



WESTS JUNIORS AFL

YEARBOOK

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President's Message

At times it felt like we would never get there. Seasons 2020 and 2021 were COVID impacted and this year the weather had its say. Well done to all of our players and parents in completing this very tough season. I have no doubt these testing times will make this group of kids the most resilient. The challenge before us to ensure we can retain our current crop of stars and add to it. We need to work hard to regain our teams in U10 Youth Girls, U18 Youth Girls, and add numbers into our U17 boys' team.

Enough of the doom and gloom, it certainly hasn't rained on everyone's parade ... What about our undefeated premiers in the U11-2 team? Well done coach Ken and the team. Plenty of special memories and friendships have been made this year, and all the best in your campaign to go back-to-back!

Well done to our U12-2, U13-3 and U17-2 teams who made it into the finals and gave it their best. It's a fabulous result to have 4 sides make it into the finals and give our small club awesome representation.

A massive thank you to our volunteers: Canteen duty, BBQ duty, ground management, goal umpiring, boundary umpiring, coaching, managing and meat raffles. All of these contributions keep the club going for the next lot of kids to enjoy Australian Rules Football at WSJAFC. If you would like to get more involved and fill a role on the committee, please get in touch on Presentation Day and attend the upcoming AGM in November. And don't forget to get down to the club on Friday nights to help with our meat raffle fundraiser when you can.

Again thank you all for your effort and contribution. Enjoy the off-season and we would love see you again dusting off the boots in 2023.

Daniel Coughlin
President, 2020-2022



Coaching Group

AGE	COACH	MANAGER
AUSKICK		
U5 & 6	Scott Partlin	Celeste Moya
U7 & 8	Jason Ettridge	
GENERAL		
U9	Ian Maddock	Alison Wise
U10	Nathan Ingle	Edwina Colquhoun
U11	Kenneth Christie	Sam Chan
U12	John Hennessey	Melissa Winkler
U13	Adam Perrott	Stephen Watson
U14	Daniel Coughlin	Jennifer Moore
U17	Richard Stone	David Spence Natalie Anagnostopoulos
GIRLS		
12	Simone Faulkner	Samantha Watson
14	David Reddy Lee Urquhart	Grant McLennan
16	Belinda Layson Bec Florance Mike Cullen	Danielle Thomson Ali Matheson





Membership

This year we had 195 registered players in the juniors and 49 Auskickers.

Events

Summer Skills

As usual we began our pre-season officially in February with our summer skills program. Unfortunately we were affected by the rain and only managed to get two of the weeks in.

Swans visit

This year the Sydney Swans made their visits to community clubs and we had Ryan Clark and James Bell spend a few hours training and chatting with our players.



Giants Club March

Our players and families had a chance to represent the club by marching at Giants Stadium at half time during their Round 21 match against Essendon.



Half time at the SCG

This year our Auskickers were invited to play at half time at the SCG for the Round 22 match against Collingwood, and then again against Collingwood for the preliminary final. They had such a great time playing in front of sell-out crowds.



Key Achievements

This book is mainly about each of the teams' on-field achievements, however, there were also many individual achievements throughout the year recognised by the AFL community. This showed the depth of talent and commitment to football within the club.

Grand finalists

Our U11 team finished the year undefeated and went into the finals as favourites. They finished with the major prize at the end of the season – it really goes to show how such a tight-knit group of friends have played for and with each other, and the leadership of Ken and the many parents who are dedicated to watching their kids have fun!



AFL Sydney Juniors Best and Fairest Awards Kieren Jack Medal

3rd - U13



Pharrell Trapman

3rd - U14YG



Eden Davis

3rd - U14



Thomas Coughlin

Equal First - U17



Ben Brooks

Swans Academy

We continue to have several Wests players thriving in the Sydney Swans Academy:

- Jonty Chan (U11)
- Elizabeth Coughlin (U12YG)
- William Deller (U17)

This year was an opportunity for new players to try out. Congratulations to the following players who went through the trials in August:

- Alexandra Faulkner (12YG)
- Ivy Cheney (12YG)
- Eden Davis (14YG)
- Ruby Beynon (14YG)
- Oliver Cheney (U10)
- Kingston Lish (U10)
- Ezra Kuhn (U10)
- Matthew Donovan (U10)
- Oscar Rudd (U11)



Representative Football

In February, Jonty Chan (U11) and Oliver Cheney (U10) were selected to be part of the Inner West/Wiley Park/Western Suburbs P.S.S.A. Open AFL Team. They played some great football at the Sydney East PSSA Regional AFL Championships where their team came 2nd in the competition.

In March, Beth Coughlin (U12YG) tried out and made the NSW Australian Football Primary All-Schools Girls team. Her team (Metro East) won in Coffs Harbour in May, and then she was selected to play in the state team in Adelaide in August where the team did very well against the other states.



