the next couple of weeks, we would play some exciting and tough footy, showing the rest of the competition that we were serious about our finals aspirations. We gained a lot of confidence from our match against the Tigers, and our donut reward on Monday night following our 54-0 win. Our game against Como at the Pit was the game of the season, the boys played a flawless 50 mins of tough footy, doing all the little things that we worked on at training right, and were ready to march into the finals.

Unfortunately, a few hiccups in the last couple of rounds and some bad weather ruining our momentum, it was like we had to start again. The boys, weren't as dialled in after the 3 weeks off and we struggled to reach the same highs as the last couple of games. Engadine showed the standard that we needed to reach, and we just weren't able to keep up with them. Our final game against De La in the Prelim Final, was tough and gritty, and showed many positive signs for next season. Well done boys.

PLAYER PROFILES:

Balin Hunt: This was Balin's first season of footy, and made an instant impact in his debut game against Como. A strong versatile back rower that can take advantage of defensive edges. Unfortunately, his season was hampered by injury and missed several weeks during the season. With some regular training Balin has the potential to be a destructive edge forward.

Cash Crawley: Another first season player with the Gorilla's. Don't underestimate his size, this little guy is all heart. Cash was the curator of the team, with some clever dummies and organising the team's attack. He found himself often the target of opposition attacks, but he shot them down quick smart!

Cooper House ©: This season Cooper was given the role of co-captain of the side, and he certainly led from the front. Whether it was taking strong carries in attack from dummy half, carrying 4 or 5 on his back while he marched us down field, or his brutal defence, Cooper was always part of the action. A no fuss, solid trainer and hard worker, Cooper picked up the Coaches Award for consistency and effort.

Harley Parkinson: H notched up his 100th game for the Gorilla's this season. Despite his size, he was always ready to get amongst it, taking on the big guys in defence, and willing to use his speed on the edges. His sharp shooting earned him the goal kicking duties, kicking 40 goals for the season.

Harrison Bish: A breakout season for Harrison. A huge 28 tries for the season, he led the forward pack every game, and the boys knew where to follow when he had the ball. Harrison's pace was another asset, chasing down opposition attacks if they managed to get through the line. A team favourite and hard trainer. Harrison picks up forward of the year.

Harry Achmar: Harry is a presence on the field. When he has the ball, it's like watching tenpin bowling, as defensive lines tumble around him. In defence, it's a brick wall that attacks tried to avoid once they felt the wrath. Unfortunately, Harry missed a few games this season due to illness and injury, he will benefit from a consistent season of training and game day.

Isaac Perfrement: Isaac is our gentle giant off the field, but once he gets out in the middle, he is ready to inflict some pain on oppositions. He had some strong carries throughout the season that helped swing momentum our way, and some hits that sent shivers down the spectators' spines when he was defending. A bit more focus and energy next season, will see Isaac step it up another level.

Jack Alexander: A halfback in a backrower's body. Jack has some silky skills, and a big boot, can be destructive when he puts the pedal to the metal. Jack showed in a number of games that he can step up and be the main forward to carry us out of yardage, but at times, preferred to be on the edges to intimidate the little guys out wide. Jack was much fitter this season, and we saw it in a number of games, when he saved some tries with his cover defence.

Jesse Timor: Jesse is Mr Reliable, our fullback that is very unassuming, run at him at your peril! As our last line of defence, not much got through him at the back, and when he gets a chance with the ball, he finds a way to zigzag his way through the defence. Jesse is a consistent performer each week, and combined nicely with Cash to create some great play for our backline.

Kyron Jeffrey: Ky is an energetic player and has so much potential. He is versatile and was utilised on the edges as a forward and a back. One of the strongest hitters in the team, you knew when you were tackled by Ky. Ky also entertained the boys throughout the season with some creative hair styling.

Logan Shumak: Another rookie to join the Gorilla's, Logan slotted in to the team nicely. His ice-hockey background game him an edge in both attack and defence. He was happy to get down and dirty in defence and attack, and always did it with a smile on his face. We missed him during the middle of the year with his rep ice hockey commitments, but now that he has a taste for it, looking forward to a bigger and better season next year.

Luca Arnold: As the season went on, Luca showed more and more confidence in his own ability. A strong ball runner, he loved a quick scoot from dummy half, to get us rolling on our red sets, and when he found open space, he was hard to catch. Luca was brutal in defence - at times I wasn't sure if I was watching a 13-year-old or Liam Martin for the Panthers. With a season under his belt, he'll be set for a big season next year.

Luke Bywater: His 3rd year for the Gorilla's Luke was our Mr Fixit. His versatility earned him a variety of positions this season, from the wing, centres to dummy half. Luke is quiet by nature and happy to go with the flow, but his knowledge of the game was helpful in anticipating where the ball would be and get it to the right guy, at the right time.

Lleyton Crocker: Lleyton is a true competitor with endless enthusiasm. What he gives up in weight, he makes up in spirit and ability. Always the first to look for an attacking opportunity and ever willing to put his body on the line for his mates, often resulting in try saving defensive plays that he has no right to be pulling off.

Mason McGrath: This was by far and away Mason's best season for the Gorilla's. Despite his slight frame, he was all guts, and ready to scrap. Mason's speed earned him a spot on the edges, where he scored 8 tries. But it was his edge defence that often helped us win games. Mason is a tireless worker, who isn't afraid to do extras - Mason picks up the Back of the Year award this season.

Riley Cameron: A tough season for Riley, he spent majority of it on the sideline with injury. He's our tough guy in attack and defence, and we missed him in crucial games this year. Hopefully he'll be back fitter and stronger next year.

William Kruse: Will is a clever footy player, with great skill. Will was another Mr Fixit for us this season, filling in the halves, wing, centre and even in the second row on occasion. Will has the potential to be a key playmaker if he works hard at training.

Xander Robins: Another rookie this season, Xander is a pleasure to coach. He is always looking to learn more about the game, and is keen to try a number of positions in the backline. Xander is a great defender, that could be our fullback, or a clever ball player at five-eighth, to a speedster on the edge and run a good line for a hole. Xander is his harshest critic, and needs to back himself more than he gives himself credit - he is a player with a great deal of potential.

Yasin Gouda: Yasin is a favourite among the players and fans alike. He earned the title of Hindy for his clever timing of his flop in defence, that earned us a couple of extra seconds to set our line. As the season progressed we saw Yasin come out of his shell a bit more and get involved. A great first season.

Zac Kourouche ⚡: This season Zac took on the role of co-captain. Zac led the team from the front in all games, both in attack and defence. Notching up his 100th game for the club in round 2, Zac used his experience to lead the boys around with his actions and showed the boys what's required at this level of footy. Zac has found a little bit of speed throughout the season which gave him an edge over many of his opposition.

Thank you to Bec (Manager), Chris, Luke and Tim (Trainers) for giving up their time to help me out this season. Our success is built on a team effort, and I appreciate all that you did to help the boys be ready for each week. Thanks to all the parents and friends for putting in the effort this season on duty and running the bbq without your ongoing support the games would not be viable. Also a big thanks to Grant Smith for his support throughout the season.

Hopefully, we will see all the boys back in the green and white next season and go one better to win the comp.

Cheers,
Steve

U/13 (2) Silver
SPONSOR: New Century Group

OFFICIALS:

Coach: Grant Smith
Manager: Belinda Yusuf
Trainer: Ty Yusuf and Ryan Wilson

AWARD WINNERS:

Best Forward: Kadan Wilson
Best back: Jonah Cachia
Coaches Award: Noah Williams

TEAM:

Arlen Miethke, Carter Smith, Cruz Judd, Derayne Kelly, Eion Reilly, Jayden Mitchell, Jonah Cachia, Kaiden Strauss, Kadan Wilson, Koby Yusuf, Luke Mulholland, Micah Dewes, Noah Williams, Thomas Cubic, Tom Osborne, ravie Forrester, Sefa Briggs-Terure, and Zach Marneros.

REPORT:

I would just like to start by thanking Bel, Ty, and Ryan for all your help during the year — it is much appreciated.

This was my first year coaching this team, and it was really enjoyable. Many of the boys had played together before, while a few were playing rugby league for the first time.

At the start of the year, I told the boys my main focus was for everyone to improve, have fun, and hopefully win some games along the way. I think you all definitely improved, and I hope you had as much fun as I had coaching you.

I was very proud of you all, and you should be proud of yourselves. We played some very memorable games - a tough start in Round 1 against the Titans, going down 48-4, but then playing them two more times and winning both games. Another highlight was the fantastic win over Cronulla Caringbah at their home ground, getting the win and singing the song - a massive achievement as they went on to win the competition over the Titans.

We definitely lacked consistency at times this year, and that is something we can improve on next year. I hope to see all you boys back, ready to push hard and aim for the final's series!

PLAYER PROFILE:

Arlen Miethke: Arlen played in the back row and was a strong defender, with very few players able to get past him. With the ball, he made plenty of strong attacking runs that put the team on the front foot and was tough to stop.

Carter Smith: Carter had a great season, filling in wherever the team needed him. He is a strong ball runner with strong defence to match. Carter also helped steer the team around the park and can be very proud of his year. Well done.

Cruz Judd: Cruz was our number 7 and a pleasure to coach. A smart footballer, he directed us around the park with a great passing game. His confidence grew throughout the season, and he finished the year strongly.

Derayne Kelly: We were fortunate to have Derayne when he was available. Despite boarding school commitments, whenever he played, he made a big difference on the field.

Eion Reilly: Eion had a great year at 5/8, steering the team around the field. He was strong in defence and dangerous when he took on the line, he was also our main kicker in general play, consistently getting us out of trouble with his boot.

Jayden Mitchell: Jayden enjoyed an impressive first year of football, making an immediate impact on the team. He quickly picked up the defensive side of the game, putting on some big shots, and was a damaging ball runner throughout the season.

Jonah Cachia: Jonah was our fullback and a standout most weeks. He saved countless tries with his defence and returned the ball with determination. His efforts were rewarded with the Best Back award - well done, Jonah.

Kaiden Strauss: Kaiden had an excellent season, showing his versatility playing strongly both in the forwards and at dummy half. A strong runner of the ball, he picked the right moments to go himself, scoring some great tries.

Kadan Wilson: Kadan had a terrific year, earning the Best Forward award - very well deserved. He always put his hand up to take the tough carries to start our sets and was fearless in defence with big tackles. Great season, mate.

Koby Yusuf: Koby spent most of the season on the wing, where he was extremely reliable. He consistently tackled players much bigger than him, rarely letting anyone get past. Safe, tough, and dependable.

Luke Mulholland

Luke had a strong season in the back row, he was a damaging ball runner, regularly taking the tough carries. He was also solid in defence having another strong season and was a big part of the team.

Micah Dewes: Micah was one of our front rowers and unstoppable when he was on the field. Consistently put the team on the front foot. His tough carries, especially close to the line, were too much for most opponents, resulting in plenty of tries.

Noah Williams: Noah was a true all-rounder, playing everywhere from front row to centre and never letting the team down. Always keen to learn, he improved with every match. His efforts were rewarded with the Coach's Award - very well deserved. Great year, Noah.

Thomas Cubic: Thomas played on the wing this season, showing great footwork and speed that left defenders looking silly. Safe under pressure, he was also keen to start our sets with strong scoots. A great year, Thomas.

Tom Osborne: Tom had a great season as a middle forward. With an excellent defensive technique, he produced plenty of front-on driving tackles and was also a strong runner of the ball. Well done, Tom.

Travie Forrester: Travie may have been new to football, but you wouldn't have known it. Playing mostly in the centres, he was a strong runner with great speed and brutal defence, giving his opponents a tough challenge every week.

Sefa Briggs-Terure: Sefa had a strong season as a middle forward, impressing with his powerful carries and tough defence. Unfortunately, injury ruled him out for some of the season. I look forward to seeing you back next season.

Zach Marneros: This was Zach's first year of football, and his enthusiasm was clear from the first training session. He played well in both dummy half and in the backs, showing great improvement for his debut season. Awesome first year, mate.

U/13 (1) Gold
SPONSOR: The Blocked Drain Guys
Tier 2 Premiers

OFFICIALS:

Coach: Trent Horsey
Manager: Mark Andrews
Trainer: Kurt Puohotaua, Brent Sherwin, Nate Horsey

AWARD WINNERS:

Best Back: Tyler Spratt
Best Forward: Flynn Gilbert
Coaches Award: Jax Magee

TEAM:

Levi Puohotaua, Noah Moran, Tyler Spratt, Brax Horsey, Jax Magee, Flynn Gilbert, Cameron Andrews, Charles Prenzel, Riley Death, Brax Sherwin, Kade Inglis, Sam Rapson, Orlando Tauta, Beau Elkin, Kai Street. (13 Silver Travie Forrester, Carter Smith, Derayne Kelly, Jonah Cachia) (12 Gold Tommy Miller, Ezra Asotasi, Remy Wells, Bohdi Moyle)

REPORT:

The 2025 season for the U13 Gold team was undeniably challenging. The squad faced an array of obstacles including washouts and a series of injuries that tested their resilience. Despite these hurdles, the team demonstrated remarkable determination, commitment, perseverance and teamwork throughout the season.

One of the standout features of this season was the team versatility. With a number of key players sidelined due to injuries, several boys were required to step up into unfamiliar positions. Their willingness to adapt and excel in new roles for their team highlighted their flexibility and depth. This ability to adjust and perform under pressure was evident throughout the season and played a crucial role in our success.

Our last few rounds didn't end the way we were expecting. Bosco dropped out of the competition late into the season, and with the last 2 rounds being washed out, it moved us from 3rd back to 5th on the ladder and moving us into the tier 2 finals. Our Grand Final win was a great effort and a great reward for the season.

The coaching staff would like to express our gratitude to the parents and families of the 13 Gold team. Your support and encouragement has contributed to our success, thanks to the parents who helped on BBQ and ground control and were flexible with changes to training times throughout the year.

We would also like to acknowledge and thank the 13 Silvers and 12 Gold players that stepped up to help us out throughout the Season. Their willingness to step in and support our squad during times of need ensured that we were able to field a competitive team week in and week out.

PLAYER PROFILES:

Tyler Spratt - Tyler was the biggest improver out of the whole team. Tyler improved each week and grew in confidence. Tyler was a crucial part to our back four, with his voice on the training paddock and on the field, being second to none.

Riley Death - Riley is an exceptional athlete. His running game is outstanding and opposition teams structured their defence to try and stop him. Riley also became our 1st choice goal kicker and secured a number of games on his boot. Look for Riley's name in the future.

Brax Sherwin- Suss put a tremendous amount of effort into everything he did this season. No matter what was asked of Suss, he always put his best self forward. Being the teamplayer he is, Suss never wanted to let his teammates down and would do all he could to assist and benefit his team. Suss would take all coaching and feedback on board, and would always try to implement what was asked of him, showing great resilience and growth this season.

Noah Moran- Noah was a new player to our club and competition this year. He adapted well to our team and culture, and is a great defensive player. Opposing teams would at times underestimate Noah's strength in running the ball, and when showcased, caught our opposing teams offguard, which always worked to his advantage. As the season went on, Noah moved into our #14 role and became our Mr Fix It due to his strength and reliability.

Brax Horsey - Brax started the season off ??????? but as the season progressed, Brax started to relax more in his role and with our game plan. This led to further growth from Brax both technically and skillset wise. Brax's leadership on the field was evident, and with the added pressure from the coach, Brax confidence to guide his team on the field with his talk, grew as the season continued. Brax's try scoring ability was pivotal especially when needed.

Levi Puohotaua - Levi started the season as our Fullback, but with his display of outstanding defense and tenaciousness for us at the start of the season, it was evident we needed him in the front line for his defence. Levi was strong and relentless to our edge defensively, especially when taking on our five eighth role, controlling our attack.

Sam Rapson - Sammy Boy had an outstanding season this year, in which he developed so much as a player. Sam's groundwork was impeccable and the way he would produce his late footwork at the line, allowing him to find his front on nearly every occasion, was a sight to see. Sam's skillset constantly improved throughout the season, and his dedication to constantly learning and developing all aspects of his game is an asset to himself.

Jax Magee - Jax had an amazing season this year. Throughout the season, Jax Developed a solid understanding of our team systems and his responsibilities both on and off the field. Jax was always willing to learn more about the game and took on board all that was asked of him on the field, especially when it came to his game and development in his role at dummy half. Jax defence in the middle was a highlight throughout the year for our team, and his constant improvements that Jax made consistently throughout the season, portrays his adaptability to take on all advice given to him, to not only benefit his growth and development, but to our team as a whole.

Flynn Gilbert - Flynn was named our Under 13 Gold Captain for our 2025 Season, and what a leader he was. Flynn wore his heart on his sleeve out on the field and gave every game, everything he had. Flynn is one tough player, showing competitiveness and drive far beyond his years. Always putting his team first, Flynn was always putting himself out there for the better of our team. At this age, to have what Flynn has, shows how much of a true competitor he is. Flynn trained hard but always played harder.

Kade Inglis - Kade was one of our new additions to our team this season, and immediately bonded with the boys. His leadership and personality was an asset to our team and these mindsets will take him far in life. Kade took on a slightly different role on the field this season, than he was used to and was strong in the middle. His adaptability this season is a credit to him.

Cam Andrews - Cam grew a lot throughout the year, with his line running constantly developing throughout the season, Cam's ability to link with the backline led to instrumental tries throughout the season. Our grand final was his best game of the season, which demonstrated his commitment and growth.

Charles Prenzel - Charles was a great addition to our team this season, which saw him become one of our most consistent players of our team. Charles continuously trained hard all season and the results showed on the field. His late footwork in attack and his tackling ability made for a season he should be proud of.

Liam Spangenberg - Liam had a strong year of growth this season. Liam found his position in the centres, which saw him grow immensely. Liam's attack, as well as his defence were pivotal in our team's success. Moving forward, his natural ability will hold him in good stead.

Orlando Tauta - Landy showed resilience and courage this season for our team. Coming out of a bit of a tough beginning to his season, Landy came out bigger and better on the field. Landy continuously showed commitment to our team, which, in the last few games of our season, Landy's confidence and skillset shined through to portray the player we all knew he could be. His resilience throughout this season is to be commended, and be proud of.

Beau Elkin - Beau kicked off his season with us demonstrating outstanding skills and technique on the field. Beau continuously showed how much of a team player he is, and was a massive support out on the field to all on our team. Unfortunately, Beau's season was cut short due to injury but to Beau's credit, he showed commitment and turned up to training sessions and games, and supported his team week in and week out, even though he knew his season was over due to his injury. Late in the season, Beau was back training and doing the hard yards, and was inspirational to our team. I look forward to Season 2026 and seeing Beau's continuous commitment rewarded out on the field..

Kai Street - Kai's first game for the season was beyond outstanding. Kai developed very fast in such a short amount of time, but unfortunately, in our second game of the season, Kai broke his leg and was out for the rest of the season due to this. Kai continuously showed commitment to the team and turned up to training and games, and assisted both coaching staff and players the best he could given his injury. His resilience and dedication to the team will pay off for him next season on the field.

Thanks to Travie Forrester and Tommy Miller for playing in our Grand Final, both boys stood and played important roles.

Thank you to all the parents and friends for putting in the effort this season, without your ongoing support the games would not be viable. Hopefully, we will see all the boys back in the green and white colours next year.

U/14 (3) Silver **SPONSOR: John R Turk & LH Hire**

OFFICIALS:

Coach: Lee Heares
Manager: Amanda Brennan
Trainers: Wade Horsnell, Daniel Pick, Kerryn Stearman

AWARD WINNERS:

Best Back: Duke O'Brien
Best Forward: Jakob Tahan
Coaches Award: Cooper Bridge

TEAM:

Edward Bellenger, Jenson Bova, Liam Brennan, Cooper Bridge, Spencer Develyn, Braxton Horsnell, JJ Nataly, Zane Marinkovic, Oscar Metherell, Beau Millett, Duke O'Brien, Hayden Pick, Koby Stearman, Jakob Tahan, Austin Smith, Ross Tsounias

REPORT:

These are an awesome bunch of boys. Every week the boys that made the game never gave up no matter how hard the game was. Luck was definitely not on our side with so many injuries leaving us with 9-10 players by the second half of the season.

Having five boys new to the game I thought the year was going to be a lot harder than it was, but they all proved me wrong. Individually bringing so much heart and courage to the team, the improvement through the

year was outstanding overall. Always a pleasure being a part of this team and really hope we stick together for next year.

PLAYER PROFILES:

Eddie Bellenger: Eddie is there every game putting his body on the line and pushing himself to the limits every game. Playing in the forward pack and making big impact plays every game.

Jenson Bova: Jenson is one of the quiet achievers bringing his strength and game knowledge to the team really cementing his spot in the centres.

Liam Brennan: Liam is one of our more experienced players on the team, playing solid football at full-back, showing his skill, speed & commitment to each play.

Cooper Bridge: Cooper is a tough kid who showed absolute commitment for the game & his team. He put his heart into every run, tackle, training session & game.

Spencer Develyn: Being Spencer's first year playing footy, he started off on the wing, learning new skills each game he played.

Braxton Horsnell: Brax shows awesome game knowledge which he uses to lead the team as half back & captain. He shows up every game with a winning attitude, always striving to play his best game.

JJ Nataly: JJ brought a spirit to the team on his first year at Gymea Gorillas, binding the players with his morale and good attitude to the game. He gave every run his all and his energy was felt through the team.

Zane Marinkovic: Zane is a confidence player who shows up for the tough runs, boosting the team with his impact plays.

Oscar Metherell: Oscar is one of the team leaders playing at 5/8, showing huge growth and finding confidence in his game as the season progressed. He puts recognisable effort into every play he is involved in.

Beau Millett: Beau started the season quietly being new to the team and quickly became one of the most impactful players in our forward pack, leading through his plays to give confidence to the team on every big run.

Duke O'Brien: Duke played his first season of footy with us this year & brought an impact to the team of an experienced player, with his rock-solid defence & good attitude, always looking to gain knowledge & better his game.

Hayden Pick: Getting pushed into the forward pack this year, Hayden made some huge plays helping the team with his big runs and solid defence.

Koby Stearman: Koby is a kid everyone needs in their team, defence is impeccable and pulls out some huge plays when it's needed the most.

Jakob Tahan: Jakob doesn't stop in attack playing in the forward pack wherever he was needed, making big metres every game up the middle.

Austin Smith: Austin making 100 games this year is a massive achievement! With a never die attitude and one of the biggest hearts on the field this guy can take down the biggest player without thinking twice.

Ross Tsounias: Ross not having the best start of the year breaking his wrist in the trials, he still turned up every week and came back with huge impact leading the forward pack with his big runs.

U/14 (2) Silver SPONSOR: LH Hire

OFFICIALS:

Coach: Reece Mawson
Assistant Coach: Mick Marton
Manager: Kristy Smith
Trainer: Ian McInnes, Lochi McMartin-Catlett

AWARD WINNERS:

Best Back: Noah Mercuri
Best Forward: Ashton Gilbert
Coaches Award: Lachlan Beasley

TEAM:

Mason Moyle, Seb Rodway, Noah Mercuri, Kingston Merchant, Isaac Stewart, Connor Williams, Dylan Bentacur, Lachlan Beasley, Byron Pallister, Ashton Gilbert, Anton Zoghbi, Rafael Clark, Kai Tagg, Lucas Smith, Jayden Trimmer, Lucas Fraser, Lewis Arnold, Callan Noble.

REPORT:

What an interesting season!

The boys had plenty of ups and downs in 2025. We were the 2nd out of 3 Gorillas teams in the u14s age group and that meant the boys started the season in Gold. For the first 6 weeks we came up against some of the best teams in this age group. The boys put their best foot forward and gave their all, though the score line didn't always reflect that. We definitely saw improvement, resilience and courage within the group.

We had finally got re-graded and were eager to play some competitive games. With the pep back in our step we had some very impressive wins against some good opposition, we were getting better playing as a team and the group of boys were getting closer.

To make the finals we needed to be just about perfect but two weeks in a row we lost by 2 points which burst our bubble. Though as a coach, I would rather those close games than getting beat or beating an opposition by a big margin. You find out a lot about your players and they certainly learn more about themselves.

