



# Season Report 2017

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## 2017 Executive Committee

**President**

Graham Chong Sun

**Senior Vice President**

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**Junior Vice President**

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**Secretary**

Dave Cahill

**Treasurer**

Steve Rogers

## Club Foundation Members

1961 was the foundation year of Penshurst RSL Junior Rugby League Football Club.

The foundation members of Penshurst RSL JRLFC were :

Kevin O'Brien

Stan Root

K. Clarke

I. Green

Rex Notley

## Kevin O'Brien Memorial Award – “Obie”

The “Obie” is awarded in recognition of continuous outstanding & dedicated service to Penshurst RSL Rugby League and is only awarded above and beyond Life Membership.

The following people have been so recognized by the club:

2002

Rick Waters

2003

Brian McCulloch

2004

Max Simmons

2008

Ken Harris

## Life Members

In recognition and appreciation of their hard work over an extended period of time, the following have been awarded life membership of Penshurst RSL Rugby League.

Year	Life Members
1971	Kevin O'Brien Rex Notley
1972	Stan Root
1975	Gorden Lowrie
1976	Leo Betts Ken Prentice
1977	Lionel Barker Eric Ellis
1978	Jack Gordon Ted Nielsen
1979	Don Muir
1983	Col Burgess
1985	Tom Phillips Rick Waters
1986	Anthony Barker Michael O'Brien
1987	Ray Lillas Kevin Nieass
1988	Rick Haywood Joe Arnold
1989	Bill Hall
1992	Anthony Barnes Peter O'Sullivan
1994	Chris Renshaw Max Simmons Brian McCulloch
1995	Kevin Baxter
1997	Geoff DeVaise
2000	Ian Bond
2004	Graeme Hemopo Tony Grimaldi Ken Harris
2006	Michael Baihn
2013	Joshua Baihn
2014	Anton Harris
2015	Damien Hopper
2016	Dave Cahill

# Annual Awards

Each rugby league season, Penshurst RSL Rugby League recognizes the efforts and achievements of its members with the presentation of annual awards. Some are club based awards whereas others are team based. They are as follows :

<i>Bill Spaul Award</i>	Club Person of the Year
<i>Lionel Barker Award</i>	Coach of the Year
<i>Tom Phillips Award</i>	Senior Players' Clubman of the Year
<i>Bob Barr Award</i>	Junior Players' Club Person of the Year
<i>Syd Davis Award</i>	Best On Field Achievement by a Junior Player
<i>Mitchell Wykes Award</i>	Most Valued Team Contribution by a Senior Player
<i>Ken Prentice Award</i>	Most Dedicated C Grade Player
<i>Fred Neams Award</i>	Highest Try Scoring Forward in C Grade
<i>Mick Norris Award</i>	Under 13s Players' Player -TBC
<i>Stan Root Award</i>	Best Defensive Player from the Under 10s
<i>Jim Pittis Award</i>	Most Consistent Player from the Under 7s
<i>Stirrers' Award</i>	For the club member considered to be the biggest stirrer
<i>Don Muir Award</i>	Manager of the Year



A massive thanks to President, John Hoban and his Board of Directors and Chris Hendley and his staff for the on-going support we receive from Penshurst RSL Club. This support has been going for 57 years now.

Bill Spaul Memorial Award

## Bill Spaul Memorial Award – Clubperson of the Year

Each year, Penshurst RSL Rugby League rewards the outstanding commitment to the club during that year by one of it's members. Clubpersons of the year have been :

Year	Winner
1985	Tom Phillips
1986	Bob Barr
1987	Michael O'Brien
1988	Joe Arnold
1989	Georgina Rose
1990	Sandra Simmons
1991	Glenn Wallace
1992	Brian McCulloch
1993	Richard Monk
1994	Kerry Featherstone
1995	Brian McCulloch
1996	Graeme Hemopo
1997	Geoff DeVaise
1998	Denise Clapton
1999	Nerell Ralph
2000	Cathy Crowe
2001	Ken Harris
2002	Martin Taylor
2003	Darren Campbell
2004	Debby Lee
2005	Kelly & Darren Campbell
2006	Darryn Springett
2007	Colleen & Matt Sloane
2008	Glenn Dufty
2009	Leonie Dufty
2010	Tammy Simmonds/Donna Kopa
2011	Justin Hopper
2012	Paul O'Loughlin
2013	Paul O'Loughlin
2014	Steve Rogers
2015	Dave Cahill
2016	Graham Chong Sun

	Lionel Barker Award Coach of the Year	Bob Barr Award Junior Clubperson - player	Tom Phillips Award Senior Clubperson - player
Year	Recipient	Recipient	Recipient
1977	S. Wand		
1978	M. Welton		
1979	K. Walker		
1980	J. Hickey		
1981	Les Newman		
1982	Kevin Hadfield		
1983	Brian McCulloch		
1984	R. Haywood		
1985	W. Duff		
1986	Rick Waters	Nathan Garner	
1987	Rick Waters	Justin Cassar	
1988	Tony Rose	Barry Horton	
1989	Gary Picken	Gavin Slaughter	
1990	Gary Picken	Nathan Picken	Chris Phillips
1991	Brian McCulloch	Joshua Fuz	Andrew Bickle
1992	Craig Harrison	Craig Stapleton	Craig Nieass
1993	Michael Stanley-Smith	Lionel Naseri	Andrew Phillips
1994	Phil Haran	Mitch Keyes	Wally Dalla-Camina
1995	Chris Wykes	Trent Featherstone	Ian Bond
1996	Michael Baihn	Lionel Naseri	Matthew Walker
1997	Steve Momo	Aaron Tandek	
1998	Brad Lockhart	Joshua Baihn/Aaron Clapson	
1999	Ken Harris	Evan Jarvis	
2000	Rick Waters	Nicholas Gerhard	Paul King
2001	Martin Taylor	Joshua Baihn	Darryl Jones
2002	Brian McCulloch		Aaron Tandek
2003	Paul Kavanagh	Christopher Campbell	Brendan Peacock
2004	Paul Walsh	Kyle Martin	Zac Crowe
2005	Shane Widderick	Christopher Campbell	Dean Lockhart
2006	Kevin Hadfield	M & D. Springett/K. Campbell	Joshua Baihn
2007	Ken Harris	Jordan Chong Sun	John Callaghan
2008	Paul O'Loughlin		Zac Crowe
2009	Darren Campbell	Seamus Carroll	Matthew Winchester
2010	Peter Knox	Cain Homann	Damien Hopper
2011	Glenn Dufty	Mitchell O'Loughlin	Damien Hopper
2012	Ken Harris	Mitchell Walsh/J. Chong Sun	Damien Hopper
2013	Ashley Wyld	Tyler Hopper	Michael Winchester
2014	Jason Tonna	Tyler Hopper	Ryan Tandek
2015	Dave Hannah	Mathew Gifford	Daniel Springett
2016	Paul O'Loughlin	Lachlan Morgan	Matt Coffey





## President's Report

Again what a great year it has been for our mighty club and I must firstly thank our committee Steve Rogers, Dave Cahill, Mark Purcell, Richard Morgan for their support. Without these people your club would not be the club it is today - the 2017 SENIOR CLUB CHAMPIONS.

