



# **South West Tigers**

**Junior Australian Football Club**

## **2022 Year Book**





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# Executive Committee Report

*The year in review by Brett Webster, Adam Zummer and Jason Lee.*

Where do we start?

After 2 interrupted seasons, preseason presented us with new challenges, by way of unseasonal wet weather closing all grounds for most of the start of the year. As the clubs met to discuss the upcoming season, the forecast was for a wet winter but no one actually knew what we would be in for. With the first 2 rounds postponed due to wet weather, footy finally got underway and then begun a season like no other in the history of Tigers footy.

We started the season with teams in the 9s, 10s, 12s and 17s, whilst working with Ingleburn for the 14s girls and with both Ingleburn and Bankstown for 13s and 14s. Our immediate goals were to get every kid that wanted to play footy, to play footy, and we were able to achieve this. As the season progressed and the weather impacted most clubs, our beloved Greenway came through to not only host footy for our teams, but also Liverpool, Ingleburn, Bankstown, Macarthur, Fairfield and Hawkesbury. We were so fortunate to be able to support these clubs and the entire Western Sydney competition, hosting ~20% of all junior games for the region.

The club also played host to both Harbour and Senior games, which again highlighted how great we are as a club and how we have so many wonderful people preparing to spend most of their Sunday, each and every week to ensure that games went ahead. This is something to be so proud of as a club.

We then take a look at our footy performance across the club. We welcomed new players, new coaches, new manager, new volunteers and new partnerships, with the goal of having fun and developing great players and great people along the way. Our 9s and 10s or Tiger Cubs did so well. They not only helped each other every week, but we were also proud to be able to help other teams throughout the season. These players are our future and we cannot wait to see how they grow over the years. The 13s and 14s both had challenging seasons, but pulled together to go out and have fun. To all these players you did your club proud and know that next season will be bigger and better. Then we had the 12s and 17s, different stories, different journeys but both would go to the big dance. On the day, both would fall short, but what an effort by both teams and they were outstanding. We are immensely proud of them all.

In a first for the club, we were honoured and proud to host the 2022 Western Sydney Junior Grand Finals at Greenway Park. It was great recognition for an outstanding season by the club, and we got to highlight what we can do as a club. We all worked hard and delivered an outstanding day for all. The field and area was decked out on black and gold, whilst people from all around came to enjoy a great day hosted by our great club.

We also need do some thank you's for 2022. To our players, everything we do as a club, we do for you. We want you to play hard, play fair and do your club proud. To our Coaches and Managers, your support of the players and the club is outstanding. You give up your time to develop our kids into both good footy players and even better people. To our volunteers, without you we don't have a club. Starting at 6 am on a cold and wet Sunday morning can be difficult, but you rose above and ensured that when teams and their supporters come to Greenway they had a great day. They say that it takes a village to raise a child, well we are trying to raise a village of children and as a club we are doing a wonderful job and the best is yet to come.

So, 2022 was a great year, filled with ups and downs. But we all worked together, we played hard, and had fun. And in the end, we all showed what it is like to be part of the Tigers family!

Can't wait to see you all for another season of Tigers footy and remember, everyone has to bring 2 friends to come and play footy in 2023!

South West Tigers Executive Committee

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# Under 9's 2022

**Coach: Joseph Caruana**

**Manager: Kate Webster and Michelle Stendell**

## **Coach's Report for 2022 Season ...**

Our season officially began we finally got on the field in Round 3, after the first 2 rounds were cancelled due to rain (although technically for the Under 10's, as the Under 9's opposition forfeited). It was obvious the Under 9's were ready to "just play some footy", and play they did. The season highlights reel includes snaps around the corner, running bounces, clearances, crumbing, dummy's and ball and all modified tackles.

I have just one question, "who is on the lead...?"

It has been a privilege to see each player grow in their footy skills, stamina and confidence. We started as a group of individuals and ended as a cohesive team, truly willing to fight 'til the final siren's gone. We earned the right to sing the team song, as we are strong and bold, from Tiger, yellow and black, we're from Tigerland!

Thank you to Kate, Kathryn and the Committee for your support in my first season as coach, as well as to the parents who helped during training and on game days. It is with your enthusiasm and commitment that we made season 2022 a roaring success.

**Joseph Caruana**  
**Coach**

## **Now lets meet the Under 9's players...**

### **Eduardo Cardeno**

**Club Debut – 2022  
Career Games – 10**

Eduardo started out timid, finding his place in the team. However, he grew in confidence and skill each week, clearly showing ongoing improvement. By 4 or 4 games into the season, Eduardo showed his true potential.

