



# 2017 Yearbook





## President's Report

Thank you to everyone associated with the Ashy Redbacks this season. It has been a fantastic year with success on the field, on the training track, and right across the club. It is fantastic to see the positive outcomes in this year's coaching reviews with all highlighting the development and growth of players from U8 through to our top age Colts and Youth Girls.

As a club we had 32 teams representing us this season, 28 in the boys competition and 4 in the girls. We saw the addition of an U13 girls side this year and just missed out on being able to field an U11 girls team. I'm sure that next year with the continued growth of the Women's AFL competition we will see our girls number increase further in 2018.

Congratulations to our Under 15 Green, U12 Green and U10 Black sides who all finished 2017 as Premiers of their respective competitions. It was a pleasure to share and celebrate the Grand Final day with you and see the joy on your faces. Premierships are not a goal, they are an outcome of the hard work and dedication that you put in, and for that, you should be proud of your achievements. We will fly your Premiership flags high in the clubrooms in your honour.

This year Stephen Karvellas, Rob Ritson, and Thomas Oliver reached 150 games played for the club. This is an amazing achievement and a journey that started many years ago. As you and the other top age Colts & Youth Girls finish up at the Redbacks we wish you all the best in your future footy careers and hope you continue to play and get enjoyment out of this great game.

I'd like to thank the all of the 150 coaches, assistant coaches, team managers, trainers, and runners who support our teams week to week. It is a job done out of love and passion for junior sport and we couldn't run our club without you. I'd also like to thank the committee who have governed and led our club strongly off the field. There has been an amazing spirit shown this year and you have all helped inspire and drive that.

A special mention needs to go to all of our sponsors this year, Jellis Craig (Platinum), Ashburton Community Bank branch of Bendigo Bank (Gold), Love Pollo (Gold), Sportsguard Mouthguards (Silver) and the Malvernvale Hotel (Silver). Your continued support and the support of our 27 team sponsors help us to provide the facilities and equipment from which the players can benefit and we truly appreciate it.

Finally, but certainly not least, to all the players who pulled on the Ashy Redback's guernsey this season I would like to say 'well done'. Whether you were striving to compete at the highest level in your competition, just playing with your mates, or if you were playing your first game, it is an amazing thrill every week to see you run out on the field and represent our club. Keep working on your skills in the off season and we look forward to seeing you back lining up again in 2018.

Steve Carlisle  
President



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# Colts Red

Coach - Ryan McDonough



Well, what a season we have gone through. From starting in the top division and being clearly out-matched, we moved down to division two. Without much success for the first few weeks, we were able to turn it around and come home with the wettest of sails to finish the season off beating the second side on the ladder three weeks in a row, and we finished off the year beating the top side of the competition.

The boys were fantastic to work with throughout the year and the atmosphere, despite the losses, stayed positive. It was a great credit to the boys for sticking at it and persevering through the hard times leading to a great finish to the year.

Although this year didn't end in grand final success it certainly was the most enjoyable I have had in my coaching career and hopefully all the boys will pursue their football after they have finished their juniors at this great club.

I cannot thank the boys enough for the year I had with them and look forward to seeing them further develop in their football in years to come.

*Ryan McDonough, Coach*



**COLTS 1 - 2017**

**BACK ROW (L):** Collin Dooley (Assistant Coach), Nathan Blizzard, Max Dahlen, Tom Briggs, Barry Harrick, Jordan McCortell, Robert Ross, Thomas Skorski, Peter Nikas (Club Captain)  
**Ryan McDonough (Coach)**

**MIDDLE ROW (L):** Sue White (Manager), Harry Ivens, Ianhan Post, Zachary Higgins, Liam Bonato, Fergan Sorepson, Thomas Oliver, Oliver Moore, Steven Karvelos (Captain), Melissa Billington (Manager)

**FRONT ROW (L):** Jordan D'Arcy, Hamish Serpell, Matthew Augerino, Matthew West, Jasper White (Vice Captain), Sebastian Mannix, Lawrence Panazzo, Nicholas Curuso, Jack Billington

**ABSENT:** Ben Richter, Peter Gull, Mitchell Bowman, Thomas Coyle, James Ritchie

# Colts Green - Camburton

Coach - Joe Arthur



The year got off to an interesting start, being the first ever combined Ashy-Camberwell squad, the boys had to first get to know one another before training even began.

Our season was up and down, after struggling in grading, it appeared we were all in for a long year.

However, as the weeks progressed the boys got to know each other more and more both on and off the field. This was reflected in our play, as mid year we had won three on the trot and were a chance to finish in the top two.

Some inconsistencies and injuries brought us back down to earth, but the boys were good enough to finish off in the top four and get a shot at finals glory.

The final was similar to our season, a great game that was tightly contested and every boy left all they had out on the field. After controlling much of the game, the lads just came up short, a disappointing result, however the season itself, was fantastic.

The way the boys meshed together, the way the team's leaders led by example, it was phenomenal. I couldn't be prouder of our boys and I'll cherish each and every win for seasons to come.

*Joe Arthur, Coach*



COLTS 2 - SEMI FINALISTS - 2017

BACK ROW L-R: Harry Long [Assistant Coach], Matt Dadds, Angus Warburton, Jonathan Florentzou, Reilly Hanick, Jackson Eyres, Darcy Lindechild, Harry Anard, Oliver Moore  
MIDDLE ROW L-R: Donna Newlands (Manager), Adam Colgan, Jack Willis, John Bartels, Zac Huggins, Nick Dekas, Alex Roddam, Laurence Panoszo, Joseph Arthur [Coach]  
FRONT ROW L-R: Alex Hamlyn, Nathan Barr, Cooper McNamara, Oscar Cavula, Ethan Lane, John Mastoras, Rhys Newlands, James Ritchie  
ABSENT: Darcy Bladen, Ethan Charotto, Luke Scobie, Hugh Carroll, Max Kamm

# Youth Girls

Coach - Kim Ledder



Our 2016 remaining Youth Girls needed to make a new team in 2017. Thankfully, the popularity of AFLW and awareness of girls footy that Ashy has created resulted in an easier effort to recruit than last year. Each week during preseason we met more fresh faces happy to give footy a go.

We combined preseason training with Keegan's additional night of fitness training, and we kicked off Round 1 against Fitzroy with 18 girls ready to go! Slow goalless first quarters were indicative of our team's lack of game experience; the positive was our defense lines learned quickly how to save a goal and clear it. We had a few wins and some close losses and by the mid-season break our game plans were starting to take shape, although it was too late to make finals. Our YJFL match reporter Jamali said Ashy have the gutsiest girls in the comp: so true. These girls are incredibly tough and determined.

Being a part of the "Chicks" wasn't all about training and Sunday games. A family pizza night at the Binns house was a great way to get to know one another. Sally, our team sponsor from LOVE POLLO, treated us to a team dinner and a magnificent night out.

We enjoyed training with VFL team Eastern Devils, who are very excited that more Ashy girls will be at pre-season this November and Peter Mercoulia, Assistant Coach at Melbourne AFLW assisted us with training and gave the girls some great advice on how to get the best out of themselves and their club.

So goodbye to season 2017 and goodbye to nine very smart, beautiful and hilarious girls. I hope your time at Ashy, however short it may have been, will carry happy memories for you. It has been an honour to be your coach. All the best for your exams and your future; hopefully it includes some footy!

I am so grateful to Luke, Jenny, Keegan, Robyn and Ash, all the parents and families for their support of their daughters and the whole team.

*Kim Ledder, Coach*



**YOUTH GIRLS - 2017**

BACK ROW L-R: Luke Dobbyn (Assistant Coach), Juliette Smith, Gemma Campbell, Jess Martin, Emily Ross, Tayla Nichols (Club Captain), Gigi Taylor, Kim Ledder (Coach)  
MIDDLE ROW L-R: Robyn Nichols (Trainer), Ila Taylor, Anna Parry, Victoria Wilson-Wall, Laura Walsh, Ashley Bodin, Lucy Dobbyn, Jess Walsh, Jenny Binns (Team Manager)  
FRONT ROW L-R: Olivia Robertson, Olivia Jacka, Lysie Binns, Jess Mounas, Gemma Wise, Bella Villani, Cassie Bruce, Lily Santamaria  
ABSENT: Jenna Healy, Alana Grayson



# U16 Girls

Coach - David Cooper

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2017 started off with a few fresh faces. Alex, Karly, and Olivia moved up from last year's Under 15 Green to join us and new to the club were Hannah, Jen, Ebony, and Margie.

After a solid pre season (of the girls catching up on Christmas holidays and the new fashions), they finally knuckled down and started to learn the way we wanted to play in season 2017. Winning the first three games quite convincingly, we then met our nemesis, Kew Comets, who showed us why they are so good as they won by 10 goals.