The year started with confirmation of 15 teams for the season from under 6s to A grade and the opportunity to welcome an influx of new players and previous players back to the club. The appointment of truly dedicated coaches ensured our players enjoyed their football and achieved results greater than expected.

As the season progressed, it allowed me to see and meet the coaches, managers and trainers who truly had our player's interest at heart and parents that help throughout the season with setting up the field, bbq and canteen help and much more. The opportunity to talk to the parents enabled me to see the diversity of people that are involved in our club which is why our club is a fantastic place to give my time.

To achieve results, support from our sponsors is not just financial but a bonding relationship that the sponsors and the club can achieve an outcome best for both. Our sponsors this year have been tremendous.

**PENSHURST RSL, OMAN (MICHAEL IBRAHIM), MORTGAGE CHOICE (OATLEY), SOIL 'N' STUFF, CHARLIE LOVETT, BLAIR'S TYRES, and DC BARBERS, LUGARNO.**

On field achievements start with our under 12s winning the Craig Rimmer Cup. They were ecstatic with their win.

We had five teams make the Grand Finals our under 9s 11s Gold, 14s, 19s, and A Grade, which resulted with 1 win by the under 19s. The support that all teams had on both days was fantastic and the quality of football displayed was outstanding and the way our players represented our club tremendous. A big congratulations to those teams.

A great achievement is the 2017 SENIOR CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS. With the senior teams having bad luck with major injuries during the season, this result just shows you what a great club we are..

Other people that I need to thank are Tammy Simmonds for her many years of service to the club canteen and this year at Jubilee Oval which created great financial income for the club. Also we had Tammy's youngest boy Tyler helping throughout the year at the bbq, canteen and ground.

Our meat raffles on Friday nights are a great financial support and our on going help from Michael (BUNJIE) Baihn, John (ROBBO) Robinson, Chris (Gus) Wykes, Paul O'Loughlin and others that have helped throughout the year.

Matty and Coleen Sloane for their help this year and all the years they have been associated with the club and Kerry Lawler for her help with our Trivia Night which was a fantastic night.

## President's Report

A special mention to our very own Matt Dufty who has achieved so much this year at St George and has now confirmed his position as full back for the dragons

PENSHURST RSL JRLFC is a very special club with its current and past players, life members, people that held committee positions, coaches, managers, trainers, supporters and parents all make this this club rich and pure and ensure our club's future is in the best possible direction.

I thank you all for giving me the opportunity again to help our club this year and wish all well for the future.

Graham



Penshurst RSL Club President, Mr John Hoban presenting the grants cheque to our president, Graham.

## Secretary's Report

2017 has been a very good year for Penshurst RSLJRLFC.

We have won the Senior Club Championship and were narrowly defeated in the Junior Club Championship.. This is an amazing achievement for our club, as we pride ourselves on getting kids and players on the field for a game of footy. That is why we have at least one side in almost every age group and when there is two, we grade them evenly.

Overall, we had 15 teams this season. Of that, 4 played Mini Footy, 5 played Mod Footy and 6 played SCC International Footy. With the exception of Under 13s, we had at least one side in every age group which really helps the progression of players through the age groups.

Our under 16s and under 17s played in Division 1 comps and our under 14s, under 15s, under 19s and A Grade played in Division 2 comps. This reflects our policy of always grading teams in divisions to suit their ability and growth to gain maximum development for each individual player and team group.

After 3 premierships wins last season, 2017 provided us with 1. Four sides unluckily went down in their grand finals. Our under 19s were the quiet achievers of the whole junior league. They covered more miles than any Leyland brother, come back from more hopeless positions than Luke Skywalker and Rocky Balboa put together and kept on going without any fanfare. They finished second on the ladder, won the major semi in the Manly area, had three weeks off and then saw themselves down 20-4 in the grand final. Most would have given up. Not these boys though. Not Bluey and his great coaching staff either. Bluey remarked, "Don't worry. We're still in this". Sounds optimistic, but Bluey knew his team. In true Pensy spirit, the boys fought back to 20-all at full-time. And then calmly potted a field goal from near the sideline to win 21-20.

Of our runners up, our under 9s were gallant in defeat against Renown, our under 11 Golds were unlucky not to get the job done in the grand final against an impressive Colts team, our under 14s were narrowly beaten by Gynea and our A Grade were beaten by a better side on the day.

2017 was also good for our club at a representative level. Matt Dufty made his long-awaited NRL debut for St George-Illawarra. After a handful of very impressive performances and a couple of tries, Matt may have his name penciled in on that Dragons #1 jersey for many years to come.

We were also well represented in the Dragons SG Ball side by Ethan Hicks, Harris Georgopoulos and Jye McRae and in the Dragons Matts Cup outfit by Jamie Lawler, Tyler Ah Chong, Aidan Oloapu, Benji Ukarangi and Jaden Faatoia-Muai'avua.

A massive thanks to all of our mighty sponsors for 2017. Penshurst RSL Club has been fantastic for us and we gratefully thank them and their President, Mr John Hoban again for their generous and continued support that has now run for 57 seasons. We urge all of our parents and fans to become members and support the club that supports us. The country of Oman and Michael Ibrahim, Sean Willett from Mortgage Choice at Oatley, Soil 'n' Stuff, Charlie Lovatts at Peakhurst, Ben Pomery from Blair's Tyres, Peakhurst and the brand new DC Barbers at Lugarno have all been very generous to us and a big part of our on-going success. Again, we urge parents and fans to support these great businesses.

## Secretary's Report

We have a great group of coaches, managers and trainers across all of our teams from under 6s to A Grade. These people nurture and care for all of our players from the littlest kids to our veteran A Graders. Thank you all for your efforts in keeping us the number one club in the district.

To our 250 odd players that have worn the Green & Gold so proudly and courageously this season. You have shown the spirit, fairness and sportsmanship that our Green & Gold jersey has meant to so many players and officials over the last 57 years. Great effort. Each and every one of you have played your part in securing us our successes this season. We are very proud of, and grateful to, all of you. Let's see you all back in 2018.

Finally, to our executive committee, general committee and all of our many fantastic helpers, a big thanks goes out to all of you. For a club to run as successfully and smoothly as ours did this year we needed a lot of very good people – Graham, Perc, Richard, Steve, Tammy, Bunjie, Robbo, Olly, Gus, Dean, Sean, Liz, Sandra, Belinda, Ken, Matty, Colleen, Michael, Jade, Jason, Katie, Anne, Leonie, Melissa, Glenn, Sue and anyone I may have inadvertently missed – thanks.

When speaking of the champions.....

Dave Cahill  
Secretary



**Charlie Lovett.**

Go to Charlie Lovett's at Peakhurst for all your coffee pleasures.

## Under 6 Gold

The future for our club looks very bright indeed!

From a gloomy wet start to the season right through to the warm spring like August that was 2017, the thing that stands out the most for me as the coach was the amount of passion and love for the game that this team showed. Add to that the relatively high skill level that they displayed across the whole team was outstanding and you have the recipe for a great future for our club.