Mid-field was where Eduardo played his best footy. In among the action with no time to second guess. Season highlights include crumbing off the ball up and centre field tackles that turned momentum the Tiger's way.

### **Thomas Caruana**

**Club Debut – 2022  
Career Games – 20**

Thomas stepped up from Auskick this year play his first season of junior footy. After starting off cautiously in his first game, Thomas ramped up his intensity from game 2 and has been unstoppable since. Thomas' footy trademarks are his left foot clearing kicks, goal line defence, marking and ball and all tackles.

### **Ali Chamas**

**Club Debut – 2022  
Career Games – SWT – 2**

Ali always turned up to training with an open mind and desire to learn. His perseverance to master the fundamental footy skills is commendable. With practice and dedication, Ali has the makings of a great footy player.

### **Yehya Chamas**

**Club Debut – 2022  
Career Games – 3**

Yehya played his best footy in the forwards. Motivated by the potential to bag a haul of 6 pointers, he showed great determination to advance the ball towards goal. With more game time Yehya will become an important member of the team.

### **Ethan Finch**

**Club Debut – 2022  
Career Games – 14**

Ethan, or "Finchy" as he is better known by the team enjoys his footy. Always with a smile on his face and ready to accept the challenge asked of him on the day. A versatile forward and dependable mid-fielder player, with excellent ball running capability and a team first mindset. Well done Finchy on a great season and we look forward to seeing you continue to develop your skills next year.

**Subeer Kukreti**

**Club Debut – 2021  
Career Games – 19**

Subeer is a no-fuss player of little words. Subeer's footy does all the talking and it speaks volumes. A gifted athlete, underpinned by a solid work ethic who excels in any position. Speed and agility in the centre, tackling in defence and effortless kicking in the forwards.

Congratulations on a successful season. You are a valuable asset to the Tiger's footy club and we look forward to seeing you wear the yellow and black guernsey next year.

**William Northcott**

**Club Debut – 2021  
Career Games – 5**

William started as a shy player, unsure of his place in the team. However, he came out of his shell when playing in the forwards, in search of his first goal. On his day, William is a key member of the team. Thank you for your efforts. We look forward to you continuing your footy journey next season.

**Ethan Stewart**

**Club Debut – 2022  
Career Games – 14**

Ethan is a great player to watch, especially in tight contests around the ball. A quick burst of speed and agility are his strengths. Ethan can play in any position and put in a player of the game effort. It has been a pleasure to coach you this season and we look forward to seeing you improve next season.

**Gordon Stracey**

**Club Debut – 2022  
Career Games – 13**

Gordon is a key Tigers player, his dedication and effort both during games and at training are commendable. These skills show on the footy field with Gordon winning 50-50 balls at key moments. Congratulations on a successful season. We look forward to seeing you continue to develop your skills next year.

**Geraldo Toohey**

**Club Debut – 2022  
Career Games – 2**

Geraldo started the season late only playing a few games. However, Geraldo made an instant impact earning Player of the Match. His tenacity, game awareness and kicking skills immediately stood out. It was a pleasure to see a sneak peak of your footy skills and we look forward to you continuing your footy journey next year.



**Lincoln Webster**

**Club Debut – 2021  
Career Games – 22**

Lincoln had an outstanding season this year. His hard work at training, persistence and love of the game made him a valuable asset. Lincoln plays his best footy in the mid field and forwards due to his ability to read the play, kicking and ball running skills. Lincoln is well liked and I can see a great bond forming between him and his team mates in the years to come. Congratulations on a strong season and 2023 shapes up to be epic!

**Natalia Zummer**

**Club Debut – 2022  
Career Games – 12**

Natalia is the happiest player on the Tigers roster. Full of energy and always there to celebrate her team mates success. Sometimes overwhelmed by the taller opposition, Natalia excels with a little encouragement, bringing out a burst of speed and agility to be in the right place at the right time. Congratulations on a great season and we look forward to seeing you shine on the Tigers roster in 2023.

# Under 10's 2022

**Coach:** Aimee Walker

**Manager:** Kathryn Brown

## Coach's Report for 2022 Season ...

It was a pleasure to be asked to coach the under 10s this season despite being asked a few rounds into the season. Coaching these kids had been a blast as they all had kept me on my toes even though we were in a non competition age group. The kids had always known what the score was even when I hadn't, always coming off at the breaks and telling me what the score was.

Despite me coming into coach later into the season I had formed a great connection with all the kids within the side and I hope that we continue to have that connection next season.

No matter whether we were at training or on game day we were always having a blast, dancing or just having fun, all the kids were always having fun. I hope that they continue to have fun while playing no matter what age group they are playing in.