2022 Teams and Awards

AUSKICK



U5 & 6

Jeremy Balfour-Chan
 Aiden Maguire
 Claire Maguire
 Eddie Arnerich
 Hiranya Bhatt
 Tyler Byron
 Connor Carroll
 Lewis Christoforidis
 Jeremy De Brouwer
 David Ettridge
 Samuel Eurell
 William Fitzgerald
 Andreas Fletmetakis
 Adina Gillis
 Georgia Gillis
 Connor Lamrock
 Harrison McCormack
 Oliver McCormack
 Augustus McGhee
 Madelyn Newlands
 Joey Nicolas
 Matthew Partlin
 William Schwarz
 Jesse Smith

U7 & 8

Katerina Anthony
 Jesse Balfour-Chan
 Samuel Bardsley
 Vincent Becci
 Django Crellin
 Hayley Ettridge
 Asher Kvasnicka
 Sean Toher
 Patrick Faulkner
 Saxon Gilkes
 Joey Karam
 Jack Maguire
 Hamish McFadzean
 Oscar O'Donnell
 Lachlan Ritchie
 Emily Salomon
 Julian Sundstrom
 Olivia Vest
 Archer Walter
 Toby Williams





U9

In amongst way too many washouts, the Wests under 9s enjoyed an exciting season, playing against teams from Maroubra, Easts, Moore Park and Newtown. Alongside a core of former Auskick veterans making the transition up to Juniors level (and the chance to tackle!), we welcomed a number of newcomers to Australian Rules football. Together we formed a well-rounded team - good-natured but also tenacious; skillful but also inclusive. Highlights of the season included a close, dramatic (and successful!) finish after the siren at Trumper Oval, and a compelling all-round team performance to round out the year at Wagener against Newtown. It takes a village to raise a footy team, and Wests Under 9s were no exception: particular thanks go to our Manager Alison Wise for taking care of all the off-field logistics, and also to the many parents who helped out each week at training and on game day. Go Wests! Ian Maddock



Myles Hudson	Best & Fairest
Marko Radmanovic	Best & Fairest Runner Up
Harvey Christoforidis	Most Consistent
Silas Maddock	Rising Star
Flynn Rhodes	Coach's Award
Annabella Byron	Flynn Smallson
Robert Flannigan	Oscar Smallson
Edward Jones	Emilia Sundstrom
Lachlan Latimer	Patrick Watson
	Oscar Wise





U10

After a muddy first training session, the U10s have had a cracker of a season and we are very proud of their efforts and results. The team made significant progress in kicking skills particularly after fun session with Tim Schmidt from Kicking Dynamics. Their ability to work as a team, look after each other and pass the ball around has also really taken flight this year. We had three great new players join us (Matty, Ezra and Ned) who were seamlessly integrated into the team. The U10s are on the hunt for more players to boost up numbers and are looking forward to next year.

Thanks to all the parents who took on volunteer roles throughout the season. Special mentions to Pete and his willingness to volunteer for everything, Nadia's skills on the BBQ, Scott and Isaac filling in as coaches when needed and the kms clocked up by Simon and Dan as runners. See you back in 2023!



Oliver Cheney	Best & Fairest
Kingston Lish	Best & Fairest Runner Up
Ezra Kuhn	Most Consistent
Matthew Donovan	Rising Star
Isaac Gillis	Coach's Award
Peter Barlow	Noah Koeck
Griffin Botfield	Elijah Kuruvilla
Anthony Cogavin	Hamish Morrison
Edward Foot	Hugh Lloyd Shepherd
Jai Ingle	Jaxson Vest



U11

U11's had a dream season, undefeated from start to finish including winning the grand final and becoming U11's Div 2 Premiers for 2022. Our most competitive games have been against the always tough Maroubra and the new Concord / Drummoyne joint venture. Team-wise we have welcomed 3 rookies to the squad this year Asher, Benji and Henry and they have all proven to be great assets to the team already. The rest of the team as always are an amazing team growing and improving every week. They are a great team and I'm very proud of their effort every week; each and every one of them leave the field with nothing left and never give up. Proud and lucky to be the coach of a great team, Coach Ken. Go Westies



Alexander Michael	Best & Fairest
Oscar Rudd	Best & Fairest Runner Up
Fox Christie	Most Consistent
Henry Akle	Rising Star
Edgar Christoforidis	Coach's Award
Alexander Altuna	Lewis Grant
Asher Beheram	Prana Gupta
Benji Beheram	Alvaro Kubilius
Lucas Brailey	Ethan Lamrock
Marc Burrows	Joseph O'Neil
Jonty Chan	Dusty Robertson
Rohan Cox	Elliot Wise
Hervey Drew	Michael Youssif





U12

Congratulations to the team for coming 3rd in the competition! The score of the last game should not be how the season is remembered. The team should be proud of their improvement from the beginning to the end of the season. The team was made up of mix of experienced players, first-timers whose sporting ability made it look like they had been playing for years, and a consistent troupe of talented under 10's and 11's who helped us field a team each week.