In all the season was a success, though not with results but the boys certainly learnt some tough lessons early on in the season and built plenty of resilience. They certainly finished the season as better footy players, and I hope they all return for the 2026 season.

I'd also like to thank my support staff Mick, Ooz, Loch and Kristy. Without your help and support the season isn't possible, the boys loved having you all around!

Also a quick shoutout to the committee, lead by Jordo and Grant. We appreciate everything you guys do for the club, you all certainly had our back with the re-grading process and we thank you for that.

PLAYER PROFILES:

Mason Moyle: Mase was invaluable to us this season, he was filling any hole that was needed for us. At the start of the year, we trialled him in the halves before finding his spot in the hooker rotation. Unfortunately for Mason he's season finished prematurely when he had a fight with a chicken and a dog!

Seb Rodway: Seb is never low in self confidence, he's our on field general and loved to lead the boys around. He has one of the best dummies in the whole competition and knew exactly how to wind Mick up all year. Seb celebrated his 100th game, made sure all the girls at school knew about it and we had thought AJ had broken the try scoring record at the pit when all his friends stormed the pitch after kicking a goal after the siren.

Noah Mercuri: Mr Consistent. Having come up from the bronze last year I wasn't sure what to expect from Noah, he is a quiet kid but gee he impressed. Starting on the wing and moving to the centres, Noah was consistent with his performance and has one of the best tackling techniques I have seen for a 14 year old.

Kingston Merchant: Kinga decided to get tackled at school and break his arm before the season started. We were certainly happy to have him back! A strong ball carrying back rower, Kinga was really finding his form the more he played. Shame he's been brain washed into being a bulldogs fan.

Isaac Stewart: Isaac impressed me from the very first session, the little half was there to learn and get better from day 1. He's support play is outstanding and understanding of what is required of a half was getting better every week. I really enjoyed coaching Isaac, plenty more good footy to come.

Connor Williams: Connor also started the season on the sidelines, didn't take him long to find his feet in the team. Connor mainly played on the wing but had a dabble in a few other spots. Connor is a strong bugger for his size, a great teammate and will only get better.

Dylan Bentacur: Dyl dyl dyl, what can I say? One of the most entertaining, witty kids I have coached, certainly brings a laugh to the group! But that's not all Dyl was about, bringing plenty of grunt and impact into our front row, he was an inch away from a hat-trick one game.

Lachlan Beasley: Lachy started the season slow compared to how he finished it. Playing edge back row and a pinch of centre he really improved every game and was one of our best by the end of season. Lachy was quick and powerful and showcased that with multiple full field tries and great defence.

Byron Pallister: Byron was always going to be one of my favourites when he rocked up in Souths gear at the first training session. Played centre, defensively strong and was destructive all season. Sometimes think he's unaware of how good he can be. He was a pleasure to coach.

Ashton Gilbert: Ashton is a kid that truly plays with his heart on his sleeve, a true competitor and was our link in the middle of the field. Our lock forward for most of the year but even played in the halves whilst we were short showing his versatility. Earned a bench spot in the U/14 Gold grand final.

Anton Zoghbi: Coming over from the enemy, Anton really found his feet at Gymea this year. Anton never backed away from a challenge and took it upon himself to be the aggressor. Every team needs a player like Anton, happy to get in the battle and a real competitor. Plenty more to come from Anton.

Rafael Clark: Raf was also a newcomer to Gymea this year, playing in the front row he was a force to be reckoned with. I always asked the boys, when things go wrong just go back to the basics, RUN HARD and TACKLE HARD. Well Raf certainly did that, scoring multiple tries from our own back fence. Great season Raf, look forward to seeing you back at Gymea in 2026.

Kai Tagg: Kai was a bit of our utility this year, playing multiple positions. From hooker to second row and even a pinch at centre, he was always a reliable set of hands to fill the role that was needed for the team. Kai never once complained and did everything with a smile from ear to ear. It was a pleasure to coach Kai.

Lucas Smith: It's safe to say that Lucas's harshest critic wasn't me and it certainly wasn't himself. It was his mum Kristy but like all teenage boys he couldn't care less. Lucas' strength is certainly his defence, plays with no fear and was developing really well into a good 9. Found his role and will continue to get better and better.

Jayden Trimmer: When I first met Jay I had to ask his name 3 times just to hear him, it shows what a shy kid he is but when he gets a football in his hands it's the complete opposite. A true natural footballer who moved so freely over the footy field. Scored plenty of tries and really came out of his shell by the end of the season.

Lewis Arnold: Lewis is a kid you love to have in your team. Whatever role I asked of him he put his best foot forward and excelled. Playing in the outside backs, Lewis is safe under the high ball, a fast elusive ball runner and always a threat. Looking forward to watching Lewis' improvement continue in 2026.

Lucas Fraser: Lucas joined the team halfway through the season but we were glad to have him on board. Lucas will admit himself that he took a few training sessions to find his role in the team but when we put him on the field in a game, we knew we had a great player on our hands. A very strong and destructive ball carrier, will continue to improve!

Callan Noble: Cal was with us for the first half of the season, he was a damaging ball carrier and always had 5 opposition players hanging off him. What I enjoyed with Cal is that he was a selfless teammate, so much so that he was happy to go play in the Gold team for the greater good of the team in general. In saying that, Cal definitely deserved going to Gold and was a force in the Gold teams grand final push.

I'd like to thank the parents for allowing me to coach your kids this year. Despite the ups and downs I really enjoyed getting to know all the boys and hope everyone of them come back for 2026. The boys have an end of season trip to look forward to!

U/14 (1) Gold
SPONSOR: JADE Sport
Grand Finalists

OFFICIALS:

Coach: Bryson Goodwin
Manager: Nat O'Brien
Trainer: Jason Wells , Roy Asotasi

AWARD WINNERS:

Best Back: Oisin English
Best Forward: Xayden Asotasi
Coaches Award: Rory O'Brien

TEAM:

Darcy Wilson, Zac Jacenko, Oisin English, Ryan Howard, Xavier Terides, Luca Celoni, Corey Brown, Drea Goodwin, Jax Wells, Zac Gambin, Rory O'Brien, Xayden Asotasi, Tyler Robinson, Mason Venables, Ben Faka'osi, Mason Schwenke, Tyler Milton, Callan Noble, Lucas Richards

REPORT:

As a coach I think its most important to get the kids to have fun, become great mates and better footy players. I also believe that to get them to learn and grow as players they must learn how to use their skills and back themselves. Not be so robotic. This was something we tried to implement on the team, and I believe it worked well. Playing in a GF and Scoring some unbelievable tries in all different forms from set plays to kicks to individual brilliance.

Defense is what made these boys great though. The attitude shown in de and never giving up is very pleasing to see. Team first mentality.

From having at one stage half the team out with injuries the boys stuck solid knowing that when we get everyone back, we would be a hard team to beat. As the season went on and players returned the belief grew and it showed in the performances.

Although we just fell short in the Grand Final losing in the second period of Golden Point, this season has been nothing short of outstanding. From the very first training session till the last these boys have shown tremendous amounts of attitude, effort and want.

Unfortunately losing a GF is never nice but it will no doubt leave the team wanting more and looking forwards to next season and going one better.

Couldn't be any prouder of these boys and I can't wait for next year!

A big thankyou to all the Parents, the club and all the players that helped us out during the year we couldn't have done it without you.

PLAYER PROFILES:

Darcy Wilson: Missed the first half of the season but came back with a bang finishing with 13 tries. One of the hardest workers and a very exciting player with plenty of speed.

Zac Jacenko: Also missed a chunk of the season but was outstanding when he came back. Grown a lot as a player scoring a heap of tries and being solid contributor every week.

Oisin English: Joining from the silvers team last year and made an impression straight away. A great character and a strong personality. With his willingness to learn and performances on the field it was great to have him. Well-deserved winner of best back.

Ryan Howard: A soild year from Ryan who had some strong performances this year. Always reliable and came up with some big plays and tries throughout the season.

Xavier Terides: A mid-season holiday and Xavier came back making up for lost time. Having his best season to date. Always listens and wanting to learn. His training efforts showed on the field.

Luca Celoni: Another who joined from the silvers and was an outstanding performer every week. Very versatile player playing on the wing then going all the way into the middle and played great all the time.

Corey Brown: Corey had a great start to the year then it was unfortunately cut short because of injury. His commitment never stopped though turning up to every training session and game for the rest of the season.

Drea Goodwin: A good season for Drea who always put in at training and on the field. Always getting his body in front in defence and taking on much bigger opponents. He played several positions and did them all very well.

Jax Wells: Top point scorer of the competition. Kicked a lot of goals and set up a lot of tries from his boot. As the season went on Jax confidence grew and he performances on the field replicated that. Clutch kicks in the Gf were a highlight.

Zac Gambin: A disruptive season with a broken collarbone then coming back and playing through pain in the finals after another knock. A very skilful player who continues to get better every year, but it was his defence that was impressive in 2025.

Rory O'Brien: Our captain who played a handful of positions and was in our top players every week. Fully committed to the game and never holds back. Plays well above his size and is someone you always want in your team.

U/16 Silver

SPONSOR: St George Motor Boat Club

OFFICIALS:

Coach: Brenden Hazell
Manager: Carli D'Aprile
Trainer: Dan Callanan, Shane D'Aprile, Nigel Wright

AWARD WINNERS:

Best Back: Riley Shanahan
Best Forward: Max Callahan
Coaches Award: Indy Sommers

TEAM:

Mitchell Bailey, Max Callanan, Oliver D'Aprile, William Dollman, Jordan Everson, Cameron Frazer, Jake Gallard, Leo Hogg, Ben Hunt, Michael Hunter, Jack Jokinen, William Lanham, Nathan Lunn, Curtis Mihaczi, Oscar Murtas, Riley Pick, Riley Shanahan, Indy Sommers, Oliver Wright

REPORT:

A big change to our team this year with 6 new Gorillas - some playing their first year of footy.

We had a good season with some really good displays of quality footy shown by the boys, we had our chances to win every single game this year, a few handling errors, penalties & injuries prevented that but the boys never gave up & stayed staunch with one another throughout.

I had a great time coaching these young men this year & I'm more than proud of how they carried themselves through the tough times.

They played the game hard but fair & really made the jersey proud!!

Congratulations to Leo Hogg on playing his 100th game for the Gorillas this season.

Thankyou to the parents who cheered us on each week, and supported the team and the Club.

PLAYER PROFILES:

Mitchell Bailey: Big Mitch started off the season very well, a pre season prep had him fit & ready. Mitch was playing some really good footy & was building, until the season was cut short due to injury. I have heard rumors he is already prepping for 2026 - No doubt, he will be a force!

Max Callanan: Was probably the most improved footballer for me. Max was the highest scoring forward in man of the match points. A quiet achiever that got through plenty of work in the middle. He was punching well above his weight class in amongst the middles. Every week his defence was spot on & his vision for a skoot after a quick play the ball was fantastic.

Oliver D'Aprile: Another bloke that gave a weight advantage away to most of the opposition props but O'bomb was always there for a strong carry & his defence was on the money each week. Olly's courage was a massive attribute for us this year. We had a small pack, but players like O'bomb kept us well in the arm wrestle.

William Dollman: Will was a great addition to our team this year, he is a character with super competitive streak that gave us an edge. I couldn't believe it when he told me it was his first year playing footy. This guy is a tireless worker with a big heart, he is only getting better & better.

Jordan Everson: I don't even know where to start. One of the wingers that run around at 60kg (sorry if I cheated you a few kgs Jordy) but play like they are 100kg. Jordy was always the first to take a hit up or strong carry out of our end right into ANY defensive line.

Cameron Frazer: Is another one of our first time rugby league players that is just good at sport. Cam was a great utility that strengthened up our middles from time to time, the courage he showed playing against boys (sometimes) twice his size is phenomenal.

Jake Gallard: Was great to watch this year, a super competitor! Jake's battles with the opposition center's was a highlight of my coaching this year.

Leo Hogg: Showed his great leadership skills this year. Leo is always playing to win!! He is always willing to take the tough carries & make that solid defensive effort in the middle.

Ben Hunt: Is a try saving machine, I can't count the amount of times someone broke the line & Benny chopped them down one on one. Outstanding hands this year under a high ball.

Michael Hunter: Was a game changer for us this year, he is the effort player that just keeps going. Strong in defence & constantly taking up the strong carries.

Jack Jokinen: Was great for us this year, led from the front with some really strong carries that bent the defensive line & got us on the front foot. Jacks strong defence helped win us momentum on many occasions.

William Lanham: With 2 Will's in the team Will L started as "The Cheese" due to the similarities to Brandon Smith. That changed to Spencer Leniu around origin time after Wills hit ups off the back fence. Will he had a great year for us in attack & defence, game changer!!

Nathan Lunn: Was one of the boys in the middle that got through a tonne of work for us this year, always solid in defense & inspiring his team mates around him with encouraging chat or an effort play

Curtis Mihaczi: Curt's up there for most improved, I think he grew 30-40cm in the off season & has all the skills + a great set of hands. Possibly try of the season when he caught a crossfield bomb above his head to score first try against the undefeated Brighton.

Oscar Murtas: was an attacking weapon for us this year, he broke the defence countless times with some elusive runs, solid defense & a great utility for us in the backline when the troops were down.

Riley Pick: had a fantastic year, always consistent & another one of our boys that are happy to punch above their weight division. Great defence & always there for a courageous hit up to take the work load off the forwards on kick returns.

Riley Shanahan: Another year of improvement for Riley! Riley changed the game for us a few times this year with some solid 1on1 tackles & elusive runs + tries. Really proud of Riley for backing up the 17's throughout the year & even got some gametime in the GF. **Oliver Wright:** I think Olly was most influential player of our team. Olly is super fit & showed on many occasions, the skills + the footy I.Q of a very good 7. Great direction & leadership for us in the halves this year. Olly made the other boys around him play better when he was on the field.

Indy Sommers: Indy was outstanding for us this year, first season playing footy (I still find it hard to write that) tackling technique was spot on & his attacking skill is next level. What an athlete. I actually don't think I've ever seen Indy without a smile- the happiest man alive.

Oliver Wright: I think Olly was most influential player of our team. Olly is super fit & showed on many occasions, the skills + the footy I.Q of a very good 7. Great direction & leadership for us in the halves this year. Olly made the other boys around him play better when he was on the field.

U/17 Silver
SPONSOR: Habo's Slaughterhouse
Grand Finalists

OFFICIALS:

Coach: Ryan Bradbery
Assistant: Jordan Bradley
Manager: Chris Rule
Trainers: Shaun Dooley, Scott Anderson, Paul Hema

AWARD WINNERS:

Best Back: Connor Masters
Best Forward: Jayden Hema
Coaches Award: Jordan Kenzie

TEAM:

Nathan Rodgers, Kingston Yavala, Connor Masters, Reagan English, Josh Wolles, Archie Anderson, Albie Lamaro, Lachlan Khoury, Jayden Stone, Wajeeh Ahmed, Archie Knight, Riley Pennington, Jayden Hema, Jordan Kenzie, Ben Lantouris, Kalan Comb, Martin Lim, Zayne King, Josh Rule

REPORT:

One word describes our season and that's a Rollercoaster. The boys faced it all this season. From barely having enough players to field a team, sitting at the bottom of the table with only a handful of games remaining, hitting some serious form at the back of the year, almost booted out of the comp then in face of it all they made the grand final. Only just going down in golden point in a courageous effort.

We started off the season with a great win against a strong team with only 13 players. I could see early how much heart and talent this team possessed. As the season went on our performances changed week to week just like the make up of our team did due to injuries and other reasons. But the boys kept turning up week to week.

With 5 games to go we were sitting 3rd last with 2 wins and 6 losses. You could see how close they were to turning that corner and playing like we all knew they could. The next 3 weeks was some of best football I've seen a junior rugby league team play with attack that would cause havoc against the best teams in higher grades. It began our charge into the finals.

After a couple tough finals games, we made it to the grand final. The boys will admit it might not have been our best performance with the ball, but defensively the effort they put in to work for one another turning away a good side time after time was something any coach would be proud of. Unfortunately having lost 4 players during the match to injury. Cronulla Caringbah just got the best of us. But the boys never gave up and I couldn't have been prouder of these boys and the courage they showed.

I'd like to also thank all the staff for their help during the season. I would have been lost without their support. So, thank you to Jordan, Dools, Scott and Paul.

PLAYER PROFILES:

Nathan Rodgers: Nathan returned to the Gorillas this season, even though he joined us just before the start of the season he didn't miss a beat. A loud voice at the back, courageous kick returns, he never stopped trying. An injury in our first semi final we thought that was it for him, but he was willing to play through the pain in the Grand final and came up some amazing defence on our try line. One thing you could see with Nathan was how he was always trying to help his teammates around him improve which I think at this age is an amazing attribute

Kingston Yavala: Our most electric Gorilla with the ball in hand. Made something out of nothing time and time again when the team needed it. The most length of the field tries along with some tidy finishes. When there was an opportunity to use his pace and footwork, everyone was on their feet watching what he could do.

Connor Masters: At the start of the year, we were a bit concern with his hands but couldn't deny how vital he would be to our team in both attack and defence. Every time he touched the ball you thought something was about to happen. In defence, time and time again he would shut down and attacking play with amazing instinct and brutal big hits. His effort and commitment turning up to every training session and willing to learn and improve was just a joy to watch as he improved to be one of our best.

Regan English: Reagan a first time Gorilla impressed from he first touch with the ball in our trial. Originally coming as a backrower but made his home at centre. Kingston and Reagan became a great little combo with him setting up Kingston whether it was with a kick or a no look pass for many tries this year. I hope he sticks around and found a home here at Gymea

Josh Wolles: You wouldn't of known Joshy was a year young to be in this team. Always taking those tough carries coming out of our own end but also an elite finisher. To see Josh's confidence grow throughout the season was a pleasure to watch with him being another one to barely miss a training session and always asking what he could do better. His effort was rewarded with a great try in the corner in the grand final. He was one our best on ground.

Archie Anderson: Ando missed most of the season, but he was still so valued as a team member. Whether it was running the water, firing the boys up before the game or his after match sprays that Craig Bellamy would be proud of you couldn't deny how much this team/club means to him. Once we finally got to have him back on the field you could see how much he lifted this team with his effort and passion. It was no coincidence that our good run of form coincided with his return to the team.

Albie Lamaro: The general of the team, he steered us around the park all year with a great passing game and even better kicking game. Hed come up with a big tackle when the team needed it. Albie never stopped on the field and played through injuries. He had the patience and ability to read the game of someone beyond his years. He was an absolute pleasure to coach and I'm sure we will be seeing him in suit up for Gymea seniors in the near future.

Josh Rule: Not a big front rower but you couldn't tell. Waj and Josh were our glue in the middle and his ability to find his front in a tackle to get a quick play the ball or how he'd always get a player on their back in defence was vital to getting our team on the front foot. Unfortunately, Josh was suspended for our last two games, but you could clearly see he was missed out there.

Martin Lim: Might have been the smallest on the field but stood tall in defence with some bone crunching tackles none bigger than his shot in the grand final! Martin came halfway through the season but was the shot of energy and swagger we needed. He played in a few positions but wherever we put him he excelled.

Wajeeh Ahmed: Our barn storming front rower. I was told he lost about 20kgs for this season, but you couldn't tell with how he ran at them from the back fence. Waj was our glue in the middle and always gave 100%. A player that was willing to listen and learn he had an outstanding season. The emotion he showed when he reinjured his foot in the grand final showed how much this club and team mean to him

Riley Pennington: I've never seen anyone play or train with this much passion. He is one of those players you love to play with. He started the year off at hooker and was great for us. With injuries to the team, he was asked to play in the backrow and with out hesitation he jumped at it. He also got to make his Senior squad debut with Emerging cup, at his age that is a great achievement. One of our best all year.

Archie Knight: Where do I start. Archie would be one of the best players in our competition, and you when he's on he is very hard to stop. A big body that loves running over someone or putting a big shot on to get the boys up. We thought we might of lost Archie from our team but I'm glad he came back because he was a big reason we made it to the grand final and a big reason we almost got a win. I hope he sticks at footy with Gymea because he has a big future.

Jayden Hema: Our captain. Jayden as the skipper doesn't talk to much but his actions speak loud enough. Once he moved to lock forward his game went to another level, his ability to ball play or tuck the ball and run he always looked dangerous making a half break most of the time. Then there is his defence, the old school hit and lift was his specialty any it didn't matter about the size of the other player, his timing was always spot on. Another one who is one of the best in the league. He has a big future with the club ahead.

Jayden Stone: Jayden couldn't take a trick with his first season at the club. After a fracture in his back to start the season, most kids might of called it a year but he came back and got back into his groove quickly only to then break his thumb. Again he came back and played some really good footy out of dummy half you could definitely see the impact he would of made if he got some more games under his belt.

Jordan Kenzie: BIG Jordo. His first season at the club he came to us as a half but I think he nearly played every position. He was our Mr fix it finishing off the season playing front row. He is one of the lighter guys in our team but you wouldn't know. The tough carries and big hits he pulled off during the year showed his character never shying away and just putting his hand up whenever he was needed. Another one of those players everyone wants to play with.

Ben Lantouris: Big Ben also had his first season for Gymea and was a huge impact player for us. He's a big body that used it with barn storming runs or some big hits. He went on a holiday and missed a few weeks, but we got him back for our grand final only to pick up a knee injury. To his credit and toughness, he played on still making a big impact on the game.

Kalan Comb: Kalen was an absolute pleasure to coach. Never missed a training session and his continuous improvement during the season was awesome to see. Always willing to learn and listen and you could see that when he was on the field. A strong body that when he realises his strength his game will go to another level.

Zayne King: An absolute workhorse on the field and another leader in the team. His season was unfortunately cut short with a big knee injury but that didn't stop him from still coming to training and telling me each week he was ready to play when he could barely walk. Another player I think will have big future for the Gorillas

Lachlan Khoury: Lachie improvement over the season was outstanding. The more confidence he got the better he went in both attack and defence. He moved around from the middle to backrow and finishing the year starting prop. It didn't matter where you put him, he always gave 100%. Another one who got injured during the grand final and could tell his presence was missed when not out there.

Lastly thank you to all parents and friends for putting the effort in this season, without your ongoing support the games wouldn't go ahead. I hope to see all these boys back next season playing for the Mighty Gorillas.



GORILLAS



GORILLAS



GORILLAS

2025 GIRLS LEAGUE TAG TEAM REPORTS

U/6 GLT

SPONSOR: St George Motor Boat Club

OFFICIALS:

Coach: Joel Tesoriero
Manager: Yvette Williams
Trainers: Elise McGregor and Amy Cain

AWARD WINNERS:

Best & Fairest: Lacey Parker
Most Consistent: Charlie Giblin
Coaches Award: Luna Cain

TEAM:

Luna Cain, Billie McGregor, Charlie Giblin, Lily Tesoriero, Cleo Williams, Lacey Parker, Eden Hegarty, Mila Grima, Amelie Stewart.

REPORT:

For 8 out of the 9 girls it was their first time playing. The improvement shown throughout the season and the smiles on the girls' faces were the highlights for me. Friendships were formed, and the girls developed great team camaraderie throughout the year. I feel very lucky to have had such a friendly group of kids, and very supportive parents. Thanks to everyone who helped out throughout the year, I appreciate everyone chipping in when needed.

Overall, we had an enjoyable year and I look forward to helping these girls develop their skills even further next season!

PLAYER PROFILE:

Luna Cain: I coached Luna last year, and in 12 months, Luna's improvement was second to none. She enjoyed hugging the sideline for many length of the field tries, and was a strong defender with one comment to me during a game "I've just tagged three people in a row, this is too easy" being a highlight.

Billie McGregor: Billie was shy to show her true colours through most of the season, but fortunately we saw a glimpse of what Billie could produce on Gala Day.

When Billie was confident to run, she was as fast as anyone on the field, and enjoyed chasing for tags, and with confidence, will no doubt be a strong player in years to come.

