

Penshurst RSL Junior Rugby League



Season Report 2013

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2013 Executive Committee

President	Paul O'Loughlin
Senior Vice President	Justin Hopper
Junior Vice President	Jason Denyer
Secretary/Registrar	David Cahill
Treasurer	Sam Rigopoulos

Club Foundation Members

1961 saw the foundation of the Penshurst RSL Junior Rugby League Club

The Penshurst RSL Football Club foundation members were

- ☞ Kevin O'Brien
- ☞ Stan Root
- ☞ I Green
- ☞ K Clarke
- ☞ Rex Notley

'Obie' Recipients

The 'Obie' is awarded in recognition of continuous, outstanding and dedicated service to Penshurst RSL Junior Rugby League Club. An 'Obie' is awarded to recognise service beyond a Life Membership.

The following life members have also been recognised as 'Obie' recipients

Year Awarded	'Obie' Recipient
2008	Ken Harris
2004	Max Simmons
2003	Brian McCulloch
2002	Rick Waters

Life Members

Life membership is awarded in recognition of a member's service to the club over an extended period of time.

The following have been inducted as life members of Penshurst RSL Junior Rugby League Club

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

Annual Awards

Each rugby league season, Penshurst RSL Junior Rugby League recognises the efforts and achievements of its members and players with the presentation of a number of annual awards.

Award	2012 Recipient/s
Tom Phillips Award Senior Players Clubman of the Year	Damian Hopper
Bob Barr Award Junior Players Clubman of the Year	Jordon Chung Sun Mitchell Walsh
Ken Prentice Award Most Consistent C Grade Player – U19's	Corey Tonna-Riley
Fred Neames Award Highest Try Scoring Forward in C Grade – U19's	Visesio Pohahau
Lionel Barker Award Coach of the Year	Ken Harris
Bill Spaul Award Clubperson of the Year	Paul O'Loughlin
Mick Norris Award Under 13s Player's Player	Witeriana Koopu
Syd Davis Award Best On Field Achievement by a Junior Player (U6 to U15)	Matthew Gifford
Stan Root Award Best Defensive Player from the U10's	Jake Cutajar Tyson Dunn
Jim Pittis Award Most Consistent U7's Player	Isaac Elgammal
Stirrers Award For the club member considered to be the biggest stirrer	Benjamin Carey
Mitchell Wykes Award Most Valued Team Contribution by a Senior Player (U16's to A Grade)	Nathan McIlveen

Premiership Record

Penshurst RSL Rugby League's success on the field is reflected in the premierships that it has won over the years

	A	B	C U19	D	E U17	U16	U15	U14	U13	U12	U11	U10	U9	U8	U7
1966					X										
1968										X					
1969								X				X		X	
1970							X		X				X	X	X
1971					X									X	
1972													X	X	
1973				X			X	X				X			
1974			X		X		X		X		X				
1975		X	X					X		X	X				
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2009						X									
2010														X	
2011												X	X		
2012	X					X				X	X	X			
2013	X				X	X			X	X	X	X			

Club Championships

Penshurst RSL Rugby League has been Club Champions in the following years

	Seniors	Juniors
1970	X	X
1971		X
1972		X
1973		X
1974		X
1976	X	X
1977		X
1980	X	
1981	X	
1985	X	
1989	X	
1991	X	
2011		X
2012		X
2013	X	X

Club Sponsors

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President's Report



After such a successful 2012 season you would not think it could get any better but **2013 surely was**. Firstly in the first time in many a long year we were able to field a team in each grade (20 in total) with multiple teams in the 7's,10's,11's,12's and 13's. As we all know there have been many great on field accomplishments and enjoyable times off the field. The stand out for me was winning both the **SENIOR and JUNIOR CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS** the first time we have achieved this since 1976. As President I felt very humbled and honoured.

Other major highlights for the year are as follows:

- Seven premiership winning teams the most in the history of the club
- A Grade first division premiers for the first time since 1993
- Under 12 grand final featuring two Penshurst teams –second year in a row
- The entire Grand final weekend
- Sportsman's night
- Our U11's featuring on Small Talk with the "big marn"
- Grand final pasta nights where we saw and heard the Penshurst Spirit.

Teams and Performances

2013 we fielded 20 teams with 320 registered players spread over 4 minis, 8 mods and 8 international teams. As has been our policy we endeavoured to make sure we gave every child who wishes to play with Penshurst that opportunity and as such the committee decided to stretch resources to field multiple teams. This being said it does make it difficult for some teams and I must congratulate all team staff and players in these grades along with players who played up a grade and helped the teams out during the season. As always the spirit of Penshurst was shown by all.

When the first weekend of semifinals came along we had 10 teams progress out of a possible 16 teams playing in competitive competitions. Of the teams that missed out all were within two points of making the semis. These performances went a long way to securing the club championships. After the first weekend we had six teams (Under 10 Greens,11 golds,12 golds,13 greens,16's and 17's) progress straight to the GF and three continue on into the finals (U10 Whites, U12 Greens, and A Grade).Unfortunately the under 19's bowed out after a great season.

Finals weekend we had all at teams playing at Win Jubilee Oval. Up first was the Under 10 white's who put in a real gutsy effort but were defeated by the very strong Hurstville team. Under 12 greens then took on the very large Earlwood team. Our boys maybe small in stature but they never gave up and held on in the end to win 12-10 with some great defence and make their way thru to the Grand Final to take on the 12's golds. We then had a wait till later in the afternoon to watch the A grade take on the Berala bears. In a standout performance the team ran out winners 40 -10 to book a date at Campbelltown Stadium against All Saints.

Grand final week was upon us with eight teams participating it was going to be a big week leading up to the weekend for the rissoles. Wednesday night saw the four junior teams get together and bond as a club at their pasta nite. In attendance was some of our A Graders who all gave some inspirational speeches to the boys. On the Friday night it was the turn of our Senior teams. We had former first grader and club life member Tony Grimaldi to speak of his Penshurst memories and what it meant to play for Penshurst. This along with the speeches by all team captains, coaches and life members in attendance had everyone ready to rip for the weekend. Special mention to club captain Ryan Tandek and his inspirational speech. It had all in attendance think here is a future club President

It was off the Win Jubilee on the Saturday where there was no red and white in sight and it was replaced by **GREEN AND GOLD** and our very own "rissole" aka Justine Hunter.

First up was the under 10 Greens were up against the very skilled and reigning premiers Hurstville. The boys began nervously and were behind 12 -0 and things were looking a little grim. Showing the skill and determination that they had built up during the year and words of wisdom from coach Joel Man at halftime that was the end for Hurstville and we went onto win 24- 12. Well done Joel and all his team.

The Under 11 Gold's were next up and were trying to repeat their 2012 victory. Coach Dave Cahill as always was laid back and showed no nerves. The display shown by the boys warranted this and they defeated Renown 28-12. Thanks to the three U10 gold players that played up and helped towards this victory. Great work to all.

The under 12's game was an all Penshurst affair for the second year in a row. Both teams during the year had performed well and the match was certainly going to be tough battle and both teams did not disappoint the fans. The 11 gold's were victors in the end 18 – 6. They showed tremendous skill both in attack and defence on the day. Well done to Paul Noppen and his team. Commiserations to Justin Hopper and the greens.

Our Under 13 greens then took to the park against the visiting North Ryde team. The boys started off with a bang and never gave North Ryde a chance running out convincing winners 44- 8. Big thanks to the Under 12 boys who helped out the team and congratulations to Sean Saliba and the boys.

A little break and then the u16's took to the field for their first ever grand final. Rookie coach Michael "Sticks" Winchester had the boys primed and ready for the expected onslaught from the Berala Bears. With only a small lapse in the second half the boys finished gave the bears a lesson and won 32- 18. Congratulations to all of the team with many having played for the club for a number of years.

Next up was the Under 17's who were going for three premierships in a row. Duck had all prepared for a very physical and possibly spiteful game and the Bankstown Bulls didn't let us down. As is always the case the boys took most of the crap on the " chin" and left it to the dying stages to seal victory with a 26-22 win. Well down boys.

It was then back to RSL for our victorious teams to have the traditional march thru the club and post mortems. It was a great nite and I am sure the staff at the club were kept busy.

After the six victories on the Saturday, the pressure was on the A grade for a clean sweep. With the game to be played at Campbelltown Stadium against the local All Saints team a supporters flocked to the ground. You would have thought the game was at Evatt for our crowd far outweighed the locals both in numbers and in voice. Even the rissole turned up. Ken Harris was on tender hooks before the game but was confident the boys would do the club proud. All Saints were very confident in their mood but this

was certainly defused and by half time they were shell shocked from the onslaught. Second half was no different and in the end in a whitewash the boys took out the game 40-4. Well done too all the players and team staff.

For me some of the best memories of the season occur on Saturday mornings when our minis and mods take the field. One such memory stood out this year. Late in the season our Under 10 Gold's who had struggled all year with team numbers took the field with only nine players against the eventual premiers our own 10 greens. Coach Wally had the boys well prepared and in an enthralling match showing skill and determination but that undeniable "Pensy spirit" they won the game 24- 20. One day I am sure some of these boys will be running around in a victorious A Grade team just like some of the existing A grade players have done.

Penshurst strength lies in the spirit of all our teams and the way we play then game. We play for our mates, coaching staff and families and this is shown every week on and off the field. This stems right from our Under 6 minis right thru to the A grade. They all have worn the green and gold proudly.

To all the team coaches, managers and trainers I thank you for the time and efforts you have put in thru the season. I know at times you think why but I am sure in the end you I hope you have enjoyed the experience and the boys have enjoyed playing for the mighty rissoles.

On the representative scene congratulations goes to Jake Vrahnos, Chris Rigopoulos, Matt Dufty and Daniel Ascoli who played in the St George SG Ball team. Good luck to all the boys who have made the St George Junior rep train on squads for 2014

Social

Once again this year we had many special times off the field including:

- Trivia nite – Thanks to Quiz masters Colleen and Matt Sloane
- Sportsman's nite featuring Todd Greenberg, Beau Ryan, Matt Cooper and Michael Ennis. A great nite had by all with all the women's camera's really getting a workout with Matt and Beau !! Special thanks to Michael Ibrahim with his help in securing the players and Matt Carr for securing Todd Greenberg
- Under 11's featuring on the Footy Show on "Small talk with the big marn"
- Grand final nites – Both the Saturday and Sunday were sensational and again showed the spirit of Penshurst
- Every Saturday and Sunday when games were played at Evatt. We wouldn't want be play anywhere else

Sponsors

2013 saw some changes to sponsorship and with the continued large support from **Penshurst RSL** they took on the front of the jersey. Thanks to Syd White and all the board members. Thank you to all the staff at the RSL for their help in the functions.

Welcome the addition of **Mortgage Choice Oatley** who took over the back of the jersey. Thank you to Sean and Claire Willett for coming aboard.

Also welcome back to The Grind Cafe at Mortdale who returned as a sleeve sponsor after a few years. Thanks Terry.

Finally thanks to the continued support from **Professionals Montgomery Real Estate, Soil n Stuff and Noppen Air**.

It goes without saying but the generous support of these sponsors helps keep our registration fees at a reasonable level and make junior rugby league an affordable sport.

To **Sean Saliba** thank you for your efforts as the sponsorship officer in helping acquire new sponsors along with retention of existing.

Executive Committee

I would like to thank all of the executive committee, **Dave Cahill, Sam Rigopoulos, Justin Hopper and Jason Denyer** for your time and efforts, it has been much appreciated.

Special mention to **Dave Cahill** who along as being Secretary he was the Clubs registrar, coached the Under 11 Gold's ,helped manage the U16's and made sure the backslappers were kept in line !! It was lot to take on but he put in without complaints. Your dedication and Penshurst spirit is appreciated by everyone.

Thanks

As always we have a band of workers who are done at the park early Saturday and Sundays setting up the fields, working on the best BBQ in the district and helping the out in the canteen.

In particular I would like to thank **Tammy Simmonds and Justin Hopper (and their boys Tyler and Josh)** for all the work they do in organising the canteen and BBQ .