With a successful recruitment push from early in the year our numbers were higher and with the new 6 aside format, allowed us to field two teams.

I must thank **Ahmad, Matthew and Dean** for stepping up to staff the Green team as well as **Louise, Kathryn and Lisa** who regularly helped on the table and the canteen for the U6 Golds. All the other parents who helped and most of all got your children to training and games, I thank you and I know the boys appreciated it.

U6's can be most difficult for the parents as is at the earliest time and many must rush off straight after the game to get to sibling's sport or other commitments. All that input made it much more enjoyable for the team as I said they paid it back with great passion and enjoyment which is the whole point.

Every team member showed what I would say to be a high skill level for their age and a great platform to further develop their skills in the remaining Mini years, to be able to grow and learn throughout their Mod and international careers.

The team is listed below and I look forward to seeing them next year and beyond to assist and enjoy watching them develop into great Rugby Leagues players and fine young men and to be a credit to our great club and the greatest game of all.

Mateo Fulton-Ratuyada  
Jackson Hill  
Harrison Willett  
Asher Stewart  
Kayden Golesworthy  
Ali Ibrahim  
Jeremiah Lavakula  
Zekial Vito

Thank you, guys, for a great season. I enjoyed every minute and am so glad that I had the opportunity to enjoy, learn and grow with you.

See you next year.

Sean Willett  
Coach



## U 6 Green

At the start of the year our boys only met one time for the registration day and had a short training run with their coaches Ahmad and Matt and also some of the NRL players.

None of the boys new each other at that stage as it was the first time that they all met.

We then had some bad luck with the weather for the next 4 weeks and had no training runs at all. So the boys went into their first game with not much of an idea of what they were meant to do which was quiet amusing watching from the sideline. Some of our boys were running the wrong way scoring tries down the wrong try line or even tackling our own players but they also did very well for their first game without any training.

Our coaches were run off their feet for the first few weeks trying to teach the kids all the basics of playing rugby league with lots of funny moments in training as well.

Once we got to round 3 our boys started to put it all together and to see the progress from being complete strangers and not knowing what they were doing to becoming great mates and growing into a team was extremely satisfying to watch, From that point onwards our boys were virtually unbeatable.

It was also great to see the boys all huddle together before and after games and chant WE ARE PENSURST. They all became as one team.

Our coaches Ahmad and Matt were so good with the kids and all the boys loved playing for them.

Also all the parents were fantastic and so supportive of our coaches and management.

Looking forward to 2018 to see our mighty green team grow and develop and most importantly having fun playing rugby league and the mate ship that grows with that.

Green Team U6.. **Ali, Lachlan, Jayden, Daniel, Kees, brother; Levi and Mason, brother; Ali and Mohamad.**

Under 7

## Under 7

Out of the 7 players we had this year, 3 were playing their first year of rugby league with the other 4 backing up for their second season.

With the modifications to the mini footy rules this year, it enabled each of the players to get an equal share of possession and enjoy the game.

All the boys were enthusiastic and eager to learn. As the season progressed, they learnt that defence plays a big part of the game and it was great to see them working as a team and all moving up together as they did at training.

A big thank you to Melinda, the team manager for organizing the team each week and to all the parents for their assistance at training and on game days.

Hope to see you all again next year for another great season.

### Players

#### **Jeriah Leger**

Big and strong. Caused havoc to the opposition defense every time he touched the ball. Used his size and great tackling technique to pull off some great hits. Topped the try scoring list.

#### **Max Gratland**

Played his first season of rugby league and was a stand out in the team. Full of courage and determination. Always put his body on the line in defence.

#### **Charlie Hogg**

A zippy little player, side stepping his way through teams to score many great tries. Always full of energy and gained confidence in his own abilities as the season progressed.

#### **Ben Buckley**

Good game awareness. Showed his toughness by playing on in 1 game after breaking his thumb in the first quarter. Knows how to find the try line every game.

#### **Khyas Haunga**

One of our best open field runners and top defenders. His evasive running and much-improved edge defence were highlights of his game. A confident strong runner who scored many tries throughout the year.

#### **Mason Eleter**

Playing his first season of footy. Big Mason loved being a part of the team. He made sure he was in every tackle. Scored his first try ever in the last game of the season. One we will all remember. Well done Mason!

#### **Joseph Keilani**

Also playing his first year of footy. Improved as the season went on, but unfortunately could not finish the season after moving out of the area.

Thank you boys for a great fun year of footy –

Paul Buckley

Under 8

## Under 8

With talent across the park the boys will continue to develop and can look forward to many successful years ahead.

The Players...

### **Kane Morris**

What a season from a boy who hadn't played before. With a fearless nature, strong defensive technique and passion aplenty Kane quickly became an integral member of the team. The future looks bright for Kane who promises to develop into some sort of player.

### **Ronan O'Neill**

There is more than one opponent in the competition that is relieved that they don't have to look out for an Exocet missile named Ronan rushing out of the line over the next few months. With a great defensive technique and a running style that makes him difficult to stop Ro Ro had another great year.

### **Jacob Chami**

Our muscle in the middle. Jacob took it upon himself to control the centre of the park and willingly took on the biggest kid in the opposition each week. A hard runner and fearsome defender.

### **Xavier Farr**

The best head wobble in the competition, Xavier carved up all comers and managed to bag more tries than Tony Archer excuses. Fast and elusive, Xavier was a joy to watch in open play and should be proud of his efforts this season.

### **Hussein Ibrahim**

Huss was a key contributor throughout, both scoring and saving a mountain of tries. Whether it was his cheeky darts out of dummy half or his sublime cover defense, Huss was always on song. One can only imagine how good he could be if he kept his shoelaces tied.

### **Nathan Ross**

New to the game, Nathan did well to fit in with the boys and contribute to a happy team environment. Always smiling, Nathan was a pleasure to coach and may well have found his home with good service out of dummy half.

### **Jairome Lewis**

Another of the try scoring aficionados, Jairome was impressive across the season. Knowing just when to inject himself into the attack meant that Jairome was able to run riot at times with a few opposition sides embarrassed by his footwork.

### **Codie Briar**

Codie missed the start of the season, but more than made up for his early absence. Enthusiastic with a great demeanour meant that Codie fit right in. Some powerful runs combined with a genuine willingness in defense mean that Codie will be a force to be reckoned with in the seasons ahead.



Under 8

With only 8 in the squad we struggled at times to field a full team but that didn't stop the boys from putting in a wholehearted effort. A big thank you to those from the u7's that helped us out at various times.

A big thank you also to **Harry Farr** for doing an excellent job in coaching the boys and to **Therese Farr** for filling the manager's role.

I would also like to thank the Committee for their support and look forward to season 2018. Go to the Mighty Rissoles!

The Trainer



Congratulations to our own Matt Duffy on his NRL debut for St George Illawarra Dragons. May we see you score many tries in that No. 1 jersey for many years to come.