Charlie Giblin: Charlie is a natural leader, and combined with her strong running and tagging ability, was able to play at a high standard all year. Charlie also likes to talk... a lot, and had me in stitches many times throughout the season with her commentary during the games.

Lily Tesoriero: Lily was a slow starter at the beginning of the year, but she stuck at it, and was one of our biggest improvers throughout the year. When others may not have felt like a run, I could count on Lily to have a go and give it her best. I was very proud to watch her fall in love with the game this year, and look forward to playing every week.

Cleo Williams: Another big improver over the season, Cleo wins the award for biggest smile in the team. Although Cleo often politely declined to have a run on many occasions, she would always enjoy passing to someone else, and generally being out on the field with the other girls. With confidence, Cleo will be able to show her skills in the future.

Lacey Parker: With speed to burn, Lacey was one of our regular try scorers every week. I often lost count of how many tries she would score in a single game.

Lacey was also a keen tagger, and some of her cover tags in defence were outstanding to watch. One to watch for the future, it was a pleasure to watch Lacey's skill and understanding of the game at such a young age.

Eden Hegarty: Eden produced some of the funniest moments of the year, with her disappointment at getting tagged always a highlight. Eden really stood up in a particular game against Bosco this year though, when a few of our other girls were a bit shy, Eden put her hand up to take many runs, and make many tags in a player of the match performance.

Mila Grima: Don't let her 3 foot stature fool you. Mila loved to run, and scored many tries weaving through the defence. When it was Mila's turn to run, she would ask me, "which way do I run" and then would take off to score many tries throughout the season.

Amelie Stewart: Amelie was one of our younger members of the team, and also one of our comedians. Amelie gave me plenty of laughs with her jokes this year, but was also willing to have a run, and get involved in the team.

U/7 (1) GLT

SPONSOR: Ray White Sutherland

OFFICIALS:

Coach: Dean Myers
Manager: Rachelle Brown
Trainer: Nathan Brown

AWARD WINNERS:

Best & Fairest: Hanna Denford
Most Consistent: Penny Kelly
Coaches Award: Isla Owsnett

TEAM:

Eden Myers, Penny Kelly, Isla Owsnett, Hannah Denford, Whitney Brown, Emersen Graham, Cara Walsh, Eden Wing, Sofia Delaney

REPORT:

What a season it's been for our amazing Under 7s Gymea Gorillas girls team! From the very first training session to the final whistle of the season, these girls have shown incredible growth, enthusiasm, and team spirit.

This year was all about learning the game, building confidence, and most importantly, having fun. The improvement across the team was phenomenal, especially in tagging, positioning, and understanding how to play as a unit. Watching the girls develop their skills and celebrate each other's successes was a real highlight as a coach.

A huge thank you to Rachelle, and the parents who made this season possible. Your encouragement and commitment helped create a positive and supportive environment for the girls to thrive. Special thanks to the parents who jumped in to help at training and filled in while I was away on holidays, you kept the energy high and the fun flowing, and the girls absolutely loved it!

PLAYER PROFILES:

Penny Kelly: Strong, resilient, and always dependable, Penny gave 100% every single game. Her natural talent and fierce competitiveness made her a standout player throughout the season.

Isla Owsnett: The most improved player of the year! Isla started the season unsure of her direction, but by the end she was an MVP-level performer, tagging, scoring tries, and leading by example. An incredible transformation.

Hannah Denford: A naturally gifted athlete with lightning speed and game awareness well beyond her years. Hanna consistently made smart plays and was a constant threat to the opposition.

Whitney Brown: If we had team captains in Under 7s, Whitney would be leading the charge. Always eager to get involved, her step and change of direction left defenders guessing. A true leader on and off the field.

Emersen Graham: Emersen brought great energy to the team this season, always flashing a big smile and giving her best. Her speed down the wing made her a real threat in attack, and it was exciting to see her grow in confidence with every game.

Cara Walsh: As light-footed as a gazelle, Cara's elusive running style made her nearly impossible to tag. Her agility and movement were a joy to watch and a nightmare for defenders.

Eden Wing: Eden W brought fun and positivity to every game. Her big smile and cheerful attitude lit up the field, showing just how much she enjoyed playing and being part of the team.

Eden Myers: Eden's tagging and speed improved dramatically this season, and she consistently brought a positive energy to the team.

Sofia Delaney: Our master tagger! Sophia only played a few games, but her impact was unforgettable. Her tagging ability and game sense made her a standout every time she stepped on the field.

Go Gorillas!

— Coach Dean

U/7 (2) GLT

SPONSOR: Tradies

OFFICIALS:

Coach: Amy Thompson & Steph Rauicava
Manager: Prue Hambly
Trainer: Amy Thompson & Steph Rauicava

AWARD WINNERS:

Best & Fairest: Harper Walker
Most Consistent: Indiana Jory
Coaches Award: Lily Reilly

TEAM:

Cali Wells, Eve Hambly, Eve Rauicava, Harper Walker, Indiana Jory, Isabelle Hunt, Lily Reilly, Madelyn Thompson, Tessa Devine.

REPORT:

As we wrap up the 2025 season, we just want to say how incredibly proud we are of each and every one of our girls. From the first training session to our last game, the girls showed heart, teamwork, and resilience every step of the way.

We had said from the beginning that this season wasn't just about wins and losses - it was about growth. We watched each girl build confidence, form friendships, improve their skills, and most importantly, play with passion and respect for the game.

Thank you to all our parents and supporters - your cheers, early mornings, getting to training each week and endless support was greatly appreciated.

Also, a massive thank you to our manager Prue, your endless support behind the scenes and continual communication made the season so much easier to navigate through.

Whether it was a hard-fought victory or a learning experience, every game helped shape the amazing team we've become. While some of the girls move up to the next age group, we are so excited to see the girls return next season!

Amy & Steph

PLAYER PROFILES:

Cali Wells: In her second season of league tag, Cali came in with determination and it showed from the very first game. Cali's quick stepping and powerful runs towards the try line each week didn't go unnoticed. She plays with heart and it was great to watch her lead by example and grow into such a strong presence on the team. Her pressure in defence ensured the opposition couldn't gain metres. We're so excited to see Cali take on the big field next year, where her speed and stepping are sure to shine even more.

Eve Hambly: Back for her second season of league tag and playing up an age group, Evie has shown incredible growth, not just in her skills on the field, but most of all in her confidence. Evie is a natural leader, always being the first to encourage and lift up her teammates with her passion and enthusiasm. As the season progressed, we saw her become more strategic in her defence and more confident in her attack, planning her runs and stepping through the line, showing just how far she's come.

Eve Rauicava: Eve is one of the most deceptive players on the field! Just when you think she's taking it slow, off she goes, weaving through the opposition with ease. It was such a joy to watch her confidence grow throughout the season, especially with more than one nearly full field try. Eve's quiet determination makes her an exciting player to watch and a valuable part of the team.

Harper Walker: Harper is our Best and Fairest for this season, always dependable and always determined. With lightning speed she was rarely tagged, and her chase-down runs to stop the opposition's breakaways were impressive. Harper brings so much enthusiasm and energy to the field, and she's a real go-getter every single week. We know she's already counting down the days to U8s and the opportunity to excel at new skills like kicking for goal.

Indiana Jory: Don't underestimate her size, Indi's high energy on and off the field matched her ability to perform week in, week out. One of our highest try scorers and taggers for the season, Indi's contributions in attack and defence were well valued to the teams success. A powerhouse on the field and our Most Consistent recipient. Congratulations on a great season!

Isabelle Hunt: Isabelle aka Izzy has had an impressive first season of league tag. Joining the team with little prior experience, Izzy quickly adapted to the fast-paced nature of the game, taking what she learnt at training and implementing those skills on the field. Izzy's determination and willingness to learn made her a key asset to the team, especially in the wing position where she excelled at both attacking and defending. Well done Izzy!

Lily Reilly: An absolute pleasure to coach this season and well deserving recipient of the Coaches Award. We have loved watching Lily's growth from game one where she tapped off with her hand instead of the ball. She finished the season, ripping up the sideline line for tries and contributing defensively through the middle. An awesome debut season and we can't wait to see her develop further as she moves up to the U8s!

Madelyn Thompson: Maddy "Mads" has been one of the standout players for this season. A natural talent, Maddy's speed and agility on the field have made her a constant threat, outpacing defenders and dominating in defence by chasing down every tag. Her never give up attitude made Madelyn such an exciting player to watch, with her brilliant runs and tags. Great season Mads!

Tessa Devine: Another first time player, Tessa quickly injected herself into the team and the game. Her eagerness on game day was an asset to boost the team, along with her pressure in defence when needed. Tessa's growth from the first day of training to the end of the season has been a wonderful journey to be a part of. Great first season Tessa, we look forward to seeing you again next year!

U/8 (1) GLT **SPONSOR: More Than Meat**

OFFICIALS:

Coach: Deon Apps
Manager: Alyce Apps
Trainer: Aaron Lainson

AWARD WINNERS:

Best and Fairest: Mia Apps
Most Consistent: Maddi Barbuto, Harper Lainson
Coaches Award: Emerson Stafford

TEAM:

Mia Apps, Maddi Barbuto, Charlotte Flemming, Indah Jamprah, Harper Lainson, Gracie O'Connell, Josie O'Rourke, Emerson Stafford, Lexi Sweeney

REPORT:

It was a fantastic season from this awesome little team. Their enthusiasm at training and on game day was always 100%, along with their competitive attitude and willingness to work hard in both attack and defence. We had the pleasure of welcoming - or should we say recruiting from Oz tag Lexi, Emi, Charlotte and Josie to the team this year. It was fantastic to see their skills grow and their love for the game develop each week. Although the girls are still in the age bracket of 'non-competitive' they were undefeated all season and kept a lot of the opposition teams to zero on the score board, whilst scoring 50 plus points each week.

Even though we had another rain-affected season the girl's attitude and enthusiasm never wavered - they showed up with smiles, ready to have fun, listen and build on their skills, all whilst cheering and celebrating one another. We were lucky enough to have such an incredible group of parents supporting us throughout the season. Your help on game day with set up duties and at training made everything run smoothly.

It is evident that this group of girls are creating something special and it's been an absolute pleasure to coach such a great bunch of girls. I'm excited to see what the future holds for them all.

PLAYER PROFILE:

Mia Apps: Mia has had a great season in both attack and defence, leading the way in tagging and was an attacking threat from all over the field. She has a will to win and competes ferociously on every play. Mia is naturally gifted with speed and game awareness but like all the girl's is always keen to learn and practice at training, Mia remember you never stop learning and hard work will always make you better. Great work Rocket.

Maddi Barbuto: Mads is 3 years into her junior contract with Gymea Golds league tag and each year she goes from strength to strength. Mads has a great ability to read the game and lifted the team many times throughout the year with her custom long range tries and even more impressive never give up attitude, seeing her pull of some wonderful chase down dive tags. Her attentiveness during training led her to be one of our strongest ball distributors and with this a great game manager. It's always a pleasure to coach Maddi, Well done Mads.

Charlotte Flemming: Charlotte was another Oz tag recruit and picked up the game like a duck to water, she was a constant threat in attack scoring many long range tries and her defence went from strength to strength every week. The most impressive thing about seeing Charlotte develop was like others in the team her attentiveness and listening at training. She would implement our training drills and always put them into practice game day. She was our biggest voice on the field always making sure our line speed was good and encouraging our runners. Keep up the great work Charlotte.

Indah Jamprah: Indah has continued to grow and develop every week coming back for her second year with the team, Indah possesses lethal footwork and, on many occasions, made the opposition look silly as she went by them to score a try. Her solid defence helped shut down other team's attack and it was a joy to see her ball skills develop, being a great ball distributor when wearing the bibs. Indah is a pleasure to coach and I look forward to watching her grow in the future. Great work Indah.

Harper Lainson: This is the third season I have had the pleasure of coaching Harper and it has by far been her most impressive, Harper's passion for the game has developed and this has really shown through on the field. Her ball skills are years ahead of most 8-year-olds and with this new passion has seen her become one of our most consistent players. Harper leads the line in defence and has great talk on the field. Great work Harper, keep up those extras.

Gracie O'Connell: Gracie has had a great year and continues to be a threat with the ball every time she runs, she has a great ability to hold the ball in two hands when running and this will be an extra threat in years to come as we further develop our catch and pass in game situations. She led the team around well when wearing the DH and FR bibs and provided solid defence when tagging, helping the team keep most oppositions to zero. Well done Gracie.

Josie O'Rourke: Josie has had a super season and her momentum built as rapidly as her stride in full flight, her direct running style created nightmares for the opposition scoring many tries from long range. Her defence improved all year with Josie's presence in the line was felt every set. Her attitude to learn and put her training into practice is what makes being a coach easy. Great work Josie and I look forward to next year.

Emerson Stafford: Emi has been a pleasure to coach and the smile on her face throughout the year is what makes this job so easy. A raw talent Emi has been a great listener and improved her attack and defence in every game and training session. Emi finished the season one of our top try scorers and her defence developed from a 1 hand grab into a 2 handed solid wall. Her catch and pass progressed all year and she became one of our best ball distributors when in the bibs. Keep up the great work Emi, looking forward to next year.

Lexi Sweeney: Lexi has been a pleasure to coach this year, she has been so keen to learn, and her tagging has improved out of sight throughout the year. Lex had no issue executing the fundamentals of the game running straight and fast into space, her direct running was a headache for the opposition (Sometimes literally) with a few of them ending up being left behind on the end of her barnstorming runs. Her catch and passing has evolved and was impressive every time she wore the FR and DH bibs. Great work Lex.

LU/8 (2) GLT
SPONSOR: Tradies

OFFICIALS:

Coach: Chris Stevens
Trainer: Sandy Keen
Manager: Alison Byrne

AWARD WINNERS:

Best and fairest: Hannah Chan
Most Consistent: Tara McGinty
Coaches Award: Mia Mazzocchi

REPORT:

The 2025 season was a memorable one for our Under 8/2's League Tag team. A strong core of returning players was joined by some exciting new faces - including one player flown in all the way from the Middle East - giving us a fresh mix of talent and energy.

It took a little while for the girls to find their groove, but from the very beginning, they showed heart and determination. We were right there in every game, competing hard and never giving up, even when results slipped away in the final stages. Rather than letting that discourage them, the girls used it as motivation, training harder and working together as a team.

By mid-year, everything started to click. The girls grew in confidence, began to hold their leads, and were rewarded with some fantastic results. The improvement across the season was huge - a testament to their effort, teamwork, and never-give-up attitude.

A big thank you also goes out to all the parents for their encouragement, cheering, and behind-the-scenes help throughout the season.

The Gymea Gorillas Under 8/2's should be incredibly proud of what they achieved this year. The future looks very bright for this team of determined young players!

PLAYER PROFILES

Bonnie Stevens: Bonnie picked up from where she left off last year as a graceful mover with the ball and really begun to excel as a defender. Bonnie specially asked for the number 7 jersey so she could be like Nathan Cleary hopefully that means multiple premierships in her future.

Mia Mazzocchi: This was Mia's second season and what impressed most was the fact that she assessed her previous season and asked herself and her coach, "How can I improve?" That showed maturity beyond her years and it was evident in her Improvement and why she stood out to receive the coaches award. An example of it's not about tries or highlights but rather the fundamentals that get noticed.

Hannah Chan: try scoring wiz and reliable cover defender there's not much Hannah does not excel at yet that doesn't mean she rests on her laurels. Hannah has a thirst for information and is always asking and learning about the game. A major asset to the team. It was her size and speed that earned her a well-deserved reputation throughout the competition, and across the whole association!

Tara McGinty: the quickest way from point A to point B is a straight line, and Tara found that the most effective way to be damaging in attack. Tara was always in the action and her enthusiasm was only matched by her huge boot converting goals. A player to watch as her ability continues to grow!

Eva Mezei: Eva joined us with this being her first season and not knowing too much about rugby league but it didn't take long for her to pick things up and became one of our most improved players. Solid on both sides in attack and defence and constantly smiling whilst she played.

Cadance Holloway: What a difference a year makes. This season Cadance's game matured a lot and she really found her stride this season. She showed more confidence and took on an active role in games and training. She consistently gave 100%, and is continuing to learn more about the game.

Indi Keen: Indi has had a consistent season, showcasing her speed and agility. As a small but powerful player, she's a hidden weapon. When it comes to tagging she's quick, precise, and always in the right place at the right time.

Georgia Sim: The smiling assassin Georgia had a great first season, steadily growing in confidence as the games progressed. With each match, she became more comfortable and assertive, really showcasing her potential by the end. Signed by the Yamba Magpies, we'll miss her next season!

Briana Nagle: The always reliable Briana. One of the easiest girls to coach. Always listening, always looking to improve and takes things on board. She runs hard, plays hard and gives it her all. Brianna has the ability to read the football field and adjust her positioning preparing for the next tag or run.

Addi Moss: this was Addi's first season and she only got a small taste at the start before injury took her out. But what was most impressive was how she did not let her injury get in her way showing what a team player she is, always finding ways in helping out and getting involved. When she finally got on the field, she showed great promise as she learnt her role in the game.

Zaylah Frearson: there aren't many teams that recruit from overseas let alone the Middle East. Zaylah joined us a little later this season, but when she arrived, she hit with a bang. Deceptively quick and very agile she was a constant threat in attack and caused the defence plenty of headaches.

U/8 (3) GLT

SPONSOR: The Blocked Drain Guys

OFFICIALS:

Coach:	Shey Lawrence
Manager:	Gabrielle Marzano
Trainer:	Vanessa Cremona

AWARD WINNERS:

Best & Fairest:	Quinn Lawrence
Most Consistent:	Grace Quintano
Coaches Award:	Charlotte Tesoriero

TEAM:

Abigail Cremona, Allegra Marzano, Aurora Cain, Charlotte Tesoriero, Georgia Gambin, Grace Quintano, Isabelle Brown, Quinn Lawrence, Tilly MacNamara, Willow Heweston

REPORT:

What a season! The girls showed incredible growth, enthusiasm, and teamwork from the very first game. For many, it was their first time playing league tag, but you wouldn't have known it - skills developed quickly, and confidence grew week by week. The girls settled into their positions beautifully and played with real footy spirit, backing each other up and celebrating every win together.

One of the standout features of our team was the defence - every player was just as committed to tagging as they were to scoring tries. The celebrations after a successful conversion were next-level, like Taylor Swift announcing another tour! It was a joy to watch them play with such passion and unity, and even more rewarding to see how much fun they had doing it.

A huge thank you to Shey, Vanessa, and Gab for your support, and to all the parents and family who cheered from the sidelines each week. Your energy and encouragement made a big difference to the girls. This team is something special. Bring on next year!

PLAYER PROFILES

Abigail Cremona: Tough as nails and fearless in defence, Abi was always first in for a tag and never backed down from a challenge. Her speed and bravery when running at the opposition made her a constant threat. A reliable and gutsy player who gave it her all every week. Go, Abi!

Allegra Marzano: A natural dummy half, Allegra was always in the thick of the action. Her game awareness and ability to read the play, especially in defence, was excellent. She never gave up, trained hard, and showed great commitment. Congratulations on reaching 25 games for Gymea, Allegra!

Aurora Cain: A strong and determined player, Aurora always gave her best. Her safe defence was a key part of our team's success, and she never hesitated to step up when needed. Aurora's positive attitude and friendly nature made her a great teammate. Congratulations on reaching your 25-game milestone with Gymea, Rory!

Charlotte Tesoriero: Our powerhouse! Charlotte's improvement this season was incredible. She listened, learned, and led our defence with confidence. Equally dangerous in attack, she became a key player on both sides of the ball and landed herself the Coaches Award. Great work, Charlotte!

Georgia Gambin: Georgia was always ready to get involved and made the most of every opportunity. When she got the ball, it was full speed ahead to the try line, often catching the defence off guard. She showed great determination on the field. Well done, Georgia!

Grace Quintano: Our pocket rocket! Grace lit up the field with her zig-zag runs and laser focus on the try line. Always smiling at training and full of energy, she had a fantastic first season. Congratulations on your well-earned Most Consistent Award, Grace!

Isabelle Brown: A fierce and determined player, Izzy was a standout this season. Her diving tags saved countless tries, and her attacking runs made her our leading try scorer. Week in, week out, she gave everything for her team. An all-rounder who brought intensity, skill, and heart to every game. Great work, Izzy!

Quinn Lawrence: The team road runner, Quinn was everywhere - saving tries, scoring them, and kicking conversions like a pro. She dug deep every week and was a consistent performer. Our leading conversion kicker and well-deserved Best & Fairest recipient. Great season, Quinn!

Tilly MacNamara: Tilly gave 110% every game in her first season of league tag. Her effort and enthusiasm was outstanding, and she impressed with some fantastic tries, including a few long field runs that had the crowd cheering. Always ready to get involved and support her teammates. Well done, Tilly!

Willow Heweston: Fast and fearless, Willow was always ready to step up in both attack and defence. She brought great energy to the team and wasn't afraid to get stuck in, making some impressive runs and crucial tags. A strong season from a player with loads of potential. Well done, Willow!

U/9 (1) GLT
SPONSOR: Divide-8 Pizza Gymea

OFFICIALS:

Coach: Jeremy Latimore
Manager: Sharn Brookes
Trainer: Natalie Latimore

AWARD WINNERS:

Best & Fairest: Jordyn Brookes
Most Consistent: Kiahna Togagae Faanu
Coaches Award: Aleira Tauta

TEAM:

Aleira Tauta, Charlotte MacLarty, Everly Latimore, Halle Morris, Isla Nolan, Jordyn Brookes, Kiahna Togagae Faanu, Piper Mazzocchi, Shiloh Choy, Tully Goodwin

REPORT:

I really enjoyed myself coaching this little group of superstars. Such a great team of girls to coach who compete on every play. They went through the whole season undefeated and the girls just love competing. The speed and pressure from our defence across the team, made it really hard for opposition teams to make any inroads against us. And if the opposition did make a break, there would be girls coming from everywhere to stop the try with a great tag.

Their willingness to compete and work as a group was the highlight of watching the girls play every week. They were probably ready to play on the bigger field from the midpoint of the year and I can't wait to watch them dominate on that field. With the mix of skill and speed in this team, they will really dominate with more space on the field.

A great bunch of girls who turned up at every training and a great team to coach. I would like to thank Sharn and Steve for all their help across the season at training, gameday and getting the team prepared each week. I would also like to thank Natalie for her assistance on game day in looking after the girls. Also, my son Orlando, who would help at training and then on game day as well.

PLAYER PROFILE:

Aleira Tauta: Leiry is an absolute pleasure to coach and was the recipient of the coach's award. Turns up at every training, gets her work done with zero complaints. On game day she uses her great speed and footwork to leave opposition players clutching at air. Always looking to compete back and save a try if someone has broken our line.

Charlotte MacLarty: Charlotte is a little ball of energy who is always smiling. She had a really great season and was such a good contributor to the team. When she has the bib on at dummy half, the opposition teams better be aware, as she tore a few teams up throughout the year from DH.

Everly Latimore: Little Evie Lats had an unreal season. She loves competing back hard and saving tries when people have broken through. Plenty of tries across the season with her swerving and agile runs leaving people in her wake with wind burn. I really enjoyed coaching my little girl for the first time and can't wait to watch her keep improving.

Halle Morris: Halle is a little speed machine. When in full flight there is no running her down. A real confidence player and when she is on, she is getting a bagful of tries. A skilful player and looking forward to seeing her speed on the bigger field next year in open space. Great season Halle

Isla Nolen: Isla is so competitive. Whether ball in hand or chasing down opposition players to rip their tags off, there is no resting when she is on the field. One of our top try scorers, as well as a great goal kicker. Another one I can't wait to see on the bigger field next season with her speed and skill

Jordyn Brookes: Jordyn is such a nice and respectful girl who always makes sure she greets you. She caused every team trouble with her speed and was also one of our top try scorers. She gives 110% every time she takes the field. A deserving winner of our best and fairest award.

Piper Mazzocchi: Piper improved so much as the season went on. Her tagging was so good and I really enjoyed coaching her. She turned up to every training and listened and improved which is why her game got better and better across the season. One of the teams most reliable defenders.