There were many others – **Katina Denyer, Anne O'Loughlin, Colleen and Matt Sloane, Graham Chong Sun, Ashley Wyld, Michael Baihn, Pauline Springett, Trish Bell, Justine Hunter, Rob Hunt, Peter Knox, Leonie and Glenn Dufty** who were all regularly there helping out on game and training days.

To our raffle coordinator – **Michael Baihn** along with his regular helpers **Glenn Dufty, Ken Harris, and Graeme Hemopo** thanks for your time running the Friday night raffles. It was also great to see the teams getting along to help out when rostered.

As you may or may not be aware I am standing down as President this year. I have been very privileged and honoured to hold this position. At times it can be stressful but when you see the mighty green and gold worn with such pride by all the players over the years it makes it very worthwhile. I understand it is not always possible but it would be great to see some more parents get involved whether as a committee member or just helping out down at the park. If you are interested the Annual General Meeting is on Wednesday 20th November keep a look out on website for more details.

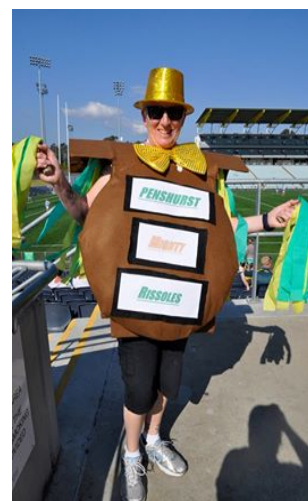
There are many people that have been a great help to me over the last 4 years including all executive committee members. In particular I would like to thank **Sam Rigopoulos, Leonie Dufty, Ken Harris, Michael Baihn, Justin Hopper and Tammy Simmonds** who have always been there whether to help or as a sounding board. This club would not survive without that type of help and friendship. The last and biggest thanks goes to my **wife Anne and sons' Liam and Mitchell** as much as I have been President in name you have been part of it all and have given me great support.

Thanks to all the players who have proudly worn the "Green and Gold" throughout the year and the coaches and team staff that have developed them. I am sure you have all enjoyed your season and I look forward to seeing you all in back in 2014,.

I hope you all have a Merry Christmas and a Happy and prosperous New Year

GLORY, GLORY TO THE RISSOLES

Paul O'Loughlin



Secretary's Report

After a superb 2012, we performed even better in 2013!

We increased our teams from 19 to 20 and had around 320 registered players. Penshurst RSL was again the largest club in our area and the only club in St George to field at least 1 side in every age group.

Penshurst RSL fielded 4 mini sides, 8 mod sides and 8 teams in the SCC international competitions. Of the competitive sides, 10 made the semi-finals with our under 9s unluckily losing in a playoff. Of these 10 sides, 8 made grand finals and we walked away with an amazing 7 premierships.

In the grand finals, our under 10 green side came from behind to win 24-12. This was followed by our under 11 gold side who again achieved an undefeated premiership. With 2 down, our under 12 sides played each other in the decider. This saw the gold side win in a tight encounter to go through undefeated.

Our under 13 greens then scored a comfortable 42-8 win. That was followed by our under 16s playing in their first ever Grand Final. The boys came away with a well-deserved 32-18 victory. Finally for Saturday, our under 17s were going for 3 straight. In a nail-biting affair, the Mighty Rissoles got up 26-22.

Now for the Sunday! Hundreds of Rissole supporters travelled out to Campbelltown to watch our mighty A Grade team play All Saints. We were treated to an audition for the Jerry Springer Show by two local lovelies before kick-off.

The game unfolded into a dominant performance by Penshurst RSL running out 40-4 winners. It was like Black Caviar running against Mr Ed.

This was our first A Grade premiership since 1993.

Congratulations to all victorious players and coaching staff.

The performance of all competitive sides this season contributed to an amazing outcome. For the first time since 1976, the mighty Penshurst RSL won both the Junior Club Championship and the Senior Club Championship. What a great achievement for our family club.

An achievement such as this depends on many, many things. We have a fantastic culture at our club and you can see that shining through in the way that all of our players from the youngest player in the under 6s to our oldest A Grader conduct themselves on the field. The players' attitudes reflect that of their parents. Our parents are the best behaved and most supportive group of parents anywhere.

We have a lot of parents that give up their time to get in and help in the canteen, on the BBQ, cutting and buttering bread rolls and the setting up and packing up of our field. This shares the workload around and helps our great club run smoothly.

A big thank you goes out to all our coaches, managers and trainers across our 20 sides. All of our boys and 1 girl are in good hands with so many skilled and dedicated people looking after them.

Big thanks also to our great group of sponsors. Your support is invaluable and our success is definitely your success as well.

There are so many people that go above and beyond that need to be mentioned. Matt and Colleen Sloane, Michael and Sandra Baihn, Graeme Hemopo, Kerry Craven, Sean Saliba, John Robinson, Tammy Simmonds and Katina Denyer, Anne O'Loughlin, Graham Chong Sun, Phil Wild, Peter Knox, Rob Hunt, Dave Hoskins and Kenny Harris have all done great work this year.

Our executive committee has also been fantastic this year. President, Paul O'Loughlin, and Treasurer, Sam Rigopoulos, are veterans of the committee and continued their dedicated and sterling service to our club.

Senior Vice President Justin Hopper and Junior Vice President Jason Denyer were new to the committee and both did a stellar job in learning from current and former committee members and club legends.

Personally, I would like to thank two former secretaries, Leonie Dufty and Cathy Crowe, for all their advice, assistance and answers they gave me. I could not have done this job without the knowledge and wisdom that you both passed on to me. Also a big thanks to the boys and parents in my under 11golds that had to share me with the club during many training sessions.

And, finally, to all my good mates on Backslapper Hill, a big thanks. We had many teams that "ran to the banner".

Dave Cahill
Secretary

WHEN SPEAKING OF THE CHAMPIONS...

Under 6

2013 was a great year for the youngest members of our Club. Importantly all had a lot of fun with far more cheers than tears. With a mix of first timers and hardened veterans (a few of them played last season) the boys threw themselves into training and their matches with great enthusiasm.

It must be said however that it was not only the kids on a steep learning curve. As a first year coach I have learnt a great deal and have enjoyed watching the players develop their rugby league skills. It is fantastic to see that they can all now run in the right direction and score on the right try line – although I acknowledge that more work needs to be done on them staying inside the sidelines.

There were some awesome wins, honourable losses, and by my count three or four draws – including in the last match which had all and sundry on the edge of their seats.

With almost enough players for two teams we were never short on numbers nor were we short on helpers.

A special thank you goes to my co-coach Mark Salmon. Whether it be coming up with great drills to keep the boys entertained, running the bench on game day or keeping his rookie co-coach on the right track, Mark's input was invaluable. With years of coaching experience, including a long stint at the Dragons, Mark did a marvellous job with the boys and displayed the patience of a saint in an environment which must have been very different to his more recent coaching experiences.

Now to our manager, Carolyn Nicholls; Carolyn threw her hand up very early in the season and made my life much easier in the process. Looking after much of the admin, time keeping etc., Carolyn did a great job and her efforts were much appreciated.

Special mention also to Richard Morgan and Jamie Marenga who helped out at various times whilst many of the other parents were only too eager to get involved when needed.

The Players

Jack Warr

One of our veterans, Jack had a great year improving dramatically as the season progressed. Some awesome tries and copybook defence combined well with his speed and enthusiasm to make Jack a great asset for the team.

Jirome Nguyen

Jirome was a late starter but seemed to enjoy himself thoroughly. His introduction this year will serve him well for next season when it is expected that he will accelerate up the learning curve.

Jireh Stewart

If medals were handed out on determination alone Jireh would have a swag full. A tenacious character Jireh had a great first year in Rugby League and showed a heap of potential. I look forward to watching him develop as a player over the coming seasons.

Oscar O'Neill

Another of our veterans, Oscar combined well with his teammates topping the charts for offloads. A big year for Oscar and whilst he scored his share of tries it may well be his first conversion in the final game of the year which holds pride of place in his memory bank.

Phoenix Godinet

Phoenix took to footy like a duck to water. With speed to burn Phoenix scored some slashing tries with plenty more to come in the years ahead. Inseparable from his cousin Jireh and with a cheeky grin, Phoenix was a pleasure to coach.

Kye Duck

The best kicker in the team, Kye kicked one conversion which I am sure is yet to land. Kye put last year's experiences to good effect adding a lot around the park whether it be through energetic defence or the odd impressive four pointers.

Jacob Chami

Despite playing last season, Jacob remained one of the younger members of the side. Staying injury free, Jacob showed great improvement throughout the year and with his enthusiasm will be a valuable contributor to the club next year.

Josh McKenzie

A great kid whose smile is infectious! Pity he supports the wrong team. Josh really enjoyed himself this year and did mum and dad proud. Saved his best game for last and I am sure will be the first one at pre-season training next year.

Hussein Ibrahim

By stature, the smallest member in our team; with a jersey two sizes too big and headgear which hung over his eyes Hussein played footy like his life depended on it. Thoughts of self-preservation went out the window in defence whilst he proved elusive in attack.

Jaxson Tepuni

Despite missing a large part of the season with a broken arm we saw enough to know that Jaxson could grow into some sort of footy player. The largest boy in our team Jaxson was a picture of determination with ball in hand and with a great technique, awesome in defence; looking forward to seeing Jaxson terrorise the opposition in the years ahead.

Jackson Wesley

Arguably the unluckiest member of our side! Starting the year full of enthusiasm Jackson was building nicely on the skills he picked up last year when injury struck him down. After a long layoff Jackson returned to play his best game of the year only to be injured a week later and miss the rest of the season.

Jacob Marenga

Jacob is a great kid who did well in his first year of footy. Always the most attentive, Jacob was eager to learn and often the first boy into position once directed. A pleasure to coach, Jacob improved markedly through the season with the highlight being that great try he scored late in the year.

Sam Morgan

Another of our team veterans, Sam was my "wing" man. Sam owned the right side of the field and pulled off countless try savers. Good with ball in hand and always eager for a run Sam should be well pleased with his efforts this year.

Harry Salmon

One of the many first timers, Harry did really well. It took a little while for Harry to get going but boy did he finish the season with a bang. Not short on courage, in a tight field Harry's rate of improvement stands out.

Nicholas Bastas

Another of our players that saved his best for last! An awesome try in the final game of the season was just reward for his efforts throughout the season. Nicholas has the potential to develop into a good footy player in the years ahead.

I wish you all a great off season and hope that all of the kids back up again next year to play for the best club in St George the "**Mighty Rissoles**".

Dean O'Neill
Coach

Under 7 Green

What a great bunch of kids!

The under 7 greens had an awesome season. They put in the hard work and it paid off for them. The team was unstoppable all season. Their defence was second to none and their grasp of how this great game works is developing beautifully.

Pre-season was hard trying to control 19 kids but once the club split the teams it became easier to get their minds set on the tasks at hand.

The majority of the team backed up from last years under 6 greens coached by Matthew Dufty which provided a great pivot for me and Darren Smith to work off.

I was able to let the team play without myself being on the field for the last 3 games and I feel they are ready to move up to the under 8's with confidence and enough knowledge to succeed in the future.

The Players

Ethan Fourie

This guy has guts. Not afraid to hit the line and offload. Ethan also pulled off heaps of try saving tackles. He is the team's utility and back bone.

Adam Nachabeh

Improving week after week as his confidence grows. Adam made one of the best tackles all year on a guy that was twice his size. He is one to watch!

Jackson Cahill-Smith "The Juggernaut"

Jackson would have to be one of, if not the best, all round players in the competition. Week in week out heaps of tries heaps of tackles anything to get the job done. Phenomenal footy player!

Taylah Noppen

The most tackles this season. Taylah is one tough cookie. She is everywhere all the time very unselfish loves to play the game and an asset to the team.

Jayden Gray

Very strong, straight and hard runner always making meters and holds his own in defence.

Matthew Scott

Is a very enthusiastic player who is always in the tackles also has a step off both feet that would confuse first graders.

Brody Duck

A very fast and evasive player in attack if he finds a hole no one will catch him. Always willing to put himself in front of bigger guys in defence regardless of the outcome. Brody is an absolute pleasure to coach.

Ortiz Riggot "Monster"

The hit-up man! Ortiz runs straight and hard and has awesome ball handling and kicking skills always making meters and backing up his mates.