## Under 9

Place	Played	Won	Draw	Lost	Bye	For	Against	Diff	Points
2nd	15	10	3	2	1	420	292	128	25

Finals Results			
Major Semi-Final	Renown United	Lost	4-18
Preliminary Final	Kingsgrove Colts	Won	30-10
Grand Final	Renown United	Lost	24-30

The u9s 2017 season was to be a first for many things. A new coach, new rules, a bigger field and many more. The boys started the season off with low on numbers due to the rain and no training. We found it hard to build momentum but with a little sunshine and the committee's great registration concept we soon went from 9 player to 13 with a good mix of old and new players. It was now up to the coach to do his thing and gel this team together.

We started the season off well winning our first four games and then had two losses back to back. This was only a minor hiccup in the boys' season as they went on a winning streak of 10 games which included three draws to finish in second spot. This saw us come up against Renown in our major semi-final and unfortunately the boys went down 18-4. They were not to be disheartened and Coach Kepreotis didn't want to let this opportunity slip and got the boys focused and with two good training sessions under their belt the lads were ready. They played Kingsgrove in their Preliminary final. After a scrappy first period and a half time rev up the boys finished off strong winners 30-10 to advance to their first grand-final.

Grand final day was finally here and Renown were once again our opponents. The boys were ready to go into battle for the mighty Green and Gold. Fighting all the way to the final whistle we went down narrowly 30-24 in a nail bitter. Disappointment rolled through the boys after the final whistle, but once the realisation of what an achievement it was in itself to make a grand final soon brightened their afternoon. I am sure the boys will use this as motivation in the years to come and have their chance to lift the trophy on OKI jubilee.

I would like to thank Matt for coaching the boys. You have done a tremendous job in your first season with the team and they really look up to you and respect you. You have brought out the best in all the players, not only in their playing skills but moulding them into great young men. Thank you once again. It has been a pleasure working with you and I can't wait to do it all again next season and go one step further.

To Andrew and Purc, thank you for your words of wisdom each weekend. The boys really thrived on your advice and like Matt, you guys got the best out of them on the field. Thank you for the season and see you next year.

### Playing Squad:

**Hussein:** Husky played most of the season at Fullback and Dummy half, pulling off a number of try saving tackles on opponents much larger and scoring some great tries from his famous dummy half scoots. He also nailed a few goals throughout the season. A tenacious competitor who's size should not be underestimated. A great season and look forward to seeing him return next season.

**Jahmain:** Jahmain played in the forwards this season and took a while to find his feet. His strong carries and defence were his best assets. Jahmain saved his best games for the final series. A great season and look forward to seeing him return next season.

**Isaac:** Isaac played in the forwards this season and led by example. His strong carries put fear into the opposition and his defence likewise. Isaac scored a number of tries and kicked a bag full of goals. A great season and look forward to seeing him return next season.

**Nathan:** The "Ross Dog" Nath was in his first year of rugby league and you would be excused for not knowing it. A great kid who picked up the game really well. he was a handy addition to the team. A great season and look forward to seeing him return next season.

**Jairome:** Jai had a good season back at the club. He played mainly wing/centre and his ability to read the game and support is second to none. He scored some great tries. A great season and look forward to seeing him return next season.

**Rauna:** Rauna was in his first year of league and also you would not have picked it. He played first receiver and directed the team around well. Rauna's defence was solid and scored some good tries and also kicked a few goals in the process. A great season and look forward to seeing him return next season.

**Hussien:** Huss had a break-out season. His strong carries and solid defence were highlights. He really took the team forward and got us on the front foot and scored some great tries. A great season and look forward to seeing him return next season.

**Jacob:** Jacob had a great season. Another of our forwards who never took a backward step with his strong carries and defence. A great season and look forward to seeing him return next season.

**Cooper:** Cooper played dummy half this season and his service was faultless. His ability to read the game and assess the situation was invaluable to the team. Cooper scored a few tries and even kicked a goal. A great season and look forward to seeing him return next season.

**Jovan:** Jovan played wing this year and had a cracker of a season. The more his confidence built, the more the team benefitted. Jovan's solid defence, strong carries and blinding speed made him the complete package, scoring tries and bagging goals along the way. A great season and look forward to seeing him return next season.

**Jireh:** Jireh played first receiver this season. His service was great and his defence was rock solid as always. With his speed and defence, he was a major part of the team's set up, saving many a try and scoring a few along the way. Jireh also nailed a few goals too. A great season and look forward to seeing him return next season.

**Lucas:** Lucas came into the team midway through and was a handy addition. He played in a few positions and was happy to play wherever needed. Lucas pulled off the tackle of the year in the grand-final. A great season and look forward to seeing him return next season.

**Lachlan:** Lachlan came in to team midway through the season and took a while to find his feet with this being his first year at league. Lachlan played wing and his defence was solid and had good speed to match. A great season and look forward to seeing him return next season.

Under 9

**William:** The “LOKO” motive came in to the team midway through and was definitely a handy addition, playing in the forwards. His strong carries and damaging defence sent fears through the whole competition. He led by example and the boys followed him. William’s three tries and goal in the grand final was proof of how he played. A great season and look forward to seeing him return next season.

Lastly I would like to thank the committee for their ongoing efforts behind the scenes to ensure the boys get on the field. Thank you to the parents and supporters for getting out to support each week. Wishing you all a happy and safe Christmas and New Year and look forward to a successful 2018.

Up the mighty Rissoles.

Jason

Manager



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Thanks to Michael Ibrahim and the Country of Oman for their on-going support.

## Under 10

Place	Played	Won	Draw	Lost	Bye	For	Against	Diff	Points
3rd	16	8	0	8	0	430	466	-36	16

Finals Results			
Minor Semi-Final	Brighton Seagulls	Won	30-6
Preliminary Final	Arncliffe Scots	Lost	20-30

Season 2017 was an outstanding year for the fearless Penshurst RSL U10s. The player's skill levels really developed during the season and team spirit was sky high. All of the players showed great courage throughout the year and no one could doubt the commitment shown by the team.

The season got off to a slow start due to wet weather in the pre-season. Our first game was upon us before we knew it and we were under prepared when we took on Arncliffe Scotts. Not our best game, but it was the wakeup call that we needed. From here, the team really pulled together and recorded some great results against strong opposition.

Whilst we are not the biggest team in the competition, we are definitely one of the most skillful and committed.

Our best game was in the semi-final when we took on a powerful Brighton Seagulls side in sudden death. Our defensive effort was exceptional as we kept the Seagulls tryless until the last minute. Our attack reached a new level during the game as we racked up 30 unanswered points against some strong defense. The score could have been much more except for some missed goals due to strong winds and some missed try-scoring opportunities.

With this strong win under our belt, we were confident that we would get the result against an Arncliffe Scots team that we had not previously beaten. The boys put in a massive effort, despite some illness, to level the scores at 12 all at half time. We started strongly in the second half and had some good opportunities to put the game away; however, the bounce of the ball didn't quite go our way. The bigger Arncliffe team finished the game strongly and were able to knock us out of grand final contention by 5 tries to 4.