Shiloh Choy: Shiloh only got to play a few games this season, but she is such a little competitor. She doesn't want to lose any contest and I know she is going to give her all every time she takes the field. Definitely one of our most determined players every time she steps on the field.

Kiahna Togagae Faanu: Kiahna had such a great season. She improved every week and was a deserving winner of most consistent award, as she really did play well every single week. Whenever she would end up at marker, she would be looking to make tag after tag and made it really hard for opposition teams to find any space. Deserving winner of most consistent

Tully Goodwin: Tully is a little star. She dominates both attack and defence and was one of our top try scorers. Also, she would kick her goals on an NRL field. Scored countless length of the field tries and next year on the big field she will be wreaking havoc. One of our best every single week.

A big thank you to all of our players, parents and supporters.

U/9 (2) GLT

SPONSOR: John R Turk, In Control Automation

OFFICIALS:

Coach: Luke Kemp
Manager: Adriana Coleman
Trainer: Dean Parker/Trent Coleman

AWARD WINNERS:

Best & Fairest: Zara Latwell
Most Consistent: Cobie Davies
Coaches Award: Clare O'Sullivan

TEAM:

Skyla Kemp, Mia Coleman, Kaylee Parker, Willow Timor, Airle Keeley, Zara Latwell, Addison Moon, Claire O'Sullivan, Cobie Davies.

REPORT:

The girls came into the season like a well-oiled machine, fired up and ready for the challenges ahead. With some exciting new players joining the squad, it didn't take long for them to feel at home, and the team clicked together from day one.

They quickly developed a competitive streak, learning more about the game, adapting to positional play, and loving the introduction of a marker. The eagerness at training and on game day to step up and be a playmaker was fantastic, we never had trouble finding volunteers for the DH and FR bibs, or as they dubbed them, "Dumb Horse and Fried Rice."

While the tries came thick and fast, keeping us busy running the water every few minutes, the girls soon learned that scoring was only half the battle, a strong kicking game was just as important. A few matches came right down to conversions, proving how crucial every kick could be.

Their tagging skills sharpened week by week. They learned to apply pressure early, hold an even defensive line, and discovered that a loud, screeching "UP!" could spook the attack and put us straight on the front foot.

One standout moment for Luke, Trent, and myself was the way the girls carried themselves on the field. They always played hard, but they also played with humility. In one game, the score had blown out to 50-0. When we asked the girls to ease back, drop markers, and give the other team a hand, they didn't hesitate. Watching the opposition smile as they crossed for a few tries was a proud moment and a reminder that this is about more than winning. It's about teaching our kids to be good sports and even better humans.

It has been an absolute pleasure being part of this team. Seeing the girls grow in confidence and skill throughout the season makes the job worthwhile 😊. A big thank you also to the parents who stepped in at training or covered when we couldn't be there, your support is invaluable.

We can't wait to see you all back next year. Keep bringing the skills, the smiles, and the love for the game!

PLAYER PROFILE:

Mia Coleman: Mai's determination and consistency made her a real asset on the field.

Her strong kicking game and conversion accuracy helped us score plenty of points.

Mia was a great playmaker and really settled into the FR bib. She knew where to be and helped the team work together smoothly.

Airlie Keeley: Airley brought so much energy and passion to every game and training session.

She even gave tackle a try, venturing over to the dark side! We hope to see her back next year, but we know whichever side she plays for, she's going to be a real asset to the Gorillas.

Willow Timor: After a great first season, Willow came back with a bang! Her speed and agility helped save plenty of tries and powered her down the sideline to score many more. She brought a positive energy to the team, making every game and training session more fun for everyone.

Kaylee Parker: Kaylee was the voice of the defence, but don't let that cute voice fool you she wasn't letting anyone through! She worked hard on both defence and attack, refining her footwork and scoring some great tries with her clever little step.

Skyla Kemp: Skyla is a well-rounded player who could play in any position we asked. She loved getting right into the action, always happy to wear the DH or FR bib whenever she could. A fantastic defender, Skyl also made some great line breaks and always encouraged her teammates to give their best.

Zara Latwell: Zara is a natural athlete who shone in every part of the game. She brought a spark to the team and always pushed herself. Watching this tiny pocket rocket zip through the middle of a defence was incredible! Her speed and determination were a joy to see each week, and she loved chasing down and stopping every potential try.

Claire O'Sullivan: Clare quickly became an important part of the squad. She made some incredible tags and was strong in her kicking game, with a high conversion rate that helped the team secure wins against some tough opponents. Clare always showed a humble attitude and gave her best in every game.

Addison Moon: Addi was a quiet achiever who always gave her best on the field. Her amazing kicking scored crucial points in tough games, helping the team when it mattered most. Beyond her skills, Addi showed a kind and supportive spirit, encouraging her teammates. She might not always be the loudest player, but her dedication and heart made a big difference every week.

Cobie Davies: Cobie shone in both defence and attack. Her natural talent and speed, combined with her kicking ability, helped put points on the board in every game. She read the game well and played strongly in the FR bib. A quiet achiever, Cobie always gave her best in every game.

U/9 (3) GLT
SPONSOR: Instyle Metal Roofing

OFFICIALS:

Coach: Matt Faglioni
Manager: Alicia Rehmie
Trainer: Daniel Rehmie
Water Boy: Wade Rehmie

AWARD WINNERS:

Best & Fairest: Gigi Delaney
Most Consistent: Hannah Rodway
Coaches Award: Pippa Hill

TEAM:

Asher Cowan, Aisha Rehmie, Hannah Rodway, Ava Baxter, Zahlee Faglioni, Harper Todd, Mackenzie Caine, Edie Dooney, Tullie Caine, Pippa Hill, Gigi Delaney

REPORT:

All in all, a brilliant year from the girls. Particularly as it was their first year together with a lot of new faces either having their first crack at league tag or venturing into a new team.

What was clear from the outset was that there was a lot of individual talent, that quickly turned into a fiery little team who turned up every week and worked hard for each other, while having some fun and respecting their opposition. The competitive nature of the girls was very clear as they were quick to turn up the effort when they knew they were in for a tight game. We might've even seen a few future NRLW players emerge as they forgot the 'tag' part of the game and tried to tackle the opposition over the sideline.

Huge improvements across the park, with a lot of work on defense and working together as a team. The hard work at training definitely showed on the field as the girls began to put on some consistent performances. The most pleasing thing to watch as a coach was the team trying to play outside their comfort zone, passing the ball rather than one out running. We set a challenge to pass the entire line and get a try, which the girls knocked off with ease. They were quick to let us know about it too.

A few of the highlights of the year:-

- An incredible night sharing the field with the sharks NRLW team honing their skills and meeting their idols.
- The girls belting the team song out after every win!
- Watching the girls learn to kick goals. By the end of the year, it was like watching Nathan Cleary slot them from the sideline.
- Watching the girls devour 3kg of oranges in a minute and a half at half time every week.

A great bunch of kids who were a pleasure to coach and made their parents proud every week.

Special acknowledgement to:-

- Alicia for her efforts as manager, herding sheep every Sunday to get us all to the right field on time. There was a few hazy Sundays where the score keeping might've been a bit suspect. Thanks for putting your hand up to manage the team.
- Dan for his efforts as trainer. As a 300 gamer at the Gorilla's, the girls were in good hands on the field. Took some pressure off when there were always 3 girls screaming 'can I go back on'.
- Wade for running the kicking tee out like it was his last time, every time. Also gave the girls some sound kicking advice, which clearly showed. Thanks, mate.

PLAYER PROFILES:

Asher 'Quiet achiever' Cowan: The quiet achiever who turned up every week and worked her absolute hardest for the team. A pleasure to coach and always willing to listen and learn. When Asher was tasked with Dummy Half or First Receiver duties you could be sure she would take instruction and work closely with her team mates.

Aisha 'Slay' Rehmie: Obviously gets her speed from her mum. Of her 9 tries this year, the majority of them came from long range. Another team player who worked hard both in attack and defense every week, always with a smile on her face.

Hannah 'Secret Handshake' Rodway: Led the team song every week with gusto which was a reflection of how she played on the field. A leader both on and off the park and now a veteran on 43 games for the Gorillas. Ready to play every week and deserving of her most consistent award.

Ava 'Can I Kick' Baxter: The leader of the defensive line, organising the team and making sure the team worked together. Very comfortable in first receiver and was clear to see the teams attack improve whenever Ava took control. Took over our end of set kicks, making sure we kept the pressure on the opposition.

Zahlee 'Shut up Dad' Faglioni: Loves a dummy half scoop as much as she loves talking back to the coach (Dad). Clocked up 17 tries this year and improved her kicking, slotting a few late in the season. What she gives up in size, she makes up for in effort and competitiveness.

Harper 'I stayed up till Midnight' Todd: Sundays are a bad day to be a tag. Harps must have 4 arms because not many get past her in defense. Handy with the boot too, nailing 6 goals to add to her 11 tries. When Harps is switched on, she has all the skills to compete with the best.

Mackenzie 'Catch me if you can' Caine: Scored the try of the year, beating 35 players on her way to the try line. When she's switched on, look out, because she can move. Added a few more contenders for try of the year racking up 9 in total.

Edie 'Speedy' Dooney: Finished the year as top try scorer, finishing off 19 efforts from just 16 games. Massive improvements in defense as the season progressed. Hates a stint on the sideline too.

Tullie 'Can I be first receiver' Caine: Playing up a year, but who would know? Tullie has improved incredibly over the year shining at both dummy half and first receiver. Finished the year with 9 goals and put a few dents in the bonnets of cars at the Gorilla Pit.

Pippa 'Can I be Captain' Hill: Singled out by the Sharks NRLW players as the 'best trainer' on the night. It's a consistent approach for Pip both at training and on game day. 100% effort and respect for coach, trainer, teammates and the opposition. A worthy winner of the Coaches' award.

Gigi 'Can I go back on' Delaney: Works on rechargeable batteries, that never die. Wants to get back on the field 10 seconds after coming off for a rest and maintains that energy throughout every game. In her first year of league tag her progression was a pleasure to watch, taking out the best and fairest award.



U/10 (1) GLT
SPONSOR: Tradies

OFFICIALS:

Coach: Jake Isemonger
Manager: Lizzie Marshall
Trainer: Josh Barrett

AWARD WINNERS:

Best & Fairest: Harper Barrett
Most Consistent: Kya Wimutu
Coaches Award: Kyla Stearman

TEAM:

Harper Barrett, Ella Bennett, Indiana Cofie, Chloe Crehan, Zoe Gallagher, Grace Isemonger, Annabelle Marshall, Lillian Shaw, Kyla Stearman, Evie Tricia, Sahara Veamatahau, Kya Wimutu.

REPORT:

What a fantastic year we had and what a pleasure it was to coach this wonderful group of girls. To see the improvement week on week and their ability to carry out instructions was amazing. The effort and determination showed by all was great to see. Well done girls and see you all again next year. Go Gorillas !!

Thanks to our wonderful manager Lizzie who made coaching this team seamless and to Josh for always being there to run water and help train the girls.

Thanks to all the parents for helping out where needed. Volunteering for the numerous roles needed each week to keep this great game rolling along really makes it easier for the coaching staff.

PLAYER PROFILES:

Harper Barrett: A player comfortable anywhere on the field who also had a knack for scoring tries Harper was great all year. Could jag some pretty good Tags too. Well done Harps

Ella Bennett: A great trainer who also happens to be fast as the wind. Ella can score a long range try. Get the ball to Ella out wide and anything can happen. Well done Ella.

Indiana Cofie: Always smiling and ready for fun Indie played very well this year. Always one to stick her hand up to play Dummy half when needed. A good eye for Tagging effort is always there. Well done Indie.

Chloe Crehan: Don't let her quiet appearance fool you Chloe is a fantastic player. Fast as lightning and a great defender. Chloe improved all year. Chasing down runaway opponents is a speciality. Well done Chloe

Zoe Gallagher: Zoe is great in attack but her defence is where she is most valuable. As the year went on Zoe got better and better. Her ability to rush up and nab a tag became very valuable to the team. Well done Zoe.

Grace Isemonger: Gracie's first year of League Tag was wonderful to watch. She clearly loves the game and is another one of the team that always went to Dummy Half when needed. Could nab a tag too. Well Done Gracie.

Annabelle Marshall: Annie is fast but also zippy. Seeing her pinball around the defence only to straighten for the try line with after burners blaring is great to see. One of the top try scorers in the team. Well done Annie

Lillian Shaw: One of the consistent First Receivers in the team Lilli is always happy to give it a go. Lilli is very good at reading the play and always drops back on the last for the kick. Well done Lilli.

Kyla Stearman: Another First Receiver/Dummy Half player. Always first is Kyla and a handy kicker. Distributed the ball well to ensure an even share of ball and tagged like a demon. Well done Kyla

Evie Tricia: One of the better taggers in the team, Evie didn't miss many tags. Very fast once in space Evie scored the odd try too. Well done Evie.

Sahara Veamatahau: Great team player is Sahara. Always trained well which made her team mates want to train just as hard. Stepped in at First Receiver or Dummy Half when needed and was the teams long kicker for when we needed field position. Well done Sahara.

Kya Wimutu: Kya was a pleasure to coach. Always stepping up when needed. So quiet you forget she is there until you see her on the field. No task is too much for Kya. Either with or without the ball Kya is outstanding. Well done Kya

U/10 (2) GLT

SPONSOR: Adriano Coluccio Funeral Services

OFFICIALS:

Coach: Ben Hughes
Manager: Renee Singh
Trainer: Luke Turner

AWARD WINNERS:

Best & Fairest: Lani Puohotaua
Most Consistent: Billie Hughes
Coaches Award: Vali Spence

TEAM:

Aria Moyle, Billie Hughes, Charlotte Judd, Denver Turner, Lani Puohotaua, Sage Panozzo, Sienna-Mae Anderson, Vali Spence, Wynter Singh

REPORT:

It was a great year for the girls especially with it being our first year together as this newly formed team. Playing up a grade and moving to the bigger Mod field was always going to be a challenge but these girls absolutely thrived and rose to the occasion for every game!

Throughout the season we witnessed countless amazing tries, length of field try saving tags, the ball being spread throughout the whole backline, kick chase regathers and endless huge team efforts that resulted in many great wins and only a few tight losses for the year. (if the try lines were better marked it nearly would've been an undefeated year).

We had lots of fun at training working hard on different plays, our defensive line and getting the basics right which showed out on the field. Thank you to all the parents for your help throughout the year and we couldn't have done it without the super manager Renee and our no beating around the bush trainer Luke!

Bring on 2026, up the mighty Gorillas!

PLAYER PROFILES:

Aria Moyle: The silent assassin, she doesn't say too much but with speed like that you don't need to! If Aria finds a gap unless Usain Bolt is on the other team there's no point in chasing her, she's scoring. Also great in defence Well done Aria great work this year.

Billie Hughes: Billie had a great year in both attack and defence, very reliable and seems to find gaps that aren't there. Loves chasing down the other team in cover defence with a never say die attitude. Solid season Billie.

Charlotte Judd: Charlotte took a few games to warm up but when she did, wow, exciting to watch and unstoppable when she runs onto the ball that hard. Massive improvement throughout the season with reading the game in attack and defence, Great effort this season Charlotte.

Denver Turner: Another one with blistering speed! If Denver gets the ball out wide there was no one that could catch her. With plenty of tries and great defensive efforts this season I can't wait to see her step it up even higher in 2026. Great effort Denver.

Lani Puohotaua: Our Best and Fairest and for good reason. Lanis' attacking skills are way ahead of her years and the amount of extra training and hard work she puts in really shows out on the field. Kick regathers, throwing dummies, big steps, making something happen when there's nothing going on are all in a normal game for Lani. Top effort this season Lani well done.

Sage Panizzo: The super quick pocket rocket! A skillful player that was constantly finding gaps with the opposition always wondering where she came from or how she got through. Great in defence, plenty of tries and always looking happy to be out on the field. Great season Sage!

Sienna-May Anderson: Sienna had a huge improvement throughout this year with her confidence growing by the game, she started to unlock her speed and full potential realising what she's capable of. Also putting plenty of icing on the cake being our most consistent goal kicker. Well done Sienna..

Vali Spence: Vali took out the coaches award this year which was well deserved. Always a pleasure at training and putting in 100% effort. Valis' ball skills and speed grew throughout the season giving her plenty of confidence which resulted in some great tries and defensive efforts. Great to see her enjoying her footy!

Wynter Singh: Wynter had a cracking season and definitely has no trouble finding the try line, plenty of dummy half tries, countless breaks made down the sideline, mixing this with her huge tagging efforts quite often getting 3 or 4 in a row. She does it all with a huge smile and is always laughing at something or has something funny to say! Awesome season Winnie!

U/11 (1) GLT

SPONSOR: More Than Meat

OFFICIALS:

Coach: Jacob Byrne
Manager: Julia Patton
Trainer: Gary Devine

AWARD WINNERS:

Best & Fairest: Stevie Caine
Most Consistent: Madison Lakomy
Coaches Award: Lily Robinson

TEAM:

Halle Byrne, Stevie Caine, Lucy Devine, Milly Elphick, Lily Evans, Ava Gardiner, Madison Lakomy, Elsie Murrell, Harper Nolan, Charlie Patton, Lily Robinson, Indie Smoothey.

REPORT:

It was a very successful year for the girls, with some great wins along the way. The most pleasing aspect of the season was watching the girls improve their skills and game awareness. It was clear by the end of the year that they had really started to understand and embrace the idea of playing as a team rather than as individuals — which was so rewarding to see as a coach.

I couldn't be prouder of how far this team has come. Every player contributed to making this season special, and it was a joy to coach such a committed, talented, and fun group of girls. Keep working hard and enjoying your footy — the future is very bright!

A huge thank you to all the parents, to our manager Julia, and our trainer Gary — your time and support made the season a real success.

PLAYER PROFILE:

Halle Byrne: A reliable and consistent player who became a key part of our spine. Halle showed great speed and regularly crossed for tries. She excelled at dummy half and with growing game awareness she finished the season strong. A great season!

Stevie Caine: An outstanding season from Stevie, a talented strike weapon with incredible speed and strength when running the ball. Stevie scored some crucial tries throughout the year and excelled at fullback, where her improved defence was a standout feature of the season. Congrats on a great season.

Lucy Devine? A consistent performer and a pleasure to coach. Lucy has developed a strong passing game and filled the roles of dummy half and first receiver with confidence. A solid defender who could always be relied on in key moments. A real asset to the team.

Lily Evans: Lily's first year as a Gorilla was a huge success! Her dynamic speed and elusiveness in attack saw her score some excellent tries. Her determination in defence made her a standout newcomer. A fantastic addition to the team — well done Lily!

Milly Elphick: A competitive all-rounder who gave her all every single week. Milly's powerful running game produced some sensational long-range tries, and her never-give-up attitude in defence was a highlight in every match. A real asset to the team.

Ava Gardiner: A versatile and talented player who performed equally well at first receiver and as a running threat. Ava was one of our most reliable defenders all year. She's a pleasure to coach and a vital part of the team. Well done on an outstanding season.

Madison Lakomy: In her first season with the Gorillas, Madison proved to be one of the team's most consistent performers. Her agility and running game, combined with rock-solid defence, made her a standout. A great year — looking forward to seeing her excel again next season.

Elsie Murrell: Elsie had a terrific first season of League Tag at Gymea. Her improvement week after week was clear to see. A strong ball runner and reliable defender, Elsie also developed a very effective kicking game late in the season. Great job — I cannot wait to see more next year!

Harper Nolan: A key member of the team this year, Harper improved with every game. She excelled at dummy half, where her quick decision-making and smart running kept defences guessing. A strong and reliable defender — always ready to compete.

Charlie Patton: Charlie was having a great season before injury unfortunately cut it short. Her development in the early rounds was impressive, showing reliability in defence and energy in attack, particularly with her darting runs from dummy half. I cannot wait to see her back in action next season.

Lily Robinson: Lily had a standout season, using her speed and agility to full effect in attack. She also held her own defensively, never afraid to get involved. Equally dangerous from dummy half or as a ball runner — Lily was a constant threat to the opposition.

Indie Smoothery: In her first season of League Tag — and with the Gorillas — Indie brought great energy and enthusiasm to both training and game day. Her speed and agility were on full display, and her defence was top class. A successful debut season.

.

U/11 (2) GLT
SPONSOR: Tempus Wealth

OFFICIALS:

Coach: PJ Tuazon
Trainer: Alex Gardiner
Manager: Liesl Tuazon

AWARD WINNERS:

Best and Fairest: Olivia Crowe
Most Consistent: Freya Corran
Coaches award: Indie Miladinski

TEAM:

Indie Gardner, Ruby Faanu, Ellie Morris, Olivia Crowe, Shay O'Conner, Peyton Yusuf, Lyla Wimutu, Ever Tuazon, Layla Brown, Samara Smith, Freya Corran, Indi Miladinski

REPORT:

This season saw a few new players join our team and a re shuffle of new positions stepping in for those who made the move to tackle footy. Once again, our girls impressed during trials, dominating the older age group and making it clear they were ready for a challenge and were graded into the Under 11 Golds competition.

The transition wasn't without its challenges — the difference in size and physicality was obvious — but our team met it head-on with determination and grit. Week after week, they proved they could match it with the best teams. Had there been a finals, our girls would have been right in the mix, consistently pushing strong opposition and keeping the scorelines tight often with goal kicks making the difference.

Newcomers Lyla and Ellie and Indi M slotted in seamlessly, quickly becoming key contributors and gelling with the team's established dynamics. Training sessions were always full of enthusiasm, often running overtime with the girls eager to keep practising — especially goal-kicking! Thanks to the other 11 golds team for the scrimmages each week. The girls commitment translated to game day, where the effort they put in was clear in both their sharp attack and rock-solid defence.

Our newly appointed halves started to find their groove directing plays confidently, setting up structured sets and ball movement across the field for our speedsters out wide who executed their roles as try scorers and meter eaters, while our trusty fullbacks provided the last line of defence and handled opposition kicks on the run.

A huge thank you to all the parents for keeping the energy high throughout the season, and special thanks to Alex G for assisting as trainer and Liesl for making sure everything ran smoothly behind the scenes. It's been an absolute pleasure coaching this group — an awesome bunch of players and families!

PLAYER PROFILES:

Indie Gardner: Indie was an absolute rock in defence, setting the standard with her aggressive line speed and relentless tagging. Her ability to keep pressure on the opposition with back-to-back efforts lifted the intensity of the whole team. Offensively, she was equally dangerous — slicing through from dummy half and finishing out wide with regularity. Indie always pushed up every minute she was on the field and is the kind of dependable, high-effort player every team needs.

Ruby Faanu: Ruby was hard running powerhouse. Once she found space and built up speed, defenders thought twice about stepping in front of her. She attacked the line with real intent and was a constant threat particularly one on one with ball in hand. On the other side of the ball, she saved more than a few certain tries with determined tagging efforts. Ruby showed a lot of development was a joy to watch and she was a game-changer in key moments.

Ellie Morris: Despite being new to the team, Ellie instantly looked like one of the most confident players on the field. She's a fearless runner, regularly punching through the middle with power and purpose. Her ability to create line breaks on the back of strong bursts gave us a huge edge in attack. Ellie also took on the responsibility of kicking on the last — her deep, strategic kicks often flipped the field and put the opposition under real pressure. A standout addition to the team with a bright future ahead.

Olivia Crowe: New to dummy half, Olivia took on the challenge with determination and grit. She delivered reliable service under pressure, helping drive the team forward even against fast-moving defensive lines. Her quick reactions and vision made her dangerous around the ruck, especially when sneaking down the short side for valuable metres. Olivia was also at fullback in defence, cleaning up kicks and making important tags with composure and aggression. A versatile and dependable player who takes a hit and will not bat an eye lid.

Shay O'Conner: Shay was pure energy — both at training and on game day. Her pace and swerving runs made her one of the most dangerous ball runners on the team, often breaking the line on her very first touch. Defenders found it tough to catch her, and when she got into open space, she was near unstoppable. Shay also developed into our most reliable goal kicker this year, a result of her dedication after every session. She stepped into the fullback role with confidence, returning kicks with power and intent.