After grading, we were put in Division 1 and by the half way mark of the year, we were a game clear in second spot. With school holidays and coaches having other commitments, we dropped a few games and ended up third. But we made finals for the third year in a row.

The girls were now starting to get their mojo back and they won both finals and made the Division 1 Grand Final, FANTASTIC EFFORT!

It was a huge task to take out the undefeated Kew Comets in the Grand Final but these girls have a fantastic attitude of saying 'never give up'. By half time, we were one point up and that was a win in itself because we had never led at any change of quarter during the year.

To Kew's credit, they persisted with disciplined footy and won by 18 points at the final siren.

To sum up the year, these young ladies are a fantastic group who enjoy their football and show enormous love and respect for one another, their coaches, parents and team officials. This is the biggest compliment I can give them.

*David Cooper, Coach*



**UNDER 16 GIRLS - GRAND FINALISTS - 2017**

BACK ROW L-R: David Cooper [Coach], Solly Gilleron, Holly Wilson, Charlotte Ryan, Xavian Scott, Olivia Black, Brenton Wyatt [Assistant Coach]  
MIDDLE ROW L-R: Kate Bellamy [Team Manager], Jennifer Stokius, Rachel Kelly, Marguerite Pincel, Jemima Gilleron, Georgia Wyatt, Hannah Fald, Alexandra Bland, Mark Ryan [Runner]  
FRONT ROW L-R: Amy Allen, Karly Bowne, Sarah Bellamy, Grace Richards, Stephanie Cooper, Eliska Gilbert, Stephanie Hunt, Ebony Knoll  
ABSENT: Alicia McKeath, Sara McMahon, Indy Sandhu

# U15 Red

Coach - Steve Worner



2017 was a super enjoyable season for me and I am sure the boys and parents would agree. We were able to get some talented players from the team below and nab a couple of new boys who really fitted into the Ashy mould and play our style of football.

Graded in second division by the league, we came out with the intent of no mercy to any team as we won by a minimum of 100 points every week. After four weeks of football and working on our game plan, the boys were ready to take to Division 1. We won our first game and just lost our second game to eventual premiers Kew Rovers. Witnessing this game, I realised the boys could really play now and 2016 set us up to have a charge at 2017. We matched it for 85 % of the game with Kew. After this, we began to stutter as we lost players to travel, injury and other reasons as most weeks we were only getting 18 to the game. We lost our confidence and needed to get a full list back. I pencilled in Fitzroy as our must win game to play finals as we were back to 22 players and the boys did not let me down. We were playing finals as we beat all teams below us barring one dodgy game against (who else) Whitehorse Colts.

The boys took on Beverley Hills without Fraser Rosman and lost our co-skipper Ryan Valentine for the last half but they managed to find a way in that game to win that will be with me forever. In the preliminary final we were not disgraced and put in an excellent performance but Kew Comets were too big and strong in the conditions on the day.

I thank Andrew Macca and Flem who did the Assistant's role each week as well as my right hand man, Mark Dinneen, who really did the extra yards as Team Manager, Ibo, my trusted runner who loved a win as much as anyone. Finally, I thank all the parents who allowed me to get on with the job. I leave knowing I gave my best, as the boys did too. I look forward to seeing all players I coached develop as their journey has just started.

*Steve Worner, Coach*



**UNDER 15 RED - PRELIMINARY FINALISTS - 2017**

BACK ROW L-R: Mark Dinneen [Team Manager], Dylan Thomas, Joshua Hill, Ryan Valentine, Fraser Rosman, Ryan Walsh, Nicholas Bennett, Andrew Mackintosh [Assistant Coach]  
MIDDLE ROW L-R: Callum Ross, Tyler Sellers, Karl Worner, Steve Worner [Coach], Lachlan Mackintosh, Jim Oost, Hesban Peris  
FRONT ROW L-R: Brayden Fleming, Oscar Buckley, Declan Savage, Sam Martin, Harry McLean, Sam Dinneen, Thomas Docherty, Ethan Boat  
ABSENT: Liam Folli, Oscar Hunter, George Bacolas

# U15 Green

Coach - Leigh Muller



A big squad of 27 players was selected to represent Ashy in this team. In what started as a blended team of last year's Under 14 Greens and Blacks players, along with some new faces, the team soon developed its own identity and energy.

Starting in Division 3, being very competitive but losing players to injury during grading, saw the team land in Division 4 and immediately begin winning while increasing confidence. The team developed a running game while being tough and hard at stoppages, while settling a reliable defence and developing a dangerous, attacking, multi-faceted forward line with a number of options through the midfield. The penny dropped at Round 10 and the team racked up impressive wins against the bottom four teams, kicking big scores and gaining percentage before an important, confidence boosting away win against St.Mary's, who previously had defeated our team by 9 goals.

The following week, in the semi final, we played St Mary's again, crushing them this time with a dominant display where they controlled the game all over the ground. Fronting up in the Preliminary Final, the players took on the top side, Whitehorse Colts, looking to avenge the last kick loss from the previous meeting. What transpired was a pulsating game of football, Ashy's never say die attitude and the player's will to win getting the team over the line, coming back from 13 points down twice in the last quarter, hitting the front with four minutes left and holding the lead to qualify for the Grand Final against Parkside. The boys then went on to win the premiership with their 8th straight win. They played the game from in front all day, were tough, uncompromising, and probably played their best game of the year with 27 brilliant contributions! Three points up at half time, 29 at three quarter time and home by 40 in the end.

Thanks to a great coaching staff, Leigh, Dave, Dom, Trainer Dave Reed, Runner Mark Eardley, Duncan for photos, Rob for a bit of everything, and a great group of parents. But most of all, a great group of young men who had an outstanding season.

*Paul Allen, Team Manager*



**UNDER 15 GREEN - PREMIERS - 2017**  
BACK ROW (L-R): Mark Eardley (Runner), Darcy Frazer, Kyle Ramsay, Ben Kelly, Kieran Yeates, Ted McCarthy, Kegan Eardley, Dave Reed (Trainer)  
THIRD ROW (L-R): Kieran Nagendran, Jack Paris, Joel Entle, Matt Wulheim, Luke Muller, Will McDonnell, Joe Hunt  
SECOND ROW (L-R): Dom Marshall (Assistant Coach), Hayden Reed, Jack Hanger, Lochie Brockhurst, Jacob Niklas, Pat Marshall, Quinn Schwarz, Paul Allen (Team Manager)  
FRONT ROW (L-R): Luke Allen, Thomas Quin, Jack Wilkie, Leigh Muller (Coach), Darcy O'Neill, Tom Russell, Will Gorman  
ABSENT: Jack Francis, Luke Davis, Dave Francis (Assistant Coach)

# U15 Girls

Coach - Chris Bavage



Our year started with pre-season at Dorothy McKellar Reserve, with the team comprised of 25 players with some girls returning for their 3rd year at Ashy, and others who had only ever played a few games of school football.

Our team quickly gelled, and our performance in the grading games was strong, with our four wins to start the season resulting in our team being graded in a mini-league with Kew Comets, St.Mary's and the Bullants. We discovered fairly quickly the other three teams we were to play for the rest of the season were well stocked with experienced, strong, skilful and aggressive girls and we had some matches where we struggled to score consistently (or at all).

The pleasing news is when the going gets tough, the tough get going and our girls stuck together, improved every week and were able to pull off the ambush of the season with a wonderful win over St. Mary's in Round 12.

We set our goals at the beginning of the year to develop our skills, learn more about Aussie Rules footy, make friends and have fun throughout the season, and our performance against these objectives have been first rate.

Well done Ashy U15 girls – you have all been fantastic!

*Chris Bavage, Coach*



**UNDER 15 GIRLS - SEMI FINALISTS - 2017**

BACK ROW L-R: Andy Hobday (Referee), Andrew Hunt (Assistant Coach), Erin Hunt, Jemma Russell, Alana Pasmore, Elio Woods, Joanne Yze, Charlotte Bavage, Greg Cotton (Trainer)  
Chris Bavage (Coach)  
MIDDLE ROW L-R: Kate Noncarrow (Trainer), Sarah Hourihan, Stella Mamina, Jacqui Ellis, Eliza McNamara, Bella Hunt, Paige Cotton, Elio Mooney, Alesha Kinnell, Kaylene Ellis (Team Manager)  
FRONT ROW L-R: Georgie Noncarrow, Anna Zabolegki, Charlie Lacey, Nelsia Costa, Megan Perry, Pia Hobday, Ruby White, Ally Lasscock, Sienna Pasno  
ABSENT: Isoux Gill

# U14 Red

Coach - Richard Briggs



The season commenced with a very testing fixture playing the top four sides from the previous year (in order) for the first four matches. 580 points against our boys later, we were ready and prepared for a re-grading. Strangely enough, it was not to be and to the boys credit, they still turned up for Round 5.