The whole team put in a courageous effort on the day and despite the disappointment were able to walk off the field with their heads held high. There is a steely determination in the whole team to get to the grand final in season 2018.

### No. 1 – **Bailey-Dean Latanis**

Chiming into the backline, our fullback was able to use his pace and skill to get around most defenses and become our leading try scorer. Bailey's defense and positional play improved significantly during the year and he was able to save as many tries as he scored.

### No. 2 – **Reuben Hogg**

One of our most reliable players, Reuben has improved significantly and was always on hand to pull off some really important tackles during the year. I expect Reuben to build on his skills and perform strongly in 2018.

**No. 3 – Hassan Eid**

Hassan is one of our most enthusiastic players and his attitude on and off the field is always infectious. Hassan moved into dummy half during the year and was able to use his skills and commitment in this important position to contribute to the team.

**No. 4 – Nicholas Bastas**

Nicholas is a skillful ball runner and was able to make his mark felt in most games he played. Unfortunately, he was away for a large part of the season and his absence was really felt by the team.

**No. 6 – Oscar O'Neill**

Another strong and very consistent season from Oscar. His ball playing and organizational skills were evident from first and second receiver as he led the team around the field in a professional manner. Very reliable goal kicker with 100% accuracy during the year.

**No. 7 – Kye Duck**

Kye is a true rugby league player, with a strong defensive technique as well as footwork and pace to burn. Able to score some impressive tries when he took on the line and he also rattled a few ribs in defense.

**No. 8 – Edro Ukarangi**

The quiet achiever of the team. Edro was able to go about his work with minimal fuss. Always strong in defense in the middle of the field as well as making some damaging runs when required. A powerhouse performance throughout the year.

**No. 9 – Jack Warr**

Great service from dummy half and some really astute runs when the opposition was on the back foot. Jack put in a tremendous defensive effort in the Final, when he tackled himself to a standstill in the first half despite being sick with the flu. A real inspiration to the team.

**No. 11 – Jackson Wesley**

Jackson has excellent ball skills and was really able to make a contribution to the team when he slotted into first receiver. He is a strong runner with the ball and his defense has improved dramatically throughout the year. A strong effort in the finals.

**No. 12 – Jack Stoneham**

A new addition to the team in 2017, Jack impressed everyone with his commitment and dedication. Always gave 100% effort and was very strong in defense in the middle of the field. Jack could always be relied on to get the team out of trouble with his hard running in the forwards.

**No 13 – Samuel Morgan**

A team player who played well above his weight. Sam made the middle of the field his own and was able to shut down other teams with tenacious defense. Sam also made a successful transition to first receiver and was able to get the forwards working as a pack.



**No. 15 – Hussein Hachem**

Hussein was a real impact player that had the ability to destroy defenses at will. Scored some impressive tries throughout the season and set up many more with strong running. Hussein could be counted on for his tough defense that had the opposition worrying. A favorite with the whole team.

**Special Mention – Emma Warr**

Emma came to our assistance during the middle of the year when we were short on numbers. Although playing a year up and against opposition twice her size, Emma showed great courage to help the team out in its hour of need.

**Special Mention – U9 Players Isaac and Jireh**

After playing their own game, both Isaac and Jireh put up their hands to help out the U10s when we were short. Isaac was a powerful ball runner in the final series and always made an impact when he came on. Jireh also performed well and was very reliable in defense.

**Trainers:**

Both **Dean O'Neill** and **Fady Eid** provided excellent support during the season and were instrumental in getting the boys to reach their potential. They provided valuable advice during the season and ran the team with great insight during the games.

**Team Manager – Melissa Henderson**

Melissa is a great manager who has the interest of all of the players at heart. She provided tremendous support throughout the season with her calm manner.



Thanks to Sean Willett and all at Mortgage Choice, Oatley.

## Under 11 Green

Place	Played	Won	Draw	Lost	Bye	For	Against	Diff	Points
4th	14	6	0	8	1	356	370	-14	14

Finals Results			
Minor Semi-Final	Renown United	Won	36-18
Preliminary Final	Kingsgrove Colts	Lost	12-34

The 2017 season was a much improved season for the under 11 Green team.

It was great to see a full complement of players at most training sessions which had been lacking in years past. There was a great feeling of unity amongst the new and old team mates and this showed in their results this year.

We did win our first match against a Colts team we had never managed to beat and things were looking up! Then we came up against some pretty tough opposition over the next few weeks and results did not go our way which brought us back to earth with a thud!

One thing we did notice was that the team was still turning up to train and putting in and having fun. Like a lot of teams we struggled to play the type of footy we trained to play from the opening whistle and this did hurt us with results in the middle part of the season.

There was a game against Scots where we thought we would win easily and we were beaten. It really embarrassed us. Coach Chris decided it was time for an honest appraisal and gave them a spray!

From that moment on things changed and the back half of our season was sensational.

We ended up finishing 4th and traditionally this is where our season finishes getting bundled out in the first semi-final.

We were up against our arch rival Renown whom we had never beaten before. Well did we play the game of our lives or what!! We came out and smashed them off the park. It was such a great feeling as they had fulfilled their potential as a team which we knew they had.

We were so happy for the boys and honestly it did not matter what happened after that, if we did win the prelim it would've been a bonus but that was the pinnacle of our year.

Thanks to all the great people that contributed to our team. It was greatly appreciated.

Let's hope all the boys come back and give it another go next year as well.

Craig Bashall  
Trainer



## Under 11 Gold

Place	Played	Won	Draw	Lost	Bye	For	Against	Diff	Points
1st	16	15	0	1	0	722	214	+508	30

Finals Results			
Major Semi-Final	Kingsgrove Colts	Won	24-18
Grand Final	Kingsgrove Colts	Lost	18-24

Last year's quote was from Mortimer, "Who would have thunk it?"

This year's quote has to be from the immortal Maxwell Smart, "Missed by that much."

At the start of the season, we were looking to carry on the great finish to last year. We started off very well with big wins over all of our rivals. Some key mid-season injuries saw us go off the boil a bit, but we came back strongly to win the minor premiership by 8 points.

Semi-final time had arrived and our first challenge was Kingsgrove Colts. In a hard fought match in blustery conditions, we prevailed 24-18.

On to the grand final. We were again faced with Kingsgrove Colts. Whether it was the pressure of the "favourites" tag, the atmosphere or the innovative and inventive refereeing decisions, we didn't play up to our best and Colts reversed the scoreline from two weeks earlier..

"Missed by that much."

### Players

#### Tana Kaitu

A very strong season from a vastly improved player. Tana keeps on listening, learning and improving.

#### Tommy Khalil

An improved and consistent season from a player that tries his best. Tommy has a great step and good defence.

#### Kane McCarren

Another very good and consistent season from our captain. Kane always leads by example in both attack and defence.

#### Zachary Nobrega

A strong season from a player with loads of potential. If Zac keeps on believing in himself, he has the skills to go a long way.

## Under 11 Gold

**Mitchell Woods**

Even though it was a season interrupted by injury, Mitch again showed what a quality player he is in both attack and defence.