Peyton Yusuf: Peyton showed great resilience this season with her footwork and defensive reliability. She was particularly strong in shutting down sideline runs, staying composed under pressure and refusing to give up on a tag. In attack, her hard work training began to translate onto the field. Peyton's willingness to learn and work hard is what makes her such a promising player. She continues to grow each week and is definitely one to watch.

Lyla Wimutu: Lyla came into the squad as new face coming off a hand injury but quickly found her stride. She began building confidence with every session, showing she wasn't afraid to run hard at the line and test herself against tough defences. She put in the work behind the scenes and came to training ready to improve every week. A quick learner with a great attitude and a pleasure to coach, Lyla made noticeable strides this season and laid a solid foundation to be an outstanding footy player.

Ever Tuazon: Stepping confidently into the role of first receiver this season. She adapted quickly to the demands of the position, taking charge of the play and learning to control the tempo. Her ability to engage defenders at the line, draw them in, and deliver passes created space for her teammates. Under pressure, Ever remained composed — often sidestepping through traffic and taking on the ruck with skill.

Layla Brown: Layla was electric with the ball in hand and a genuine strike weapon off taps. Her speed and evasive footwork made her incredibly difficult to contain, often breaking the line and giving us momentum from the first touch. In defence, she was just as effective, regularly chasing down kicks and shutting down speedy wingers. At training she was always determined to perfect her technique. Layla's attacking spark and commitment to improvement were clear every week.

Samara Smith: Samara took on the new role of first receiver like a pro — showing great communication and leadership in the middle of the field. She was tireless in her efforts, putting in full shifts without rest and leading by example in defence. Her speed and evasiveness made her a regular line breaker, and she knew exactly when to back herself and when to bring others into the play. Equally effective in attack and defence, Samara was a frequent contributor to the scoreboard and one of the most well-rounded players in the squad.

Freya Corran: Freya's top-end speed is something special that make her one of the fastest girls in the comp — once she hit her stride, there was no catching her. She quickly became one of our top try scorers, capitalizing on every opportunity given. But it wasn't just her attack that impressed — her ability to chase down opponents and make critical tags saved us on multiple occasions. Off the field, Freya was a motivator, always offering words of

encouragement and lifting team spirit. A selfless, high-impact player with a great team-first mindset.

Indi Miladinski: Joining the team this year and new to league tag, Indi wasted no time making her mark. She quickly gained confidence and was consistently one of the hardest workers on the field. Her natural speed and elusive running style allowed her to break through defensive lines and cause headaches for opponents. What stood out most was her hunger to improve — always listening, learning, and putting in extra effort at training. Her progress in such a short time was remarkable and she's shaping up to be a real standout.

U/11 (3) GLT
SPONSOR: Gilbert & Roach Izuzu

OFFICIALS:

Coach: Matt Eastburn
Manager: Marina Cridland
Trainer: Richie Cridland

AWARD WINNERS:

Best & Fairest: Mila Penman
Most Consistent: Eden Wilson-Scott
Coaches Award: Abby Wilson

TEAM:

Milana Sorokin, Quinn Van Dort, Abby Wilson, Eden Wilson-Scott, Georgia Sammut-Couri, Priya Choy, Eryn Cooper, Isla Cridland, Kate Eastburn, Tilly Brady-Boulton, Tia Chadwick and Mila Penman

REPORT:

What a season it's been! For all but 4 of the girls it was their first year playing league tag. This great bunch of girls formed a team that bonded well. From the very first training session to the final whistle of the season, the team showed considerable growth, and a whole lot of heart. Whilst the wins were hard to come by until the re-grading mid season, they never gave up.

Despite being new to league tag, the girls quickly picked up the rules, developed their skills, and learned to trust each other. Each player tried multiple positions throughout the year so their learning curve was steep to say the least. Their commitment to improving each week made my job much easier.

Each of the girls should hold their heads high. They have come a long way and I hope the girls stick together as I look forward to seeing what they can achieve on the field. I really enjoyed my time coaching but it wouldn't have been possible with Richie as the Trainer and Marina as the Manager.

Can't wait for next season - hopefully with less rain!

PLAYER PROFILES:

Milana Sorokin: Brought fierce determination and never backed down from a challenge. Her defensive tags on the edge improved weekly

Quinn Van Dort: Showed incredible agility and field awareness, often turning defence into attack with her quick feet.

Abby Wilson: Massive heart. Added spark to every match with her speed and fearless runs down the wing. Abby was always fun to coach and never stopped trying hence she received my coaches award.

Eden Wilson-Scott: Consistent playmaker, reading the game beautifully and setting up key plays. Eden always gave 100% often coming off the field unable to speak. A worthy recipient of our Most consistent award.

Georgia Sammut-Couri: Was our quiet achiever, always in the right place at the right time and never afraid to dive for a tag. Her deceptive quickness made her difficult for other teams

Priya Choy: A reliable defender and runner of the ball, Priya was tough this season. Whether playing through injury or exhaustion she left nothing on the field. Well done

Eryn Cooper: Brought energy and positivity to every game and training session. She consistently lifted team morale and showed great hustle in every game.

Isla Cridland: Impressed with her tenacity and smart positioning, often breaking through defensive lines. A fast runner who made great cover tags on multiple occasions.

Kate Eastburn: A reliable defender and a strategic thinker, always communicating and supporting her teammates. One of our first receivers this year. Kate is developing a strong running game and leadership on the field.

Tilly Brady: Boulton: Small in stature but big in heart. Tilly always gave her all and was a pleasure to coach. Her first season of tag and she learned quickly. I look forward to watching her develop in coming seasons.

Tia Chadwick: Started the season late and was a great asset to the team. Her scoots out of DH often lead to points or put us on the front foot. Well done Tia

Mila Penman: Our fullback speedster. She rounded out the team with her fearless attitude and strong ball carries, never afraid to take on the opposition with her speed and saved the team multiple times chasing down the play. Mila earned herself our best and fairest this season.

U/12 (1) GLT Gold

SPONSOR: Adriano Coluccio Funeral Services **Semi Finalists**

OFFICIALS:

Coach: Bronson Roberts
Manager: Belinda Barter
Trainer: Scott Chadwick and Josef Barter

AWARD WINNERS:

Best & Fairest: Amerie Patel
Most Consistent: Jada Roberts
Coaches Award: Chloe Geldart

TEAM:

Pippa Stevens, Claire Delaney, Mila Habojan, Madison Barter, Ariah Bratby, Jada Roberts ©, Chloe Geldart, Layla Chadwick, Amerie Patel, Sophia Shaw, Sage Cordi, Isabel Mullins, Chloe Gauci.

REPORT:

This season the girls set out with a goal to play finals footy. We talked about the hard work it would take, and the effort that would be required each week to make this possible. Not an easy task in the gold division, but I had faith they would be up for a challenge. After a long season, with some exciting games that could of gone either way, they finished 3rd on the ladder for regular season, unfortunately bowing out in a hard-fought preliminary final.

Not the way they had intended to finish, but they were able to get a little taste of finals footy and achieve more than they did last year. Although they may not be satisfied, they can be proud of what they were able to accomplish.

When this team connects out there on the field, they produce something special and we were able to witness a few of those moments this season. Amazing to watch and hoping to unlock more of it in the future.

Coaching the girls has once again been a privilege and I just want to thank the team, parents and the club for the opportunity.

Brons

PLAYER PROFILES:

Pippa Stevens: Pippa worked hard again this season with some great efforts on the park. As one of our more experienced players, it was pleasing to see Pippa take charge when communicating with her team mates. Some great work from her this season, I encourage Pip to keep using her voice out there on the field and stay connected particularly in defense. Great work Pip!

Madison Barter: Madison is a physical presence out on the field and this season, we had a chance to see it! With a couple of memorable games against Como, Madison got mad! She was unstoppable in attack and tagged everything that moved. A highlight reel moment was her bursting through the defensive line, legs pumping as she took off down field! It was exciting to see her play with confidence and energy. Would love to see more of it! Keep it up Madison!

Isabel Mullins: Probably one of our fastest players, I was delighted when Isabel expressed her desire to play more on the wing this season. We knew there could be opportunities for her if we could get her some quality ball and lucky for us, we had the team that could do just that. Issy scored some fantastic tries out wide and was strong defensively. She communicates well and holds her own against some quick opposition. Thanks for the efforts this season Issy - Well done!

Claire Delaney: On game day, if things weren't going well, the team know to go with plan B - shift the ball to Claire. She is an explosive runner with a huge boot to match. The way Claire plays the game can only be put down to some clinical coaching and her traditional game day frappe'. She can be hard on herself which shows how much she cares about the team - Really look forward to watching her play in the future - Congratulations on the season Claire!

Mila Habojan: Mila had another great season as she continues to become a leader amongst the team. She enjoyed playing out wide and displayed some sharp passing skill at speed which threatened the defense. Always asking questions both at training and on the field against the opposition - A fantastic attitude to match her skill, Mila would never shy away from hard work or a challenge. Mila is a player that is both wonderful to watch and awesome to coach. Hope to have her back next season - Well Done Mila!

Jada Roberts: Hardest job on the field is the coaches kid. The team relies on leaders to set the tone and Jada's attitude and actions both at training and on gameday did just that. Jada put in extra sessions to improve her passing and speed which was a testament to her work ethic and willingness to improve. Jada produced some great footy, particularly when under pressure and not just this season, but over the past seasons she's played - There was no denying her this year as the most consistent player, she should be very proud - her coach is. Amazing work J!!

Chloe Geldart: Chloe stepped it up this season. Really aiming up on game day and working so hard on the training paddock, Chloe lived up to her reputation as the O.G. She also found a home out on the wing and worked incredibly hard in defence. Her communication and ability to read the game is excellent and she thrived as the competition got tougher. She is a real competitor and team player who thoroughly deserves the coaches award for this year - A fantastic effort, I hope to see her next season! Great job Chloe O.G!

Layla Chadwick: Layla had one of her best seasons to date. A superstar of our game, she took a lot of stopping when bringing the ball up at speed and was incredibly dangerous out wide again this year. She made some great defensive reads and was always safe under the highball. No complaints as long as you weren't taking her off for a well earned rest - she had some great moments and will only continue to improve if she sticks at it. Cant wait to see how she goes in the future - Great work Layla!

Sage Cordi: Another outstanding season for Sage. She played a lot of first receiver and helped set the tone early by really getting us started each week. She has good game management and organisation. Her running game often got us out of trouble, and she picked her opportunities inside the redzone for some great tries. Her speed is an asset, but her footy IQ is right up there. A great team player, Sage's attitude at training and her willingness to learn and improve shows me she will be a great player in the future - Well done Sage!

Amerie Patel: Amerie did it all this season - scored tries, set them up, saved them and never stopped competing. She led from the front when we were under pressure, giving some inspirational words in the huddle and taking the ball to the line to work her magic. On the field, she showed she was a fantastic communicator who continued to impress me with her footy IQ and skill. This season, Riri was awarded the best and fairest player which is a testament to her hard work and thoroughly deserved - Great job Riri!!

Ariah Bratby: Ariah played a little bit more in the middle this season. I wanted to bring her in to get some experience around the ruck and take her out of her comfort zone. Ariah is one of our fastest players and can turn the tide of the game given half an opportunity. Ari has all the attributes - With more confidence, her skills will progress and her footy will benefit from it - Keep it up Ariah!

Sophia Shaw: Sophia played a lot of footy this season. She worked hard in the middle and communicated well on the edges. Her ball skill is first class and she attracts multiple defenders when she takes it to the line. Always up for a challenge (unless it was broncos at training) She is a player that the girls love playing with - when Sophia brings the energy, the team is able to lock in and get the job done. Sophias game continues to evolve and we're excited to see what the future holds for her - Awesome work Sophia!

Chloe Gauci: Second season with the club and I chose to play Chloe in dummy half. A choice we were all very happy with. Chloe provided decent service in attack and was hard working in defense. Often coming in off the bench, We needed an energy player who we could rely on and Chloe didn't let us down. As she continues to play, her defensive reads will improve and she will adapt to the speed of the game. A good season with plenty more to offer - Keep it up Chloe!

U/12 (2) GLT Gold

SPONSOR: The Blocked Drain Guys

OFFICIALS:

Coach: Paul Spratt
Manager: Danielle McGloin
Trainer: Michael Street & Clint Hill

AWARD WINNERS:

Best & Fairest: Ava Culbert
Most Consistent: Tia Spratt
Coaches Award: Jayda Street

TEAM:

Ava Culbert, Channel Nicholls, Harper Ownett, Indigo McGloin, Isla Wing, Jayda Street, Lara Hartin, Olivia Lumb, Olivia Vidaic, Sienna Bartolo, Stella Hill, Tia Spratt.

REPORT:

Congratulations to all the girls for an outstanding first season. They turned up with smiles on their faces and had fun every week. For a team of girls that had never played before it was a tough start, being placed in the gold division and having our only trial rained out they were forced to learn quickly and they did. Coming to training with a positive attitude and keen to learn this talented group of girls consistently got better week after week. They learnt to play as a team creating structure in their attack and defending together. If the season was another 4 weeks longer, I'm certain they would have upset some of the more established and experienced teams.

Every girl was an important part of the group and contributed in their own individual way. It was great to see them create new friendships, enjoy their football and they should all be very proud of efforts this season.

Firstly thanks to Bronson from the U12 (1) team for helping me get started and pointing me in the right direction at the beginning of the season. Thank you to all the parents for giving me the opportunity to coach the girls and your constant support. Thanks to Mick & Clint for your help at training and on game day. A big thank you to Danielle for the huge amount of admin work you did in the background to keep the girls season running smoothly.

Finally it's been a pleasure coaching this lovely and talented group of girls, I hope you all come back next year and we can take it to the next level and do it all over again!

PLAYER PROFILES:

Ava Culbert: Ava was our 2nd line of defence spending a lot the season at fullback. Whenever the opposition broke the line she was there to save the try. Also very dangerous in attack proving difficult for our opponents to tackle once she got to top speed.

Channel Nicholls: Channel's determination and competitive spirit was an asset for the team, her acceleration with the ball created many line breaks and we admired her aggressive defence chasing the opposition down to make the tag when needed.

Harper Owsnett: Harpers energy in the middle of the field was inspiring to her teammates, always available for a speedy run and super busy popping up everywhere in defence. Unfortunately a broken arm ruled her out halfway through the season, Harper's contribution was definitely missed and we look forward to having her back next year.

Indigo McGloin: Indigo's versatility was a huge asset to the team, a safe defender and strong runner on the wing whilst also being a super reliable dummy half. Indigo was always on the spot when wearing the vest, passing the ball with accuracy every time to help our attack move forward. Her quick dashes out of dummy half helped get the team valuable metres moving up the field.

Isla Wing: Isla was a solid defender out wide and ran the ball well in every game. In the 2nd half of the season she slotted into dummy half making it look like she'd played there for years. Always reliable she gave great ball to the first receiver every time and defended well in the middle.

Jayda Street: Jayda spent the majority of the season at first receiver and steered the team around the field with ease. When she was wearing the vest, we were always organised and moving forward with momentum. Her kicking game continued to improve and created many opportunities for us on the 5th tackle. She had an outstanding first year in League Tag and can't wait to see her play next year.

Lara Martin: A skillful player who can play many positions, Lara was a huge asset to the team as our only player with League Tag experience she didn't hesitate to step up and give direction to her teammates in the first half of the season.

Olivia Lumb: Olivia turned up and contributed every week, she was a mistake free player who always gained metres when running and got her tags every time. Olivia's season highlight is her runaway try with the whole opposition team right behind her she outran them for 40 metres to score!

Olivia Vidaic: Every time Olivia ran the ball she looked dangerous. Full of speed and agility she broke through the defensive line many times. In her first season she showed great improved with lots more potential to grow again next season.

Sienna Bartolo: Sienna helped keep the team together in the middle of the field. Her hard work and strong defence made a huge impact when she was out there. Her biggest strength is her amazing goal kicking ability. It was certain we would gain another 2 points whenever the trainer game the kicking tee to Sienna no matter how wide the try was scored.

Stella Hill: Stella looked comfortable in any position on the field including both vests, her high performance was consistent all season never having a bad game. Full of energy and enthusiasm both at training and game day she was a pleasure to have in the team. Her speedy runs down the sideline excited all the spectators.

Tia Spratt: As the season progressed Tia continued to get better and better. She was always fast off the mark surprising the opposition with quick tags and if she found some space she would be away and was hard to catch. Tia finished as our highest try scorer and performed well in all positions including both vest roles. Her talk and encouragement in defence was outstanding and I look forward to watching her improve even more next year.

U/13 (3) GLT

SPONSOR: SG Painting & Decorating

Finalists

OFFICIALS:

Coach: Nathan Smith
Manager: Sally North
Trainer/s: Vinnie Patel, Gary Devine

AWARD WINNERS:

Best & Fairest: Hunter Hambly
Most Consistent: Maya Pallister
Coaches Award: A Aria Patel

TEAM:

Emily Brook, Sophia Devine, Annabelle Etcell, Hunter Hambly, Jessica Natoli, Tully North, Aria Patel, Ashlee Smith, Kiara Slattery, Ivy Corben, Ashlyn Comb, Maya Pallister, Zara Betancur, Harriet Gallagher, Georgie Blacker

REPORT:

This season started off challenging for us and it proved to stay this way for most of the year. From the start, grading placed us in a tough division, and unfortunately that meant we struggled to find early success in our first round games. The big losses in the first few weeks were difficult on team spirit and while the scoreboard didn't go our way all year, the girls showed real courage in continuing to turn up, train hard, and give their best each week.

As coach I hope that at least each player has walked away from this season with more than just memories of the tough games. I hope they feel they have gained skills, a stronger understanding of game plans and a sense of what it means to work together as a team. Most importantly, I hope they recognize the resilience they have built by pushing through such a challenging season. And I hope they had a bit of fun and enjoyed it as much as I did coaching them!

A big thank you must go to all the parents for your commitment in getting the girls to training sessions and games every week. Your support makes all the difference. I also want to give a special thanks to our Manager Sally, whose organisation and behind-the-scenes efforts kept everything running smoothly. Also a big thank you to the trainers, who stepped up when I was unwell for a month. Big effort all -thanks!

While the results weren't what we hoped for, I'm incredibly proud of the effort, growth and spirit of this team.

I hope to see all the girls back next year!

PLAYER PROFILE:

Emily Brook: Emily had a great running talent, supporting the play with her fitness, cover defense and overall game skill. She was consistent with training and game day play. She had an eagerness to learn and willingness to upskill herself. A pleasure to encourage and coach throughout the year.

Sophia Devine: Sophia put in 110% every week. We applaud her commitment to the team, game and weekly training sessions-she always gave it her all. Sophia was always a team player and showed constantly improving game skills and plays across the year. A happy and fun team player to coach throughout the year.

Annabelle Etcell: Our quiet achiever, Annabelle showed consistency and dedication week in and out. Annabelle always contributed to team plays, and listened well to advice on game days. Annabelle was a good allround player and a pleasure to coach.

Hunter Hambly: Hunter was always switched on and excelled on game day with her ball plays, fitness and ability to read the game. Hunter was always encouraging, building team spirit weekly and bringing her best form every week. Her dedication to defence and willingness to have a strong presence on the field earned her the 'best and fairest' award from the coaching team. Well done Hunter!

Jessica Natoli: Jessicas's friendliness and easy going nature made her a valuable team member. On the field, Jessica improved throughout the season with her ball plays, tagging and learning to read the game. Jessica was always willing to take on training advice and a pleasure to coach throughout the year.

Tully North: Tully always put in 110% every week-in her training and at games each weekend. Tully's happy nature and friendliness always built on team spirit and encouraged teamwork on and off the field. Her eagerness to learn and coachable approach meant we saw her improve in all areas of the game across the year.

Aria Patel: Aria always gave 110% at training and the weekend games. This resulted in improvements in all aspects of her game across the year. Aria took on board coaching ideas each week and applied what she learnt to all her games. Her friendly and happy approach to the game saw her have a very successful year and earn her the 'coaches award'. Well done Aria!

Ashlee Smith: Ashlee always showed up ready to train, learn and play. Her friendly nature encouraged team work and spirit across the year. She worked hard on her fitness and tagging within weekend games and never stopped trying for the win. Ashlee was always willing to try new game tactics and had a positive outlook each week.

Kiara Slattery: Kiara improved her game so much across the year. Her understanding of the game, ball play and tagging helped the team improve each week. Kiara was always happy and cheerful at training and in games, helping team spirit. She was a keen learning with all aspects of the game and was a pleasure to coach.

Ivy Corben: Ivy was a good player throughout the year, contributing to the team's weekly training sessions and working on her game skills each weekend. Ivy had a good kicking game and we saw this improve throughout the year. She was consistent and always trying to increase her skills around the game.

Ashlyn Comb: Ashlyn was a keen player and worked on improving her ball skills and plays across the year. She was consistent with her training and worked well as a team player. She was good on attack and regularly got the tough tags in the game. She gained a good skill level across the year.

Maya Pallister: Maya was a very happy and positive player in our team. She was always eager to learn, try new tactics and she played very consistently across the year. She was great at catching and kicking the ball during games and was a good team player. Her team spirit, and commitment to learning earned her the 'most consistent' player for 2025- Well done Maya!

Zara Betancur: Zara had good running and attacking skills, making her a valuable team player on game days. She had a strong tagging game and was able to read games plays well. Zara was able to increase her skill set throughout the year and improve her skills all round.

Harriet Gallagher: Harriet was a bubbly and energetic member of the team. Fierce and determined, she gave her best at games and training. Harriet always had speed on her side and was able to inject herself into games with eagerness. Throughout the year she was able to upskill herself across all aspects of the game.

Georgie Blacker: Georgie was a great team player. She always tried her hardest with every training session and played very well in weekend games. She had an eagerness to learn and was able to play the game each week with more skill and understanding. A happy and easy going player, Georgie was a pleasure to coach and have on our team.

Thank You, Nathan Smith

U/13 (2) GLT

SPONSOR: St George Motor Boat Club

Minor Premiers, Premiers

OFFICIALS:

Coach: Donna Barlow
Manager: Rebecca Bates
Trainer: Nick Barlow and Gavin Bates

AWARD WINNERS:

Best & Fairest: Cleo Elsdon
Most Consistent: Ella Sweeney
Coaches Award: Havana Pallister

TEAM:

Calista Bunker, Chelsea Ewings, Cleo Elsdon, Ella Sweeney, Havana Pallister, Indra Stevens, Jade Barlow, Koa Barbuto, Lacey Garner, Miley Ryan, Scarlett Tracy, Zahli Bates, Eva Anasis, Chloe Lucas

REPORT:

This season, our young Gorillas team took on the challenge of playing up an age group in the competitive 13 Gold division — and what a season it was! Despite being made up mostly of 11 and 12 year-olds, the girls showed grit, determination, and exceptional skill, finishing as minor premiers and ultimately taking home the championship trophy after a nail-biting grand final draw and extra time win against a strong De La Salle side.

The season was not without its hurdles. Injuries and illness to players Chloe Lucas and Eva Anasis and meant we missed their talent for much of the year. Yet the team rallied, showing maturity beyond their years and a deep commitment to each other.

Early morning training sessions were full of energy, laughter, and relentless effort — whether it was early morning runs when fields were closed or refining set plays in the rain. The girls embraced every challenge with positivity and resilience (and finger-less gloves!).

This team continues to inspire with their sportsmanship, camaraderie, and love for the game. We're already counting down to next season, ready to defend our title and grow even stronger together.

PLAYER PROFILES

Calista Bunker: Versatile and reliable, Calista once again proved herself as a cornerstone of the team. Her consistency in both attack and defence earned her respect across the field. A quiet achiever whose set play execution and ball work continue to shine.

Chelsea Ewings: Returning from a season off, Chelsea made an immediate impact. Her powerful runs through the middle and growing confidence each week added a new dimension to our attack. Her speed and determination were a joy to watch.