The main focus for the season became improvement and improve the boys did. Their attitude was fantastic, the resilience test was well and truly passed and when you see the team turning up like they did at training each Tuesday and on game day with smiles on their faces, you could not help but be proud of all of them!

We tried everything to win a match and it was not until the coach took a week off in the middle of the year did the boys get to pump the song out! A touch embarrassing for the coach, however, the team finally secured another win late in the season which showed huge improvement. While the season didn't finish on a high note, some pizza and pasta at Sergio's seemed to help forget any negatives about a season other teams may not have coped with.

Special thanks to our sponsor, Sherlock Wheelbarrows, our Team Manager, Rob Meachem and our Assistant Coach and stand in runner, Will James. Thank you to the many other parents who continually put their hand up to help out and for getting their boys to and from training and matches.

The season will be remembered for the full team effort!

*Richard Briggs, Coach*



**UNDER 14 RED - 2017**

BACK ROW L-R: Robert Meachem (Team Manager), Edward McMahon, Jesse Allen, James Woods, Lucas Harrison, Sam Carmody, Jacob Miller, Will James (Assistant Coach)  
MIDDLE ROW L-R: Richard Briggs (Coach), Harvey Ford, Petio Piruzak, Sam Briggs, Lachlan Capp, Ben Meachem, Jeremy Bourke, John Hynes, Andrew Ford (Trainer)  
FRONT ROW L-R: Joseph Pryor, Ashley Hill, Sebastian Filipovic, Aidan Bowme, Zac Gucciardo, Thomas Filipovic, Nathan McNamara, Ben Tricarica  
ABSENT: Joshua Salloum

# U14 Green

Coach - Ged Walsh



Well as the season closes its time to reflect on 2017 and the solid performance the boys put in.

The finals were again just out of reach, but it wasn't from a lack of effort. The way the boys stormed home in the final three matches was absolutely fantastic, and a great indication of how well they improved and what can be achieved when they all worked as a team. The last three games were won by an accumulative total of 230 points.

The start of the season was a struggle at zero and four, but the boys kept working hard at training on a free flowing game plan and their enthusiasm never waned. As their coach, I couldn't be prouder of the way the boys stuck together and turned the season around to finish the last 10 games with seven wins and three loses.

It has been an absolute pleasure to be involved with this team of young men and watch their development over the last two years. A team usually has only a hand full of practical jokers, but to have 22 has been absolutely awesome. There was never a dull moment at our sessions and we even had some of the boys provide us their weekly restaurant review prior to training!

A teams' success is also measured by the involvement of the parent volunteers – and our teams parents are nothing short of superb, and this is largely due to the efforts of Pete and Jody Clooney and their weekly rostering of duties.

So finally from myself and Chris Murray, we thank you for a fantastic season and look forward to seeing your development in the years to come.

*Ged Walsh, Coach*



**UNDER 14 GREEN - 2017**  
BACK ROW L-R: Andrew Barrett (Runner), Ollie Kamo-fejes, Tommy Martin, Hawiah Moonilias, Reilly Crogan, Tom Martin, Aiden Watson, Peter Clooney (Team Manager)  
MIDDLE ROW L-R: Chris Murray (Asst Coach), Jack Altop, Jordan Woods, Julian Swob, Ged Walsh (Coach), Harrison Patrick, Mitchell Barnett, Hudson Clooney, Jody Clooney (Trainer)  
FRONT ROW L-R: Thomas McCallion, Austin Walsh, Max Stephenson, Ty Johnstone, Aiden Murray, Christan Koinodolis, Ben Eldridge, Gareth Cox  
ABSENT: George Dooley, Jamie Tassone

# U14 Black

Coach - Tony Smith



On paper, 2017 was again going to be a similar struggle to last year. The development and Grand Final win in 2016 resulted in our team losing 5 players from our 6 trophy award winners and we were promoted up a division.

We followed the same path as last year but started from a much higher base. The players were encouraged to develop more game awareness while out on the ground, further leadership and more finite game structures. We also took advantage of last year's development by really challenging them in different positions. Not only did they relish the challenge but they thrived.

We also added Artan Walker, Cal Anderson and Aiden Robertson to the mix that came in and added to the disciplined culture which gave us similar results to last year which saw us start near the bottom of the ladder and slowly but surely work our way up. This continued improvement during the year saw us not only beat the grand final side by 70 points to briefly snatch 2nd spot but culminated in us making the Final series nestled in between 3 very tall skilled sides.

We fell, unfortunately, at the first hurdle in the finals but the boys should be extremely happy with their achievements and very excited where they are placed as individuals for the next few years at Ashy.

What a magnificent bunch of young men. Well done!

*Tony Smith, Coach*



**UNDER 14 BLACK - SEMI FINALISTS - 2017**

BACK ROW L-R: Karyn Knight [Team Manager], Stephen Moffat, Eddie Georgelin, Luke McConchie, Will Drew, Lachy Irwin, Kim McConchie [Trainer]  
MIDDLE ROW L-R: Scott Irwin [Asst Coach], Jack Wyld, Don O'Leary, Artan Walker, Jamie Torry-Toh, Peter Baker, Harry Moutas, James McLean, Harrison Boothby, Jason McLean [Runner]  
FRONT ROW L-R: Nikita Polita, Aiden Robertson, Tom Pitor, Wilkie Khan, Tony Smith [Coach], William Byrse-Jones, Callum Anderson, Will Smith, Jackson Hilbar  
ABSENT: Cameron Serpell

# U13 Red

Coach - Phil Hine



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In 2017, the Ashy Redbacks Under 13 Red team played in Gold Division. The U13 Red team finished the season strongly to record a 9/5 result, being placed fifth and just two games from the top of the ladder.

The team was guided and developed by myself and Assistant Coach, Putros Malki. We concentrated heavily on each player's role and contribution to the side and not placing undue pressure on ladder positions and other team's results. Both of our Under 13 teams were graded for the first time this year and with the ability and skill across this level, the next four years look so exciting.

Having said that, we need to remind ourselves how tough and relentless the Gold Division is. The group must further improve to provide Ashy with a strong set of teams looking ahead.

I would like to acknowledge the enormous time and effort Putros gave the boys and I know how grateful every boy is for his guidance and support. I would also like to thank our runner Ritchie, Team Manager Andrew, as well as our reliable trainer's Tanya and Neil.

I would like to finish in thanking the coaches from our Green team, Rod, Greg, Mark, and Gary for their assistance in helping promote the boys with no fuss and with the best interest of the player's development.

*Phil Hine, Coach*



**UNDER 13 RED - 2017**

BACK ROW L-R: Phil Hine (Coach), Alex Temmhoff, Jim McCarthy, Gus Simpfendorfer, Angus Perry, Matthew Jefferson, Luke Petracca, Calvin Lehr, Ritchie Blaikie (Runner)  
MIDDLE ROW L-R: Putros Malki (Assistant Coach), James Davies, David Hickney, Ed O'Donnell, Mitch Wolters, Finn Haylock, Aiden Leiser, Finn Jessen, Tom Blaikie, Andrew Temmhoff (Team Manager)  
FRONT ROW L-R: Lachlan Groves, Ben Methen, Max Miller, Patrick Baker, Oliver Malki, Aden Sherrick, Joshua Bell, Connor Ferguson, Mitch Horn



# U13 Green

Coach - Rod Martin & Greg Dixon



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This season saw the Under 13 age group start with 3 teams, however, it became apparent during the first 4 weeks that the 2 teams who began the season in Brown and Green division would struggle to have 18 players available each week. The club subsequently decided to amalgamate these 2 teams with a number of boys also being promoted to the Gold division team. This gave us a list of 32 players who would become the Under 13 Greens in Green division.

Whilst bringing together both teams ensured that our numbers would no longer be an issue, it took some time for the boys to gel as quite a number of them didn't know one another. This was evident in the first few games but as the season unfolded, we saw the team and individual players develop enormously which led to a couple of great wins and saw another three of our boys given an opportunity to play a number of games in the Gold division team. Even though our results weren't always what the boys, coaches, and parents might have hoped for, there was a clear improvement as the season progressed with the boys giving their all each week and playing with great spirit. I'd like to thank the boys and parents for maintaining a positive attitude throughout what was, at times, a difficult season, particularly as our numbers meant that we regularly had to roster off boys each week.

Also, thanks to Greg Dixon, Mark Orton and our fantastic Team Manager, Kamahl Mashni, for their assistance during the season, and to our Under 13 Co-ordinator, Phil Hine, for his support of the Under 13 Green team. I hope that we'll see the majority of the boys back again next year and I've got no doubt that they will continue to develop and play some great footy for Ashy in the future.

Thanks for the season boys!