I would also like to thank the under 9s who had played up every week to help out the 10s and I hope that those kids have also learnt something off me coaching them.

**Aimee Walker**  
**Coach**

## **Now lets meet the Under 10's players...**

### **Oliver Bennett**

**Club Debut – 2022  
Career Games – 10**

Oliver you were one of the more spontaneous ones on the team but as soon as you stepped on to the footy field you were a team player always willing to help out your team mates during the play. Coaching you was a delight always keeping me on my toes either at training or on game day. Keep up the good work and I hope you keep developing your skills.

### **Ethan Brown**

**Club Debut – 2022  
Career Games – 22**

One of the future leaders of the club, Ethan has been one of the few within the team that I could trust to help out with keeping the team together. It was so great seeing someone as young as Ethan have the knowledge that he does of the play and the way he reads the ball is amazing. I hope you keep playing and learning new skills and cannot wait to see where your journey takes you.

### **Summer Power**

**Club Debut – 2022  
Career Games – 8**

Despite being one of the few girls within the competition you had shown the boys within the completion that you were a force to reckon with. No matter where I had put you within the game you had shown your skills. It is great seeing you play on the field and develop your skills and knowledge of the game. I cannot wait for what you career brings you Summer.

### **Michali Stavros**

**Club Debut – 2022  
Career Games – 17**

Again Michali you always kept me on my toes. But despite all that craziness you had been a star on the footy field always being at the ball when it came to you. You were able to move the ball down the field to our forward line. It was a great pleasure being able to coach you this year and cannot wait for your journey and what comes of it.

### **Mason Stewart**

**Club Debut – 2020  
Career Games – 28**

Mason I see you also as a future leader of this club as your knowledge and skills of the game are incredible for your age. It was a pleasure to coach you this season and help you develop Le your skills and knowledge. No matter what was happening on the field you were always at the play helping out your team mates moving the ball forward. I cannot wait to see where you go from here with your career.

# Under 12's Div. 2 2022

**Coach:** Christopher Walker

**Assistant Coach:** Mitchell Seal and Brett Webster

**Manager:** Kate Webster

## Coach's Report for 2022 Season ...

2022 heralded the second session of competition footy for this group. With the 2 previous seasons cut short due to COVID, the team was itching to play, especially after looking the goods the year before in being the team to catch for the season.

The year started with challenges, not only due to the inclement weather, but as there were key losses to the playing roster over the off season. We saw key players move interstate and others chose different paths, meaning that there was a rebuild of sorts for 2022. We saw new players join the team, some being their first season of AFL and others coming in from other clubs, but one thing soon became evident, that they would live and breathe the values of being a Tiger! With minimal to no pre-season, the team had little time to gel, and that showed in the first game. But that also saw a fire in the team to train hard, and develop as a unit to build upon the previous year's success.

As the season continued, you could see the confidence rise in the group. Their skill level was increasing and they started to believe more in themselves. This culminated in a win at home against the side we would eventually play in the Grand Final, Macarthur. This is when the side truly started to believe.

We strengthened our coaching ranks, by welcoming Coach Mitch to the Tigers family. With a wealth of knowledge and a willingness for all players to be the best they can be, our game became more calculated and strategic, moving away from purely natural ability and to planned and structured play.

Watching the team and their opposition throughout the season, one thing was very clear, we played as a team. Many sides would rely upon 4 or 5 players to do a bulk of the work, the difference for the Tigers was that everyone had a role and they were committed to doing their role, for themselves and for their team mates. To have this instilled in a team at such a young age was impressive and inspiring, ensuring that each and every week they made their families and their club proud.

As the season continued it became evident that there were two standout sides, and as fate would have it, the two teams would meet in the decider. Footy is about many things, ability, desire, commitment and belief. Going into the Grand Final, we had most of those requirements, but perhaps fell a bit short on belief and as such we didn't get the result that we would like, falling to Macarthur on the day.

Finishing second, in their first full competition season is a wonderful achievement and one that they should all be proud of. The support that the team received from parents and other families within the club was outstanding and that is purely because of who each and everyone of our players are as people.

At the start of the season, our goal was and will also be to create great footy players, but also to help shape them as better people. We are extremely proud of you all and thank you for a wonderful year. No matter the final outcomes, the past or the future you will always be Tigers and we will always remember 2022 as a wonderfully successful season.