Cleo Elsdon: Cleo's energy and agility were electric. Her dummy half runs and crucial tags turned games around, and her ability to break through defences made her a constant threat. A standout season for a standout player.

Ella Sweeney: Ella's leadership across the field in attack and her exceptional goal-kicking were pivotal this season. Her ability to read the game, organise plays, and convert under pressure made her one of our most valuable players.

Havana Pallister: Fearless and fast, Havana's hard runs and defensive grit were key to our success. Whether carving up the middle or sprinting down the wing, she brought intensity and flair to every match. Her resilience, hard work and a team first mindset are invaluable to this team.

Indra Stevens: Agile, adaptable, and always dependable — Indra's growth this season was impressive. Her lethal step, versatility, and positive attitude earned her the Coaches Award last year, and she continued to build on that foundation.

Jade Barlow: Jade's passion for the game shone brightly all season. Her strong ball skills and speed on the wing made her a constant threat in attack, and she capped off her season with an incredible try in the grand final, showcasing her determination and flair under pressure.

Koa Barbuto: Balancing rep soccer and league tag again this year, Koa brought game intelligence, composure and leadership to the field. Her strategic play, strong defence, and ability to manage the team on-field made her a true asset.

Lacey Garner: Our most improved player last season continued to impress. Lacey's speed on the wing and clutch try-saving tags were highlights. Her growth and confidence make her one to watch next year.

Miley Ryan: A brilliant new addition to the team, Miley slotted into the team seamlessly. Talented across all positions, she played with joy, focus, and a hunger to learn. Her versatility and attitude made her an instant favourite.

Scarlett Tracy: Scarlett's all-round excellence continued this season. Her defence at fullback, speed, and game sense were elite. A true team player with a superstar attitude — Scarlett sets the standard.

Zahli Bates: Zahli's speed and defensive effort were crucial, especially in the grand final, showing her determination, resilience and talent. Zahli's growth and commitment were evident all season.

Eva Anasis (limited by injury): Though her season was interrupted, when Eva made it on to the field, she reminded us of her talent and potential. Fingers crossed 2026 is a better year!

Chloe Lucas (limited by injury and illness): Chloe's absence was felt by the whole team, but her brief appearances showed her trademark strength and skill. We missed her attacking runs and defensive grit. 2026 is bound to be a better year for Chloe - we can't wait to see you back at it!

U/13 (1) GLT

SPONSOR: John R Turk

OFFICIALS:

Coach: Ben Bradley
Manager: Kellie Wheatstone
Trainer: Ben Hughes

AWARD WINNERS:

Best & Fairest: Ava Smith
Most Consistent: Michelle Zmisa
Coaches Award: Ruby Cridland

TEAM:

Isla Baker, Chiara Bradley, Charlotte Callender, Clara Cooper, Ruby Cridland, Poppy Hughes, Jordan Mihaczi, Ruby Milton, Marli Parker, Ava Smith, Zara Wheatstone, Piper Wilken, Madison Wilson, Michelle Zmisa.

REPORT:

This year our team's focus was for the girls to learn and improve their individual skills and grow their ability to work as a team, understanding the different positions on the field and how important each of them are in creating a team that works together.

I couldn't be prouder of how the girls took to this, responding to things they learnt at training and executing them each week together as a team. From set plays in attack, and field position, to sliding defence as they matched it against some quality sides.

It was a fantastic year for the girls development. The confidence individually and as a team grew throughout the year that was seen in their results and never give up attitude at the back end of the year. I really feel there FOOTY IQ went to the next level and I'm excited to see where the girls can take it to next year.

Thankyou to our Manager Kellie and Trainer/Coach Ben for your help this season. Thankyou to the parents, and a big thank you to all the girls. Having such a coachable group that all want to listen, learn, have fun and always showing a never give up attitude, is what really made the Job as coach extremely rewarding.

PLAYER PROFILES:

Isla Barker: Played on the outer edge this year in our link position, taking every opportunity to draw and pass to her wingers. She really adds to our strike power out wide, such a talented player.

Chiara Bradley: A great year from Chi. Consistent in both defence and attack. She is reading the game well, controlling things around the ruck with her communication and kicking game. Keep it up Chi

Rosie Brown: Really stepped up her defence and support play this year, having been a part of this group for ever, Rosie really led by example and showed the way in playing as a team.

Charlotte Callender: such a talent out on the wing!! just a pleasure to watch when she's in open space. Asked a few times to inject some spark late in the game, she did exactly that in one game, scoring a try under the posts to win in the last few seconds.

Clara Cooper: Our social butterfly, in her first year in the team Clara played many positions showing plenty of confidence and enthusiasm in everything she did. Settling herself into the team nicely.

Ruby Cridland: Another new recruit to the team. In her first year playing League Tag she showed some great hands and lightning speed that matched her improvement every week. I recall her missing a tag at one end of the field only to catch the player to deny a try at the other end. A Great league tag player in the making, taking out our most improved award.

Poppy Hughes: Forever in the Zone!! Poppy gave 110% every game and training session, showing that never give up attitude. In the full back role for most of the year, her communication took her to another level. As runner up in the players player tally she never missed a point from her teammates. Impressive

Jordan Mihacz: Playing most of the year in dummy half. Jordan was one of those players who was always listening. Solid as a rock in defence and determined to do well every game, you could really see her enjoying her footy.

Ruby Milton: played a middle role this year, showing her play making skills and how hard she is to tag through the front line always looking to off load. Playing that eyes up Footy, she is such a talent.

Marli Parker: Another one of our fantastic Wingers, Marli is a super athlete with so much speed, fitness and determination, she is quite the handful to our opponents and in defence no one is getting around her. Looking forward to seeing more of that next year.

Ava Smith: Took out the Players Player and received the most Woman of the match points from us coaches. Ava is an absolute strike force!!! playing Middle, Dummy half, Full back, Dominant wherever she played proving a hand full to our opposition and the favourite amongst her teammates. It's no wonder she was at the top of the votes on all fronts this year.

Zara Wheatstone: Another solid utility player in the team. Zara is such a skilful player who played many positions and gave her all every game. Another one of our seasoned players leading from her actions and showing the way. Keep pushing Zara you have so much potential to take your game even further.

Piper Wilken: With this her first year in this team, she proved to be our smiling assassin who rarely missed a tag, not shy on a dive tag when needed. Piper was one of those players that took everything in and executed it every time. Well done.

Madison Wilson: New to the team Madison settled in quickly, giving everything every game and at every training session. Always listening and improving every week, I look forward to seeing her progression next year bringing that confidence from the get-go.

Michelle Zmisa: Our most consistent and determined flying winger, scoring her fair share of tries out on the wing throughout in the seasons. She really stepped up our defence on the outer edge, showing just how to control a sliding defence. Michelle most certainly deserved our most consistent award this year!! A benchmark to the ultimate competitor.

U/14 (1) GLT

SPONSOR: Ray White Sutherland

OFFICIALS:

Coach: Jaime Markou
Assistant Coach: Shaun Dooley
Manager: Zoe Campbell
Trainers: Daniel Walsh & Marty Vale
League Safe Trainer: Kelly Borg

AWARD WINNERS:

Best & Fairest: Grace Culbert
Most Consistent: Lara Miller
Coaches Award: Sage Vale

TEAM:

Ava Markou, Isabel Dooley, Sage Vale, Addison Wing, Sorenn Bentley, Summah Newman, Sian Borg, Addison Garner, Milla Hambly, Zara Walsh, Grace Culbert, Nikita Barnes, Keelie Massone, Emma Scard, Lara Miller, Summer King

REPORT:

Due to starting the season in the Gold comp, when we were finally regraded back down to silvers we ran out of time to qualify for the Semi-Finals. This was disappointing because we are a finals footy team every day of the week, and next year, we will prove that. I had a great year coaching the girls with Dools, they are such a pleasure to coach and it's great to see young girls love playing team sports and to see how competitive they all are.

Bring on next season and I hope to see all the girls back for the 2026 season.

PLAYER PROFILES:

Ava Markou: Ava had a great year, contributing as a very good attacking link player and also working very hard in defence, making sure not to let any of her teammates down. On top of her contribution as a player, she also displayed strong team values and played the game with a great attitude. It was a pleasure to coach Ava this season.

Isabel Dooley: Isabel was fantastic to coach this year. Isabel was learning the art of playing dummy half and did a great job. With each game she played her dummy half play continued to improve. With the ball in hand, Isabel was a very elusive runner and always caused the opposition trouble when she took them on. Lastly Isabel was always laughing and having a great time with her teammates, which is very important in a team environment. Thanks for a great year, Isabel.

Sage Vale: Sage was a fantastic player for us this year, always giving 100% effort. Sage accepted the role of fullback, which was very brave, given no one else wanted to be fullback. Sage was very good at fullback, very safe under the high ball and worked extremely hard on her defence and in attack always gave the opposition problems when she took them on. Sage is a great player and contributed immensely to the team this year, well done Sage (Darci)

Addison Wing: Addie is one of our fastest players and was always a threat when running the ball at full pace, constantly breaking the defensive line and always looking for work. Defensively Addie was great, chasing down plenty of the opposition when it seemed like they would score, Addie never gave up. Throughout the season

Addies footy awareness improved a lot. Addie was valuable member of the team, can't wait for next year Addie.

Sorenn Bentley: I saw so much improvement on a weekly basis with Sorenn's footy, I was very happy for her. Sorenn's defensive efforts were excellent, always working and making tag after tag in a row constantly and consistently across the season. In attack Sorenn also proved to be a great runner of the football, with good footwork and her passing game developed strongly. Sorenn was an important part of our team, well done on a great year Sorenn.

Summah Newman: Summah is a very good player, the more involved Summah is, the better we are as a team. Summah is a fantastic runner of the ball and she gave the opposition a very tough time when she took them on. Next year I see Summah becoming an even more potent player. Thanks for a great year Summah, you are a pleasure to coach and a great contributor to the team.

Sian Borg: Sian is an exceptional football player; Sian is one of our first receivers and does a wonderful job. Her footy knowledge is excellent and it's clear to see through her play. Sian knows when to pass the ball and when not to pass the ball, her skill set as a first receiver is great and contributed to many of our attacking plays and tries this year. A great girl to coach who is always willing to listen, and I consider Sian to be a great leader on the field. Thanks for a great year of footy Sian.

Addison Garner: Unfortunately, Addie's season was cut short by injury. This is a shame for both Addie and the team. When Addie was on the field, she was one of our attacking weapons, always breaking defensive lines and was a constant threat to opposition defence. I hope next year Addie gets to have an uninterrupted season and gets to display what a good player she is.

Milla Hambly: Milla had a great year and the more she was involved the better for her and the team. Milla was great with the ball, but her work ethic in defence was nothing short of excellent. Milla was so good in D, always making consecutive tags set after set after set. Again, like the rest of the team, Milla was a great contributor to our season, and I expect this to continue from Milla next season. Thanks for a great year Milla.

Zara Walsh: Zara, like Isabel was new to playing dummy half this season. Zara proved to take to the position quickly and did a great job for the team out of dummy half. Making sure our first receivers were provided good service. Zara also was good at choosing when it was a good time to run from dummy half too, often catching opposition defence napping. Thanks for a great year, Zara, it was a pleasure caching you.

Grace Culbert: Grace is an out and out athlete, a competitor at the highest level and a standout player. Grace's running game is awesome to watch; Grace could very comfortably compete in open age League Tag. Grace scored plenty of long range tries and also benefited from great service from our first receivers. Grace also had an excellent defensive game and is one of our stars. On top of Grace's obvious football talents, she is a pleasure to coach and is a great team member. A super year Grace, well done.

Nikita Barnes: Nikita is another who had a good year of football. Nikita was a great defender, which is tricky at times when playing wide, you need to make good defensive decisions and Nikita was always making good decisions in defence. Her running game continually improved, and it was great to see from a coach's perspective. Nikita was great to coach this season and thanks very much Nikita for your contribution to the team this year.

Keelie Massone: Keelie was electric, a great runner of the football and more often than not left the opposition for dead. The more Keelie had her hands on the ball the better we were as a team, I can't wait to see what Keelie does next season, she is a great player and a fantastic team member. Thanks for a super season, Keelie, you proved yourself to be a very good Tag player.

Emma Scard: Emma was another who had a broken season due to injury, however when Emma was available, she was a great team player and defensively was great, never letting the team down. I hope we get to see a full season from Emma next year so she can have a fun and enjoyable injury free season. Thanks so much Emma for a good year, a great girl to coach.

Lara Miller: Lara knows her footy. Our other first receiver, Lara had an excellent year of footy and was one of our standout players. Lara's competitive nature ensures that she is in every game all the time. Passing & running game is excellent and can sniff out an intercept when its on. It was great to see Lara steer the team

around the way she did, she set up plenty of our link players this season with her great passing game and game management skills. Lara often helped out the age group above us, which proved what a good Tag player she is. Thanks for a great year Lara.

Summer King: This is the third time I have had to say this, but Summer's season was also disrupted due to nagging injury, limiting her game time. When summer was playing, her contribution to the team was great, playing on the wing or one in, Summer often was involved in some good passing phases and defended well out wide too. I really hope for summer she sees a full season next year without injury. Thanks, Summer, for being such a team player and I hope all your injuries are a thing of the past.

U/14 (2) GLT

SPONSOR: Adriano Coluccio Funeral Services **Semi Finalists**

OFFICIALS:

Coach: Alexander Bont
Assistant Coach: Rodger Corser
Manager: Robyn Morrell
Trainer: Amber Kosnetter

AWARD WINNERS:

Best & Fairest: Sophia Morazzano
Most Consistent: Emma Cappelleri
Coaches Award: Cilla Corser

TEAM:

Sophia Morazzano, Emma Cappelleri, Cilla Corser, Asha Morrell, Ella Bogusz, Heidi Bont, Alexandra Harris, Elizabeth Kosnetter, Mia Harden, Charlize Gallard, Amelie Kaarma, Ella Landy, Yaz Nalbantoglu, Elly Dreis, Charlotte Barlow

REPORT:

Making the semi-finals is no small achievement, and it's a reflection of the effort, commitment, and heart that every single player has put into this season. This year we had a brand new team, with many players who had never played League Tag before. From the start, you trained hard and gave everything you had rain, hail, or shine. Even when the rain poured down, you still showed up ready to work.

Throughout the season, we faced challenges. There were tough games and even some questionable referee calls, but you never lost focus. You kept your heads up, stuck together, and played as a team.

And I have to mention something that still makes me smile. At the start of the season, our defence just wouldn't move. Honestly, it looked like your feet were stuck in concrete. I tried everything - videos, training drills, even bribing you with lollies, and nothing seemed to work. But in the final game of the season, it finally clicked. You moved up in defense, and it made me one very happy coach.

PLAYER PROFILES:

Asha Morrell: put in a huge effort this season and brought real energy to the team. Keep backing yourself with the ball in hand, because you've got the speed and determination to break through defenses'.

Beth Kosnetter: Always willing to give anything a go, Beth never shied away from a challenge and did everything I asked of her.

Harper Hines: Took some brilliant catches in the last game and was such a great addition to the team this season.

Charlotte Barlow: Strong in defense and a great tagger, always reliable at shutting down the opposition.

Amelie Kaarma: Scored a fantastic try this season and was constantly busy grabbing tags.

Ella Landy: Always fun and bubbly, bringing energy to the team, and she put in a lot of effort every week.

Elly Dreib: She has real league tag skills, never afraid to mix it up, and she worked so hard from the marker position.

Cilla Corser: At the start of the season she didn't even know what a fullback was, but she absolutely nailed the position. She saved more tries than I can count and even scored a few herself. Outstanding season.

Alex Harris: Worked tirelessly in the middle of the field and put so much effort into practicing her goal kicking.

Charlize Gallard: Surprised us all with her speed and probably enjoyed training more than anyone else—even though she claimed she didn't like it!

Yaz Nalbantoglu: Always made training fun and showed off the best jewellery collection on the team. Unfortunately, she found a creative way out of the semi-final by rolling her ankle just five minutes in.

Sophia Morazzano: A try-scoring machine. She could catch on the run, sprint the length of the field, and step through half the opposition team with ease.

Emma Cappelleri: Our captain, who not only led by example with her tries but also with some very colourful motivational speeches.

Ella Bogusz: Had a strong kick, brilliant tagging, and always gave 100%.

Heidi Bont: Scored long-range tries that were so good even the referee tried to disallow them. She was also fantastic in the marker role, tagging again and again.

Mia Harden: our most improved player of the year. She got better every single game and capped it off by scoring a try. A brilliant season for her.

U/15 GLT Gold

SPONSOR: Sporting Chance Cancer Foundation

OFFICIALS:

Coach: Brendan Hodge
Manager: Lissa Chisholm
Trainer: Adam New

AWARD WINNERS:

Best & Fairest: Kirrily Whitford
Most Consistent: Aleira Edwards
Coaches Award: Tahlia Comb

TEAM:

Alannah New, Aleira Edwards, Ava Gadallah, Calani Bates, Elisa O'Connell, Hope Robinson, Kirrily Whitford, Milla Hodge, Piper Forden, Roxy Burton, Sienna Bedwell, Stella Macnamara, Tahlia Comb, Tia Langelaar, Zara Ward

REPORT:

The girls kicked off the season with a mix of experienced and first-time players, but it didn't take long for everyone to gel and get off to a flying start. Strong attack saw some great wins early on, pushing the team up the ladder.

With the competition regrade, the girls were elevated into the Gold division — a real test of their defence and teamwork. Wins were harder to come by, but the effort, commitment and willingness to step up never wavered. Every game brought growth, and the girls walked away with new skills and plenty of grit.

Off the field, the team rallied just as hard. From meat raffles to A Grade BBQ duties and endless ticket selling, the girls worked tirelessly to fundraise for the Gymea Gorillas' traditional U15s end-of-season trip. Their teamwork went well beyond the field, proving the strength of their bond.

A huge thank you goes to our trainer Adam, and to our superstar manager and fundraising queen, Lissa - we couldn't have done it without you. To the parents, thank you for your unwavering support. And to the girls, while the season finished on a tough note, you should all be incredibly proud of the effort, resilience and spirit you showed.

We can't wait to see what you'll bring to next season!

PLAYER PROFILES:

Alannah New: Lani played on the wing with great energy and enthusiasm all season. Her quick feet and reliable tagging made her a solid part of our defence. Her constant smile and positive attitude brought joy to every game and made our team stronger just by being herself. Great season Lani.

Aleira Edwards: Aleira was a true all-rounder this season, showing her versatility by excelling at fullback, first receiver, and anywhere else she was needed. Her kicking game was top-notch, adding valuable metres and setting up plays with precision. Her explosive line breaks were a highlight in nearly every match. Great work Aleira.

Ava Gadallah: Ava's speed was a huge asset this season, she covered ground quickly and constantly kept the opposition under pressure. Her tagging was sharp and consistent. With the ball in hand, Ava was explosive, breaking through the line time and time again. She brought energy, pace, and impact to every game. Great work Ava.

Calani Bates: Calani was a strong presence on the wing, showing great skill in both attack and defence. She held her edge with confidence, shutting down opposition plays and making smart decisions with whoever was by her side. In attack, she used her speed and timing to break through and support her teammates. Great job this year!

Elisa O'Connell: Elisa may have spent time on the sideline this season due to injury, but when she hit the field, she made every moment count. Her determination, speed, and smart plays showed just how much she loves the game. Elisa came back stronger, proving that resilience and heart are just as important as skill. Nice job Elisa.

Hope Robinson: Hope was a game-changer this season. Her kicking was nothing short of incredible, kicking conversions from tough angles with ease and racking up points for the team makes her a valuable team player. Strong and accurate, Hope made an impact every time she stepped on the field. Well done!

Kirrily Whitford: Kirrily brought speed and strength to the middle, making her a key part of the team. Her quick footwork helped shut down opposition plays and create space for her own team. Always ready to take on a challenge, Kirrily held her ground in defence and made confident runs through the middle. Great season Kirrily!

Milla Hodge: Milla owned the dummy half role all season with grit and consistency. Her quick passes and sharp decision-making kept our attack flowing, and she was always ready to dive in and support the play. Calm under pressure and totally reliable, quietly doing the hard work that made everything else possible. Well done!

Piper Forden: Piper consistently showed up for her team with determination and a great attitude. She played her role with focus, always ready to support her teammates. She did her part every step of the way. Well done, Piper!

Roxy Burton: Roxy brought great energy to the team and gave a solid effort every time she hit the field. Whether chasing down tags or supporting her teammates, Roxy played with heart and always gave it her best. A strong contributor and a valued teammate. Great season Roxy!

Sienna Bedwell: Sienna's experience and game smarts made her an outstanding team leader this season. She always knew how to take control, and every time she got the ball, she made something happen. Her decision-making was spot on, and she consistently turned opportunities into points. Week after week, Sienna scored many tries proving just how dangerous she is with ball in hand. A true playmaker and a powerhouse performer!

Stella Macnamara: Stella brought serious pace to the field this season, turning defence into attack in the blink of an eye. Her speed and ability to break through the line made her a constant threat and kept the opposition guessing. She was able to make a big impact, both when defending and attacking. Great season this year Stella!

Tahlia Comb: Tahlia may have only played half the season due to injury, but her support never stopped. She showed up, cheered loud, and lifted team spirit every game. A true team player on and off the field. In the time she played she gave it her all at DH. Well done.

Tia Langelaar: At first receiver, she showed great control and vision, setting up plays and keeping the team moving forward. Her kicking on the last tackle was a real asset, helping the team gain metres as they kept putting pressure on the opposition. Good work Tia, another great season under the belt.

Zara Ward: Zara led with confidence and clarity, showing her strength as a team leader throughout the season. As first receiver, she read the game beautifully. Setting up plays and keeping the team moving forward was her specialty. Her smart ball work made a big impact every match. A true leader and playmaker, great job this year Zara!

U/18 GLT

SPONSOR: Nicholas Haywood Jewellery
Minor Premiers and Premiers

OFFICIALS:

Co-Coaches: Chris Brown, Warren Carney
Manager: Tammi Hodge
Trainers: Kylie Goodall-Holmes, Warren Carney

AWARD WINNERS:

Best & Fairest: Phoenix Green
Most Consistent: Tia Shanahan
Coaches Award: Lyla Gundry

TEAM:

Jade Murphy, Shanae Holmes, Madison Field, Madison Brown, Amelie Morrell, Phoenix Green, Riley Hodge, Tia Shanahan, Summer Gaddes, Ella Howland, Gracie Gardiner, Lyla Gundry, Blaze Carney, Natalia Kostakis

REPORT:

What a season! After years of being competitive and knocking on the door, the girls finally broke through to claim their first premiership in spectacular fashion. Going through the season undefeated as minor premiers set the stage perfectly for what was to come.

The grand final against Brighton Seagulls was the culmination of all their hard work throughout the year. A dominant 28-12 victory capped off the best season this team has ever recorded. The girls showed tremendous character and skill when it mattered most, delivering a premier performance on the biggest stage.

This championship season was built on the foundation of consistency, teamwork, and an unwavering belief that this was finally their year. The girls never gave up, followed instructions and always supported each other both on and off the field, creating an atmosphere where everyone could thrive.

Our season was fantastic from start to finish, with many games providing great entertainment through executing our structured set plays and game plan for our families and supporters to enjoy.

The best part of coaching this team was watching how all the girls developed into champions. Seeing them stick together, support each other, improve individually and as a team to finally achieve what they've been working toward for years was incredibly rewarding.

Having secured the premiership, the girls are now ready to take the next step up to Gold division for the 2026 season. This group has shown they can compete at the highest level and we're excited to see how they handle the new challenge.

To Chris, Kylie & Tammi - thanks so much for an outstanding and very memorable season! Your dedication and organisation throughout the year was exceptional. I do appreciate everything you have done for all the girls, their families and for me as a rookie league tag coach.

Also, a big thank you to all our parents and families for your continued support - it doesn't go unnoticed, thank you.

Go the Mighty Gorillas!

PLAYER PROFILES:

Jade Murphy: Jade has been the heart and soul of this team for many years, consistently outperforming the opposition each week with her damaging runs. Her contributions on and off the field were instrumental in finally delivering the club this long awaited championship. Congratulations Jade.