Lewis Hunt

Lewis is a great little play maker that punches well above his weight in defence. Uses his agility to his advantage and is a great team leader with a never give up attitude.

Jacob Lo "Number 1"

Jacob is an invaluable player and our last line of defence. He is a great one on one tackler and one of our most eluding ball runners. Always there in support and can run on to the ball. Beautiful to watch!

I would like to thank all the parents and grandparents for giving me the opportunity of coaching these wonderful children you should all be very proud.

Special thanks to Melissa Duck our manager, Juan Fourie our first aid officer and my co-coach Darren Smith your help is greatly appreciated and this season would not have been the same without you.

I would also like to thank Jason Denyer, Justin Hopper and Paul Noppen for mentoring me throughout the season. I have had a great year and I am looking forward to many more with this great club.

Glory, glory to the rissoles!

Robert Hunt
Coach

Under 7 Gold

A good 2013 season for U7 Gold!

First of all, I would like to thank the club and the committee for their support. Big thanks to the parents for their support at training and on game days. A special thanks also to Tatana Koopu and Antonio Paino for all their help and support. Big thanks to Harry Woods for helping out on game days and filling in when we needed a manager, timekeeper, and trainer. Also thanks to the support of my wife Alicia for her help and support of the team and those parents who jumped in and gave us a hand when they could, thank you!

The 7s gold rissoles had an outstanding season only losing 3 games out of 16. The three games we did lose was only by a conversion or a try. These games were winnable games but we either ran out of time or luck. Most of the time we only had the bare 7 or 8, but finally we got 1 reserve half way during the season. Our opposition had 5 or 6 reserves, but that's footy! To me that's a sign of a premiership winning side. This equates to a consistent team effort by all the boys, and a great season was had by all.

I would like to give the boys a great big thank you. It's not every year you get to coach a champion side like you guys and the memory of the under 7s gold rissoles will stay with me forever.

Thank you all

The Players

Mitchell Woods

Mitchell's speed is a blur towards the try line, resulting in 2 to 5 tries a game. A champion thinking and athletic player, he will be one to watch in the future. Way to go Mitch!

Wesley Pouletele

Wesley is a strong running player with quick speed, stepping and good defence. Scored 2 or 3 try's a game. A player of great skill, who will play well in the years to come, well played Wes.

Makaiya Koopu

Makaiya is a strong running player with an all-round playing style, reliable and consistent in ball work, positional play, attack and defence. Scoring 2 or 3 try's a game; Makaiya adapted to all situations in general play. A leader on the field, captain of the team, Makaiya is a player with a future in football. Way to go Makaiya.

Malakai Ilangana Finau

Malakai is a consistent ball playing player and defender. He was always passing, tackling, running and off-loading. Malakai has a fantastic work rate, a fearless player who gets amongst it, a player with natural talent for the future. Well done Malakai!

Thomson Wright

Thomson is a natural ball running line breaking tackling machine. He had an outstanding season scored length of the field tries and made try saving tackles. He was a natural every time he touched the ball. A coach's dream comes true with great potential to go well in footy. Awesome effort Thomson!

Zachary Nobrega

Zach was another strong running line breaking tackling machine. He is a gifted player who has an aggressive running and tackling style and puts 100% into his game. One of the success stories of the year, a player who has what it takes to get there. Great season Zach!

Kane McCarren

Kane is a great attacking player with good speed; a 100% team player who never stopped doing his job in the team. Has the will and desire to play and gave it his all on the field, Kane was one of our rough diamond rookies who had a great season. Kane has loads of potential and can be easily molded into a greater player with a promising future in footy. Well done Kane!

Edro Ukarangi

Edro is a talented and skillful ball player. A natural athlete with great determination, he was truly our champion rookie. He played a higher grade for his age; scoring try's making tackles against players who were older and bigger. Another great success for the season he will go a long way in footy. Thank you Edro, outstanding!

Dylan Paino-Devoy

Dylan is a hard running straight ahead player who got stuck in to the grind of the game. Always a thinking player, Dylan was always looking for gaps to run to, passes to make, advantages to be had, Dylan has a good feel for the game and can adapt quickly to the changing flow of it. He has unlimited potential for the game, a definite talent for the future. Well played Dylan.

Andrew Rahipere

Andrew is a hard running forward player who keeps on going and never gives up. He likes to hit it straight up the middle and is a tireless worker in defence. Never afraid to do the hard yards and has come a long way in footy. He has had a good season and has developed into a good team player. Well done Andrew!

Haki Ririnui

Coach 7s gold

Under 8

Well if there is one thing that can be said about Penshurst RSL under eights of 2013, is that they never gave up the whole year. Whilst we had the basis of our team from the previous year, we also had about five new players, most of those it was the first year of rugby league. We also gave away a fair bit in size when compared to the other teams. But that did not stop the boys from trying very hard and having a good time in the process.

This group is very close and enjoys each other's company, sometimes they enjoyed being together a little bit too much and we had our share of clowns in the team. However the mucking around was always in good spirit and friendly and these boys were fantastic to be involved with and I thank them again for another great year.

At the beginning of the year we had a few very simple goals. These being that the boys would learn the basics of rugby league and develop their skills, they would learn a little bit about positional play, they would respect their parents, the officials, each other and of course themselves the most importantly have fun whilst they were at it. And now at the end of the season I feel that I can confidently say that we did achieve all of our goals that we set out to achieve.

To Adam Poole and Manuel Dinoris I thank you greatly for your ongoing assistance with managing the team. Of course a great thank you to all of the parents who assisted with officiating when required and also helping out at the canteen and setting up of the field. I know that we all have a lot going on but whatever can be done to be involved with the boys benefits them greatly in the long run. So I look forward to your ongoing support in the next year.

So in 2014 the boys will move up to mod football to play on a larger field and with some rule changes. I'd love to see all of the boys back in 2014. It will be another great year for them to learn more and enjoy themselves and keep them fit and healthy. Please remember if they have any friends that may be interested we'd be of more than happy to have them as part of our team.

Enjoy the Christmas and summer break and I'm really looking forward to catching up with all the boys and parents next year.

Kindest regards Sean Willett

Under 9

Place	Played	Won	Draw	Lost	Bye	For	Against	Diff	Points
5	14	7	0	6	1	304	324	-20	16

The boys had a mixed year they made it to a play off for fourth the Tuesday before the finals. They didn't make the finals but they played a floodlit match and learnt they aren't far away the best teams in the grade. It will help next year if most of the boys play again next year. The past four year have felt like managing the Sydney Roosters. We have had three teams. The team we are keeping, the team we are losing and the new team we are getting. It took a while for our five new boys to learn the ropes and they will all be better next year for it.

The Players

Bailey Gifford

Games played 13, hit ups 29, line breaks 10, tackles 26, tries 7, goals 3, points 34.

Bailey assumed the role of fullback this year. He was the best talker and organiser in the team. He has a great footy brain and is usually a step or two ahead of not only his team mates but also the opposition. If the team is to improve next year we need to get more out of Bailey.

Matthew Shepherd

Games played 8, hit ups 37, line breaks 2, tackles 28, tries 2, goals 0, points 8.

Matty missed the first month of the season through a busted wrist. After a couple of weeks finding his feet again he really became a valuable member of the team. He is starting to run straight and hard and making the tackles that matter. Great improvement Matt

Keegan Constable

Games played 12, hit ups 35, line breaks 30, tackles 36, tries 0, goals 3, points 6.

Keegan is Mr Reliable. He is our go to guy. He fills in wherever we need him and always puts in 100%. He always runs hard and is one of the tacklers we rely on.

Jared Blake

Games played 13, hit ups 65, line breaks 2, tackles 80, tries 7, goals 3, points 34.

Jared only knows one way to play and that's to give it everything he has. He is one of those kids who when we ask him to jump he says how high. He has a great step, enough speed and a love to get in a make as many tackles as he can. Great season Jared!

Alex Farr

Games played 13, hit ups 36, line breaks 3, tackles 30, tries 3, goals 0, points 12.

Alex came back after a year off and boy did he grow up in that year. He always had speed but would drift out of games. This year we used him as first receiver and became a very good runner of the ball. Amazing improvement!

Nicholas Molloy

Games played; 9, hit ups 9, tackles 16, points 0.

Nicky had an interrupted year with injury and illness but still managed a record tackle count for him this season. He filled in at first receiver and dummy half during the season and always put in 100%.

Luke Maier Sitoropolous

Games played 12, hit ups 29, line breaks 5, tackles 75, tries 4, goals 3, points 22.

Outstanding first year from Luke; It took him a few weeks to find his feet but soon he was playing first or second receiver, calling the plays, making sensational tackles and scoring tries. He has a great football brain and if he continues to improve like this year this team will be a contender next year.

Adam Burridge

Games played 13, hit ups 81, line breaks 9, tackles 54, tries 3, goals 3, points 18.

Adam always runs straight and hard and is starting to develop an off load which the speed guys in the team love. He needs to get more involved in defence as he is only now starting to use his big frame properly.

Joel Funnell

Games played 10, hit ups 15, line breaks 0, tackles 15, tries 2, goals 1, points 10.

Joel usually was our designated dummy half and is always up with the play. He started to work really well in defence late in the season making some great tackles. If he improves like he did at the end of the season he will really hit his straps next year.

Kynan Koopu

Games played 13, hit ups 49, line breaks 2, tackles 41, tries 1, goals 0, points 4

Kynan has the size, speed and strength to be a really good player and there are times in every games when you just say WOW, but then he goes back to sleep. When we can get him to concentrate on the full game we will have a star.

Indiana Rice

Games played 13, hit ups 71, line breaks 18, tackles 138, tries 29, goals 0, points 116.

Indy is in my opinion the best footballer in the age group. He has size, speed and he loves tackling. This team can win a comp on his back but we need to ensure he is an important part of the team not the guy who has to do everything.

Ryan Devet

Games played 11, hit ups 13, line breaks 0, tackles 5, tries 1, goals 0, points 4.

It was Ryan's first season and it has taken him a long time to get used to footy. He had a couple of games where he got involved and made a few tackles but the highlight was his try in week 5 against Kogarah

Jake Todeski

Games played 7, hit ups 13, line breaks 0, tackles 13, tries 0, goals 0, points 0.

It was also Jake's first season. He showed us lots of signs of ability and is happy to put his body on the line but he didn't play enough games to really make the most of his improvements he was showing at training.

Dylan Cooke

Games played 9, hit ups 10, line breaks 0, tackles 5, tries 0, goals 0, points 0.

Also Dylan's first year. Being the smallest player in the team Dylan found the physical side of footy a bit hard but he did save the best for last making two tackles against the premiers Scots.

Joel Weegan

Games played 9 hit ups 2, tackles 3 points 0

Joel's story is the reason we all love sport. He rarely touched the ball, made tackles when he could, broke his wrist, caught the flu but no matter what he went to every game, rarely missed training and always had a smile on his face. We love having him as part of the team.

Lewis Noppen

Games played 7, hit ups 35, line breaks 4, tackles 63, tries 9, goals 0, points 36

We really missed Lewy this season. He missed the first four games and trials and came back too soon so he wasn't at his best until the season was almost over. I am sure if he had played all year we would have at least made the finals.

Coach: Scott Molloy

You did a great job trying to teach the boys defensive patterns. In attack they can now string a few passes together and have developed a couple boys into halves and five eights of the future. The boys will be a much better team next year for the foundations you gave them

Trainers: Trish and Justine

Thanks for helping the boys get through each game with messages, water and whatever else they need.

Special mentions:

Matthew, Paul, Tatana, Rodney, Shannon, Leanne, Sarah and Bill you all put in time over the year and it made our lives easier for it.

To all the parents, grandparents and friends thank you for all the support you provide the boys every week

Brad Burrige
Manager

Under 10 Green

Place	Played	Won	Draw	Lost	Bye	For	Against	Diff	Points
2	14	9	1	2	2	316	220	96	23

Finals Results

Major Semi Final	Penshurst RSL Green	30	12	Hurstville United
Grand Final	Penshurst RSL Green	24	12	Hurstville United

The under 10 Greens were an outstanding group of kids to coach and mentor this year. As a group mostly familiar with each other, it took little to no time to get the new additions to slot right in. The boys delivered right from preseason with outstanding efforts and perseverance in training and trials giving the feel for an exciting season to come!