**Christopher Walker**  
**Coach**

## **Now lets meet the Under 12's players...**

### **Felix Capdor**

**Club Debut – 2022  
Career Games – 10**

Felix joined us a little bit later than everyone else, but he hit the ground running. Naturally an athlete with excellent agility, Felix showed good skill and competitiveness from his very first game. A bit of a character, Felix always became the life of the party at training and liked to get around his teammates and have fun. With fun being part of our Tigers mantra this year, Felix was one of the ones that led the way. When things got hard, Felix became resolute and would give as much of himself as he could to try and turn momentum and help the team out of tough situations. Nothing deterred him from doing what was needed. A happy young man with a wonderful demeanour, Felix was a pleasure to have in the team.

### **Amon Choyce**

**Club Debut – 2022  
Career Games - 13**

Another of our backline stalwarts who held up our defensive unit, with speed and class, Amon had a massive year. As coaches, whenever we saw Amon coming into play, you took a deep breath and knew things would be alright. He instilled confidence in those around him. A quiet and unassuming individual, Amon often went under the radar from opposition but never from us as we could see the incredible impact he had on the game and the team. Passionate about the game, the club and team, Amon left everything on the field, every time he took to it and it was obvious to all. One of the first each week to shake hands with the coaches, Amon is a very respectful young man who should be very proud of the contribution he made to the team and those around him this year.

### **Hendrix Faaola**

**Club Debut – 2019  
Career Games - 50**

Our unwavering ruckman! Hendrix was a big focal point in our team. Other teams needed to find ways to combat him, and most common option was for them not to try. A strong young man with a kids and compassionate heart, Hendrix is well loved in the side for his humour and good nature, the football skills are just a bonus. A big, strong young man, Hendrix played his part in our side well and often was selfless in his efforts to get us off on the right start. At training, Hendrix just kept going. We could throw a mountain of work his way and he never tried to back out of it, he showed up and he got it done. His resiliency when things went a little bit wrong got better as the season progressed and he should be very proud of that.

### **Yazen Gad**

**Club Debut – 2022  
Career Games – 12**

Yaz has been such a wonderful part of our team this year. Always smiling and competing as best he can, Yaz stayed upbeat and tried to keep the team upbeat even in hard games or hard moments. That's not an easy task and Yaz was valiant in sticking to it and wanting to lift their spirits. What a wonderful trait in a person growing up. On the field Yaz was a member of our forward line and gave it everything. Showing his determination to do the best he can, Yaz put his body on the line in the grand final that ended up in injury BUT even given that, he

tried to stay on and battle through it. Yaz should be commended on a wonderful season, and we look forward to more years with him at the Tigers.

**Victoria Johnson**

**Club Debut – 2019  
Career Games – 46**

V just doesn't know how good she is! Through the year we saw V shut out quality players by beating them in 1 on 1 contests and we saw her hit the scoreboard kicking 7 goals throughout the season as our 3<sup>rd</sup> highest goal scorer. Always smiling, V was happy to give any training drill or game day role her absolute best and it saw her get better and better every session and game. When it comes to character off the field, V showed time and again her wonderful disposition. She always shows care and compassion for those that may have been injured, she stuck up for those that couldn't stick up for themselves, and she always celebrated everyone else's success knowing it didn't diminish her own. A pleasure to have in the team.

**Andreas Kalofonos**

**Club Debut – 2018  
Career Games – 35**

Andreas was one of our surprise packets this year. Started the season struggling to cement a spot that suited him until an opportunity in the backline saw something click and he was then a man on a mission. It gave the team great confidence to know that whoever we set Andreas to mark up on would have a tough day as he was not going to give any opponent anything easy. Andreas showed amazing self-discipline to hold down these defensive roles and give them so much attention. We also got to see Andreas' passion for the game and his team. He became a vocal member in group discussions and then we even got to see him bust a move after a training session. Was wonderful to see him comfortable to be himself and we welcome him for many more years to come.

**Kabir Kukreti**

**Club Debut – 2018  
Career Games – 66**

The smiling assassin. Was sometimes accused of just being too nice on the field. A delightful young man that, through his body language and actions, has "leader" written all over him. On the field, a talented individual that played a big chunk in the backline before a late move to the midfield, Kabir was admired by peers and opposition alike. The ultimate team player. Off the field, exemplary young man. Kabir was the first player in the team to shake hands with the umpires after every single game and he is one of few that look you in the eye when he shakes your hand or is talking. Upholding all the traits that we are building the club on here at the Tigers, Kabir envelopes Tigers spirit and plays the game hard but fair. Should be commended on a magnificent season.