Shanae Holmes: Shanae was outstanding all season, bringing her trademark physicality, speed and determination to every game. Her ability to break the line and create opportunities was crucial in our premiership success. A true competitor who gave everything for the team. Thanks Shanae.

Madison Field: Madi is one of our longest standing players who ticked over season number nine this year. I appreciated her most for stepping up in every big moment and playing some of her best football when it mattered most. Her enthusiasm and team spirit made her a joy to coach. "Those who walked before us.. would be proud" Well done Madi!

Madison Brown: Madison showed incredible commitment throughout the championship season, always willing to do the tough work that doesn't always get noticed. Her dedication to training (first every time) and bringing her never-say-die attitude broke many teams with a try from dummy half. Your ability to strike when the time was right is exactly what our premiership team was all about. Thanks Madi.

Amelie Morrell: Amelie brought energy and excitement to our games when we needed it the most. Her willingness to learn and adapt her game style made her an invaluable member of our championship squad. It was fantastic having you as part of this historic season, Amelie.

Phoenix Green: Phoenix was simply exceptional all year, earning herself our Best & Fairest award through consistently dominant performances. Her speed, evasive skills, determined leadership and football IP made her virtually unstoppable. A deserving champion and a key reason we achieved premiership success. Congratulations Phoenix!

Riley Hodge: Riley was a powerhouse for us all season, using her natural ballplaying skills out wide to devastating effect. When the ball was in her hands, something special usually happened and resulting in a try assist. Her contribution to our undefeated season was immense, and I'm certain Riley will unleash those natural talents furthermore in 2026. Excellent work Riley.

Tia Shanahan: Tia's leadership and competitive spirit drove the team to new heights this championship year. Her work ethic at training and 100% commitment on game day set the standard for everyone else and drove us to victory. A worthy recipient of the Most Consistent Award in this premiership side. Congratulations Tia!

Summer Gaddes: Summer was a constant threat with the ball, scoring some spectacular tries throughout our premiership year. Her strength for the team came by way of positive communication towards the team each game. Her "never-give-up" attitude made Summer a nightmare for opposition defences, which had her leading our try scoring for most of the season. Outstanding season Summer.

Ella Howland: Ella stepped up magnificently in her role this season, showing great improvement and commitment to the team's success in her Rookie season. Her positive attitude and willingness to take on any challenge made her an essential part of our championship victory. Great work Ella.

Gracie Gardiner: Gracie's first year season was embedded with tremendous enthusiasm and natural skill that complimented the entire team all year. Her defensive efforts, fullback positional play and overall support play were crucial elements in our undefeated run to the title. A pleasure to coach and a valued member of our premiership team. Thanks G.

Lyla Gundry: Lyla's rookie season was full of countless, and very significant contributions throughout our championship season. Her consistent performances and team-first attitude made Lyla one player every coach looks for in a winning season. Her improvement over the year was remarkable and her commitment never wavered. A well-deserved recipient of the Coaches Award. Well done on a fantastic season Lyla!

Blaze Carney: Blaze was a dynamic force throughout the entire premiership season, bringing her fearless speed and excitement every time she touched the ball. Her ability to create something from nothing added a special dimension to our attacking play off the back of her signature "straight and hard" that worked well for her and our entire team to play off the back of. Excellent rookie season with 3 tries and well-deserved Player of the match in the Grand Final. Awesome Blaze.

Natalia Kostakis: Nat was another first year player, who showed great dedication and improvement throughout our championship campaign. Her willingness to learn helped her confidently contribute wherever needed that made her a valuable team member. It was great watching you develop during this historic season. Thanks Nat.





GORILLAS



GORILLAS



GORILLAS

2025 SENIORS TEAM REPORTS

Open Women's LT
SPONSOR: Gymea Physio Focus
Finalist

OFFICIALS:

Coach: Kieran Moore
Manager: Hayley Bannister
Trainer: Tyson Wade

AWARD WINNERS:

Best Forward: Gemma Doyle
Best back: Tiana Thomas
Coaches Award: Bianca DeLuca

TEAM:

Tiana Thomas, Jasmine Malenica, Abbey Barron, Alieesha Cohan, Bianca DeLuca, Brodie Schreuder, Elle Mercer, Tess Corbett, Madi Doyle, Gemma Doyle, Hayley Bannister, Caity Douglass, Jade Keenan, Chelsea Solomon, Tayla Moore, Justine McGrath

REPORT:

What an incredible first season it's been for our newly formed Open Women's League Tag team. To finish 3rd in the competition in our debut year is a remarkable achievement, we were just piped at the final game to play in the grand final.

As a new coach coming into the team, I couldn't have asked for a better group of women to work with. From day one, everyone bought into what wanted to build, teamwork, respect, and effort. Despite starting the season as a team of mostly new players and friends we quickly developed great chemistry both on and off the field.

Throughout the year, the team showed outstanding speed, skill, and smart play to beat many teams and compete against the top teams. Our defence tightened, our attack became more fluid, and the energy at every training session was fantastic. Even in challenging games the girls gave it their all.

I want to thank every player for their commitment and willingness to learn, you made my first year as coach an enjoyable and rewarding experience.

We've built a strong foundation this year, and with the talent and drive in this squad, the future looks very bright for this team.

Well done, ladies — what a first season, bring on the 2026.

PLAYER PROFILES:

Tiana Thomas - Our Captain for the season, a standout competitor with great speed and determination. Always reliable in both attack and defence and led by example each week.

Jasmine Malenica - Continued to develop her skills throughout the season and showed steady improvement each week. Always willing to learn and contribute to the team effort, and brought a positive attitude to training and game day.

Abbey Barron - One of the team's most consistent performers. Solid defence and strong runs made her a key contributor all season.

Alieesha Cohan - Brought energy and enthusiasm to every game. Always positive and a great support to those around her.

Bianca DeLuca - A strong defensive player with great awareness. Her tagging and positional play were crucial in tight matches.

Brodie Schreuder - Tough and reliable, never took a backward step. Set the tone defensively and worked hard every game.

Elle Mercer - Excellent communicator and organiser on the field. Always dependable and played a big role in keeping the team structure solid.

Tess Corbett - Showed great pace and attacking flair. Consistently created opportunities and was a threat every time she had the ball.

Madí Doyle - Smart player with great decision-making. Her calm approach and teamwork made a real difference throughout the season.

Gemma Doyle - Brought great leadership and game sense to the team. Always led from the front and lifted those around her.

Hayley Bannister - Consistent performer with a strong work ethic. Always gave her best and could be relied on in any situation.

Caity Douglass - Great attitude and willingness to learn. Improved every week and played a key role in building the team's momentum.

Jade Keenan - Powerful in both attack and defence. Always brought intensity and made her presence known on the field.

Chelsea Solomon - Talented and composed, with great ball skills. Read the game well and contributed to several key plays this season.

Tayla Moore - Energetic and versatile. Always brought enthusiasm to training and game day, lifting the team's spirit.

Justine McGrath - Dedicated and dependable. A team-first player who gave consistent effort and support every single week.

LT-Over 30 (1)
SPONSOR: MG Pools

OFFICIALS:

Coach: Grant Oldroyd
Manager: Kylie Oldroyd
Trainer: James Bowman
Trainer: Josh Crossan
Trainer: Brendan Hardy
Level 1: Kelly Borg

AWARD WINNERS:

Best & Fairest: Kellee Purcell
Most Consistent: Hayley Newton
Coaches Award: Jess Mailey

TEAM:

Kellee Purcell, Lisa Ciccia, Ally Conwell, Nicole Delios, Laura Dolos, Amanda Grayson, Sam Hardy, Robyn Lowe, Kirsten Lucas, Jess Mailey, Lisa Pushkin, Chantelle Robertson, Lizzie Marshall, Isabel Henrick, Hayley Newton, Jamie Davies, Lina Bovoro, Laura Cucca.

REPORT:

As the 2025 season wraps up, I've taken some time to reflect on what has been another incredibly rewarding and memorable year. Coming off the back of our successful 2024 campaign, expectations were high and rightly so. With a full season of experience behind us, I had a clear vision of what I wanted to achieve with this group. We knew the standard. We understood the intensity required. And we entered this season better prepared and more determined than ever.

We also welcomed six new players into the squad this year. Each of you brought something fresh to the team whether it was skill, energy, or attitude and your contribution helped lift the group both on and off the field.

We couldn't have asked for a better start. In our opening game, we took down Kurnell (1) the same team we eliminated in last year's semi-final. That win immediately set the tone for our campaign and sparked real belief in what we could achieve this season.

But with success came pressure. It quickly became clear we had a target on our backs. Every team lifted when they played us, and most games turned into gritty, low-scoring battles. We scraped through several close wins games that weren't always pretty, but they built the resilience and toughness we'd need when the finals rolled around.

Throughout the year, we made a lot of positional changes as I worked to find the right combinations. It wasn't always easy, and I want to acknowledge everyone's patience and

willingness to adapt. There were some tough conversations along the way, but they came from a place of honesty and a shared goal: to improve and to compete at the highest level.

And as we look ahead, I want to make one thing very clear. Work hard in the off-season and we start 2026 with a clean slate.

That mindset is what will keep us hungry, sharp, and competitive.

We finished the regular season 3rd overall, a strong result in a competition that had clearly stepped up in both skill and intensity.

In the semi-final, we again came up against Kurnell (1), and once again, we got the job done. It was another strong and composed performance under pressure, booking our place in the major semi-final against a well-drilled, experienced De La Salle side.

We came out firing, scoring two of our best tries of the year. Our start was electric. But credit to De La they clawed their way back into the game and eventually edged us out 16-10. A tough loss, but one that showed just how far we've come.

What we've built here goes beyond results. It's about culture, commitment, and character.

You turned up to training every Wednesday. You showed up with heart every Saturday. And more importantly you played for each other.

This season, there were moments where your support for one another shone through not just as teammates, but as people. That's why we call it Our Village. We're more than a team. We're a family. And that spirit is something truly special.

You gave me everything and I'm so proud of what we've created together. A big mention to my coaching staff. Jo Hardy, thank you for your efforts managing our team, sitting on the sidelines scoring. We loved having you there. My wife Kylie Oldroyd, thank you for just being a good listener, listening to my rants throughout the season and helping with managing. James Bowman and Josh Crossan, I couldn't ask for more committed guys to assist. You both want the best for the team, you both bring so much experience, passion and enthusiasm. Brendon Hardy, filled in on several occasions, again like Josh and James copped a barrage of verbal instructions from me, yelling orders to relay to the ladies. Our Blue Shirt Kelly Borg, Thank you so much for your help. Geez I love coaching!

I'll finish with this.... We now have strong foundations. We're no longer the "new team." "We're contenders."

I said this last year, and I'll say it again: We have unfinished business. And now, more than ever, I know that's true.

Enjoy the off-season. Rest, recover, and come back ready to build something even greater.

Grant Oldroyd - Coach

PLAYER PROFILES:

Kellee Purcell - Captain: Our fearless leader who set the tone all season. Kellee started in the halves, shifted into a ball-playing forward, and then nailed her role at fullback. Kellee's one-on-one cover defense was top-tier—massive body checks followed by clean double tag removals. In attack, she was just as deadly, with powerful runs and some epic length-of-the-field tries. Unreal season, Kell. You led from the front with heart and intensity. Well done Cap!

Lisa Ciccia - Captain: Lisa had an outstanding season, and her hard work on fitness truly paid off. With a clever football brain, she expertly steered the ship in the big games and was the backbone of our team. Played in the halves all season. Everyone knows your ball tricks—and you kept delivering when it counted. You are the most passionate player in the comp! Uplifting and motivating the players through her Captain role. At times you and I clashed because we are always very open, raw and honest with each other, but as the Captain, I wouldn't have it any other way. Well done, boss!

Jess Mailey - Vice Captain: New to the leadership group and an instant impact. Jess gives nothing less than 200%—a true competitor, always chasing improvement and asking the right questions. She made the dummy-half role her own before stepping up into the halves. Coaches love players like you, Jess. Congrats on a brilliant season.

Hayley Newton: A new recruit who made an instant impact. Hayley brought strength, energy, and serious presence to our right-side defense, locking down the centre spot with powerful runs and relentless effort. Your growth this season was huge adding a long-range kicking game and constant voice on the field. A massive asset to the team! Undoubtedly the best Smith in the club!

Jamie Davis: A new recruit who made a serious impact in her debut season. Thrown into the deep end as a potential half, Jamie showed massive growth and adaptability. Your work rate in the middle was outstanding, and when the team needed it most, you stepped up—playing full games as a ball-playing forward with no subs. Easily one of our best this year! Grant Davies who? with Jamie the new player around.

Sam Hardy: Our raging bull—and one of the toughest, most wholehearted players in the squad. Sam brings intensity every time she takes the field and only knows one speed: 100 miles an hour. Mid-season, we trialled her at dummy-half—and she smashed it. But beyond the power and energy, it's your big heart and commitment to the team that really stands out. Can't wait to see what next season holds. Well done, Sam!

Laura Dolos: Laura returned for her second year, and wow, did she grow and improve as a player this season. Her dedication to fitness and training was truly outstanding—she gave 100% commitment to the team from start to finish. As a strong forward, Laura's confidence continued to grow, and she consistently applied what she learned in training to her game. Her hard work and reliability made her an essential part of the team's efforts every week. Congrats on a huge season!

Robyn Lowe: Returning this season, Robyn brought toughness, skill, and a positive attitude to her forward role. She never shied away from a challenge and grew in confidence week by week. Even when I had my spies out looking for players who might've been at the Vinyl Room nightclub the night before a game, Rob always gave it her best. Rob works hard, plays hard! A selfless and supportive teammate. That big carry towards Como's left edge was one of the season's highlights. That was awesome!

Chantelle Robertson: When I think of Chantelle, words like tough, strong, and mentally resilient come to mind. She thrived in the physical battles, never backing down from a challenge. Her presence gave the team confidence, especially in tough moments. A powerful, hard-running player, Chantelle excelled both as a forward, in the centres and on the wing. No matter the position, she gave 100% every time. Well done!

Ally Conwell: Ally is an excitement machine! With hips that could manoeuvre through a train station turnstile, she brings flair and unpredictability to every play. Our returning fullback, her cover defense is second to none. We trialled her in the halves this season, and with more game experience and focused training, she's shaping up as a strong candidate for a halves role in 2026. Another huge season, Ally—always a spark in our side!

Amanda Grayson: Amanda had an unreal season. With her experience and calm presence, she's every bit a future captain in 2026. Asked to step into the halves, she adapted quickly committing to learning and excelling in the role. Amanda's a true all-rounder: strong runner, rock-solid defender, and a team-first player who always puts the group ahead of herself. Can't wait to see what next season brings!

Isabel Henrick: A new recruit and our geezer from the motherland—Isabel was a breath of fresh air all season. In just her second game, she made 4 consecutive tags with relentless effort that never dipped. Her weaving running style is among the best in the game, and she quickly earned her spot on the wing. Simply awesome to watch. Please come back next year, Izzy—we love you!

Lisa Pushkin: Holy hell, is there anything more majestic than watching Lisa Pushkin streak down the sideline with those long strides? We were lucky to witness it—whether it was her game-winning try against Kurnell or the electrifying effort in the major semi-final against De La. Our resident winger and tall timber, all heart—Lisa is simply the best.

Kirsten Lucas: The "Countess" of our team—a title fitting for someone with your grace and poise. Kirsten, you embody what it means to be a true team player: happy to slot in wherever needed and always putting the team first. You played a huge role in our success, dominating as a powerful forward and a reliable, strong winger. Great season, Kirsten—you're a pleasure to coach!

Lina Bovoro: Tagged as the next best thing to come out of the Fijian islands, Lina joined mid-season and instantly became everyone's best mate. In her debut year with the Gorillas, she picked up the game quickly and made an impact as both a powerful forward and a reliable winger. Well done on a great first season, Lina—Bula!

Lizzie Marshall: Another geezer and new recruit, Lizzie was thrown into the deep end with minimal game experience—but her growth was massive, and the potential she showed could take her anywhere. She held the unfortunate title of not one, but two season-ending finger injuries. Still, Lizzie proved she's tough as they come—returning after the first break with determination, only to suffer another. Mate... what a season. One to remember!

Laura Cucca: A new recruit and my weapon of mass destruction. Unfortunately, injuries kept Laura sidelined for parts of the season—but when she was fit, it was like taking the sports car out for a spin. And wow, can she play. Coming off the bench to cover multiple positions, Laura made a huge impact—starting in the halves in the major semi-final and showing off every bit of the skill I knew she had. With a strong touch footy background and a bag full of game smarts, she delivered when it counted. Well done, Laura!

Nicole Delios: One of my unofficial leaders, Nicole sets high standards and is often her own toughest critic. A true Gymea girl through and through, she plays purely for the love of the game. Starting out as one of our most reliable wingers, she transitioned into a more dynamic, running role with a freestyle attacking style. Defensively, she's always first up in the line—tough as they come, with a bit of fire to match. Took a big knock against Kurnell, lip bleeding... Nicole just shrugged it off—play on! Well done, Nicole. You're an absolute pleasure to coach



LT-Over 30 (2)
SPONSOR: Ray White Sutherland
Minor Premiers and Premiers

OFFICIALS:

Coach: Kate Andrews
Manager: Donna Barlow
Trainer: Kelly Borg

AWARD WINNERS:

Best & Fairest: Vanessa Fitzgerald
Most Consistent: Lisa Newbould
Coaches Award: Maureen McDonnell

TEAM:

Bethany Reis, Carly Bartlett, Georgia Black, Nicole Brown, Jess Cannon, Vanessa Fitzgerald, Amy Habojan, Amy Helm, Neridah Hill, Corinne Hoffman, Mel Mangan, Lisa Newbould, Rachel Watson, Bec Turner, Dannie Chesterfield, Kelly Stewart, Kristie Morton, Maurenn McDonnell, Kelly Barbuto

REPORT:

What a year for Gymea 2!

2025 champions. Don't ask us how — some say it was fitness, some say it was skill, but we know it was really powered by sideline banter, questionable warm-ups, and the kind of team spirit that only comes from friends who've known each other a long time.

From the first whistle of the season, it was clear that we weren't just out there to win games (although we didn't mind doing a bit of that too). What mattered most was moving our bodies, earning the beer after, and proving to ourselves — and our kids watching on — that women's sport is not only alive and kicking, it's thriving.

There were plenty of highlights:

- The defence: tighter than our hamstrings on a Monday morning.
- The attack: sometimes slick, sometimes improvised, always entertaining.
- The laughs: way too many to count, mostly at our own expense.

But beyond the tries, tags, and triumphs, the best part has been the togetherness. We showed up for each other on and off the field, celebrated the little moments, and reminded ourselves that sport isn't just about results — it's about connection, fun, (beer) and setting the kind of example we'd want our daughters (and sons) to see.

So here's to the 2025 season:

- To the bruises, the belly laughs, and the bond we share.
- To proving that you're never too busy, too old, or too tired to run around with your mates.
- And to the Gymea 2 girls — champions on the field, legends off it.



GORILLAS

Over 35 (1) Mens LT

SPONSOR: St George Motor Boat Club

Grand Finalists

OFFICIALS:

Manager: Donna Barlow
Trainer: Kylie Goodall-Holmes, Chad Barbuto

AWARD WINNERS:

Best & Fairest: Michael Black.
Most Consistent: Dean Feros
Players' Player: Adam Johnson

TEAM:

Rod Silva, Beaudie Cullen, Adam Mcgrouthier, Bassim Merhi, Anthony Walker, Christopher Brown, Mostapha Kourouche, Scott Odell, Jason Russell, Adam Johnson, Justin Brown, Dean Feros, Adam O'Leary, Stuart Sweeney, Scott Wilson, Paul Glossop, Patrick Reavey, David Battersby, Joel Tresoriero, Michael Black, Jeffrey Morgan, Nicholas Barlow, Joshua Murphy

REPORT:

Well folks, the boots are hung up, the tags are tangled in the wash, and the season's officially in the rearview. The Gymea Over 35's (1's) gave it a red-hot crack this year — a mix of bruises, beers (except Tex), and a whole lotta heart.

Shoutouts

- Donna, our manager - part-time logistics wizard, full-time legend. Kept the team ticking like a Swiss watch. You're the real MVP.
- Charlie, the team organiser - wrangled the chaos like a rodeo clown with a clipboard. If there's a bloke who can herd cats, it's him.
- Rocket - our skipper and guiding voice throughout the season. His speeches before each game weren't just words — they were fuel. He inspired the boys to lift, to dig deep, and to play for each other. A true leader on and off the field.
- Also Kylie- Our step in Blue shirt that we always appreciate thanks so much!

Fresh Faces

We had a few new recruits this season, and they brought some much-needed spark:

- Stewart Sweeney - has been to more clubs than a toolie at schoolies week, but finally found a home with the Silverbacks. Still as lightning quick as he was 20 years ago and still good for a cheeky post-match yarn.
- Joel Tresorio - sharp, fast, and didn't miss a beat. Slotted in like he'd been here for years.
- Josh Murphy - quiet off the field, loud on it. Played like a bloke who's been tagging since the Dreamtime. Solid as a rock.
- Paul Glossop - Rocked up this season and slotted in smoother than a thong on a summer's day — sharp, switched on, and already throwing shapes like he's been tagging for years.

Veteran Vibes

- Odell - 8 seasons deep and still spinning like a Woolies rotisserie chook. Defenders still get dizzy just watching him.
- Tex - also in his 8th season and still hasn't shouted a beer. Mate, we're starting to think you're sponsored by tight wallets anonymous.

Injury Toll

The injury list looked like a footy club reunion at the physio:

- O'Leary tore his hammy in the most unlucky fashion — mid-run, mid-glory, mid-heartbreak.
- Adam Macgrouther had a hammy so dodgy it should've come with a warning label.
- John clocked up his 850th hammy injury — mate's got more elastic in his legs than a pair of Bonds undies.
- Tex took a knock to the ribs and spent a few weeks sounding like he'd swallowed a harmonica.
- Preavey battled a knee that creaked louder than a rusty screen door in a southerly.
- And Beaudie... well, Beaudie's got dodgy everything. Shoulders, knees, ankles — you name it. He's officially the Six Million Dollar Man, rebuilt weekly and still charging into tackles like a bloke half his age.

Transfer Shenanigans

Habo still hasn't paid the transfer fee for Ozzy. We're not saying it's dodgy, but we've seen smoother deals in Bali markets.

Season Wobbles

Dropped a few games in the regular season — uncharacteristic, like seeing a young tradie without a dodgy haircut. But we bounced back, dusted off the cobwebs, and found our groove.

Finals Fever

We made it to the Grand Final, (7th in a row) which in itself is a bloody good effort. Unfortunately, we ran into a younger, fitter, and slightly terrifying baby gorilla side. They had legs for days and lungs to match. We gave it our all, but they got the chocolates.

Massive Congrats to them!

Gymea still will be proudly Listed on that Trophy Lets fill it up Guys!

From here on out, we proudly wear the name Silverbacks. Older, wiser, and still able to throw a cheeky dummy and a few elbows (accidentally, of course).

Awards Night Legends

- Players' Player - Adam Johnson. Voted by the crew, respected by all. True legend.
- Best & Fairest - Michael Black. Played with the kind of discipline that'd make a school principal proud, and still managed to rattle a few cages. Fair on the field, cheeky off it — if consistency had a mascot, it'd be wearing Black's boots.
- Most Consistent - Dean Feros. You could set your watch to his performance. Rock solid every week.

Final Thoughts

We may not have lifted the trophy, but we lifted each other. The banter, the bruises, the beers (except Tex), and the brotherhood - that's what it's all about.

Here's to next season, Less spins, fewer injuries, and maybe - just maybe - a beer from Tex.

Up the Silverbacks!