Throughout the year, the boys as a group continued to improve on last year's efforts including the couple of first year players to Rugby League, picking up new skills and confidence, easily showcasing in every game over the course of the season. The overall team efforts and courage against all opposition was second to none, especially with our constant rivalry with the largest team in an under 10s competition being in our favour – winning 4 out of 5 games played between us. The confidence that was given to the boys from defeating last year's undefeated premiers in Round 1 also emphasised the feel amongst the team of an exciting season to come – especially going through the first set of rounds against every team undefeated ourselves. We played many close games throughout the year and to finish with only 2 losses of only 4 points difference and a draw, having us finish second, meant season 2013 was definitely an improvement on last year.

This year's semi-final fixture had us playing Hurstville yet again and would see us winning the Major Semi and progress straight through to the Grand Final on the back of some of our best football ever played. On Grand Final day, our opponents being Hurstville, the feeling with the boys was as nervous as I'd ever seen them! And it showed early on in the game allowing the opposition to get out to an early lead of 12-0. In the end this had turned out to be their final score as we then put 24 points back on with some outstanding attack and defence closing them out of the game by full time.

The Players

Te Wehi Waitere

Te Wehi was a new inclusion to our side, however knowing many in the team, blended right in. He is a player that could play any position and play it well. The quickest player in the team, He found a home on the wing finishing the season off with a total 23 tries, many in style – Outstanding work T!!

Chris Jerome

Chris is one of our 'get the job done' players. If he has a job ahead of him, no matter how big or small, he will do it to the best of his ability without question. Also has a great goal kicking boot that got us out of trouble – Nice work "Herbie"

Nicholas Skokandic

This was Nicholas' 3rd year with the team and boy was it a great one. Made the centre position his own bagging 8 tries all year, has a great in and away run that fooled defenders many times getting him over the line.

Ryan Mulholland

Being Ryan's 6th Season, the experience over the years showed tremendously in 2013. Our Vice Captain, he also cemented the Left centre position being an outstanding attacker bagging 11 tries and an outstanding defending player. Was one of our top goal kickers kicking 12 goals all year – an Outstanding season Ryan!

Jordan Poole

Jordan made the left wing his own and made it feel that no better could play it. He always assisted many players that were unsure at training and on game day and was always a workaholic in defence having his best defensive season.

Jayden Samrani

Our Fullback and definitely showed a big improvement with the experience from last season. Jayden was always assertive and always did the job ahead of him. Jayden is a real leader amongst the boys and a 'body on the line' defender from the back. Also, one of the quickest in the team – an overall great player, Top Job "Fui Fui"!

Zachary Henderson

Our Captain, Zac was one of the quietest whilst I was around, but it was very different once he took to the field; he was a loud talker and could take control – as a halfback would. With some of the best hands and a passing game year beyond a 10 year old, he focused hard on his kicking technique this year which was the difference between winning and losing some. Always did what was asked without hesitation and rewarded with his first Try of the year and Man of The Match in the Grand Final – An Outstanding effort Zac!

Cejay Connolly

Another of our new recruits this season and fitted in with the boys well. Cejay was our cemented, hard hitting right prop and boy did he make the opposition think twice about running near him! Our best defensive player in the team racking up 218 tackles over the competition, averaging 15 tackles per game. Could also bust through tackles in attack taking the ball downfield and also has a great boot on him – Great season Cejay!

Jack Irwin

Jack was one of our new recruits that hadn't played Rugby League before. I would never have guessed as his skill set as a dummy half were amazing. He was one of the smallest in the team, but one of the biggest at heart. Jack put his body on the line in every tackle, against much bigger opponents and coming out on top, nothing more fitting then "Jack the Giant Slayer".

Joseph Elias

Joseph is the other half of our "Dynamic Duo" Props. Joseph was our best runner of the football within the forwards. He has a fend of steel and can break through any tackle and go on with it for 20-30 metres. He is a hard hitting defender that truly led from the front.

Jacques Fourie

Jacques has been with team for a while now and saved the best for this season. Started the season off quietly in both attack and defence but finally shot out of a cannon to be one of the top defenders hitting everything that moved as well as supporting the forwards with good strong runs towards the back end of the year – Well Done Jacques, Keep it up!

Patrick Spencer

Patrick had made the left second row position home. One of the most trusted and reliable forwards in the pack. Always put the team before him and always putting 110% into everything he did whether it was on or off the field - a great team player.

Dylan Mani

In his 5th Year with the team, Dylan is one of our real hard workers. Always gave his everything in what he did as he was the utility player within the forwards. Could also play a strong game from dummy half and a real team player and always a trusted and reliable goal kicker – Good Work "Steam Train"

Kurt Leeson

Kurt is our second new addition to the team that hadn't played before. Coming to the team knowing a few, made the new transition easy. One of the more mature kids of the group, always remembering his and others jobs and would always help whoever forgot. Kurt could also play wherever within the forwards and do it well, picked up the defensive technique well and could definitely run with the ball in hand.

I am really proud of all your efforts this year and would like to thank you all for a great display of football throughout the year. I hope you guys know that this result had come from your individual hard work as well as your teamwork – Keep this attitude up, and continue to persevere in whatever you do!!!

Furthermore, I'd like to greatly thank all the people that assisted me with the team in 2013 - Scott Henderson (Trainer), Jody Skokandic (Trainer), Damian Poole (Trainer), Marty Irwin (FAO) and Amanda Mani (Manager). Without their help would've made this season's massive task all that much harder.

I'd also like to thank all the parents for all their continuous positive encouragement, support and patience at trainings with the team. I'd also like to commend our weekly efforts of cheering at the games with the boys as it always gave the boys that little extra boost. Without such altogether, we wouldn't have had such a great outcome in season 2013.

I look forward to you all returning in the Green and Gold for yet another strong, determined and committed year as a team for season 2014.

Joel Mani
Coach

Under 10 Gold

Place	Played	Won	Draw	Lost	Bye	For	Against	Diff	Points
5	14	4	0	7	3	228	338	-110	14

The Under 10 Gold team's season started off rocky due to most of the boys starting their first year in league coming from soccer and not playing together previously. Another challenge faced was only having 10 players all season. In saying this, the boys pulled together and had some great games and not so great games.

The highlight of the season was when the boys had a surprise win over Penshurst Greens (2013 Premiers) which really boosted their confidence. Overall, they only missed out on the semifinals by one point which was an exceptional effort by the whole team.

The boys showed great courage at training and on the field. Their defence towards the end was second to none.

They all displayed great sportsmanship, competitiveness and willingness to learn as well as great skill and determination.

The Players

Bilal Abdelwahab

Bilal was outstanding at try saving tackles and had an eye for the try line. He always trained hard and gave each game his all.

Jayden Maakaroun

Jayden was an outstanding defender, had excellent line speed and really developed well in his first year. He displayed maturity as Captain.

Keiran Beadon

Keiran was a hard runner and another outstanding defender. He always trained well and is definitely one to watch in the future.

Lachlan King

Lachlan had a very good running style and directed play with a high level of maturity. He played well for his first year.

Jack Luke

Jack started off with lack of confidence and grew into a player that was always the first one to put pressure on the other team.

Andre De Silva

Andre played his second season of league this year and his confidence grew as the season went on.

Zac Abou-Kanj

Zac was small on the outside but had a huge heart. Always put his body on the line and a very good team player.

James Polutele

James was a strong player, with the right attitude he could have the potential to make it a long way.

Jason Giamoukoglou

Jason has the potential to be a great player. If in the correct mindset can be a threat to the other team with his skill and determination.

Michael Christofis

Michael really put his heart and soul into his first year of rugby league. His confidence grew throughout the season.

I would like to give a special thanks to Sally Maakaroun our Manager and the parents who contributed throughout the year. A mention goes to Rav, Anthony, John and Omar.

Well done boys a season which will never be forgotten.

Coach Wally
Under 10 Gold 2013

Under 10 White

Place	Played	Won	Draw	Lost	Bye	For	Against	Diff	Points
3	14	8	2	2	2	332	218	114	22

Finals Results

Minor Semi Final	Penshurst RSL White	26	10	Kingsgrove Colts
Preliminary Final	Penshurst RSL White	10	30	Hurstville United

We started the season slowly but our confidence seemed to grow with each game and rugby league was played in the right spirit of the game. It was a pleasure to watch the boys improve over the season and make it to the semi-finals. I have watched with pride as you all developed great skills and formed special bonds with your team mates.

A special thanks to Richard Kent and Spencer Hicks, who trained the boys, your dedication and commitment, was invaluable to the team. I would also like to thank Kerry Craven for your support throughout the season.

Thank you also to Antony and Simon who provided fitness training for the boys.

Thank you to the parents for their encouragement and support at training and game day.

The Players

Kymani Smith

Kymani was one of our smallest players on the field; he showed strength and courage every game, and regardless of how big his opposition was, he never gave up. A great season Kymani!

Daniel Lo

Daniel was our playmaker on the field, and he led by example. Daniel has a great short kicking game, which will only improve with each year. He is also a great defensive player. Well done Daniel.

Joshua Kent

A great effort this year Josh, Scoring your first try was a highlight of the season. Showing you were capable of great defence and attack when given the opportunity. You have a great attitude for the game Josh. Well Done

Lachlan Martin

Lachlan was unfortunately out for some time with a broken thumb, and we missed his strength and leadership. When he returned, he showed us why he is one of the best forwards in the competition. Great work Lachlan.

Tom Pitkethley

Tom was a new member to our team, who showed a great confidence in his running game all season. He was very hard to tackle and scored some great tries this season, and was equally brilliant in defence. A great season Tom

Liam McKenzie

Liam showed he could score tries from anywhere on the field, given space and opportunity. Defensively Liam saved tries throughout the season, by putting his body on the line. Liam's commitment to the game was invaluable.

Hamzah Chami

Hamzah improved with every game, showing courage in both attack and defence. Hamzah had a solid year and proved to be a very dependable player to the team. Great work!

Benjamin Lawler

Ben showed potential when given opportunities. Ben grew in confidence each game, and will only improve each season.

Harrison Hicks

A no fear attitude helped Harrison with his attack and defence game. Showing in our semi's game against Kingsgrove, that hard hitting and great tackling ability. Well done Harrison.

Jack Carey

Jack has improved with each game. Jack showed great confidence in his tackling ability, with a defensive game against renown that was a highlight of the season. Good job Jack.

Antonio Guarino

Antonio was solid in defence and attack this season. He was a very dependable player, making it very difficult for the opposition to tackle, which resulted in some great tries. Nice work.

Jack Mirfin

A new recruit to our team, Jacko showed great strength in his running and ball skills. Jacko took the pressure off our forwards by providing another quality runner. Great effort

Daniel Belcheff

Our captain of our team showed great leadership qualities on and off the field. He led by example every game with his great running skills and solid defensive work. A great attitude and a great season Daniel. Well done.

Boys you should be very proud of your efforts, and I hope to see you all next year

Kevin Hicks
Coach

Under 11 Gold

Place	Played	Won	Draw	Lost	Bye	For	Against	Diff	Points
1	14	13	1	0	0	478	184	294	29

Finals Results

Major Semi Final	Penshurst RSL Gold	22	18	Renown United Green
Grand Final	Penshurst RSL Gold	28	12	Renown United Green

What is there left to say about these boys? 2013 was their 2nd season together and their 2nd undefeated premiership together. These boys turn up every week to play a bigger opponent and every week they muscle up and play smarter, faster and more skillful footy.

The boys rolled through the regular season, showing all their skill and tenacity. They scored many classy tries and defended their line with all their heart.

A defensive highlight was a game at Renown Park against Renown White. Renown had the ball for virtually the entire 2nd half on our line and we defended brilliantly. The final score was 18-0. (There is nothing better than beating Renown in front of their home crowd).

A gutsy major semi win over Renown Green was followed by a dominant 28-12 win over the same opponent in the Grand Final. A mix of courage, determination, speed and skill was shown to be superior to size and intimidation.