**Brody Duck**

A strong and consistent season from a player with stacks of ability. Brody is another player who needs to keep believing in his ability.

**Andrew Rahipere**

A much-improved season from one of feared bookends. Andrew showed that he is a high-quality big man with a lot of courage.

**Malachai Finau**

Another very good and consistent season from a player that always gives his best. Mal can be one of the most influential players on the field.

**Jim Tetauru**

Fantastic season from our other feared bookend. Jim is a strong runner, hard and punishing defender and will develop into a powerhouse in the future.

**Wesley Polutele**

Brilliant season from the best defender in the competition. Wesley's workload in attack is very good, but his defence is brilliant.

**Finlay Whitten**

In his first season of rugby league, Finlay showed great improvement in all aspects. He is always keen to listen and improve. Great debut.

**TeRau Hemopo**

New to our side this year, TeRau improved out of sight as the season went along. Skillful with the footy and strong in defence.

We also need to acknowledge the brilliant contribution that our 4 champion under 10s players, **Sam Morgan, Bailey-Dean Latanis, Oscar O'Neill** and **Kye Duck** gave to us. These boys played many games for us during the season and went very well. Thanks boys.

To all of our parents, thanks very much for letting us be part of your sons' lives every week. You are a fantastic and supportive group of people that make it very easy to coach a side like this. The closeness that you have all developed away from footy has been a big part in the on field achievements. The boys are all friendly and respectful to their team mates, coaching staff and opposition and that comes directly from their parents. Thanking all of you very much.

Under 11 Gold

To my fantastic coaching staff. **Scotty Henderson**, thanks to you for all you have done for these boys this year. Your game knowledge and coaching skills were invaluable. To the best manager in the business, **Trevor McCarren**, thanks for making everything easy and smooth for us every week. And a big thanks also to his lovely assistant, Patrina, the oranges were always perfect To our caring and dedicated FAO, **Melissa Henderson**, thanks for your warm and nurturing way with the boys

after they had a crash or a boo-boo. And a big thanks to **Damien Kaitu**. Your experience and knowledge was invaluable. A big thanks also to **Harry Woods** for all your help and to **Liz Nobrega** for your social organisation.

And last but not least, our group boys. What else can be said about you guys. You are all fantastic young men. Every one of you boys is polite and respectful and can all be a bit cheeky in a good way. It is an absolute pleasure to turn up to training twice a week and to game days on Saturdays and work with all of you. Let's use the disappointment of this year to make us all stronger and let's learn together.

Wishing everybody a safe and relaxing off-season, Christmas, New Year and holiday period.

One last time from Maxwell Smart, "Missed by that much."

Dave Cahill



A huge thanks to Ben and all the great staff at Blair's Tyres, Peakhurst for all their wonderful support

Under 12

## Under 12

Place	Played	Won	Draw	Lost	Bye	For	Against	Diff	Points
6th	13	2	0	11	3	126	354	-228	17

Another season done and dusted and another enjoyed by all.

Last season we struggled with numbers and it was our first goal to boost numbers. With the help of the committee and players, our numbers rocketed to 18 prior to competition.

After a few withdrawals, our final numbers were 15 and things were looking great.

We had a good balance of returning players and new players with most being in their first year of rugby league. The players gelled quickly and become great mates along the way and enjoyed their footy.

The season soon rolled around and after a few tight losses, our semi-final hopes were slipping away and by the mid-point of the season all hopes had faded.

This brought a reassessment of goals for the back end of the season and we were all on the same page and marked the Craig Rimmer KO as our target for the rest of the season.

Throughout the season I could not fault the effort and attitude from my boys always putting in 110%, always willing to learn and play where ever is needed to benefit the team.

As the year went on we improved immensely and troubled a few sides along the way. We competed in every game and that was shown in our last game against last year's grand finalist which we narrowly lost 22-6. If there was a competition ladder for effort we would be coming first but found it hard to match these other sides that had been together for 5+ years and were much larger.

The Craig Rimmer KO was played late in the season and as mentioned, this was our team's goal to win.

Once again on the back foot with only 12 players and not given a chance, we dug deep winning our first game on the bell. Our second game again was a nail bitter which we hung on with strong defence to win through to the grand-final. This was a tightly contested match and with 30 seconds to go we were up by 3 pts and had to defend a set on our line. We did this and were deservedly crowned champions. It's a small reward for the effort these lads had put in over the past two years. I would like to thank **Carolyn** for her efforts in managing the team. She never missed a beat and kept the parents well informed each week. To **Sean** and **Rob**, thank you for your help each week getting the boys ready on game day and word of encouragement during each game. Thank you to **Richard** and **Adam** who filled in whenever needed.

To all the parents you have all been fantastic and it's a pleasure to have you support the team.

To my boys, a MASSIVE thank you for another great season and as mentioned we need to get you all back next year and build on what we have started and have a great season next year. You have all been a pleasure to coach. Your effort and willingness to learn is what you need to move forward in Rugby League. It made my job easier when you all want to learn. I can't wait to be part of your development and growth next season.

Lastly, thank you to the committee for your ongoing efforts behind the scenes each week.

Have a safe off season and Christmas break and all the best for 2018.

See you all next season.

Jason.

Coach u/12s

Under 14

## Under 14

Place	Played	Won	Draw	Lost	Bye	For	Against	Diff	Points
2nd	16	8	1	4	3	230	188	+42	23

Finals Results			
Major Semi	Gynea Gorilla	Lost	12-16
Preliminary final	Earlwood Saints	Won	20-12
Grand Final	Gynea Gorilla	Lost	4-12

Season 2017 started off really tough for the boys in div 1 with not winning a game initially due to almost whole new backline and injuries to some experienced players. It was somewhat frustrating for the boys as well as the coaching staff. It was a tough one on some of the boys to drop to div 2 with the team going undefeated until their major semi-final only to lose by 4 due to goal kicking. Mid-way through the season we lost another couple of boys due to injury, one being the halfback. The boys who remained out on the paddock really lifted and took the challenge and rose and were through to the big GF.

The boy's defense has really stepped up, and the team is really starting to develop some combinations in attack. The self-belief has been boosted seeing some plays which we have worked on all year starting to pay off and results of all the hard training sessions evident on the field. What started as a very negative first month of the season finished with us winning 8 matches from 10 with 1 draw and 1 loss. We qualified for the semi-finals in 2nd position.

Individually, **Jayden Maakaroun & CJ Connolly** have both led the team well as co-captains. **Jack Mirfin** has done an extraordinary job with a disrupted season due to injury. Special mention to **Lucas Anderson** who played up and scored the majority of our tries, and another special mention to **Joseph Elias** who ran like a bulldozer and made almost 30 meters on an average run. Those four boys really helped the side reach the grand-final.

We all know Rugby League is about scoring tries as well as defending. **Max Kovacic** was our standout defender all season, putting his body on the line each week and for a small fellow, he puts on some massive hits.

Season ending injuries to **Daniel Belcheff** with a broken leg, **Billy Abdelwahab** with his tendon coming off his finger, **Noah** also having a similar injury to Billy. In the grand final first half we lost our best forward **Joseph Elias** and **Hamza Chami**. All players were devastated they couldn't be there with the boys in the grand-final.