*Rod Martin, Coach*



**UNDER 13 GREEN - 2017**

BACK ROW L-R: Kamahl Mashni (Team Manager), Harrison Hainz, Angus Dixon, Will Robertson, Max Herzog, Joel Bennett, Cameron Ross  
THIRD ROW L-R: Rod Martin (Coach), Daniel Hagan, Dane Jacqueline, Matthew Mitchell, Patrick Jones, Jordan Culbert, Henry Jones, Ben McLisky, Cameron Witt, Greg Dixon (Assistant Coach)  
FRONT ROW L-R: Oscar Boulter, Thomas Martin, Hamish Toohy, Billy Bronagan, William Orton, Oscar Leeds, Rossan Smythe, Joel McMahon, Josh Dine

# U13 Girls

Coach - Gary Coppen



What a great fun year! We started the season with just 16 players but by three weeks in, we had 24 listed players. Our very first game we had 16 on the field no one on the interchange and only six players that had ever played a game of footy prior. We all made it through the game and as the weeks went on, the girls just kept improving.

Our age range is from 10 to 13, so every time we turn up to a game our smaller players would say "They are so tall, look at them!" and we would always say, "the bigger they are, the harder they fall".

It's with enormous pride that I can say the Ashy Under 13 Girls are not just great team they are a brilliant team, and just a wonderful group of young ladies. Many a game we loaned players to the other team and every time the girls played their heart out for that team with some girls even kicking goals for them. Having the coaches thanking our girls for their sportsmanship and commitment just sums it all up.

While we may have just missed out on the finals, the coaching group believe every girl played a finals game every week as we built ourselves into a great defensive team however the girls also learnt how to move from defense into an attacking game and enjoyed the goals that came with the transition, along with the wins.

None of this could be achieved without the brilliant work of Lou Zarro, Assistant Coach, and Nat "The Voice" Hickcox, our Runner. Peter McArthur, our Team Manager, made the season a joy with all your behind the scenes support. To every parent, your support for the girls and myself as coach has been fantastic and each week, rain hail or shine you have supported us always, thank you.

I can say with confidence that each and every girl that played in the Ashy Girls Under 13 team will go on to great things, professionally, socially and just in life generally as they are a team of future leaders.

Gary Coppen, Coach



**UNDER 13 GIRLS - 2017**  
BACK ROW L-R: Tara Hickcox (Trainer), Lucy Gorman, Amy Gratton, Sophie Zarro, Lucy Parsons, Isabella Taylor, Elizabeth Herbert, Laura Brooks, Peter McArthur (Manager)  
MIDDLE ROW L-R: Lou Zarro (Assistant Coach), Ginger McArthur, Georgie Kerr, Jasmine Fleming, Alannah Jessen, Elli Haylock, Orlo Weaver, Abigail Lewis, Nat Hickcox (Runner)  
FRONT ROW L-R: Isabella Mathews, Jennifer Moore, Katie Kerr, Rose Gorman, Ava Hickcox, Edwina Cole, Ella Morris, Sophie Poni  
ABSENT: Gary Coppen (Coach)

# U12 Red

Coach - Pat Hall



Our Ashy U12 Red boys had a wonderful season. Faced with playing in the highly competitive Gold division after being in Brown last year, the boys rose to the challenge and immediately looked at ease. Early wins against reigning Brown premier St Mary's followed by Canterbury and then reigning Gold premier Kew had the boys (and coaching staff) up and about! Our backline looked particularly strong and difficult to penetrate with super performances by Noah, Oscar W, Henry, Will G, Charlie A, Roman, Pat and Oscar P. Our midfield group of Nick, Preston, Luca, Charlie H and Sammy showed plenty of class and an enormous willingness to compete, giving our dynamic forwards in Lachie, Bradman, Billy, Alex, Will, Jake, Max and Joey many opportunities.

The boys showed plenty of resilience at times during the season with magnificent performances when undersized. The win against Macleod away was particularly pleasing but without doubt the win against St Mary's away late in the season was a stand out! Down all day against a team also fighting for a spot in the final four, the boys just did not know how to give up. Working hard for each other and showing real commitment at the ball, the performance was best summed up by Rory, a most improved player who battled all day in the ruck against a bigger opponent to be the most dominant player on the ground and kicking a match winning goal with little time on the clock. The feeling in the rooms after that game is why we play football as the boys belted out the club song!

Unfortunately, a difficult period in the middle of the year meant we just missed finals, finishing in 5th spot, however, the mateship these boys showed and willingness to listen and work for each other meant they were a joy to coach. I'd like to thank all the parents for their support through the year with a special mention to Sandro, Joe, Tim, Matt B, Chris A, Greg and Lewis for their match day contributions. As we close for 2017, I look forward to many more years of Ashy footy and watching the ongoing development of these boys. We should be excited as there is some real talent that will be on show in the red and green for many years to come!

Pat Hall, Coach



**UNDER 12 RED - 2017**

BACK ROW L-R: Preston Burns, Roman Yelona, Rory Finestone, Joey Tuszynski, Henry Iasscock, Maxi Del Pozzo  
MIDDLE ROW L-R: Pat Hall (Coach), Brodean Docherty, Will Gossan, Billy McMillan, Oscar Parkinson, Charlie Hall, Nick Francis, Noah Caruso, Sandro Caruso (Team Manager)  
FRONT ROW L-R: Lachie McNeil, Alex Karpohakis, Sam Mazza, Luca Kotis, Patrick Panoussis, Oscar White, Charlie Adams, Jacob Sykes  
ABSENT: Will Hearn, Matt Burns (Trainer), Joe Mazza (Assistant Coach)

# U12 Green

Coach - Dale Rowley



Following a strong finish to the 2016 season, and buoyed by the inclusion of four new recruits, Under 12 Green entered the season with a lot of confidence. After battling hard through a tough draw at the start of the season, Under 12 Green started to hit its straps, winning the last ten games of the home and away season to finish on top of the ladder.

Under 12 Green recorded a comprehensive victory against second placed Banyule in the second semi final, before defeating Banyule again in the Black Division Grand Final in tough conditions where we held our opponent goalless.

It was great to see our team evolve from not just relying on a handful of players, to become a team where everyone contributed. We played an exciting, attacking brand of football, but were also defensively minded and very hard to score against.

Congratulations to the boys on a great season. It has been great to watch their development as footballers and see their skills continue to improve.

*Dale Rowley, Coach*



### UNDER 12 GREEN - PREMIERS - 2017

BACK ROW L-R: Greg Stack (Runner) Eljah Bazley, Ieao Edwards, Thomas Voller, Benj Mitchell, James Edgar, Will McQueen, Zack Thurman, Cam McKerral (Assistant Team Manager)  
MIDDLE ROW L-R: Rod Mathews (Assistant Coach), Will Rowley, Robbie CJE, Angus McCleery, Charlie Mathews, Harry Stack, Flynn Kenny, Oliver Egerton, Leigh Bouyoukas  
Pete Ekins (Team Manager)  
FRONT ROW L-R: Alastair Peck, Charlie Nancarrow, Ollie Hobday, Fergus Ekins, Dale Rowley (Coach), Sean Egan, Kieran Peck, Iuka Best, Oli McKerral

# U12 Black

Coach - Nick Bowden

The 2017 season is already memorable for the U12 Black team. On-field and off, there were challenges and surprises, but throughout, the boys made the most of every opportunity they were presented and earned their right to play in the finals, losing the semi by two points.

The coaches established a positive training and match day environment early and the team responded accordingly. Team captains Owen, Ronan & Angus set the standard from Round 1, and were joined by Will, Finn, Alex, Corbin, Jimmy and Tom as designated leaders. All played crucial roles at various times through the season and allowed others to develop their confidence, skills, and sense of the game.

The positive qualities that we often ascribe to sport – organisation, commitment, teamwork, fair play, the desire to compete and willingness to seek improvement – were on full display throughout the winter season and will mark this group in the memories of those who watched and supported. No one who played with or against us, will have anything but respect for this team, and will know that games were played in the right spirit and with respect for the game, the officials and the participants.

Well done, U12 Black. Great job. A winning season and a deserved one.

*Nick Bowden, Coach*

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#### UNDER 12 BLACK - SEMI FINALISTS - 2017

BACK ROW L-R: Joyce Chan (Trainer), Liam Garrett, Joshua Webb, William Purple, Samuel Bowden, James Gorman, Alicia Smith (Team Manager)  
MIDDLE ROW L-R: Shaun Purple (Assistant Coach), Corbin Howes, Ronan Shaw, Ned Chesler, Joshua Yannicos, Thomas Bellamy, Alexandro Avaris, Nick Bowden (Coach)  
FRONT ROW L-R: Tim Grogan, Angus Kenny, Harry Lonigan, Owen Cox, Ben Thomas, Byron Kerr, Edward Blaney

# U11 Red

Coach - Adem Yze



The 2017 season for our boys was filled with so much fun and I hope that each player felt like they enjoyed themselves, whilst they improved each week. The three themes we used throughout the year were the same as we have used the last couple seasons, and these were embraced by the boys and didn't change each week.