The Players

Tyson Dunn

A great season from a champion team player; Tyson has a very good all-round game with a great step and excellent defence. He overcame a bad ankle injury in the last comp game to make it back for the Grand Final. Great effort Krusty!

Jackson Funnell

Super improvement from a true team player; Jackson was a solid player last season, but has now developed into a very good footballer. He is a strong and hard running game and very reliable defence. Well done, Chief.

Christian Leventis

New to footy this season, Christian immediately became part of this team. His constant smile, persistence and willingness to learn were great. He is a player with good speed and strength. Very good first season, Sticks.

Declan Hicks

Declan is a player that could easily be described as the heart and soul. The "Smiling Assassin" is a very popular player and plays every position on the field. He is a strong all-round performer who does everything with a smile. Fantastic year, Deccy!

Harrison Farr

A very strong season from one of our most dedicated players. Harry has developed into a very strong and quick runner of the ball leading him to many tries. A much improved defender as well. Good work, Prince Harry.

Mathew Gifford

Our leading try scorer and top defender, Matty is now heavily marked by opposing teams. His brilliant footwork and great speed and strength are highlights of his attack. Matty will tackle anyone and everyone. Top season, Moo!

John Dufty

Team captain and inspirational leader, John is a very good young footballer with a great all-round game. He is a quality organiser with a strong passing, running and kicking game and powerful defence. Well done Precious.

Anthony Daher

Our forward leader and arguably the best and smallest forward in the comp. Anthony is a very strong and determined runner who has developed a very good offload. Anthony is a hard-hitting and committed defender as well. Go the Bull.

Jordan Denyer

Every successful team needs a good and reliable dummy-half pass and we have Jordy. He is a great team player and gives great service to his halves to give us the go-forward. Defence is always improving. Enjoy the success, Princess.

Liam Cremin

This was Liam's first season of rugby league and WOW! What a great debut season. Built like a back, but plays like a forward. Powerful runner and hard-hitting defender, Liam plays it very tough. I see a massive future for our Joker.

Daniel Nader

Daniel is one of our hardest working plays both on the field and at training. He is constantly improving in both attack and defence and is an absolute pleasure to coach. Keep it up, Beast (formerly known as "Darth").

Jackson Perese

Another player who is always at training and constantly works hard to develop his skills. Jackson has shown a marked improvement in his tackling and has shown some very good speed and strength. Good work, Bear.

Big thanks to our three Under 10 gold players who played with us during the season and especially in the Semi and Grand Final. Bilal Abdel Wahab (super young player with a massive future), Jason Giamoukoglou (strong, tough and reliable) and Kieran Beadon (big, strong and fast) helped us achieve our success.

To our team staff - Trainers Jason Denyer and Glenn (Duck) Dufty have again been fantastic in all ways. They have looked after the boys and kept the coach sane. Thank you. Our other trainer, Mitchell Walsh, has again been a great role model and leader for the boys. The parents also love Mitch. Congrats on your well-deserved premiership as well, mate. Our manager, Trish Bell, has taken a load of pressure off me and has done a great job. Trish is now one of the world's foremost experts in the cutting of boys' fingernails. How long to go, Trish?

Big thanks also to Rick "Scooter" Sinclair for his FAO skills in the Semi and Grand Final.

To the parents – thank you to all of you. You are the best and most supportive group that I have ever dealt with. Again, you have let me be a part of your sons' lives for a few hours a week. They are a brilliant and respectful group of boys and that reflects their parents.

Finally, to the players – you boys keep on amazing me. Thanks for the respect you all show and the effort you all give. You have starred on the Footy Show with my long-lost brother, ran amok at ten-pin bowling, seen a Despicable movie, gone to McDonalds many times and still had time to have another undefeated premiership season. Well done, boys. See you all back next year.

THAT'S GOLD!

Dave Cahill
Coach

Under 11 Green

Place	Played	Won	Draw	Lost	Bye	For	Against	Diff	Points
6	14	8	0	6	0	376	286	90	16

In 2013 the boys easily had their toughest and most competitive season of footy to date. The competition had 10 very evenly matched teams with Penshurst Gold the standout team while we were in the group of about seven teams competing for the other three semi-final positions.

Unfortunately we had a scratchy start to the season where we only won one out of our first four games and this had us on the back foot for the rest of the season in terms of the race for a finals birth. While final's footy isn't everything, it's a massive carrot that gets the boys competitiveness firing. Our rusty start wasn't through lack of effort however; our opposition had certainly improved since last season.

The boys were very competitive in every match, when we lost it was only by 6-8 points (except against the Gold's who still have the wood on us) and we also managed to tough out a few good close wins as well. In the end we missed the semis by one point. I've got an excuse list as long as my arm as to why we missed the finals, but these boys would never give excuses they would just train harder the following week and do their best to improve on last week's performance.

As coach of these boys for the first time, I was blessed to inherit a fairly talented and courageous bunch of boys who have been a very competitive team for 4 years now. The core group of these boys have been playing together since the under 8's and they seem to enjoy playing footy together. Their dedication to training and improving their skills was evident all season. Their behavior and discipline at training and on game day was excellent and I just loved watching them play every Saturday. Sitting on the bench with Gaz, Bob and Ivan, we would just marvel at the extraordinary things they'd do on the field.

Congratulations to the Penshurst under 11 Gold team for winning the comp; well played boys.

I would like to thank the fathers who helped me throughout the season. Their support at training and on game day was much appreciated and it was always enjoyable. This team has been very lucky over the last four years that they have had a group of fathers who love their footy (probably more than their wives) and who have always put their hand up to do a job. While there has been a high turnover of head coach of these boys, I'm the third coach in as many years; the support coaching staff has remained constant.

Having missed the finals, I'm a bit worried the kingmakers might be looking elsewhere in the off-season. Thanks to Ivan Cutajar (head trainer), Gaz McSweeney (assistant trainer) and Bob Jackson (manager) for your support in 2013. I would also like to thank Eddie and Dave for helping out throughout the season.

The Players

Billy Adams

Billy is a towering front rower who always led from the front. He especially stepped up when we were missing a few of our forwards.

Pete Pohahau

Pete realised this season that the opposition don't like tackling him or being tackled by him. I'll have to put more funnel webs on his shoulders next year.

Jake Cutajar

Jake had an outstanding season. He would be my first choice for best and fairest. Jake's tackling was the cornerstone of our defence every week.

Jacob Turk

Jacob loves firing-up, loves tackling, but his running game is what he gets paid for and he delivered big metres for us this season.

Connor McSweeney

Plays both hooker and dummy half, key positions but one of the jobs no one wants. Connor did it without complaining once, he gave great service to Jack all season, our team cohesion relied heavily on Connor at dummy-half, unusual goal kicking style though.

Jack Williams

The other job no one wants, halfback. As halfback Jack rarely got to run the footy but he was the essential link to the forwards and the backs. Again, like Connor, and with Connor, he made sure we were a very cohesive unit when we had the ball.

Both Connor and Jack delivered for us all year; they had to defend in the middle of the field against forwards, but rarely if ever got to run the ball. They did their jobs without complaint and for that I am very thankful.

Manaia Waitere

Manaia is a brilliantly skilful player with ball in hand and equally fierce in defence. He is a key player in all our backline moves and a great last line of defence.

Ethan Hoskins

Speed to burn out wide and linked well with Manaia all season, posting many tries tip-toeing down the sideline.

Mike Ellazar

Mike is our new recruit, his first season of footy, and what a find. With speed and strength, Mike could burn players out wide or just power through the middle of the forwards. He wasn't afraid to tackle and moving from centers to forwards didn't faze him either. Thanks to Anne-Maree for finding Mike.

Riley Jackson

Riley is another speed demon, also the intercept king. Not afraid to rush in from the wing and blind side much bigger opposition in defence.

Jayden Elazzi

Jayden was a great mid-season find. He saw the boys on the footy show, liked Pete's singing and thought he'd come down for a run. Solid in defence out wide and always made yards with ball in hand.

I would like to thank all the under 10's who helped us out throughout the season. Without your support we would have played short most of the season and given the quality of the competition we would have copped a few hidings with only 8 or 9 players. There were that many of you I can't remember all of them, but special mention to Liam (they can't run without a head) Mackenzie who just about played every week for us.

Thanks
Dan Williams
Coach

Under 12 Gold

Place	Played	Won	Draw	Lost	Bye	For	Against	Diff	Points
1	14	11	0	0	3	356	110	246	28

Finals Results

Major Semi Final	Penshurst RSL Gold	22	16	Earlwood Saints
Grand Final	Penshurst RSL Gold	18	6	Penshurst RSL Green

2013 Undefeated Premiers!

The U12 team had another good year culminating a grand final win. Last year's win was great but to go through undefeated this year was a highlight for the players, parents and staff.

We were lucky to pick up some new players and unlucky to lose a couple. My goal for was to have the players play at least two positions throughout the year. For 95% of the players this was realized. Through the shuffle and injury we ended up having 9 forwards on the field most of the time which made it difficult to structure.

Our year was a year where the whole team would play fantastically and periods where they wouldn't, sometimes this would be in the same match. One thing that this little team does have is the ability to do is grind out a win. While we might not be the best side at training you guys really performed fantastically on field when it was needed and the result shows.

This team has so many different personalities from so many different backgrounds however they once again came together as a team and showed what they are capable of.

To my team, I am so proud to have coached you again this year. You are all humble, respectful young men.

To my manager Paula I thank you for putting your hand up to manage our team and thank you for doing a fantastic job no fuss no worries – just great. It takes the pressure off us all thank you I hope you enjoyed it.

Coaching Staff

Manual

Thanks buddy you make such a difference whether it is at training, on the field or the inspirational team pep talks it just clicks. Mate I know you have had a hard year with a close personal loss and I thank you for everything you do.

George Samrani

George, I thank you for all the game day decisions and on field organization. It just makes it easy for me when I don't have to worry about it. I wish you luck with your big project up north.

George Giannakopoulos

George, I thank you for all your efforts. You never missed a training session, always were there with your hand up to help with whatever needed doing. A great effort and was great to have you around.

Aline Samrani

Aline I thank you for filling in as our manager when Paula could not attend.

Paul and Cane

I thank you both for taking my phone calls when I was frustrated with team structure and direction during the year. Your advice and input was welcomed I could not coach without this type of communication. Thanks Guys

The Players**Sid Noppen**

Sid was our captain and had a good year at full back however he suffered from the dreaded severs and could not run or sprint for $\frac{3}{4}$ of the year. Towards the semis he seemed to be able to run a bit more freely which saw him play a great game against Kingsgrove where we only had 12 players. Sid scored 4 tries, continually held up their biggest forward over the line to save 3 tries and tackled everything that moved. Sid's ball skills were a feature in many a game as was his defence. I look forward to him developing as a young man – thanks Son

Max Hunt

Max started as a winger then a centre and ended up playing as our dummy half. Max is a pleasure to coach as he listens and executes the drills. Max's Defence was outstanding this year as was his dummy half play. I still remember some of the biggest players running at Max only to be cut down. One memorable time was when Max was floored by one of the biggest props in our game. I thought he would be off for sure but not little Max who soldiered on when we needed him most. Great heart and well done Max you are my most improved player.

Brock Kirby

Brock had a good year marred by a few injuries. Brock showed his talents on the wing with some game saving defence and running. We lost Brock at training due to his love of MMA. Brock has a big heart and I am sure that he will be a formidable opponent in his pursuit of his MMA career well done Brock.

Tyler Ah Chong

Mr Versatile, Tyler "Bruce Lee" Ah Chong can play anywhere you put him. His heart is like a lion's and his attacking and defensive skills are fantastic. I don't know how many times Tyler made a match winning tackle or try but they were a highlight in our season. Tyler made it through to the NSW School boys' team where he did them proud. Tyler is very close to Sid and our family. He is always a pleasure to have around and a credit to his parents. Well done "Bruce".

Sebastian Herbert

Seb is a player that is such a humble young man off the field however when he puts a boot on, look out opposition. Seb broke his scaphoid bone this year and missed a lot of football. However of the games that he did play he left a mark on each one with his powerful defence and straight fast running. The opposition now know who the blond haired assassin is. Seb is a pleasure to have around and a credit to his Mum Meagan great to have you with us this year Seb.