I would have tipped a complete different game if these players were all fit and available to play.

2017 saw a number of new players to the club, so hopefully they all return next year and build on this season with the goal of being a strong Div 1 team in 2018.

Wally  
Coach

## Under 15

Place	Played	Won	Draw	Lost	Bye	For	Against	Diff	Points
3rd	16	7	1	3	1	325	226	+99	17

Finals Results			
Minor Semi-Final	St John Bosco etc	Won	34-4
Preliminary Final	Renown United	Lost	18-22

Season 2017 could be summed as a disjointed season caused by injuries and lack of numbers that prevented the boys getting any rhythm to their play. It was somewhat frustrating for the boys as well as the coaching staff.

We started the season strongly winning 4 of our first 5 matches. At that stage, we were re-graded up into second division which the whole team wanted. The only problem, we were graded into last position and that's when the injuries hit us, playing some games with only nine players. With 8 rounds to go and still coming last, we had a chance of making the semis as we still had to play every one again, but we couldn't afford to drop another game. With the players starting to come back from injuries, we managed to win 7 and draw 1 out of our last 8 games and finish in 3rd spot.

We won our semi-final quite comfortably by 30 odd points which put us into a final against the old enemy "Renown" who we only just beat 22-18 a few weeks early. It turned out to be a great game of footy with the lead changing a few times, with us leading with 2 minutes to go. But as footy goes sometimes, it just turned out not to be our day with Renown scoring a somewhat "dodgy" try to win the game. Renown went on to win the grand final quite easily which really rubs salt into the wounds as I believe we still had the best team in the comp.

Saying all that, the boys should still be really proud of their efforts this year as they aimed up against every team they played and I think really grew up as a team and started to believe in themselves.

2017 saw a number of new players to the club, so hopefully they all return next year and build on this season with the goal of making the grand final in 2018.

Congratulations to all the trophy winners this year. The voting by the coaching staff was very close. Also congratulations to the boys being selected into the St George Harold Matt's rep squad. Wish them all the best.

Finally, to all the coaching staff, thank you for all your help because it is a team effort.

Again THANK YOU

Glenn 'Duck' Dufty  
Coach



## Under 16

Place	Played	Won	Draw	Lost	Bye	For	Against	Diff	Points
6th	15	6	0	8	1	242	302	-60	14

To say we are proud of the boys is an understatement.

Given we were down on troops in the beginning and literally only started training a couple weeks before the season started, we managed to upset a few of the top teams that had 10+ rep players in their roster.

Our main focus was on defense, and after a couple of repetition drills we actually had teams confused with our defensive structure, and together with Ali's sideline conversions we managed to pull off some close but satisfying upsets.

We always thought we could be a top 4 team and we proved we had the goods in the middle part of the season, but unfortunately we dropped one too many close games in the latter part that we know we should have won.

The boys were very unlucky not to play finals footy but being in a very competitive comp it was always going to be tough yet we never lacked the effort.

A special mention to the Rep boys who brought their experience back to club footy and helped lead the team to be competitive in div1.

Also a special mention to **Harrison, Athan** and **Davey**, who even though were injured and sidelined for few weeks, still showed up to training and games. Great effort boys!

A big thank you to our staff for all their efforts and commitment throughout the roller coaster of a season.

**Kerry, Jade, Andrew, Will** and **Junior**.

And thank you to the club for all their ongoing support.

Livi. Oloapu  
Coach

## Under 17

Place	Played	Won	Draw	Lost	Bye	For	Against	Diff	Points
5th	15	8	0	6	0	298	272	+26	18

After a few years away from coaching at Junior level I decided to come back to Penshurst and coach the 17s Division 1 side.

From previous years, I knew the boys had plenty of ability but seemed to struggle when they were put in the Division 1 competitions in previous years.

I have known the boys for a few years and knew the boys had plenty of skill and potential so we decided to start our pre-season training in early January to get a head start and I knew from the first session in the heat and on a Sunday at 8 am we were going to have a good year.

All the boys were committed and willing to put in the extra effort to improve themselves which was good to see.

After a big pre-season the last month before the season started was riddled with rain and all our trials were cancelled going into the season we no trials under our belts.

The start of the year saw us lose our first 2 games and then we strung 5 wins in a row to put us in the top 4 which is where we stayed up until the last game of the year where we had to win to make the semis and unfortunately went down and we missed out in making the semi-finals by 1 point.

I would like to thank all the boys who showed great commitment the whole year and improved not only as players but as fine young men and made my life as a coach a memorable one.

Stand out performers for the year was our inspirational captain **Ethan Hicks, Kane Bradley, Ryan Economou, Tyronne Ferreira, Rangi Noble** and **Dylan Chon Sun**. Special mention must go to **Josh Scales** who was our Mr Fix it and played every position in the backline and even slotted in at hooker with great success.

Finally I would like to thank my assistant **Brendan "Bman" Perenara** for all the hard work he put in throughout the year, it was great to bounce ideas off each other and the boys really responded to him. Also like to thank **Kym Leone** for all the hard work she put in on game day to strap the boys, and lastly thank you to **Jocelyn Scales** for all the hard work she put in throughout the year, Jocelyn was a great manager and prepared all the paperwork for us each week.

Thanks guys and it was a pleasure being associated with all of you. Keep working hard boys and hope you all achieve your goals in the future.

Jim Pizanias  
Coach



DC himself (Dylan) with his very first customer, Penshurst RSL Club President, Mr John Hoban.



## Under 19

Place	Played	Won	Draw	Lost	Bye	For	Against	Diff	Points
2nd	15	10	0	5	0	277	270	+7	20

Finals Results			
Major Semi Final	Valley United	Won	20-14
Grand Final	Valley United	Won	23-22

Every season will have its ups and downs and this year was an example of both ends of the scale. This side faced the constant battle of low numbers both at training and at games.

After early losses things could have gone the wrong way, but a core group of players that were at all training sessions and a thirteen that were at games would soon realise that we could compete in a very even, tough competition.

The ability to hang in games when all is going wrong and finish strong at the end of games would be a trademark of this remarkable team.

Numerous games were won on the bell, including 3 against the Valley team.

To finish equal first after the competition rounds would have seemed unlikely after the start of the season but was due to some remarkable efforts during games - **Foti's** try saving tackle against Ryde Eastwood, **Ryan's** tries on the bell against Ryde Eastwood and Valley in the major semi, **Ethan's** try against Ryde Eastwood. **Matthew's** 2 tries against Valleys

After a win in the major semi we had a long wait to the GF. Whilst things did not start well the one thing I was absolutely certain about is that games are never decided at half time. The way we won made it the sweetest victory of all and the greatest win I have been associated with.

The joy for the boys, **Lisa**, **Dave**, **Pure**, myself and all the parents and supporters was there for all to see.

Everyone put in during the game and I am full of admiration for the group of boys that performed under the utmost pressure to achieve a win and a goal that they thoroughly deserved.