1. Teamwork – This was evident in every game this season with the way our boys shared the ball, shepherded for their mates and most of all, embraced playing in different positions on the ground each week and during games.
2. Tackling – The effort the boys put into tackling and putting pressure on the opposition every week was a big reason they played off in the Preliminary Final!
3. Fun – This was, and always is the main focus of our team. They love playing well together, and to see the boys smiles on their faces no matter what the score was a credit to them.

All in all, I am so proud of the improvement of each and every one of the boys this season, and it was just unfortunate that we went down by one solitary point in the Preliminary Final (the opposition kicked a goal with 3 seconds to go) because they played so well as a team and really deserved the win. Maybe next year hey!

*Adem Yze, Coach*



**UNDER 11 RED - PRELIMINARY FINALISTS - 2017**

BACK ROW L-R: Mick Yerge (Asst Coach), Bill Milhen (Runner), Xavier Burns, Rory Hogan, Alec Sellers, Angus Parsons, Lachie Green, Noah Yze, John O'Connor (Asst Coach)  
MIDDLE ROW L-R: Allison Hogan (Team Manager), Noah Skinnick, Will O'Connor, Will Yerge, Josh Waters, Ryan Gale, Xavier Higgins, Christopher Gorman, Adem Yze (Coach)  
FRONT ROW L-R: Will Milhen, Nat Navareetharaja, Adam Schwarz, Hamish Baxter, Dawey Swan, Jack Sleivson, Noah Spiteri, Matthew Hobbs

# U11 Green

Coach - Lisa Drought



The U11 Green team showed great teamwork and camaraderie, on and off the field this year.

The boys' resilience, enthusiasm, and support for each other was great to watch, and they put together a lot of outstanding play, pushing some very good opposition hard, especially late in the season.

We celebrated many 50 and 25 game milestones, which added extra enjoyment, especially for long-time teammates sharing these proud moments together.

The boys' training night match victory over the family team was also a highlight!

Thanks to our fantastic group of boys, coaches, and parents, who made every week fun.

*Lisa Drought, Coach*



**UNDER 11 GREEN - 2017**

BACK ROW 1: Tom Woods (Assistant Coach), Cooper Bell, Archie Woods, Sam Bavage, Marcus Johnson, Tom Schmitt, Jackson Hainz, Joe Eldridge, Andrew Higginbotham (Trainer)  
MIDDLE ROW 1: Fiona Reid (Team Manager), Jack Bowes, Archie Reid Drought, Mark Higginbotham, Harrison McGrath, Patrick Sharp, Jack Brookhurst, Riley Dine, Josh Ferguson  
Paul Woods (Assistant Coach)  
FRONT ROW 1: Hugo Cole, Sam Johnston, Ed Voight, Tom Knehart-Bee, Lisa Drought (Coach), Joe Camilleri, Adam Peracco, Riley Ellett, Matthew Prozek

# U11 White

Coach - Simon Martin



After a thrilling end to their 2016 season, U11 White started the year with a feeling of confidence and togetherness. We lost a couple of players to other codes and recruited a couple of new players, but this was largely the same playing group that had such success over the last two years.

We started in Green division with a flurry of wins; a final grading win over Glen Iris (always enjoyable) propelling us into the heady heights of Brown division. It looked a real stretch for us, with only 19 players at that stage and we knew we would lose a number of players over the June/July period to holidays never mind sickness/injury.

We started out really competitively running all of our opponents close but never quite picking up a win. We then hit the mid-winter patch of games where we were so short - we picked up a few u10s (and our thanks to the respective coaches) to help out and they all tried their best, but ultimately they were up against some really tough opponents and the boys were often playing their second game of the day.

On the rare occasion, our boy's heads dropped, however, we refocused them on working relentlessly on their team spirit, honing their core skills, providing constructive support to team mates and ultimately just enjoying their footy. We tried new moves, new positions, focusing on the positives and maintaining optimism. Secretly we craved a win, and as our players returned we got it at Brunswick in Week 12. And boy did we celebrate.

My thanks to all who supported us through an incredibly fun yet tough season. This season will go a long way in these boys footy education and we saw some real on-field leaders emerge and development and enjoyment in each and every player. At the end of the day, that makes it a successful season. Thanks boys.

*Simon Martin, Coach*



**UNDER 11 WHITE - 2017**

BACK ROW L-R: Michael Foldi (Referee), Lucas Foldi, Alexander Granzow, Will Smyth-Roberts, James Bloore, William Maxa, Ardon Pidgeon, Angus Cuffield, David Granzow (Trainer)  
MIDDLE ROW L-R: Bryan Mahony (Assistant Coach), Spencer Mathieson, Ben Parteous, Charlie Pearson, Hugh Rayner, Harry Ritchie, Benji Mathieson, Tom Pidgeon (Team Manager)  
FRONT ROW L-R: Nick Rowe, Dylan Mahony, Ryan Carlisle, Simon Martin (Coach), Luke Arthur, Cameron Tassone, Danny Martin  
ABSENT: Jack Lawton



# U11 Black

Coach - Marcus Marshall

It was a terrific year for U11 Black with 16 returning players, three new players and two returning from a 12 month sabbatical.

This year's focus was about further development of skill in relation to marking and kicking, working on game sense (in the play or one kick out of the play in any direction) and most importantly, having fun.

Training was a pleasure and well supported throughout the year by the boys with plenty of support from parents, which was much appreciated.

Of our 14 games we won six and lost eight, with two of those losses under a goal. As a result, we missed the finals by one game. Most importantly, the boys enjoyed each game regardless of the result (well possibly all except for the first game against Glen Iris where we were soundly defeated). However, out of every game and possibly more so out of the defeats, comes a challenge and these boys loved a challenge.

Our last game of the year has traditionally been our best where everything we have been working on during the year comes together and our task in the last game was to take on the ladder leaders in Glen Iris. The boys played with terrific spirit and determination and as per previous years, all the boys contributed. After leading for three and a half quarters, the team fell marginally short but the boys, coaches, and parents were thrilled by their efforts.

Overall, it was a very pleasing and rewarding year.

*Marcus Marshall, Coach*



**UNDER 11 BLACK - 2017**

BACK ROW L: Joshua Drew, Thomas Bellier, Robert Graham, Thomas Connellan, Ben Alsop, Charlie King  
MIDDLE ROW L: Matt Saunders (Team Manager), Lucas Jong, Ethan Saunders, Finn Hopkins, Noah Parkinson, Julian Marolda, Thomas Traczek, Ciri Jansen (Assistant Coach)  
FRONT ROW L: Zachary Foster, Kai Lucas, Mackenzie Marshall, Marcus Marshall (Coach), Henry Docherty, James McClusky, James Jansen  
ABSENT: Emerson Hodder, Jacob Johnston, Jamie Blackman

# U10 Red

Coach - Nick Grogan



As a coaching group, we appreciated that we would be presented with an opportunity to work with a quality group of young men as they were at the very early stages of their footballing journey. Were we prepared to accept that responsibility? Yes. Did we want to continue to pose and answer our own questions? No.

Slowly the cricket whites were replaced with "Ashy Amour" and white rubber shoes were replaced with battle ready boots (with florescent flexible ankle support).

We channelled Sheeds as he addressed the fledgling GWS and implored them not to let anyone intimidate them. On reflection, our boys may have found this approach a little intimidating. The boys needed to think about where they should be on the ground and where their opponent was - that can be a lot to digest when you are only 10 and you feel like a puppy just let off the lead.

As the season progressed the boys continued to improve. We came up against some very good teams, the boys were learning about footy and being resilient. Regardless of the results, we had great numbers at training and this persistence saw the team string together some great play in the latter part of the season.

The coaching group was very much a collective with Ash, Andrew, Brendan, and John all regulars at training. Gareth guided the ship superbly. We had great parent helpers on game day. Thanks to all.

Most of all thanks to the boys. Each of you had many highlights that were the result from the effort you had put in. Well done to each of you. Look forward to seeing you back next year!

*Nick Grogan, Coach*



**UNDER 10 RED - 2017**

BACK ROW (L-R): Gareth Jones (Team Manager), Josh McLoughlin, Rick Foley, Logan Buckland, Henry Sewell, Nick Grogan (Coach), Kade Eardley, Hugo Monkivich, Tyson Fennee, Thomas Davies, Ash Fennee (Assistant Coach)  
MIDDLE ROW (L-R): Jackson Saunders, Ben Jones, Daniel Lukins, Bailey Currie, Archie Blue, Tom Verge, Will Naismith, Ben Swift  
FRONT ROW (L-R): Oliver Grogan, Will O'Haire, Evan McVey, Charlie Ryan, Taylor Carlisle, Tom Wraithall, Michael Nasser, Ben Estlin, Christian Niklas

# U10 Green

Coach - Pete Martin



2017 was a stellar season for the Under 10 Green Machine, sprinkled with rapid improvement, plenty of fun and teamwork.