Jordan Samrani

Jordan is a year younger than all the others in the team however his maturity as a player and a young man shows years above his age. Jordan has it all and played numerous positions this year from centre to full back to 5/8. Jordan has a great attacking skill as many a team witnessed while looking at him from behind on his way to a try. Jordan's defence was solid this year with some try saving tackles. Jordan has one of the best reads as a support player and can sniff a hole or an inside pass from miles away. Great to have been able to coach you again Jordan and thanks Aline and George for all your help

Josh Vigilante

Josh was new to our team this year and stamped his type of game on our side. Josh is a footballer that gets "IT" He understands what is needed and is one of the easiest people to coach. Josh is one of our smaller players however his defence is outstanding as many an opposition player found out when they singled him out to run at only to find themselves frustratingly lying flat on their backs. Josh played $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{5}{8}$ this year and steered our team around the park with precision. Josh it was a pleasure to coach you.

Thank you to Josh's dad Paul for your footy knowledge it made the tactical coaching easy. Well done Josh you get my Coaches award.

Ali Kansou

Ali was a sensation in our team again this year. Big Ali is the easiest person to coach with his polite respectful nature he is a credit to his parents and a pleasure to have around the team. This year he played Prop, 5/8, second row, centre and $\frac{1}{2}$ as well as captaining the side at times, all of which he did with great skill. Ali executes a game plan to a tee and coupled with the speed of a winger, the power of a prop and the ball skills of a half back make Ali one of the most talented players we have. Proof in the pudding was when Ali was awarded the man of the match in the Grand Final. I can still hear our team cheering Ali Ali Ali Oi Oi Oi! Well done Ali you are my Best and Fairest.

Jerry Fanos

Jerry is a player that plays the game that is in front of him. Jerry played half back, Dummy half and centre. Jerry's defence really picked up this year with some great line tackles. Jerry was instrumental in steering the team around the field and setting up many a try. Jerry is a young man with a nice polite nature and good eye for football. Well done Jerry

Max Dillon

Big Max as he is affectionately known joined our team this year from rugby union. Max is a pleasure to have around. He is a polite young man with maturity well past his age. Max's defence and attack were great this year. I remember the first time we played Earlwood when their biggest prop hit Max in the face with a head high tackle. We got the penalty so Big Max just looked up smiled at the other player, played the ball and ran straight over the top of him. Well done Max great having you with us.

Samuel Sioris

Samuel was one of the nine forwards that we had this year. Sammy played second row and wing where he scored a couple of tries. Most notable was his defence out on the wing where he stopped all comers. Samuel is also a very humble young man with a beautiful nature. He is always a pleasure to coach and a credit to his parents.

Evan Saab

Evan is another very talented sportsman being a national swimmer, area runner and great footballer and all round fun character. Evan can do it all tackle, Run, fend etc. When people get tackled by one of Evans copy book tackles they always remember who it was. Evan's running has always been straight and hard which was the same for this year except Evan developed a good fend along the way as many an opponent felt. Evan just started a growth spurt at the end of the season so all I can say is that the opposition are lucky this did not happen during the year. Evan is always a pleasure to have around as are his parents Ray and Lynda. Well done Evan.

Jonathan Dinoris

Jono is one of those uncanny players that just pops up at the right moment to sniff out a try or rub out an opposition play. Jono and his family are good friends of ours and it is always a pleasure to have Jono over as he is a gentleman and a credit to his parents. Jono suffered too many illnesses this year and played numerous times when he had no right to even be out of bed and on the field; A gutsy effort. Jono could be relied on to always make the meters through the middle. Jono, it is great to have been able to coach you. Manuel Thank you for everything that you do from the small to the big, it makes a difference Love the pep talks.

Athan Giannakopoulos

This was Athan's second year with us from soccer. Athan's front on tackling this year was a highlight as it did not matter how big the opposition was Athan would take them all head on. Athan's attack really picked up this year with straight running. Athan is another young man with a beautiful personality and a pleasure to have around and a credit to his parents. George I thank you for all your efforts this year it just makes my job easier.

Jake Boskovski

Well what can be said about Jake except for WOW! Jake has it all he made it into the NSW school boys' team this year where he showed his talents. Jake was new to our team and is one of the fastest, hardest running forwards in our competition. I don't know how many times Jake would change the game with his block busting running however it was his defence that had the opposition in two minds whether to run at him or not. Jake and his parents are lovely people and a pleasure to have around. I still remember the great time we all had at the NSW school boys' league cup with Jake and Tyler's family. It was great to get to know you all. Cane thanks for being my sounding board when I needed some footy advice. Well done Jake you are my Most Consistent.

Caleb Saisoala

This was Big Caleb's first year in Rugby League. Caleb is a mountain of a young man with incredible strength. When Caleb runs the ball at the opposition he always makes ground and generally runs over a couple of players in the process. Big Caleb does not know his own strength or speed yet but when he does he will eclipse many a player. Watch out for Caleb in the coming years. Well done Caleb.

Paul Noppen
Coach

Under 12 Green

Place	Played	Won	Draw	Lost	Bye	For	Against	Diff	Points
3	14	8	0	3	3	294	104	190	22

Finals Results

Major Semi Final	Penshurst RSL Green	34	10	Hurstville United
Preliminary Final	Penshurst RSL Green	12	10	Earlwood Saints
Grand Final	Penshurst RSL Green	6	18	Penshurst RSL Gold

2013 was a great season for the 12's green, with the majority of the team playing in their 4th grand final in a row. Unfortunately we lost the grand final 18-6 in a tough game, but the boys didn't go down without a fight and showed that true Penshurst heart all the way to the final siren. To Penshurst Gold who beat us in the grand final congratulations again for becoming the U12's Premiers in 2013. The club is in a great place when we have two champion sides in the same age group playing each other in a grand final

Having not coached for a couple of years and being involved with older Penshurst sides, it was an enjoyable and refreshing change going back to coaching the juniors again. The main goal this year was to improve the player's skills, techniques, knowledge of the game, and most importantly sportsmanship and our great club values and traditions. By the end of the season the boys improved immensely on all of those aspects of their game.

Being one of the smallest sides in the competition this year and only having 12 players for the first 5 rounds. A big turning point in our season was our defense, with every player putting his body on the line every week. I haven't seen a more dedicated bunch of 12 year olds like the 12's Green that played this year, they never gave up even when they were behind on the score board or decisions were against them. As a coach one big factor for me this year was the mateship and maturity that the boys had showed over the 2013 season.

The Players

Liam Carey

Liam played all season in the front row and did a great job for his side. Liam improved on both his attack and defense throughout the year. During the year Liam had some great battles with bigger players from opposition teams and never let his side down. Every side has a funny man and Liam is ours, his quick wittiness and great sense of humor makes him a very much likeable character in our side. Great year Liam!

Ali Faour

Ali had a great season this year. All year Ali was playing high level soccer games before every league game this year, and gave 100% every game he played for Penshurst. Ali is one of the quickest boys in the competition, and that showed this year with some great individual tries. Ali made some great try saving tackles this year playing at wing, centre or fullback. For a kid to play two different sports on the one day all year was a great achievement. Great season Ali

William Finau (Vice-Captain)

Unfortunately William missed the first month of the football season with a broken collar bone and it was a big loss for our side. When William finally did get back onto the paddock it showed how much of a key member of the side he was. William's defense was a standout this year and also his move to the halves proves that he is a brilliant leader and organiser on and off the paddock. William had a great season this year and am looking forward to seeing William go around next year in the 13's. Well done Will.

Nicholas Giannisis

Nicholas is one of the most well-mannered kids that I have ever coached. He was our main goal kicker this year, and when it came to the more difficult kicks Nicholas was always the first choice. Nicholas played in the second row all year and never let his side down. One feature of his game was the strength Nicholas has for his size whenever he was hitting the ball up or making a great tackle he was the more dominating player. Well done on a great year Nicholas.

Jacob Graniero

Jacob had a great season in 2013. Jacob played up in the front row this year and put his body on the line every week. One amazing feature of Jacob's game this year was the amount of work rate he would get through in a game playing at front row. His defense improved every week with great solid one on one tackles, and he would be always the first one to hit the ball up in every set of six. I am looking forward to bigger and better things from Jacob next year. Outstanding season Jacob

Tyler Hopper

In Tyler's 8th season for Penshurst RSL this was his 4th grand final in a row. Tyler played in the front row all year and gave 100% when it was at training or on game day. For a front rower Tyler has a great pair of hands and even a better passing game. One big improvement of Tyler's game this year was his line speed in defense, all year his was getting in faces of the opposition in defence and slowing down the attack. Tyler has great club pride and always sings the team song the loudest and proudest. Great year mate well done.

Jonah Hopping

Jonah is a new player to the club this year after coming over from soccer. Jonah fitted into the side like he had already been here for a couple of years, and even scored a try in his first ever game playing for Penshurst. For someone that was his first year of rugby league, Jonah picks up on everything so easy. Johan has solid defense and played on the wing and in the centers all year. Jonah was always backing up in broken play in attack, and is also great goal kicker for our side. Great 1st year of footy; well-done Jonah

Tyson Ibrahim

What a year Tyson had in 2013. Tyson started the year at dummy half but then halfway through the season moved to fullback and thrived at that position. Tyson is hands down the smallest player in the 12's competition, and pound for pound has the biggest heart. In our final against Earlwood Saints, Tyson won us the games with 2 great try saving tackles late in the second halve to get us in the grand final Tyson is a great competitor and whenever it's at training or on game day, you know you're going to get the best from Tyson all the time. Well done on an excellent year Tyson.

David Knox

David is one of the veterans of the side that has had an outstanding year. David started the year at halfback, but halfway through the season he found a home at dummy half and made it his own. David is a tremendous defender for his size, and his determination and toughness on the field rubs off on the boys and makes them play better every week. One great thing about David's game is his never give up attitude on the field. David has a bright future in the game and will be a great future captain. Excellent season Knoxy

Jamie Lawler

Jamie had an outstanding year and was our best player in the 2013 season. Jamie was our leading try scorer for the season and the team's best defender. Jamie moved from fullback to centre, and then eventually finished playing at lock forward. Jamie is one of the best defender in 12's age group, and proved that every week with his outstanding defense. In attack Jamie would always beat the 1st line of defenders and was always backing up in support play in every set. Jamie is a great competitor and has a great future in the game. Terrific season Jamie, well done

Tim Maier-Sotiropoulos (Captain)

Tim was a great leader on and off the park this year. Being one of the better players in the 12's competition, he excelled this year with the captains role. This year Tim improved on his attacking skills and on most plays, was a great ball playing second rower that set up a lot of tries for the side. Tim is one

of the best defenders in our side, and has one of the best techniques in the comp. Tim is an inspirational player and that's why he was captain of our side this year. He has a bright future in the game. Great year Tim you did yourself, your team and your club proud. Well done mate.

Tyreece Nguyen

Tyreece is another new player that came over from Riverwood and was a welcome addition to our side. Tyreece mainly played on the wing this year but also played a few games at fullback. Tyreece is a solid defender for his size, and in attack has great footwork and deceiving pace. By the end of the season Tyreece was always in the starting side, and before and after training he was always practicing with the football. Well done on a great season Tyreece.

Aiden Oloapu

Aiden started the 2013 season at fullback, then after a few rounds went into the centers and made that his position. Aiden is a great attacking player, and is one of the best hole runners that i have seen for his age. In defence not many players got passed Aiden, and he has a very sound and solid technique. Aiden is also a good reader of defense with many a time getting up in the face of the attacking side, and forcing a mistake. Great year Aiden, well done

James Taia

James was another new player to club this year, and was another welcome addition to our side. James was one of our most improved players all year. In his 1st year of footy, James was always giving 100% at training and on game day. James started the year at wing, but then made his way to the forwards at second row for the rest of the year. I am looking forward to see James go around again in the U13's next season. Great 1st year of footy James

Benjamin Ukarangi

What a year Benji had in the 2013 season. Benjamin was our main ball player at 5/8, and also our most potent strike player in attack. Whenever he took the line on in attack, 9 times out of 10 he would always beat the first line of defense. Benji is a great defender, and hits just as hard as any forward in the comp. Two great features of Benjamin's game this year was his ability to put players in holes with great passing, and then to back them up in support play and most times score or set up the try. Benji has a bright future in the game. Excellent season Benji

Israel Warnock

Israel is another new player to our club this year that was a great addition to our side. Being one of the smallest players in the side, Israel didn't lack anything in heart. Israel played on the wing all year and done a great job for his side Israel has great footwork and his ability to stay inside the touch line this season rewarded him with some great tries. For his size Israel had good defense, with a couple of try saving tackles throughout the year. Great season Israel, looking for bigger and better things from you next year.