**Benjamin Medina**

**Club Debut – 2020  
Career Games – 18**

Benny missed a big part of the year but when he came back, he became our new Mr Fix-it. Often the first name mentioned when we needed to move someone to cover an unexpected rotation. Everyone knew that Benny would get in there and give the task everything he had regardless of what we asked of him. A rock in defence, an option forward, or part of our engine room midfield from the wing, Benny could cover the ground in anyway we needed as the ultimate utility man. A very quiet and kind young man who seems to enjoy being among his teammates and I know his teammates enjoy being around. A pleasure to have in the team.

**Nicholas Nardis**

**Club Debut – 2021  
Career Games – 14**

The off-field development of Nick was as inspiring as his on-field development. A genuine ball winner, Nick developed an understanding of how to bring his teammates into games and how to celebrate the achievements of others. Often the first to congratulate someone on a goal or good moment, Nick saw how much that meant to his team and began to celebrate those moments as much as his own. A leader among the midfield, Nick has a range of skills that are excellent for his age and will only get better as well as he dedicates himself to them. Good game sense and understanding of the flow of the game, Nick provided a lot of sparks throughout the year. An unbridled passion that shows through his commitment, Nick should be really pleased with himself after a high-quality year.

**Jack Northcott**

**Club Debut – 2021  
Career Games – 14**

An unheralded workhorse, Jack consistently put his head down and went to work. A consistent member of our backline, Jack was a big part of the reason that we had the best defensive record throughout the regular season. Diligent and hardworking, Jack provided great strength in our backs and a great temperament in defence that kept everyone honest. At training, Jack always worked hard and inspired others with that work ethic. That work ethic will see Jack's development improve in leaps and bounds. Always one to stick to the defence first idea at the tigers, Jack is a proud tiger, and we are proud he is a tiger as well. Keep up the great work Jack and we look forward to seeing you get better and better over the next few seasons.

**Eamon Seal**

**Club Debut – 2017  
Career Games – 68**

Eamon joined the team this year and made an immediate impact. As a key cog in the team's forward line, Eamon played a very unselfish role where he normally looked for his teammates to give the ball to rather than shooting for goal himself. A good mark and a good kick with excellent goal sense, Eamon provided some wonderful highlights this season and the team really got around him and celebrated with him. He came out of his shell as the season went on and we got to know the real Eamon and he cemented himself as a big part of the Tiger's team and club and we are happy to have him here. A quiet individual, a competitor on the field, and a passionate Tiger, what a great combination.

**Mitchell Smith**

**Club Debut – 2019  
Career Games – 64**

Mr Utility, Mitchy played right across the park. We saw games with him in the midfield early in the season, back at fullback for a big chunk and then finished the season up forward. It didn't matter where he was put, Mitch put his head down, bum up and gave it his all. His passion and drive for the team is evident every time he comes to training or games. He gives his all for the jersey and his mates that share that field with him. A ruthless competitor in every game. Mitch has high expectations on himself, but he should know how incredibly



proud we all are to have him as part of this team and how much we look forward to seeing him develop on and off the field in the coming years. A great year.

**Ryan Stendell**

**Club Debut – 2022  
Career Games – 13**

Ryan was our attack dog in the middle. He loved the physical nature of the contest and the tackle. That is where he shines. A hard worker who is diligent and committed to the task and pushes himself to be that defensive person that his teammates can rely on. Never backs away from a challenge, everyone in the team knew that Ryan had their back when the going got tough and that he could be relied on, and he just wouldn't disappoint. Never the biggest tiger on the park but had the heart and work ethic to roll the sleeves up and get to the tough stuff as good as anyone. That will bode him well both on and off the field throughout his life. Hard work is better than skill every day and Ryan embodies the hard-working spirit that will go far.

**Bailey Stewart**

**Club Debut – 2019  
Career Games – 40**

What a speed demon! The scary part about the amount of speed that Bailey has is, he hardly looks like he is moving yet others keep going backwards. Bailey had a terrific year and really cemented his spot as an important piece of our jigsaw puzzle. As the season progressed Bailey became a player that was able to play both sides of the ball with a good mark and run and carry game in attack, and an excellent tackle in defence. His ability to change from one to the other was as good as anyone in the team. Bailey is very unassuming but was highly rated among his teammates, coaches and opposition who had to give him attention. A true credit to himself is the humility he shows and how hard he continues to work. He should be incredibly proud of himself.

**Keeanu Vela**

**Club Debut – 2022  
Career Games – 12**

We saw as big a transformation in Keeanu throughout the season as we did with anyone. Keeanu played a bit forward and a bit down back but found his calling as a midfield bull! Keeanu plays the team game as good as anyone. Great with shepherds and blocks and has good ball handling skills, Keeanu generally made good decisions to support his teammates on field and off it. Keeanu's skills got better throughout the year due to his hard work and dedication which grew on him as the season went on. He became more interested in the game through his team and teammates and it was great to see the fire in him starting to burn and get him committed. Unfortunately, Keeanu's season finished early due to injury but that doesn't diminish the impact he had all season in what was a wonderful year.