Our year started with a broadening of the team base from St Cecilia's to include such budding champions as The Bazooka Brothers, Alex and Christian Bouyoukas; Anthony Costa Packet; Owen 'Wonder' Worthley; and Louis 'Jumbo' Playne.

Our boys adapted quickly to the challenge of Big Time Footy – scoreboards; no zones; and full-sized grounds. Superbly coached by Peter 'Mumbles' Martin, 'The List Whisperer' Justin Reid and managed by Captain Clipboard Nick Adams, the U10 Greens' season culminated with a glorious Grand Final appearance in the YJFL Lightning Premiership ironically against traditional rivals, Ashy Redbacks.

*Mark Branagan, Parent*



**UNDER 10 GREEN - 2017**

BACK ROW L-R: Adam Jones (Owner), Julian Grainger (Trainer), Patrick Harmon, Anthony Costa, Louis Jones, Jack Urquhart, Lackie Gough, Lucas Huggins, Nick Adams (Team Manager)  
MIDDLE ROW L-R: Pete Martin (Coach), Ethan Georgiades, Jonathan Branagan, Luca Dal Pozzo, George Adams, Jayden Reid, Josh Martin, Owen Worthley, Justin Reid (Assistant Coach)  
FRONT ROW L-R: Lucas Simionato, Angus Grainger, Theodore Hall, Eddie Goodwin, Dorantony Boulter, Louis Playne, Christian Bouyoukas, Alexander Bouyoukas  
ABSENT: Evan McMahon, Angus Macmillan

# U10 White

Coach - Rob Jurac & Darren Murphy



The 2017 season provided Rob and I with the pleasure of having most of our U9 team return and have some new players join, with many being new to competitive football. This showed in the first few games as players adjusted to full sized grounds, longer quarters and changes to the tackling rules. As with last year, the longer the season went on, the better the team bonded and they started to play some really good team football, with the highlight being runners up in the Lighting Premiership Carnival, played as the last round of the season. The boys all played well and were undefeated for the first three games only to fall short in the final match. A great effort by the team and even though we did not get the flag, we all had a great day and finished the season off with a lot of passion and enthusiasm.

From the coach's view, it has been a pleasing season for the players who have played another year with us and have grown and developed their football skills. It is also pleasing to see the players who played for the first time this season and who were able to find their role within the team and make valuable contributions week in, week out.

I am always proud of the enthusiasm within our team and this was further highlighted during the Lighting Premiership, when after a solid win after the second match, the boys all beat the adults to the change rooms and proceeded to belt out our version of 'We are the team from Ashburton...'

Rob and I would also like to thank the support staff of Team Managers - Belinda and Kerry, Trainer - Tim and our Runner/Walker – Paul C. We would also like to thank the support of our parent group, for bringing the boys to training and the games and for providing some great photos and a cracking venue and hospitality for our end of season bash. We would also like to acknowledge the support and input from the Ashy Football Club, for the Coach's Nights, Club Nights and organising current AFL Players to come down to the club and meet the players. In closing, thanks to all for a great season and see you all in 2018.

*Darren Murphy, Coach*



**UNDER 10 WHITE - 2017**

BACK ROW L-R: Tim Sutherland (Trainer), Blake Stock, Charlie Murphy, Jeff Miller, Spencer Rehrich, George Dikras, Tom Dew, Darren Murphy (Coach)  
MIDDLE ROW L-R: Paul Christie (Runner), Theo Karamaloudis, Josh Holman, Finlay Sutherland, Blake Bell, David Shedden, Noah Hendrick, Oliver Jurac, Sam Quinn, Kerry Quinn (Manager)  
FRONT ROW L-R: Benj Christie, Ota Bodna, Rashan Gunatillake, Oscar Douez, Rob Jurac (Coach), Will Taylor, Riley Burrell, Flynn Ryan, Patrick Hedley  
ABSENT: Andre Maniatis

# U10 Black

Coach - Simon Miller



Prior to pre-season and with registrations flowing in, the committee had a big task in balancing team numbers, which resulted in U10 Black being allocated a healthy list of 23 players.

The first job from myself was to implement some team rules, followed by pre-season training - we were now ready for the season ahead.

There were positive signs with the grading games, as the team displayed very good ball movement and showed great depth in all areas of the ground.

U10 Black was then upgraded to the next division, which resulted in some tighter games. Plenty of positives came out of the Home & Away games with all players learning how to play in multiple positions and appreciating the value of team play.

The last round of the season, U10 Black played in a Lightning Premiership that resulted in a very exciting Grand Final. U10 Black just held on by 4 points and took away the prized flag.

Highlights for the season included our training excursion and pie night at De La Salle Football Club, an end of season pizza night, and of course singing the Ashy club song after winning the Lightning Premiership.

Thank you to all the players for making the season filled with fun. You are all an exceptional bunch of boys and are a massive credit to yourselves and your families.

Big thank you to all the parents for your support, and in particular to Simon (Team Manager), Jarrod (Assistant Coach), Shanon (Trainer) and Nick (Runner).

*Simon Miller, Coach*



**UNDER 10 BLACK - LIGHTNING PREMIERS - 2017**

BACK ROW L-R: Simon Miller [Coach], Stoway Evans, Julian Dowling, James O'ron, Cooper Fry, Kari Zvirbulis, Ben Miller, Nick Dowling [Keeper]  
MIDDLE ROW L-R: Simon Glover [Team Manager], Declan Collett, Lachlan Glover, Ryan Corcoran, Harry Dixon, Harry Rolleston, Mitchell Hall, James Paglia, Jarrod Neilson [Asst Coach]  
FRONT ROW L-R: Matthew Kopp, Riley Woods, Lachlan Simpson, James Neilson, Charlie Mounas, Oliver Petach, Ben Anderson, Riley Longkai  
ABSENT: Theodore Hysomalis

# U9 Red

Coach - Andrew Rowe



The 2017 season for U9 Red has seen a huge improvement in the skills from the boys and they are certainly ready to step up to the full field next year. Early in the season we focused on the boys hitting the hot spot and ensuring we kicked it down the wing when kicking out from full back, the boys coined the phrase kicking down the "chicken wings", this certainly worked.

As the season progressed we then focused on kicking accuracy and moving the ball down the field quickly, ensuring the boys in the forward line lead into the hot spot. We could see the improvement and it really came through in the last six weeks of the season.

The final phase of the season was to ensure that they stuck on the player and tackled the opposition with vigour and I have to say the intensity of the tackling in the last two games of the season against Canterbury R and Ashy Green was spectacular from all the boys.

As the season progressed we were able to see the teamwork improve and the boys looking after their teammates, this showed in their game play by the end of the season and will place them in good stead for next year.

I would like to thank the boys for having me as their coach this year, the parents for their support throughout the season and of course our Team Manager, Peter McArthur, our Trainer Niall Keating, and our Assistant Coaches, Sean Harris and Scott Blackman.

*Andrew Rowe, Coach*



**UNDER 9 RED - 2017**  
BACK ROW L-R: Sean Harris (Assistant Coach), Charbel Azzi, James Hough, James Harris, Oscar Omsby, Benjamin Pidgeon, Harvey McArthur, Niall Keating (Trainer)  
MIDDLE ROW L-R: Jordan Demikos, Lachlan Doly, Mason Hodge, Tarben Granow, Jordan Rowe, Luca Maiale  
FRONT ROW L-R: Luca Coots, Ruairi Keating, Lachlan Barker, Andrew Rowe (Coach), Maksim Kurlov, Andrew Goode, Jordan Turner  
ABSENT: Sam Blackman, Scott Blackman (Assistant Coach), Peter McArthur (Team Manager)

# U9 Green

Coach - Andrew Tilley

Well what a season we had with the U9 Greens this year.

We started out the season with a philosophy and strategy on coaching for us. It was that if we can allow your child learn further skills, be an inclusive part of a great team environment and have a whole lot of fun, we are doing things pretty well.

I think we can safely say we met our objectives and all the boys deserve their annual bonuses for meeting their stretch targets.

The level of improvement over the year was staggering, the way we learnt to link up, look for leads and run to space were some of the highlighted areas and by seasons end you could see this really paying dividends.

The games were great, the U9 league round robin was only topped by the U9 Redbacks season closure extravaganza where we played our fellow teams.

Off the field, it was hard to top the disco dancing pizza night we held at the club.

I'd also like to thank all the parents for their help and support over the season. It makes a tremendous difference when everybody helps out and we did this really well.

Remember U9 Greens are Supreme.

See you all next year.