Manaia Waitere (U11's Green)

Manaia was a big part of our side in 2013. Manaia played in almost every competition game for us and played in all our semifinals and grand final for a kid to play in his own age group every week, and then to back us up nearly every game was a tremendous effort. Manaia played a variety of positions for us from fullback, wing, centre, dummy half, lock and halfback. He is great little player and a great little clubman. From me and all the boys, thank you Manaia you are a true champion.

Throughout the season we had some younger players from both the U11's Gold and U10's White backing up for us. Without the boys playing up we would of struggle for numbers for the first half of the season. So a big thank you to all of these players you are a credit to your club.

Jordan Denyer	U11 Gold
John Dufty	U11 Gold
Mathew Gifford	U11 Gold
Liam McKenzie	U10 White
Hamzah Chami	U10 White

Team Staff

To run a great footy side like the 12's Green, you need great people around you, and we had that this year with great people and parents on the coaching staff. So to Tammy Simmonds (Manager), Bill Sotiropoulos (Trainer) and Kerry Craven (First Aid Officer) a big thank you from me and all the boys for a fantastic season, it's because of people like you that the club is so great. To Peter Knox and Livi Oloapu, a big thanks for your help throughout the year at training and at the game.

Thank you to all our parents, grandparents and other family members and friends, thanks for your support all year. It was great to hear your encouragement from the sidelines every game.

To my fellow committee members Paul O'Loughlin, Dave Cahill, Sam Rigopoulos and Jason Denyer, a big thanks for your support this year. It's because of fantastic club people like you that the club was so successful this year. Well done on a great job gentlemen.

Finally to all of the U12's Green players, thank you on a great season. All you boys are a credit to this champion club. I couldn't be any more blessed to be associated with a better bunch kids than you. Hope to see you all back in 2014 in the U13's to go one better.

Thanks again for a great season.

Justin Hopper
Coach

Under 13

Place	Played	Won	Draw	Lost	Bye	For	Against	Diff	Points
2	18	9	3	5	1	508	244	264	23

Finals Results

Major Semi Final	Penshurst RSL Green	34	4	Clovelly (R)
Grand Final	Penshurst RSL Green	42	8	North Ryde

Firstly I just wanted to say thank you to all of the parents for your support and commitment to our team. The role you parents play in your sons' confidence, support and development is so important, and satisfying for us to sit back and watch. Thank You.

I credit the team's performance in 2013 due to the experience and focus of our staff, namely co-coach Jim Pizanias trainers Matt Carr, Kerry Lawler, Jason Tonna, and manager Grahame Chong Sun.

However, 'when speaking of the Champions', most credit must go to the players. This year they encountered a tough start in division one due to injuries and a strong graded Sydney wide competition, however we eventually re-grouped, focused, trained hard, and got into a groove to WIN the ultimate prize in division two.

Our club had not won an under 13s competition since 2000, so the challenge was on to refresh the history books, and it is with pleasure I can state the boys were not defeated since round 6 on 12th of May, up to the Grand Final.

The type of football they played was awesome to watch, and they resembled teams of higher age and maturity. This season will always be remembered by the boys. In 2013 our core group of players have all improved and physically grown in size, additionally our team was boosted by the additions of Witeriana Koopu, Corey-Lee Perenara, Sam Goussis and Ben Hupton who were consistent and outstanding this season.

Our team also had 9 players selected for the St George development squad which is in recognition of their dominant performances.

The Players

Jacob Merlino	Wing, Centre, Lock
Nicholas Pizanias	Half Back, Five Eight
Harrison Carr	Second Row, Centre, Lock
Ryan Economou (C)	Front Row
Mitchell O'Loughlin	Second Row, Wing, Hooker
Chris Saliba	Hooker, Halfback
Joel McCaw	Front Row
Harrison Georgopoulos (VC)	Lock, Second Row, Front Row
Adam Somboli	Centre, Wing, Second Row
Mark Lawler	Front Row, Second Row
Dylan Chong Sun	Five Eight, Centre, Lock
Thomas Papadimitriou	Front Row, Second Row, Lock
Witeriana Koopu	Centre, Forward
Corey Lee Perenara	Fullback
Ben Hupton	Five Eight, Half Back
Sam Goussis	Wing, Centre, Second Row

A special thanks to Tim Maier-Sotiropoulos and Jamie Lawler from the under 12 Green for their back up and great contributions this season. They fit in well and proved themselves as skilful and tough footballers.

Our Grand final Experience versus North Ryde

Prior to kick off we had Todd Greenburg address our team in dressing room with a meaningful motivational speech, this followed by clear game plan instructions from coaches, then words to team by our Captain, Ryan Economou. The boys departed the room focused and ready to perform and enjoy this experience.

In short, the boys went out and skilfully dominated the opposition in true Penshurst football 'style / culture', the Penshurst RSL JRLFC 'culture' was passionately explained to the boys by Ryan Tandek our A Grade and Club Captain, as well as the clubs life members Ken, Scotty and Bunge at the pasta night.

Chris, Ben, Nick, and Kozza were exceptional, and thoroughly outplayed the opposition in every facet of the game. Our forwards Ryan, Harris, Mark, Harry and Mitchell were mighty and physically dominated in tackles and hit ups. The oppositions defence had no idea where our runners were coming from due to smart inside balls, face balls, and second man plays. The boys were courageous and mistake free. Pretty soon we were up 26 to 0 and it was half time.

The boys went out in the second half giving the opposition a repeat dose of the first half ambush, and we finished game with a glorious 44 to 8 victory.

The depth of our teams' individual performance, combined with our club achievements is still sinking in for all of us.

In summary of the 2013 season proper

Our boys finished second on the ladder, however we boasted the BEST for and against margin.

Highlights being; unbeaten since round 6 in all completed 50 minute games, regularly winning games by large margins, and the noticeable improvements in attack and defence from start to finish of this season. Also it was special to play on some beautiful and historic ovals like Coogee Oval, Birchgrove Oval, TG Milner, and Kogarah Jubilee oval.

In our view our boys showed the best structure and attacking finesse in the competition, backed up with good fitness and solid defence.

We all feel privileged for our involvement in a team of outstanding 13 year olds.

Additionally being part of a passionate club with a great culture and history as witnessed via grand final week and our clubs 7 premierships in 2013.

Congratulations Boys, and look forward to seeing you all again in 2014.

Kind regards
Sean Saliba
Coach

Under 14

Place	Played	Won	Draw	Lost	Bye	For	Against	Diff	Points
6	18	6	4	7	1	228	354	-126	18

The 2013 season was a tough one for the Under 14s after losing some skillful players in the off season.

We moved up to 2nd division after a grand final appearance last season. We did gain some great new kids to the club in Lewis Hannah, Thomas Hui, and Josh Younie.

The first five rounds were tough for the boys coming up against better opposition and were unable to come up with a win even though they were trying their hardest each time. After that they moved back down to 3rd division and started to string some wins together playing some great footy along the way.

Coming into the backend of the season the boys were just a couple of wins out of the top four and really started to gel together playing their best game of the year against East Hills which was great to watch as a coach.

They needed to win their last two games to make the finals and got a win in the first game but lost the second. I know if the boys made the final they could have gave it a shake but it wasn't meant to be.

I want to congratulate the boys for never giving up this season even when times were tough you showed true Pensy spirit. To Phil thanks for your help during the year you did a great job and also thanks to Danny for helping me this year couldn't have done it without you.

I would also like to congratulate the club on a great season winning seven grand finals what a fantastic effort.

Damien Hopper
Coach

Under 15

Place	Played	Won	Draw	Lost	Bye	For	Against	Diff	Points
6	18	9	3	6	0	277	276	1	21

The U15's had an up and down season, just missing the semifinals.

We had some very narrow loses, which unfortunately cost us a semi birth. We had a strong 21 player roster (perhaps with a bit more dedication to training and team ethic) that had the talent to feature heavily in the semis, we proved that countless times.

I would like to congratulate the new boys who joined the club this year all of whom performed outstandingly and for some there first time playing rugby league. I hope you all return next season a little more mature and dedicated so we can play to our potential.

Many thanks go to Richard, Manager and Trainer, Greg, Trainer and FAO. Also to Leonie and Glen who helped out this season.

Congratulations to the boys who received invitations to trial for the Harold Matthews team.

Ashley Wyld
Coach

Under 16

Place	Played	Won	Draw	Lost	Bye	For	Against	Diff	Points
1	18	11	4	3	0	283	232	51	26

Finals Results

Major Semi Final	Penshurst RSL	48	10	Berala Bears
Grand Final	Penshurst RSL	32	18	Berala Bears

2013 was a season of improvement and belief for the under 16s. Starting off slow due to injuries and a couple of unlucky results they stuck together and worked for each other and ended up being the Premiers in their division.

The Players

Michael Kanis

A strong and solid season Michael guided the boys around the park but also showed that he is a strong defender. Michael was a player who kept on improving throughout the year and showed in the grand final how good he can be if he puts his mind to it.

Dylan Sinclair

Dylan had a fantastic season and he is looking very comfortable in the difficult position of fullback. Dylan can score tries from anywhere on the field and can also stop them. He is becoming a better player every game he plays.

Lachlan Hui

Lachlan is only in his second year of rugby league but doesn't show it. He runs harder and hits harder than anyone on the field. A very quiet young man but shows his leadership skills with the hard work he puts in on the field.

Mitchell Walsh

My "Yes" man! He is up for any challenge. He is very energetic and accepts any challenge I put in front of him. Playing many different positions this year and fixing a lot of problems. A very handy player to have and someone that puts in every training session and every game.

Jordan Chong Sun

Jordan is the captain of the side and another quiet leader. Jordan again shows his leadership qualities through the way he plays. He is another player who can score from anywhere on the field. He has awesome footwork, great kicking game and also a halfback that doesn't mind working hard in defence.

Joshua Carroll

Josh is a skilful wide running second rower with great speed. He isn't scared to hit a short hole and tested a lot of other teams' defenders. Josh worked hard on the field and again another player who kept improving.

Matthew Quirk

One of the toughest players I've seen. Quirky is about 2 ft 2 but has a huge workload and isn't scared of taking some giants down. He is a player who gets smashed but shows the true Penshurst Spirit and gets up straight away to make the tackle. He is a player that I enjoy watching and works constantly for his mates.

Ryan Brickwood

The tall dangly red head didn't question me once when I asked him to play front row this year. His workload is through the roof and a player that gets the job done every week. He is also very skilful and always put his hands up when the team needs him.

Tom Jackson

Tom is another player that showed how tough he is. He was struggling with a shoulder injury for the first half of the season but still put his hand up to keep playing as numbers were short. Unfortunately his shoulder gave way and he needed surgery but returned to play the grand final where he was rewarded with an awesome try.

Jacob Innes

Jacob is the type of player who plays with his heart on his sleeve every week. He is a very positive young man who works hard and showed to me how important he is for this team. He is a great leader and a player that isn't scared of anything. Showed amazing improvement and is just going to get better and better.

Luke Harris

Luke joined us half way through the season and was a breath of fresh air for our team who were struggling to fill a team on the field. Luke is a versatile player who could fill many spots. He is very talented and was a very handy player to have.

Shaun Wood

Shaun was another player who improved out of sight. Shaun was always at training working hard and never made excuses when it got tough. He is a strong defender who had to make some very important tackles. He also scored his first try this year but I know there are going to be many more to come.

Adam Nahas

Adam loves the tough stuff. A player that does his job every game. He never takes a backwards step and is a well-respected teammate. He runs hard, hits harder and doesn't mind scoring a try.