**Isaac Webster**

**Club Debut – 2019  
Career Games – 66**

Development of key forwards often comes later than those that can play midfield as it's a different skill set. Isaac showed this year how much he is developing those skills beyond most of those around him or against him. A formidable opponent for any back, Isaac's skill to be able to mark well above head and to kick off both feet is not something a lot of kids can

do (or adults for that matter) and its proof of persistence and hard work to develop that. Isaac was captain this year and he led the team through a successful season and should be proud of that. Not only that but Isaac was very welcoming of the new players in the team this year and had a big hand in helping them feel welcome. Well done on a great year.

**Zakariya Younes**

**Club Debut – 2019  
Career Games – 61**

Zaki improved in leaps and bounds this year. Started the season as a bit of a Mr Fix-it but became one of our rocks in defence that just kept turning up when we needed him. Towards the end of the season, Zaki was one of the first magnets placed on the board each week as we knew he would bring accountability in the backline while also offering us attack from there. I think even Zaki would agree that his game when we defeated the magpies was a highlight with him stopping their run forward but provided attack himself (even kicking a goal from the backline). Add to this, Zaki is a great young man who is quiet and reserved but gets on with it. It all makes him a very valuable part of this team.

**Mateusz Zwolak**

**Club Debut – 2021  
Career Games – 9**

Mat had a little bit of an interrupted season, but he didn't let that stop him from having an impact. Another of our wonderful utility players that spent time forward and back, Mat was reliable and trustworthy. The team knew that Mat would give his everything to help in any way he could. A very quiet young man, Mat began to lend his voice to important team conversations as the season went on and we were all able to benefit from that. Already showing all the traits of a hard worker that will do what needs to be done to benefit the bigger scheme of things, Mat has had a magnificent season and we look forward to seeing many more over the next few years.

# Under 13's 2022

**Coach:**

**Assistant Coach:**

**Manager:**

## Coach's Report for 2022 Season ...

To say it was a tough year for the players in this team was I think an understatement. Without a regular coach at the start of the year, and not enough players from any one club, we ended up with a hybrid team from the Bullsharks, Magpies and Tigers. Then as the year progressed, a lack of commitment from some, some injuries and other unavailability's meant we were totally reliant on younger age groups to get on the park.

To this end, there was a lot of unheralded (and unseen) work from all 3 clubs in the background to get players lined up, so a big thanks to the 3 committees for their help.

Round 2 saw the team win its first (and only) game for the year with the help of some div 1 players, but after this it was a hard slog for the team.

Chris Walker identified early the need for the team to have a regular coach and stepped into the hole, but unfortunately had already committed to the Tigers under 12's team, which meant when there was a conflict in schedules, the 13's would again get a different voice. It was at this stage, I asked Chris if he minded me stepping in to give them a regular voice and message for the remainder of the year, which he agreed to let me do. It proved to be one of the more enjoyable coaching stints I have had, so I must thank Chris for allowing me to get involved.

Up to this point, the team its fair to say was out of its depth in the grade they were in, so I sat down with those who were at training and asked them what they wanted to get out of the rest of the year. They told me they didn't want to forfeit again, they wanted to not be mercy ruled, they wanted to kick a goal, and they wanted to win a quarter.

Pleasingly, all their goals were met, and by the last 3 games we had started to bring a competitive brand of footy, and while we still lost, we absolutely looked like we had turned a corner and matched our opponents in most areas of the game other than the scoreboard which will come with a few further adjustments and commitment to training from all, not just some.

Overall, I was so proud of the progress we made during the back end of the year, as well as the way the mainstays of the team kept fronting up week in week out regardless of how hard the game was going to be to have a kick of the footy with their mates.

I would like to thank all the parents who made the efforts to get their children to games and training, the committees for their work behind the scenes in keeping the team going (and for letting me get involved), the under 12's coaches and players who helped get us on the park most weeks, my "assistant" Aaron Stabb, our manager Maria Stavros (great job legend!!) any anyone who coached or managed the team in the first part of the year. It takes many hands to get a team through the year, so on behalf of myself and all the players, your efforts were much appreciated.

Finally and most importantly to the players, a great group of young men who showed incredible resilience, courage and character throughout the year, I thank you all for listening to me (sometimes) and for fronting up through sometimes difficult circumstances. You have earned my respect and I am happy to help any of you anytime in the future.