Over 35 (2) Mens LT

SPONSOR: John R Turk, Emora. Habcorp Builders

Undefeated Minor Premiers and Premiers

OFFICIALS:

Coach: Kieran Moore // Matt Habojan
Manager: Matt Harvey
Trainer: Wesley Keeley

AWARD WINNERS:

Best Forward: Grant Smith
Best back: Matt Osmand
Coaches Award: Josh Dixon

TEAM:

Matt Habojan, Mark Brenton, Mitchell Moore, Matt Dagga, Dan McDonogh, Grant Smith, Chris Jessop, Luke Kemp, Matt Laison, Tony Caine, Jess Caine, Nick Laison, Matt Osmand, Daniel Rehmie, Ryan Smith, Warrick Oates, Andy Lee, Bryce Forrest, David Stubbs, James Conolon, Josh Dixon, Luke Haplin, Matt Lehmann, Matt Stubbs, Mick Lee's, Mitch Dean, Tom Wilson,

REPORT:

What a season, lads undefeated premiers! The Men's Over 35s Team 2 proved once again that age, experience, and a healthy disrespect for stretching can still get results.

From Round 1, the boys showed that skill, strategy, and selective sprinting were all you really need to dominate the comp. Defence was solid, attack was slick, and the sideline banter was world-class. The only thing stronger than our teamwork was the collective groan every Monday morning.

Special mention goes to the team fitness program, or lack thereof, which remained unofficially cancelled all season. That was until Matt Habbo decided, in the week of the grand final, that training was suddenly a great idea. After eleven rounds of "strategic rest," Matt's late burst of motivation inspired absolutely no one, but somehow... it worked.

A huge thank you to the Caine brothers, whose sideline commentary and "expert analysis" kept everyone entertained all year. Between their play-by-play breakdowns, mock referee calls, and questionable post-game insights, the comedy value alone was worth the price of admission.

Now, on to the serious business, the kicking situation. After a season full of shanks, slices, and conversions that ended up closer to the canteen than the posts, it's fair to say that almost everyone has lost their kicking licence. Trials will be held next season, and applications are open, though based on current form, we may have to start recruiting from the netball courts.

Through it all, the team stayed unbeaten, laughed harder than anyone else in the comp, and reminded everyone that over 35s footy is about mateship, smart play, and a few dodgy knees.

To the players, supporters, and patient partners who put up with the stiff walks, loud stories, and post-game "recovery sessions", thank you. You're all part of what made this season so special.

Congratulations, gents – undefeated, unbroken, and still unfit. A perfect season.

PLAYER PROFILES:

Matt Habojan - Trained once all year (the week of the grand final) and now claims it was the key to our undefeated season.

Mark Brenton - The quiet achiever... until the whistle blows. Then it's all yelling, pointing, and "tactical advice."

Mitchell Moore - Still waiting for his "Player of the Match" voucher from Round 2. Might also still be waiting for his lungs to come back.

Matt Dagga - Brought the energy for one game then never returned, the chat, and a solid 30% accuracy rate on tagging attempts.

Dan McDonogh - Reckons he's retired every second week. Still shows up. Still plays 40 minutes straight.

Grant Smith - The fitness freak of the group — which isn't saying much, but someone had to stretch before the game.

Chris Jessop - King of the "strategic jog." Has perfected looking busy without breaking a sweat.

Luke Kemp - Always good for a big play — or a big story about one from 15 years ago.

Matt Lainson - The man with a plan... that no one else can understand, but somehow it works.

Tony Caine - Provided more sideline commentary than actual game time. Should probably have his own podcast.

Jess Caine - The only bloke who can argue a referee call from 40 metres away and somehow win.

Nick Lainson - The reliable one — until there's a kick involved. Then it's anyone's guess.

Matt Osmand - Specialist in "game management," also known as standing where the ball isn't.

Daniel Rehmie - Known affectionately as "Wild Oats" — partly for his unpredictable runs, mostly for the size of the backside powering them. Turns like a truck, but somehow still gets there (eventually).

Ryan Smith - Always there for support — on and off the field — mostly off.

Warrick Oates - The team's tackling machine... if tagging counts as tackling and you do it after they score.

Andy Lee - Still insisting that his "missed tag" was actually a tactical fake. No one's buying it.

Bryce Forrest - Known for his silky skills and world-class ability to forget the set count.

David Stubbs - Brings calm, control, and at least one dad joke per half.

James Conolon - Couldn't be stopped all year — mainly because no one could catch him to tag him.

Josh Dixon - Manages to be in the right place at the right time... purely by accident.

Luke Haplin - The vocal leader on the field. Sometimes about footy, sometimes about dinner plans.

Matt Lehmann - Expert in post-try celebrations. The fitness recovery period afterwards is still ongoing.

Matt Stubbs - The only bloke who argues with himself about referee decisions — and still loses.

Mick Lee's - Always turns up ready for anything — except running.

Mitch Dean - Brings passion, enthusiasm, and a full commitment to not remembering any set plays.

Tom Wilson - The bloke you want beside you in a game — or a pub. Preferably both.

Emerging Cup
SPONSOR: Goodbuddy, Gymea Hotel
Finalists

OFFICIALS

Coach: Lachlan Coffey
Manager: Josh Yule
Trainers: Darren Stephens

AWARD WINNERS:

Best Back: Tom Stephens
Best Forward: Jed Loader
Players player: Pheonix Wiggins-Payne

TEAM:

Thomas Stephens, Hayden Graham, Kya Laffan, Riley Sykes, Nathan Riley, Ethan Gallagher, Lochi Mcmartin-Catlett, Sax Withers, Mick Forster, Pheonix Wiggins-Payne, Jed Loader, Chris Christodoulou Ⓜ, Mitch Langley, Jude Wriggley, Jay McLaughlin, Anthony De Frenza, Kobi Mcmartin-Catlett, Sandy Hartley, Jack West, Jae Lloyd, Alex Locker, Frederick Perfrement, Hayden Louka, Connor Mackay, Jackson Barker-Ash, Jai Barling

REPORT:

Firstly, I'd like to thank the committee and all the volunteers for their ongoing support, and all the behind the scenes work they do for this great club, without them there would be no club.

To Bubby, Paul, Jacko, Rick, Smithy, Mike, Jason and Ozza thank you for all your support and hard work throughout the year, the senior squad wouldn't be what it is without you guys. Congratulations to Bubby, Paul and the first grade on your victory, it will no doubt go down as one of the greatest of all time. It has been great coming back down to coach again after having a few years off, thanks to Bubby for getting me back, Enjoyed every second with this squad.

We started the year off with everyone fit and well and were struggling to name a team each week as we had so many to choose from. As we got towards the middle of the year senior footy started to show why having a large squad is the way to go. From the start of the year we went from having to leave people out completely for games then by the end to having to borrow from 2nd grade and also the 17s. We were lucky enough to get through that period and by the time finals came we were back at full strength. A lot of this team had come off back to back GF wins so it was shaping up as a big finals series, we finished in 4th after the regular season and we definitely had the team for the boys to go and do it again. We ended up falling one game short in the prelim final but overall the boys gave it their all and we couldn't be more proud of their efforts. We could sit back and say what if a few things went our way at few key moments during the year but sometimes that's just how it goes. Hopefully this has the boys wanting to go again and we can try and go that one step further next year.

To my right hand man Joshua AKA chuckles, I asked you late last year if you wanted to help out and you jumped straight at the opportunity, I can't thank you enough for your efforts this year. I wouldn't have been able to do it without your help, you made sure things ran smooth from lineups through to kickoff. We didn't end up hating each other by the end so it looks like we did an alright job and have a few good years of coaching together ahead of us. One more win and who knows what could have happened. Thanks again for the year mate.

Darren you really don't know how much me and chuckles appreciate what you did for us this year. Getting that blue shirt course done in the back parts of Penrith 5 or 6 rounds in to the competition was a game changer for us and we couldn't be more thankful. You were a massive part of this team and were actually there more weekends than me and chuckles. Very early days but I'd love to have you on again next year and do it all again. Thanks again mate

Also a few other mentions to people that helped us throughout the year who ran water, sat on the table and even filled in to coach the team as chucks and myself were away. A big thank you to Lewis Budd, James Budd, Reece Mawson, Corey Willis, Rhys Schreuder and also my father Steven. Thank you for all your help this year no matter what we asked it was always done without a second thought

To the boys, I just want to say thank you for an unreal year. I know it wasn't the result we had set out for at the start of the year but that's footy. It's been a roller coaster of a year, injuries and so on but no matter what you guys kept turning up week in week out to training and to games no matter what, you made our life a nightmare trying to pick a squad every week. Lets go again next year and go that one step further

A special mention to the guys that filled in and helped us out this year, Xav, Kitty and Riley, the boys and I appreciate you guys filling in when you could.

I've loved coming back and coaching these boys, some again and some I've never met. It has been unreal coaching a group like them, and I am even more excited to come back next year and do it all over again.

PLAYER PROFILES:

Tom Stephans: A brick wall at the back, if he wasn't scoring tries he was saving them. Was a massive part of the team this year. Been a pleasure to coach this guy again

Hayden Graham: Loves getting white line fever (talking about the sideline). Was moved from winger and centre all year and did his job everytime. Was great to have a guy like this to fill the gaps where needed and also have an impact each week.

Kya Laffan: First year back playing after a few years off. Didn't look out of place, when he was on the field this guy tightened up our defense from the centres. A lot of potential and hope he goes again next year. FYI mate mid season bali trips can really hurt the lungs.

Nathan Riley: Sent to us after round 2 and aren't we glad that happened. Without this guys speed and finishing we might not have gone as good as we did. Unreal year mate.

Reily Sykes: Also sent to us a few rounds in and made us even better. This guy is a real good footy player (if he would turn up to training). Again this guys speed and finishing got us through the year. Hopefully coming back next year.

Ethan Gallagher: New position, new ball. Hadn't met this guy before and didn't know where to play him. Gave him the 6 jersey and he took it personally and became a big talker and leader. Really started to find his legs towards the back end of the season. Helped me a lot this year.

Lochi McMartin Catlett: This guy has helped me throughout the year a lot more than he thinks. All the chats after training about game plans figuring out what to do to the opposition, been unreal coaching you again and looking forward to the next time. The heart and sole of this team, future A grade captain.

Sax Withers: New to the team and club. Came a fair few rounds in and glad he did. Wasn't sure what position to play him at the start but his run it straight mentality got him the starting front row spot that he never let go of. Always on time and ready to go.

Mick Forster: New to the team and club. Played him as a hooker all year, didn't know this guy was a half back until he spoke up, helped out the team massively coming into finals. Always wanting to improve his game. Thanks for the year.

Phoenix Wiggins Payne: Talk about playing above your weight, especially in the front row. First year of senior football and did not look out of place, congratulations on a cracking first year. Thank god we got your lifetime ban lifted from 5sports.

Jed Loader: Lucky this blokes dad didn't listen to me back in the 15s when I said maybe football wasn't for him. Was huge for us this year and teams didn't know what to do when they saw him coming. Big future at this club.

Chris Christodoulou: Skipper this year, always put the team first, have been a big help throughout the whole year. Will be apart of the most feared back row combo in years to come, thanks for everything mate

Mitch Langley: New to the team and club, loved every minute of it, brought into what this club is about and is now a Gymea boy and hopefully hear to stay at the G. Lets keep that head away from the contact though mate.

Jude Wrigley: Mr. fix it, really cant describe how good it is when you have a player like this. Only thing was that his versatility was his own detriment. Played nearly every position for this team from front row to winger. This guy never complained and just wanted to be out there. Harry Potter would be proud.

Jay McLaughlin: Mitch Aubusson would be proud of this bloke, played any positions we asked him to, injured though the middle of the season come back in just time for semis, thanks for the year.

Anthony De Frenza: Few injuries this year for the big Marn, but did his job throughout the year, hope those stiches have healed mate, will be back bigger and better next year.

Kobi McMartin Catlett: Few little injuries this year but found his form in the back half of the year to win the 3 way hooker roll, thanks for the year.

Sandy Hartley: The day this kid learns to run at spaces not faces he will be better off. A full year on the field will show how good this guy is. Thanks for the year mate, played above his weight.

Jack West: New to the team and club, injured 2 games in and came back just before finals. No injuries and a full season this guy can do some damage. Come back bigger and stronger next year, Thanks for the year

Jae Lloyd: Mr 200, massive achievement, played big part In this side. Can talk on and off the field, big year next year for this guy. thanks for the year

Alex Locker: The Hayne plane as he like to be called, hamstrings like him to. thanks for the year mate.

Jai Barling: This kid took the words break a leg out there to a new level. Barlo was a main figure in this team till he suffered a badly broken leg. Hopefully good to go for 2026 because the boys missed him in the back end of the year. Will come back bigger and stronger.

Haydon Louka: New to the team and club,. Been a pleasure to coach this guy always asking how to get better and doing extras with his game. A lot of improvement throughout the year and going to get a lot better, hopefully coming back again next year.

Connor Mackay: Proud of this kid, first year in seniors. Turned up week in week out, fitness improved out of sight through out the year.

Jackson Barker Ash: Future Gymea president. Thanks for the year mate, no more mid-season Bali trips no good for the lungs and back mate. (FIRE UP GYMEA)

Frederick Preferment: Unlucky start to the year for this guy, bad shoulder injury in round 2 put him out for the year. He still managed to show up as much as he could with his injury. Hopefully comes back again next year and gets a full season in.



GORILLAS

Open Age Silver

**SPONSOR: The Blocked Drain Guys, Gymea Hotel, FOS Electrical,
Sporting Chance Cancer Foundation**

Finalists

OFFICIALS:

Coach: Jackson Heenan
Manager: Mike Sidoti
Trainers: Jason O'Brien & Jackson Devine

AWARD WINNERS:

Best Back: Kerrod Ward
Best Forward: Nathan Lloyd
Coaches Award: Harry Reynolds

TEAM:

Corey Lucas & Jayke Childerhouse (Captains), Ben Hews, Cain Homann, Chad Barreca, Charlie Stemp, Chris Ho, Cooper Devine, Dylan Riley, Ed Foster, Harry Reynolds, Harry White, Hemi Blackburn-Kingi, Jackson White, Jake Jones, Kere Hughes, Kerrod Ward, Kyle Yeo, Liam Fletcher, Lochi McMartin-Catlett, Luke Hodgson, Nathan Lloyd, Oscar Pinkerton, Rhys Schreuder, Sam Ollerenshaw, Xavier Wallis, Zac Brooks

REPORT:

In year where we struggled to find our rhythm, and hampered by wet weather, injuries and suspensions, to make our way to the preliminary final can be deemed a success. There is no doubting it that it was a huge disappointment not to be there on Grand Final day, but unfortunately, we probably played our worst half of football all year against a quality opposition in the prelim. Going to the sheds down 0-22 was always going to be a difficult task, but to the side's credit, they won the second half, but it was not enough.

I was particularly proud of our performance in week one of the semi-finals series - travelling to Boydstown to take on second place Bosco (who comprehensively beat us in our last game before semis). From the outset we were 'on'. Walking away with the win that day was very satisfying.

We learned this year that to be the best, we needed to be better with our discipline and the importance to build sustained pressure. At times we were great at this, but in other times, not so great.

Whilst I will not be doing player-by-player profiles given the substantial size of our squad, I did wish to make some notable mentioned. To the side's captains, Corey Lucas & Jayke Childerhouse, thank you both for your support throughout the season, thank you for also intrusting in my methods and philosophies. To the best back & forward, Kerrod Ward & Nathan Lloyd, you are both exceptional players as demonstrated on your wins of the respective trophies. I expect to see both players push into the First Grad squad in 2026.

Thank you to my support staff in Mike, Jase and Jacko. They are the best in the business and always to take a lot of pressure off me on gameday. I really appreciate all your efforts and everything you did for our side throughout season 2025.

A huge thank you must go to club president, Jordan Moyle, senior VP, Grant Smith, and the executive and committee teams. Particularly to Jordo and Grant, thank you for your unwavering support always - you both have difficult roles but are always willing to assist wherever possible, which means a helluva lot to the whole Gymea Gorillas senior squad.

To Luke Phillips and the First-Grade squad - a huge congratulations to all involved. To achieve the holy grail is a testament to the dedication you have put into the senior squad for many years. There is a no more deserving coach than Luke - you well & truly earned this, take it all in and enjoy it!

Finally, to my playing squad, whilst disappointing to end our season in the fashion that we did, there are however plenty of positives. I appreciate everyone's 'buy in' and thanks for riding the ride. There is no doubt about it, we will be back bigger & better next year.

The Gymea Gorillas rugby league club is in a real healthy spot at present. It is exciting and a privilege to be a part of it. I look forward to what the future holds for the senior footy at this great club. Let's continue to lay the bricks for 2026!





GORILLAS

Open Age Gold

SPONSOR: The Blocked Drain Guys, Sporting Chance, Gymea Hotel
Premiers

OFFICIALS:

Coaches: Luke Phillips and Paul Homann
Managers: Rick Fewtrell and Keith O'Grady
Trainers: Grant Davies and Paul McCormack
Strapper: Ian McGuiness
Team Leader: Brett McNamara
Ballboys: Carter Smith and Levi Puohotaua

AWARD WINNERS:

Best Back: Lawson Cotter
Best Forward: Josh Sidoti
Coaches Award: Ethan Ward

TEAM:

Corey Willis, Nick Pantelis, Lawson Cotter, Ryan Peake, Brooklyn Berry, Nathan Wynn, Mitch Wynn, Matt Bird, Hayden McRae, Ethan Ward, Hayden Budd, Josh Sidoti, Cooper Ferrow, Logan O'Grady, Brendon Smith, Dallas Collins, Jordon Bradley, Flynn Pickering, Dallas Blackburn Kingi, Hemi Blackburn Kingi, James Spencer, Nathan Lloyd

REPORT:

The 1st grade trophy is back where it belongs!!!

What a season from the whole senior squad. 74 players registered. All 3 teams in the finals and we walked away with the big prize at the end. Throughout the season there were some truly big ups and a few bad downs. To me it seemed like no one outside of Gymea wanted to see us win or be successful, some even tried to disadvantage us. But when we were announced the biggest Junior Rugby League club in the world, we put the whole competition on notice. This season we were always around the top of the table in what was one of the most even competitions I have seen. Anyone could beat anyone on their day. However, leading into the last round a win would have given us a top 2 finish, but wouldn't you know it, there was a washout. So finishing 3rd led us to a semi final sudden death match against Joey's. In a game where we were blown off the park early and down 22-4 with 12 minutes to go, all we needed to do is score 3 converted tries and a goal to win. And didn't we do that. Scenes from that day were unbelievable after we kicked the goal to win after the bell. The best comeback in a game of rugby league I have ever seen. This moved us on to face De la in the final. We thought we were in for a tough game, but we won easy and sent them straight out the back door, a sight we could watch over and over again. Time for the grand final. With confidence and experience on our side, besides a quick try from Bosco early on, we controlled the game and ground out a thrilling 16-10 victory to take the 1st grade trophy back home. Job done!

A massive thank you to Jordan Moyle and Grant Smith, your support throughout the whole season has contributed to our continued success. From representing players at Judiciary, defending the club from unusual decisions from JL and just sticking up for Gymea, along with the executive and committee, you are what makes Gymea the club everyone wants to be like.

To all of our senior squad sponsors old and new, we thank you for being part of the Gorilla journey once again, and we hope you got to share the success and great feeling of winning the 1st grade premiership.

Congratulations to the award winners and milestone game players this year. To play 100 and 200 games is a huge achievement. And to Corey Willis, a huge congratulations on playing 300 games with Gymea, a feat less than 10 players have achieved in the club's history, well done.

To E cups Lachlan Coffey, staff and players, along with 2nd grades Jackson Heenan, staff and players, thank you all for being part of the senior squad. To be able to coach, train and play together is why Gymea is the

most successful senior squad of all clubs. With players moving between teams with a club first mentality, it's a credit to yourselves earning the success you both achieved. We are so proud to have coached and trained alongside your teams and this is one of the reasons why 1st grade got the job done.

The 1st grade staff of Grant Davies, Paul McCormack, Ian McInnes, Keith O'Grady and most importantly Brett McNamara, thank you for all your help this year. Water was served, messages were sent, players were strapped, and the Tee was delivered every time, this premiership is ours to celebrate over and over. And now to Paul Homann and Rick Fewtrell, the 2 most important people in this senior squad set up, from the bottom of my heart, thank you for everything you have done. The work Rick you have done behind the scenes with sponsorship, rego's and everything we needed, you just got it done. And Paul, our daily messages, chats, decision making, team selections, training drills and all things rugby league, this is why we won the comp and put Gymea back on top, and that's why we did it.

To my wife Hayley and kids, thank you for once again supporting me in coaching at Gymea, finally I can finish up holding the trophy high. And thanks to all other families/wives/girlfriends who supported their dad, husband, partner in playing or coaching, we hope you enjoyed the season as much as we did.

And lastly to the players, thank you for all the blood, sweat and tears you put into the season. You all had a team first mentality, you didn't take shit from other teams, you trained and played your arses off every week and your reward, 1st grade premiers, the best of the best. Well done, you all deserved it and now "We got the A grade trophy, in our hands".

PLAYER PROFILES:

1. **Corey Willis** : Makes the coach happy, angry and confused, all in the one game.
2. **Nick Pantelis** : Can score a try, can misjudge a bomb.
3. **Lawson Cotter** : Took on the workload of 4 players and still wanted more.
4. **Ryan Peake** : If he wasn't a good player, he should have been on love island.
5. **Brooklyn Berry** : Tough, hard and reliable. 3 things a winger usually isn't.
6. **Nathan Wynn** : Another year, another suspension, another premiership. The best to do it.
7. **Mitch Wynn** : Forced to play half by the prince of Gymea, masterstroke I say.
8. **Matt Bird** : Offload, offload, offload. Those are the only words Birdy hears in his own head.
9. **Hayden McRae** : The man who created "The kick that stopped the nation".
10. **Ethan Ward** : Best front rower in the team, just ask him. Chat group leaker too.
11. **Hayden Budd** : Has more lift in his tackles than a car jack at the mechanics.
12. **Mitch Hodgson** : Cramped up every game as an excuse to get a breather.
13. **Josh Sidoti** : Best ever rookie 1st grade season I have seen from The Prince of Gymea.
14. **Cooper Ferrow** : Grand final specialist, not for the game but the 3-day bender after it.
15. **Logan O'Grady** : Thank god for strapping tape to hold him together for the season.
16. **Brendon Smith** : More breakdowns than a 78 toyota corolla. Serviced for the GF though.
17. **Dallas Collins** : Bench front rower, UFC, and one tough bastard. Premiership deserved.
18. **Jordon Bradley** : Scored a try 1st touch in the GF, what can't he do. Needs a suntan though.
19. **Flynn Pickering** : Dummy, dummy, dummy. And that's just at training.
20. **Dallas Blackburn Kingi** : Hard running winger, better than his brother.
21. **Hemi Blackburn Kingi** : Hard running back rower, better than his brother.
22. **James Spencer** : Only spence does what spence does, on and off the field.
23. **Nathan Lloyd** : Call someone a naughty name, got a naughty suspension, twice.

Nathan Riley, Jed Loader, Chris Christadoulu, Xavier Wallis and Jack Clutterbuck all played at least 2 games of 1st grade. And thank you to ballboys Carter Smith and Levi Puohotaua.

Cheer Cheer

Luke Phillips



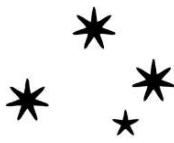
GORILLAS

GYMEA GORILLAS J.R.L.F.C



*To our
Sponsors*

THANK YOU SO MUCH!



Tradies





In Control Automation





NATHAN@FOSELECTRICALANDDATA.COM.AU

FOS_ELECTRICAL

0420 325 794





GILBERT & ROACH **ISUZU**
HUNTINGWOOD **TRUCKS**







DIVIDE 8 GYMEA



2/44 Gymea Bay Rd.
Gymea, NSW 2227

gymea@divide8.com.au
 divide8.com.au
 +61 402 884 017



TEMPUS WEALTH
your advice for life

WILLETT JOHNSTON | PARTNERS
ACCOUNTANTS & ADVISORS



**CEMENT
DISTRIBUTION
PRODUCTS
PTY LTD**



**McDonald's
Taren Point**





SEE YOU IN 2026