This side possesses the most important quality a team can have – they never give up.

Thanks goes to **Omerhan & Chizza** who helped when we needed it most. Thank you to **Pure** and **Kim** on grand final day, **Paul O'Loughlin & A grade**.

Thanks to **Graham** and the **committee**. Our success is through your efforts. Thanks to **Ken Harris & Al Blinkhorn** for your time and advice.

Thank you to **Dave & Lisa** for 2 years of hard work.

The grand final win is shared amongst all the people I have just thanked.

Finally, saved the best until last. Thank you to the mighty U19's for the season and a win that I will never forget.

Bluey.

1. **Greg Towell** – Greg has developed into a very good player that can control his emotions for the good of the team. His efforts in the grand final after injury showed what the team and the game meant to him. A tough and courageous player.
- 3 **Matthew Watson** – the best hole/line runner in the competition. His combination with Ryan produced the 1st try in the GF. His 2 tries against Valley including 1 on the bell won us the game. A safe and vital part of the team.
- 4 **Jared Holm** – safe under the high ball and with his kick returns he was always able to get us upfield. Always did the job asked of him.
- 5 **Jordan Casey** – A team player always prepared to do the hard work in our own 20. Fearless taking the ball up and involved in a try saving match winning tackle in the GF.
- 7 **Ryan Power** – captain of the team until injured and unselfishly asked Patrick to continue as captain once he returned to playing. Won games on his own at the back of the games, a player that puts the team first and one of the major reasons we were able to win the comp. Captained the team to premiership success.
- 8 **Lewis Hannah** – played virtually every minute of every game. Never stopped trying and effort wise he is at the top. A team first player who gave his best. Didn't score a try all year and had to do a nudie run on GF night.
- 9 **Jarred Maloney** – had a season marred by injury, but was able to play his part late in the season. Showed his toughness by playing the GF with a shoulder injury but still able to do the job needed.
- 10 **Lachlan Jones** – when the team was tired or behind, Lochie came into his own. Always willing to make the 2nd effort and turned the game against Berowra our way with his defence when things were not going well. A non stop trier and his try before half time in the GF played a vital part in the end result.
- 11 **Foti Voudoukis** – scored 3 tries against the competition leaders in a game that would finally put us on a winning run. A quiet hard working player that always gave his best. A team first player.
- 12 **Omar Abdel Wahab** – started late in the season, but once he settled in, was able to give his best. Always put his hand up to have a run when we needed it.
- 13 **Kassam Choker** – his best game was in the GF, with strong running and tackling. He made the run & quick play the ball that gave Moods the opportunity for the field goal. Part of the small forward pack that always put in.
- 14 **Ethan Gault** – scored a try against Ryde Eastwood that gave us a chance to win the game and finish equal first. Always did the job asked of him.
- 15 **Mitchell Maude** – was able to play plenty of minutes this year when we needed him. Worked hard on his fitness for the benefit of the team.
- 17 **Talis Stubis** – played centre or 2nd row, another one of our small forward pack. Played all of the grand final and did the job the team needed. One of our most consistent players & valued by his team mates. Rewarded with his efforts with a first GF win.

18 **Andrew Chizzoniti** – Chizza was one of the U17's that helped us when we needed it most, played to his best in the major semi & GF and won his 2nd GF in a row.

20 **Patrick Allison** – Vice Captain & Captain. Finally able to win a comp with Peshurst. One of a core group of players at all the training, including when he was injured. A vital steadying influence within the team and showed his toughness by playing in the GF with a leg injury. Rewarded for his efforts with the GF win.

21 **James Mood** – The mighty Moods saved the best until last. As a late starter in the team, he soon became a vital part. His try and conversion to take us to the lead in the GF and then his field goal is something he should be very proud of. There are very few players that can do what he did on GF night.

22 **Jordan Baxter** – a player with plenty of ability. Was solid throughout the year and had another good game in the GF as he did last year.

23 **Omerhan Turk** – another U17 player that helped us when we needed it. He brought enthusiasm to the team and was able to play in the major semi and GF. If we had luck he would be part of it and he was, getting to share in GF success.



A big thanks to Dianne Murray for her ongoing sponsorship which has spanned over 10 years. Call Dianne for all your sand, soil & stuff needs.

## A Grade

Place	Played	Won	Draw	Lost	Bye	For	Against	Diff	Points
2nd	16	10	0	5	1	378	294	+84	22

Finals Results			
Major Semi-Final	Bankstown Bulls	Lost	20-22
Preliminary Final	Five Dock RSL	Won	36-26
Grand Final	Bankstown Bulls	Lost	4-24

Our season could be seen by many as a “what if” but I look it as the possible beginning of a new age of our A grade.

We started the year with varying numbers to preseason training with some old faces returning ( **Willie W, the Quirks, Alex, Luka, Mark, Dale** ), young guys coming up from the 19's ( **Mitch, Tom, Dylan** ), new players ( **Nick, Liam, Val, Jye, Blake,** ) and some players from the previous season ( **Matt, George, Tim, Tom, Larry and Jack** ).

It was going to be a wait and see of where we ended up with playing numbers. With a core bunch of around 10 attending training we started the season off slowly with losses to Bankstown and Hurstville.

With the influx of a the PNG connection – **Willie, Stevie, and Shane** we slowly built up our numbers and in our next 11 games we only had the one loss.

Still at most games we struggled for numbers whether it was injuries, suspension or unavailability and it was a testament to the team to keep hanging in there.

A big thanks to the Under 19 boys ( **Kassim and Foti** ) who backed up during the season.

Come the end of the normal season games we finished in second place. A great effort.

Major Semi we were up against the strong Bankstown Bulls team and in an enthralling match we were beaten 22-20.

With a second chance to make the GF we came out against the equally strong and much bigger Five Dock side and blew them off field with possibly one of our best games of the season ( 36-26 ).

Unfortunately we could not carry this form into the GF and were beaten 24 -4. Yes this was a disappointing end but to make the GF was a great achievement for the team and it is a platform ( 11 players either 21 years old or younger ) that can be built on over the next few seasons with every possibility or premiership success if the effort is put in off the field.

As always there is many people to thank – the team staff of **Mark Purcell, John Robinson, Tim Burnell, Liam O’Loughlin** and **Matt Sloane**, our loyal band of Life members and club stalwarts – **Michael Baihn, Max Simmons, Rick Walters** who were seen at most games of the season and to all the families of the players who supported the team. I also would like to thank **Ken Harris** who stepped into help out whilst I was overseas and at end of season. His involvement and knowledge was a great help.

Congratulations to our Under 19's winning then premiership and the Under 9's, 11's, and 14's on playing in the grand finals. Well done.

A Grade

36-37

To the clubs committee led by Graham Chong Sun thanks for all your work and support. It is much appreciated.

Finally my biggest thanks goes to my co coach and club captain **Matt Coffey**. It was both a privilege and pleasure to work alongside you and the efforts you put in both on and off the field were fantastic.

I look forward to seeing everyone back in 2018 and seeing the mighty rissoles out playing at Evatt.

Paul O'Loughlin  
Co-Coach

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