Cheers

Chris Hunt  
Coach

## **Now lets meet the Under 13's ...**

### **Lachlan Farrell**

**Club Debut – 2016  
Career Games – 86**

Highly skilled and very tough, Lachlan loves to take the game on and is most at home in the backs. We had to play him in the mid's a bit this year, and he always gave a good account of himself.

### **Bruno Porta**

**Club Debut – 2022  
Career Games – 3**

New with 3 rounds to go, Bruno (and his father) have a real zest for the game. Always smiling and keen to learn, Bruno had a crack in many positions, but seems to have a natural ability in the ruck.

### **Liam Stabb**

**Club Debut – 2018  
Career Games – 47**

Continued to improve throughout the season, Liam was another who greatly improved over the back end of the year, a good defender who continues to impress with his tenacity around the ball

### **Zachary Stabb**

**Club Debut – 2018  
Career Games – 47**

Zac lifted the team with his hard work, and improved his game out of sight in the back half of the year. Very tough and has begun to develop the ability to shut down an opponent very well.

### **Peter Stavros**

**Club Debut – 2018  
Career Games – 57**

Really worked hard on his skills and was one of our most consistent trainers. Just needs to believe in himself a bit more to have a real impact on the game, as I know he can do it

# Under 17's 2022

**Coach:**

**Assistant Coach:**

**Manager:**

## Coach's Report for 2022 Season ...

I came into this year with no expectations. When I first got told about this team, I was told that there was a merge between 2 clubs that haven't had the best experience these past couple of years. I said yes to this team straight away. You all have blown me away from the very first time I met all of you.

From the very first training session and all throughout the year, I knew we had a very skilful team, but the challenge was to learn how to play as one. The beginning of this footy season started interrupted with the all the rain around and abandoning the 1<sup>st</sup> two games which took us to round three where we ended up going against Glebe in a close win. From this game, I learnt that we clicked straight away and learned how to dig deep when things got tough and I was very excited for the rest of the year.

From training we talked about how we wanted to play our footy. We knew that we wanted to play an attacking brand of football but also work as a team. I was impressed by the way the boys worked together considering they had played no football together. We were also as impressive as a defensive unit keeping teams to low scores. This was a sign of a team that I knew could go far in a comp. We went from strength to strength throughout the year and improved as a team. Throughout the middle stages of the year we simply dominated the competition with winning 15 games in a row and 7 of them being mercy. I made sure we played every game as if it was a new team but every week, we proved to ourselves that we were the benchmark of the competition and it was going to be very hard to beat us. Our resilience and determination showed through throughout the year with teams trying there best to knock us off but we took every challenge on head first, and one of the main highlights of the year was when Cronulla who were struggling at the time only showed up with 15 players and asked us to help them out. When I asked the players to help them out no one argued and tried there best when on their team and gave us a challenge. We then received an email from there club saying that they appreciated our boys helping them out and gave them confidence for weeks to come. This showed me that footy is more than a game and for us to help them out was really good to see.

Towards the back end of the year our winning streak continued and seeing everyone getting involved was great. Rounds 12,13,14 and 15, I challenged our team to expand our game to improve heading into a final's series, which took a bit of work but at training we worked on this and it really showed through especially later on in the year. Round 16 was a game I think everyone was waiting for with the top of the table clash and I guess finally a test. We knew Glebe were one of our main competitors and was going to be a tough game especially playing at their home field, unfortunately this was our first loss but I think this fielded us heading into the 1st week of the finals and seeing the disappointment in the boys faces was actually good to see because it showed me that they cared. We knew we were taking them on again in the qualifying finals and with a bit more of a strategy around the game and playing back at Greenway we came out on top and straight into the grand final.

Unfortunately, we didn't get the win but I was proud of the boys' efforts all year, they did themselves proud. I want to give Adam, Grant and Dan a massive thank you, these guys made my life so much easier and we wouldn't have gotten as far if it wasn't for them. Also, to the parents, I want to thank you on your commitment for the whole year, footy wouldn't survive if it wasn't for you.

That's it from me, Goodluck for 2023 and I'm sure all of you will do great.

Jaydon Fretwell  
Coach

### **Now lets meet the Under 17's Div.3 ...**

#### **Luca Esposito**

**Club Debut – 2015  
Career Games –85**

Luca's commitment and dedication to the game is what makes him such a great footballer. Luca played a different position this year and was a key player to our backline.

#### **Nikolaos Kalofonos**

**Club Debut – 2016  
Career Games –86**

Nikolas was another player that showed dedication to the team. He showed up to every game a helped out whenever is need. I thought of Nicholas as my utility player and I knew whenever he was needed, he would be able to do the job at task.