*Andrew Tilley, Coach*



**UNDER 9 GREEN - 2017**  
BACK ROW L-R: Paul Shaw (Assistant Coach), Spencer Sharp, Maxwell Taylor, Charles Webb, Jack Spowart, Cooper Hodge, Michael Zano, Matt Sharp (Assistant Coach)  
MIDDLE ROW L-R: Jonty Tilley, Anthony Kizahovsk, Max Morris, Patrick Byrne, Luke Mariadason, Justin Wall  
FRONT ROW L-R: Hamish Boal, Finn Shaw, William Hynes, Andrew Tilley (Coach), Harrison Smith, Oliver Hemingway, Aidan Battista  
ABSENT: Sam McCormack, Jonathan Mackintosh-Dixon, Sue Ellen Mackintosh-Dixon (Team Manager)

# U9 White

Coach - Stu Mackie



WOW...What a long way we have come since Round 1 in Autumn earlier this year when some of St. Cecilia's finest joined forces with some of GIPS finest to form one mighty footy side. We told the gang at the start of the season that we are all one side now, no matter what school you came from and they embraced it from the start. Our coaching team were very lucky to have these kids as they were all so keen to learn and follow our instructions (most of the time) and best of all they were just great kids, it made it very easy for us. A great example of this we saw early on was, when we paired the experienced kids with the less experienced kids. We then asked them to show their partners how to kick. It was unbelievable! Kids who did not even know each other two weeks ago were really getting involved and the joy on their faces when they saw their partner improve or do a good kick was immeasurable. That's when I knew I had not just a great bunch of kids but a great team.

We had two team rules that we followed from day one - "When they have the ball we man up (person up)... when we have the ball we spread." We added a couple of others along the way, but these were always the backbone of our team play. The improvement was most evident when we played a team from Surrey Park, in the second game of the season, they beat us quite convincingly and we played them again on their home ground in the 2nd last game and scored a mountain of goals highlighted by Roman our least experienced player, kicking a 25m goal that he would not have dreamed of in Round 1. I think he is still smiling today! This pretty much summed up our whole season, the kids had fun and learnt a bit and so did the coaches and parents (who were fantastic).

Finally, I would like to thank my awesome coaching staff. My Assistant Coach Mark Xerri, who ran the ship when ever work got in the way. My Trainer/ Dr /Physio, Mick Georgiardi who was always quick on the scene when a player was down, thanks for all your help Mick. Last but not least a big thank you to the best Team Manager a coach could ever have, Indi Swan, who had things sorted that I didn't even know needed sorting. Most of all, thanks kids for a great year!

*Stu Mackie, Coach*



**UNDER 9 WHITE - 2017**

BACK ROW L-R: Michael Georgiades (Trainer), Harry Marshall, Lochlan Walker, Archie Fogarty, Felix Blue, Mark Xerri (Assistant Coach)  
MIDDLE ROW L-R: Indi Swan (Team Manager), Joseph Dee, Patrick Macmillan, Ben Mackie, Jordan Kattoris, Aidan Kroll, Oliver Nashed, Stuart Mackie (Coach)  
FRONT ROW L-R: Lily Carvalho, George Georgiades, Richie Swan, Jamie Polson, Declan Xerri, Lochlan Curtain, Declan Connell  
ABSENT: John Galaris, Roman Zylinski



# U9 Black

Coach - Mick McKenna



Wow!! How quickly a season can start and finish. When the Ashy Redbacks U9 Black started this season we had quite a few new faces. A mixture of St Michaels and Solway kids. Safe to say that the first training season was difficult for both existing players and the coaches to learn everybody's names and the way that they play.

As soon as the season started that all went away. The boys looked as though they had played together for years. The 2017 year for the Ashy U9's Black will go down as the light bulb year!! The year that all the boys grew and developed into great little footballers with the main team rule was to play for and look after each other.

On behalf of the coaching/admin team, we couldn't be prouder of the way our team played and presented themselves every week. No matter how cold or wet the boys put their heads over the ball and went and got the job done.

*Mick McKenna, Coach*



**UNDER 9 BLACK - 2017**

BACK ROW L-R: Michael McKenna (Coach), James Merida, Joshua Murray, William McKenna, Alex Taylor, Joshua Wilson, Oliver Alexopoulos, Ignace Tran (Trainer)  
MIDDLE ROW L-R: Stephen Hoy (Team Manager), Lachlan Morris, Orlando Rafe, James Naismith, Lachlan Frazer, Jack Gebka-Reid, Jasper Tudor, Xavier Tran, Chris Murray (Assistant Coach)  
FRONT ROW L-R: James Tan, James Harris, Leo Bone, Lachlan Bessell, Lachlan Daniell, Sam Barclay, Max Signorelli, Sam Hoy

# U8 Red

Coach - Matt Pietsch



The boys of the Sports Entertainment (SE Products) Ashy Under 8 Red enjoyed a successful start to their football careers, unofficially recording 10 wins, 2 losses and a draw across the 13 Rounds of the 2017 season. In addition, they were undefeated in the YJFL Round Robin season.

The team's mantra of 'SELFLESS' footy was on display throughout the season, as the boys grew closer together as a unit to understand the importance of team work and playing for each other. Together they hunted the ball in numbers; showed courage to continue to run, run, run creating space and options for their teammates; and collectively played team defense making it difficult for the opposition to score. It was an even effort across the team, with everyone contributing their own bit of flair.

To the boy's credit, opposition coaches, often commended them on their linking handball play, continual tackling pressure, and hardness at the ball. Their execution of selfless footy was an exciting brand to watch.

Well done Ashy Under 8 Red on the 2017 season and we look forward to seeing you do it all again next year.

## 2017 Medal Winners

- Mark Murphy Medal - Will Brasch
- Alex Rance Medal - Liam Burgher
- Patrick Cripps Medal – Ollie Davies
- Bryce Gibbs Medal – Sam Gillard
- Rory Sloane Medal – Judd Pietsch
- Jack Zeibell Medal – Lachie Pietsch
- Jack Stevens Medal - Lachie McLisky
- Dustin Martin Medal - Cooper Peschke
- Scott Pendlebury Medal - Brady Shipton
- Nat Fyfe Medal – Isaac Shorthill
- Trent Cotchin Medal – Ned Sutherland
- Jack Rewioldt Medal - Lachie Syme
- Adam Treloar Medal – Ollie Tesoiero
- Darcy Moore Medal - Leo Zvirbulis

*Matt Pietsch, Coach*



**UNDER 8 RED - 2017**  
BACK ROW L-R: Chris Gillard (Assistant Coach), Cooper Peschke, Isaac Shorthill, Liam Burgher, Leo Zvirbulis, Lachie Syme, Matt Pietsch (Coach)  
MIDDLE ROW L-R: Nikki Shorthill (Team Manager), Brady Shipton, Sam Gillard, Lachie McLisky, Lachie Pietsch, Brien Shipton (Trainer)  
FRONT ROW L-R: Ollie Davies, Ned Sutherland, William Brasch, Ollie Tesoiero, Judd Pietsch

## U8 Green

Coach - Leigh Sando



Under 8 Green was a formidable combination of boys from St Cecilia's and Camberwell South Primary with many of the boys knowing each other from Auskick the previous year.

The red and green Ashy spirit shone through from the first training session with all the boys full of energy and excitement and keen to develop their footy skills, which they did in spades.

Each week at training we had heaps of fun focussing on our teamwork and practicing our kicking, hand-balling and marking and of course the all-important check side goal from outside the boundary line! Sunday mornings were the highlight.

From our first game against Richmond to our last against Hawthorn, we could not have been prouder of their efforts. Each week we moved the magnets and the boys played in all of the zones; they tackled hard, kicked lots of goals, took overhead marks and played-on with the ball. It was a great team effort each week, which made the giving of the awards a real challenge but equally exciting for the boys.

With that, all that was left each week was to sing the Ashy song loud and proud, Red and Green!

Thanks for all of the parents who volunteered each week in a variety of game day roles and particularly to Chris Brancatisano (Assistant Coach), Rob Hooke (Team Manager) and Paul Carr (Trainer) for their support and efforts during the season.

Finally, thank you to Rick Atkinson and Wainscott Financial for their generous sponsorship of the team.

*Leigh Sando, Coach*



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MIDDLE ROW L-R: Chris Brancatisano (Assistant Coach), Harry Hooke, Sebastian Aldcroft, Sam Carr, Hugh Saunders, Ned Worthley, Leigh Sando (Coach)  
FRONT ROW L-R: Xavier Marley, Thomas Atkinson, William Sando, William Wickham, Oliver Watts, Lucas Van Gorp

# U8 White

Coach - Glen Cormick



It's hard to believe the year is over already for Under 8 White. It feels like only yesterday that we began pre-season training and setting our team goals of having FUN, focusing on IMPROVEMENT not winning, RESPECTING our teammates, umpires, coaches and the opposition and learning to play with TEAMWORK rather than as individuals. And wow - how the boys delivered. After a couple of games finding our feet we pretty quickly realised that this wasn't Auskick anymore and if we didn't bring intensity to the games then the other teams would just run off on us and make us look silly. From there, TACKLE, TACKLE, TACKLE became our catch-cry and we started to enjoy getting into the packs where the boys learnt to RIP THE BALL OUT AND RUN. We turned things around and began to dominate some games with our want for the ball and to move it forward at speed to our teammates.