Taine Koopu

One of the biggest centres I've seen. When I first saw him I thought he would defiantly be a front rower but he proved me wrong when he showed me how dominant he can be out wide. With great speed and agility Taine dominated sides.

Fraser Carlyle

Our Under 16s hit man. Fraser knew his job. That was to tackle. Not the biggest player in the team but definitely the hardest hitter. When he hit you, you would feel it. He has a great tackling technique and not many teams ran at him.

Jordan Pitau

Jordan is a year younger and had to play up as there was no room in the under 15s team. He is another player who showed great improvement. He was a strong runner and worked hard in defense. Jordan is a player that put in the hard work at training to get results on the field.

Thomas Crosby

Tom was our other skinny red head who loved getting involved. Started on the wing but was quickly moved into the forwards as always put his hand up to do the tough stuff. Thomas is another tough player that just kept on going.

Scott Moodie

A very talented player who has great footwork and attacking prowess but also made plenty of tackles. Scotty played long minutes and the whole time he is on that field he is working his butt off. He is a player that just keeps going on and is just going to get better and better.

Johnny Gamboa

Johnny is another player who hadn't played much rugby league but it wouldn't show. Johnny was a great finisher but also was very involved when taking strong dummy half runs to set the platform for the forwards. He is another of our players who just kept growing with talent.

A big thanks to our coaching staff, Rick Sinclair, Mick Quirk and Graham Chong Sun the Under 16's couldn't have got the result we did without your help. You are all very generous with your time to our team and club and I know the boys and I appreciate it so much. I would also like to thank some of A grade boys who came down and helped out with some of the training sessions.

Finally, to the players, you are a superb group of young men and I'm so happy you finally got to taste success after some tough years you had. Muhammad Ali once said "Only a man who knows what it is like to be defeated can reach down to the bottom of his soul and come up with the extra ounce of power it takes to win when the match is even." You boys showed great character and a lot of heart to make it through those tough times and you all deserve the great reward in winning a premiership. It's something that you are always going to remember. This team has so much more to offer so stick together and you guys are capable of doing anything you put your minds to.

Michael Winchester (Sticks, Winni)
Premiership winning Coach

Under 17

Place	Played	Won	Draw	Lost	Bye	For	Against	Diff	Points
1	18	11	4	2	1	363	166	197	28

Finals Results

Major Semi Final	Penshurst RSL	26	6	Hurstville United
Grand Final	Penshurst RSL	26	22	Bankstown Bulls

As another season finishes it is great to still be on top, winning our third premiership on the trot! Congratulations must go to every member of this team. As a coach this premiership was I believe our best due to a number of factors such as; long term injuries to key players and the quality of the opposition we played each week.

For anyone who followed the team they would have witnessed how the boys stood up and played tough quality football each week. To field a team on many occasions would not have been possible without the help from players from our lower grades. The boys only lost one game all year to Bankstown Bulls who we eventually played in the Grand Final.

I am not going to single out any one player as these boys stood together, played together and reaped the rewards together as a team. They proved to themselves, their supporters and the whole competition that they are as tough as any team out there. These boys proved that size is not the only thing needed to play football, you need skill and heart and they have this in bucket loads.

The Players

Daniel Ascoli	Nathan McIlveen (C)
Matt Dufty	Daniel Robinson
Daniel Springett	Matt Springett
Ricky Vrahnos	Mark Ataya
Chris Williams	Connor Ryan
Tristan King	Luka Fredotovic
Thomas Garrido	Stephen Powzun
Hayden Warren	Adrian Aitoa
Michael Zinonos	Anthony Younie

The Grand Final saw us get off to a great lead early in the game considering we did not complete all our sets. However, as the boys have done all year their defence was outstanding going into half time 20 – 12 up. Even with this lead the boys understood that game was not over due to the skill and size of the Bankstown Bulls team. The weight off possession and all the momentum going the Bulls way saw them hit the lead with eight minutes remaining.

With the whole crowd on the edge of their seats and a lot of crap occurring on and off the field the boys lifted one last time (as they have done many times over last few years) to stand up to the Bulls and score under the posts, kicking the goal and going up 26-22 with one minute to go.

The last minute of the game took ten minutes to finish due to a lot of on field indiscretions but eventually the whistle blew and finally the celebrations began.

A lot of thanks must go to the entire coaching staff not only for this year but for the past four years for all their time and hard work. Additionally, thanks to the committee and spectators for all their support throughout the year.

In finishing I would like to thank all the boys that have made up this squad over the past four years. It has been a pleasure not only coaching you boys but getting to know you all and watching you develop into great young men that your families and club can be proud of.

Finally a big thank you to my manager Pauline Springett, your help has been much appreciated.

I wish you all the best for your futures thanks for the memories and great times, retiring coach Glenn "Duck" Dufty.

Glenn Dufty
Coach

Under 19

Place	Played	Won	Draw	Lost	Bye	For	Against	Diff	Points
4	18	10	3	5	0	362	236	126	23

Finals Results

Minor Semi Final	Penshurst RSL	18	34	Liverpool Catholic Club
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2013 was another testing year for the Under 19s with numbers starting off slow but gradually built to a full squad of 25.

It was good to see the old boys from last year return and some of the old Penshurst boys returning home for season 2013 with the inclusion of some new players, we had players from 9 different teams and 1 1st timer so gelling was always going to be the difficult task ahead.

We started the season slow winning 3 from our 1st 6 games and with 3 wash out rounds the season was half over and left us in 6th spot and 5 points out of the top 4 and a tough run home, having to win our last 6 games to make the top for was always going to be a tough ask with injury and mid-season holidays to Hawaii didn't make it any easier.

During the last 6 game the boys came together and played some good football winning 5 from 6 to make the semis and claiming some pretty big scalps along the way in the undefeated Green acre Tigers and 1st place Liverpool Titans, it was a tough as for the boys to turn up week in and week out and was physically and mentally draining on the players and I was extremely proud of their efforts to make the semis.

Our semi was against LCC and although we started well we were no match for the much bigger LCC and were knocked out of the semis

34-18, but the season was not at a loss and I was proud to see 3 of my boys play A grade this year Blake Newport, Hakopa Stroud and Tim Widderick (only 17) and many more willing to step up if needed.

I would like to thank the boys for an enjoyable year and my coaching staff Co-Coach Justin, trainers Damo and Purc, managers Tam and Steve a HUGE thank you for your endless help you guys make my job easy. Also Slooony thanks for the home ground strapping much appreciated from me and the boys.

To the committee thank you again for once again giving me the opportunity to be part of such a great club and culture, you have all done a great job building the club to where it is today and can only get bigger and stronger.

Another thank you must go to my wife Katie for her support over a busy tough year, always smiling no matter how much travel we had to do over the weekends.

Lastly to my boys, thank you for the year and good luck in the future I hope you hang around next year for the u/19s and A grade.

Good luck to all involved at Penshurst RSL in future years it has been a great 2 years where I have made friends for life and memories will last forever.

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Jason Tonna
Coach u/19s
2013

A Grade

Place	Played	Won	Draw	Lost	Bye	For	Against	Diff	Points
2	18	12	4	2	0	522	185	337	21

Finals Results

Major Semi Final	Penshurst RSL	24	38	All Saints Liverpool
Preliminary Final	Penshurst RSL	40	10	Berala Bears
Grand Final	Penshurst RSL	40	4	All Saints Liverpool

Penshurst RSL are the A grade premiers for the first time since 1993.

Improving on the achievement of 1993, Penshurst RSL has been crowned the best A grade team across the 4 districts – Canterbury-Bankstown, Balmain, Western Suburbs and, of course, St George – which comprise the Sydney Combined Competition.

But the season did not start so well – down 10 players from the squad that claimed the A reserve title in 2012, including their captain and vice-captain. Initially short for numbers, coach Michael Baihn, as he has done so many times before, and the core of the team stuck tight with a few newcomers – fielding a bare 13 players in the first competition game.

Eventually they came – slowly but surely, the squad grew to the 24. Some new, some old boys returning home, all contributed to the remarkable season that was to unfold.

The Players

Penshurst RSL A grade players in 2013

Peter Armessan	Josh Baihn
Aaron Burgess	Jacob Carson
Matt Coffey	Chris Cusumano
Glenn Dewitt	Benn Galluzzo
Anton Harris	Toby Lind
Gerry Maestrelli	Guy Meogrossi
Micheal Petrie	David Pham
Glen Phillips	Adam Rogers
Lachlan Rowley	Dean Tandek
Ryan Tandek	Corey Tonna-Riley
Adam Vrahnos	Matthew Winchester
Michael Winchester	William Wood

Season 2013

Initially graded in the 2nd division of the A grade, the squad was uncertain of their capabilities, especially given the high turnover of players. After 5 comp games the record was impressive – undefeated with a very positive For and Against. Penshurst RSL was back in the top grade.

The squad then set about proving that they were a competitive at this level – winning 5, drawing 1 and losing just 2 games. This included strong efforts against the competition frontrunners - All Saints Liverpool - a loss and a draw (a cracker of a game at Evatt Park).

Finishing the competition proper in second position, the Rissoles were humbled by the size and power of the All Saints pack in the Major Semi – losing 24-28.

From this point, the boys had a mountain to climb. Firstly, they confronted Berala Bears in the Final at Jubilee Oval. With a much improved defensive line and a more intense effort, our 16-4 lead was converted into a commanding 40-10 victory.

Then on to meet All Saints in the Grand Final at Campbelltown stadium. Not only did the Rissoles' defence have to stem the powerful ruck drives of their forwards, but the ball control and decision making had to greatly improve. And did they what!!!

After a steady start, the boys in Gold and Green progressively established dominance over the All Saints pack. This combined with better structures and field position (from a better kicking game) laid the platform from which the Rissoles ran in four unanswered first half tries. Our 24-0 lead was then converted into a 40-4 victory, as surprising as it was dominant.

The mountain had been climbed – with stunning success.

Our Team

Rejoining the squad mid-season as coach (mark II), the squad was a pleasure to work with as they slowly adjusted to changed circumstances and set themselves for a finals push. By season's end, the team-culture was one of a bunch of mates prepared to work hard for each other, especially when under pressure.

A special mention to the four young men who weren't picked to play in the Grand Final – thank you for the dignity and grace that you showed in turning your disappointment into the positive support that you gave your team mates in the big game.

To Michael Baihn, on behalf of the team, staff and myself – thank you for dedication, effort and time. Bunj coached the team for the first two-thirds of the year, including the difficult early-season period when the team was short of players. If Bunj had not put his hand up, there probably would not have been a Penshurst RSL A-grade in 2013.

Thanks also to Aaron Tandek and Scotty McCulloch for their contributions to the team in conditioning and skills training respectively.

Our Club

As mentioned last year, a big factor in the positive culture of the A grade is the pride and belief they have in their club. The boys took great pride in and enjoyed watching their club mates perform throughout the season and, in particular, the finals series.

For the second consecutive year, the A grade was the final Penshurst RSL team to take the field on Grand Final weekend – again, a great privilege to culminate the club's big weekend.

Likewise, the boys took every encouragement from the wonderful support of our Gold and Green crowd, particularly in the big end of season games.

Our Committee

Sincere thanks also to both the executive and general committees of the football club who did such a great job putting our teams on the park, including the A grade. Special thanks to president, Paul O'Loughlin, for his on-going support of the A grade in all matters great and small, and to secretary, Dave Cahill, who patiently put up with the comings and goings of our registrations – an unfortunate fact of life with an A grade squad.

A Grade Sponsors

Important to our success was the financial support received from our sponsors in 2013

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This support of the A grade team was very much appreciated. Whenever and wherever possible, please, return this support by patronising our sponsors.

Team Staff

On behalf of the boys and myself, I would like to express our gratitude to our team staff:

Matthew Sloane	Head Trainer
Tim Burnell	Trainer
Martin Lee	Trainer
Graeme Hemopo	Manager/Photographer
Alya Smith	Manager's Assistant
Kymani Smith	Ball-boy

These people worked together and for the team selflessly throughout the season. Everyone contributed to the team effort with no fuss, doing whatever was necessary to get the job done.

My personal thanks go to the team staff and to the players for an enjoyable and memorable season.

Ken Harris
Coach (markII) of the Premiers