#### **Isaac Kanj**

**Club Debut – 2019  
Career Games – 51**

Isaac was the heart and soul of our team his pace and stamina were the reason why he was such a great player on the wing. Somehow Isaac never got tired and would continuously run up and down the ground all day.

#### **Ashton Main**

**Club Debut – 2019  
Career Games – 42**

Ashton played out of his normal position but I think has found a new home at fullback his ability to read the play and flight on the ball is outstanding and with another preseason at this spot I think he will blemish into a really great player.

#### **Liam Mellish**

**Club Debut – 2014  
Career Games – 105**

Liam was one of the most committed players on the team he would show up at every game and training session. Liam was a massive help at fullback as well with being in a rotation with Ashton. They worked really well together and I think could be dynamic duo to look out for next year.

#### **Zac Rawson**

**Club Debut – 2011  
Career Games – 172**

Zac's set shot routine is one of the best I've seen. Zac's knowledge of the game and his ability to read the game really stood out to me. Zac's only going to get better with age and more experience and with that he will become a very good Centre Half Forward for any team. I'm really excited to see what he does next year



**Nathan Smith**

**Club Debut – 2017  
Career Games – 80**

Nathans pace and attack on the footy made him a great player on a halfback flank, unfortunately he came down with an ankle injury throughout the year but his dedication to the team and his willingness to stand up in the big moments was great to see.

**Pablo Tihanyi**

**Club Debut – 2022  
Career Games – 14**

Pablo was the only player in our team that it was his first year to AFL. If you were the opposition, you wouldn't think that his ability to pick up the sport so quickly was unbelievable and his willingness to learn was unmatched, with more experience and dedication I believe Pablo will become a very good footballer and his another one I'm excited to see what he can do next year.

**Andrew Walker**

**Club Debut – 2012  
Career Games – 133**

Andrew was always in the right place at the right time. He had a bit of a positional switch throughout the year but didn't shy away for the challenge thrown his way. Andrew told me at the start of the year he wasn't the best at set shots but by the end of the year I reckon he scored more goals from set shots than anything else.

**Kalin Zummer**

**Club Debut – 2018  
Career Games – 53**

Kalin wears his heart on his sleeve and that shows when his on the field his not afraid to get hurt and will always put his team first. Kalin asked a lot of questions throughout the year and his improvement was remarkable to see.

## 2022 Players Permitted to other Clubs

Seniors

Kristyn Baker  
Lily Velickovic  
Savali Tapugao  
Samantha Sutton  
Melissa Bella

Under 14's Ingleburn Tiger  
Sharks

Dekoda Zummer  
Benjamin Balasingham

Under 14's Ingleburn Youth Girls

Leya Elayoubi  
Alana Brogan  
Olivia Johnson  
Joycinta Ung

Under 16's Camden Youth Girls

Marley Rhodes  
Katherine Middleton

# 2022 Player Milestones

Congratulations to these players who have reached the following milestone games during the 2022 season.

## **50 Games**

Kabir Kukreti

Mitchell Smith

Isaac Webster

Zakariya Younes

Kalin Zumner

Hendrix Faaola

Eamon Seal

Peter Stavros

Dekoda Zumner

## **100 Games**

Liam Mellish

# **2022 AFL Sydney Kevin Sheedy Awards**

## **Club Volunteer**

Jason Lee

## **Volunteer of the Year**

Brett Webster and Adam Zummer

# **2022 AFL Sydney Kieran Jack Awards**

## **Under 17's Div 3. White Best and Fairest**

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Isaac Kanj

Runner Up – Pablo Tihanyi

# **2022 Junior Development, Representative & Academy AFL**

We would like to congratulate these players who were chosen to play Development, Representative and Academy AFL during the 2022 Season.

## ***2022 GIANTS ACADEMY***

Isaac Webster

Nicholas Nardis

Kabir Kukreti

## ***SYDNEY SOUTH WEST PSSA STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS***

Isaac Webster

Zakariya Younes

**2022 FINALIST TEAMS**

Under 12's Div. 2

Under 17's Div. 3 White

**2022 AFL SYDNEY JUNIORS UMPIRES**

Zac Rawson

Kalin Zummer

Andrew Dixon

Dekoda Zummer

## Tigers Theme Song

Oh we're from Tiger land

A fighting fury

We're from Tiger land

In any weather you'll see us with a grin

Risking head and shin

If we're behind then never mind

We'll fight and fight and win

For we're from Tiger land

We never weaken 'til the final siren's gone

Like the Tiger of old

We're strong and we're bold

For we're from Tiger

YELLOW & BLACK

We're from Tiger land

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