We began to have chains of possessions where we would go from one end of the ground to the other and all of the parents would suddenly see how our training was paying off. We brought the HUDDLE to our kick-ins which kept the other teams guessing on how to stop us when kicking in from full-back. We learnt to get the ball clear of a pack by handball to a teammate when under pressure and we began to talk and help each other out rather than waiting for the coaches to tell us what to do. These are all great foundations that will set our team up really well for Under 9s next year.

Thanks to the parents who kept the team running on a weekly basis - Matt, Ross and Nigel, you were all brilliant. Thanks to all the other parents who came down and helped out at training and everyone who did their part on game day which allowed our kids (and us!) to have so much fun. Thanks mostly to all the boys for your commitment to FUN, IMPROVEMENT, RESPECT and TEAMWORK. You are the reason the coaching and management group turn up in rain hail shine and frost to be a part of your football journey - to see you conquer new skills and become the best you can be. So make sure you all keep improving over the Summer, practice what you find hardest and come back a more complete player next year when we do it all again.

*Glen Cormick, Coach*



**UNDER 8 WHITE - 2017**

BACK ROW L-R: Glen Cormick (Coach), Ross Devalle (Assistant Coach), Nigel Suckling (Assistant), Matt Bright (Team Manager)  
MIDDLE ROW L-R: Ben Leong, Noah Ago, William Thompson, Ashton Sellers, Luke Suckling, EJ Verge, Will Waddell, Luke Devalle  
FRONT ROW L-R: Lucas Andriani, Josh McCormick, Lucas Standen, Kris Navaneethanaja, Matt Nimco, Max Bright

# U8 Green



Coach - Justin Bokor

Well, we had a cracking year in U8 Black. What a lovely bunch of lads to work with and coach for the last five months!

We had boys from Solway Primary, Ashburton Primary, St Michael's, Wattle Park, Essex Heights, Wesley and Glen Iris Primary (hope I haven't missed any). The lads teamed together beautifully and became firm friends by the end of the season, not to mention the parents.

As coaches, the most exciting thing we saw was the growth and development of each boy. The joy on their faces as they mastered new skills was a real thrill.

We played with a mantra of 'find a team mate, move the ball quickly'. It took a while but we made a lot of progress on both of these dimensions. Stay together lads and we'll keep working on it next year.

We also saw some great skills – several species and big contested marks, some spectacular running goals and boundary line snaps, some fine assists, and some big tackles. Well done all!

A special mention to Dave Edwards, our Team Manager, who put in a power of work with good humour throughout the season, well done Dave!

Many thanks to the coaches, Big J, Kingy and Macca, and all the Mums and Dads.

See you all in 2018!

*Justin Bokor, Coach*



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We congratulate all of the teams that enjoyed success on the field this year



*Under 15 Green - Section 4 Premiers*



*Under 12 Green - Section Black Premiers*



*Under 10 Black - Section Blue Lightning Premiers*



## Victorian and TAC Cup Selections

Harrison Shugg - Victorian Metro Academy

Emerson Angrove - Oakleigh Chargers

Mitch Bowman - Oakleigh Chargers

Alicia McKertish - Oakleigh Chargers

Emily Roos - Oakleigh Chargers

Georgia Wyett - Oakleigh Chargers

## YJFL Metro Championships Team Selections

Aidan Browne

Erin Grant (Emergency)

Pia Hobday

Matthew Jefferson

Aleisha Kinniff

Elizabeth McNamara

Lucy Parsons

Angus Perry

Tyler Sellers

Gus Simpfendorfer

Dylan Thomas

Ryan Valentine

James Woods





## Yarra Presentations

### Best & Fairest

Exceptional efforts across the Club and we congratulate all the Ashy place getters and nominated players - well done to each of you!

#### **Peter Johnston Medallists**

Aidan Browne - U14 Divison (2)

Eliza McNamara - U15 Girls (1)

#### **Youth Girls Team of the Year**

Lyssie Binns (Half Back)

#### **U11 Blue Division**

James McLisky - 5th

#### **U13 Gold Division**

Gus Simpfendorfer - 4th

#### **U15 (4th Division)**

Jack Hanger - 4th

#### **U12 Black Division**

Will McQueen - 3rd

Ronan Shaw - 6th

James Gorman - 7th

Thomas Voller - 7th

Alexandro Axaris - 8th

Ollie Hobday - 8th

#### **U14 Blue Division**

Artan Walker - 3rd

Oliver Kamo-Fejes - 5th

Harry Mounas - 5th

Hudson Clooney - 6th

#### **U14 Gold Division**

Aidan Browne - 2nd

#### **U16 Girls (1st Division)**

Georgia Wyett - 2nd

Margie Purcell - 5th

#### **Colts (5th Division)**

Jackson Eyres - 5th

Oliver Moore - 5th

Harrison Attard - 6th

#### **U12 Gold Division**

Preston Burns - 5th

#### **U15 Girls**

Eliza McNamara - 3rd

#### **U13 Girls**

Jasmine Fleming - 1st

#### **U15 (1st Division)**

Brayden Fleming - 2nd

Dylan Thomas - 8th

#### **U13 Green Division**

William Robertson - 6th

Ronan Smythe - 6th



## Milestone Games

### 150 Games

Stephen Karvellas - Colts Red

Rob Ritson - Colts Red

Thomas Oliver - Colts Red

### 100 Games

Lachlan Pont - Colts Red

Jordan McCorkell - Colts Red

Jack Billington - Colts Red

Sebastian Mannix - Colts Red

Harry Livens - Colts Red

Hamish Serpell - Colts Red

Jonathan Florntzou - Colts Green

Jackson Eyres - Colts Green

Harrison Attard - Colts Green

Brayden Fleming - U15 Red

Jem Oner - U15 Red

George Bacolas - U15 Red

Oscar Buckley - U15 Red

Tom Docherty - U15 Red

Sam Martin - U15 Red

Fraser Rosman - U15 Red

Jack Francis - U15 Green

Jack Hanger - U15 Green

Jack Parisi - U15 Green

Jack Wildie - U15 Green

Ted McCarthy - U15 Green

Quinn Schwarz - U15 Green

Jake Miller - U14 Red



## 50 Games

Ben Richter - Colts Red	Angus Kenny - U12 Black	Josh Ferguson - U11 Green
Alex Hamlyn - Colts Green	Ronan Shaw - U12 Black	Jack Bowen - U11 Green
Keiran Nagandren - U15 Green	Corbin Howes - U12 Black	Harrison McGrath - U11 Green
Max Stephenson - U14 Green	Liam Garrett - U12 Black	Jack Brockhurst - U11 Green
Oscar Boulter - U13 Green	Ben Thomas - U12 Black	Rylan Carlisle - U11 White
Will Robertson - U13 Green	William Purple - U12 Black	Cam Tassone - U11 White
Bem McLisky - U13 Green	Sam Bowden - U12 Black	Charlie Pearson - U11 White
Thomas Wilson - U13 Green	Thomas Bellamy - U12 Black	Daniel Martin - U11 White
Dane Jacotine - U13 Green	Alec Sellars - U11 Red	Will Smyth-Roberts - U11 White
Noah Caruso - U12 Red	Angus Parsons - U11 Red	Hugh Rayner - U11 White
Charlie Hall - U12 Red	Davey Swan - U11 Red	Lucas Foldi - U11 White
Rory Finestone - U12 Red	Jack Slevison - U11 Red	Mackenzie Marshall - U11 Black
Will Hearn - U12 Red	Joshua Watters - U11 Red	Henry Docherty - U11 Black
Lachie McNeil - U12 Red	Lachie Green - U11 Red	James Jonsen - U11 Black
Patrick Panoussis - U12 Red	Nat Navaneetharaja - U11 Red	Ben Alsop - U11 Black
Oscar Parkinson - U12 Red	Noah Yze - U11 Red	Kai Lucas - U11 Black
Charlie Nancarrow - U12 Green	Rory Hogan - U11 Red	Josh Drew - U11 Black
Will Rowley - U12 Green	Ryan Gale - U11 Red	
Harrison Stack - U12 Green	Will Mithen - U11 Red	
Thomas Voller - U12 Green	William Verge - U11 Red	
Fergus Ekins - U12 Green	Xavier Burns - U11 Red	
Leo Edwards - U12 Green	Archie Woods - U11 Green	
Ollie Hobday - U12 Green	Mack Higginbotham - U11 Green	
James Edgar - U12 Green	Archie Reid-Drought - U11 Green	
Byron Kerr - U12 Black	Tom Schmerl - U11 Green	