The season certainly began slowly, and it felt like we would end up with more games and training sessions rained out than played. But as the season progressed our "on ground" time steadily increased, and with it came confidence, familiarity with each other and improvement. Although outgunned by a team or two, the effort during these games did not subside, every goal against was hard earned. The most notable achievement was the clear improvement made throughout the season – with significant wins over teams we lost to early in the season. From the sideline, you could see that each and every player knew that the results would come with effort. And the results did come – again – 3rd place!!!!

A big thank you to the Under 13s and their coaches who were good enough to let us join in with training sessions. The team gained valuable experience at these sessions and were pushed by the older players, and this most certainly contributed to the success on the field. A massive thank you to Coach John and Manager Mel for giving your time and efforts in steering the team, and Runners Cooper and Dan who helped out on game day. Thanks also to the parents who assisted with ground/canteen duties.



Adam Kassem	Best & Fairest
Kobe Webb	Best & Fairest Runner Up
Marlow Murray	Most Consistent
Alexander Villar	Rising Star
Kaspar Winkler	Coach's Award
Nicholas Gebara	Neil Mulcahy
Elijah Gillis	Arlo Simpson
William Hennessey	Frankie Trunzo
Xavier Ishyama	Dylan James Truong



U12YG

This year was a rebuilding year for the U12 girls as it was a very mixed group. While 8 of the girls had played for most of the season before in the age group, there were 10 new girls in the team. Four of these – Lani, Fleur, Vivienne and Tabitha, should have been playing in the U10s but there weren't enough girls to get a team together. We also welcomed new players to AFL and the club: Olive, Kiera and Olivia – all with amazing talent and charisma. Captains Beth and Sabina brought their experience every week to mentor all players and lead by example!

We didn't get a win this year but we got very close on a number of occasions. And we also have ended the year with something much more important – friendship. The girls really played for each other. They were lucky to have the support of a dedicated group of parents who helped Simone (coach) and Sam (manager) each week. Next year looks to be exciting across the youth girls ranks!



Elizabeth Coughlin
Ivy Cheney
Zara Fairbank
Olive Kuhn
Lani Grant

Best & Fairest
Best & Fairest Runner Up
Most Consistent
Rising Star
Coach's Award

Abigail Costa
Olivia Etuk
Alexandra Faulkner
Tabitha Grogan
Vivienne Janzer-Parker
Kiera Karam
Ella Kerr

Phoebe Maddock
Neave McLennan
Kristina Radmanovic
Fleur Taylor
Ava Watson
Sabina Williams





U13

The U13's had a fantastic season in 2022 winning 8 of 12 games and finishing 3rd on the table. We played Maroubra in the first final, who become the eventual Premiers, and unfortunately went down in overtime in an excitingly tense game. Well done to all the players and helpers for an awesome season. Bring on 2023!



Tass Sakogiannis	Best & Fairest
Daniel Liberatore	Best & Fairest Runner Up
Pharrell Trapman	Most Consistent
Cooper Chan	Rising Star
Liam Gow	Coach's Award
Jack Croymans	Jack Perrott
Ludo Golding-Szyma	Eddie Smith
Patrick Grant	George Sonkol-Mourtzakis
Aidan Harris	Jake Thomas
Nicholas Jankoski	Eli Watson
Vlado Kovacevic	Dru Whitfield
Lachlan Maddock	



U14

We were flying in season 2021 before it was cut short and were fortunate enough to remain in the same Div for season 2022. We started the year on fire and full of hope, managing some good wins early. When we were able to train, it was a lot of fun with plenty of laughs involved.

Being a tad low on numbers meant we had to draw on support from our younger age groups. A big thanks to the support offered up; Out of the U13's – Dru, Tass, Ludo, Lachlan M, Pharell, Jack C and Eddie. Out of the U12's – Adam K and Kaspar. I hope the experience was beneficial when going back to your own age groups. Being low in numbers also forced some positional changes which provided opportunity for the players to try our new positions which worked well for the team. Ultimately we just missed out on the semi-finals, but not without managing some terrific wins. Seeing the obvious improvement in the boys and team overall was very rewarding.

A brief mention to Thomas Coughlin who finished 3rd in the U14 Division 3 White best and fairest league medal. Thank you to the outstanding parent group who fill all the roles on a weekly basis so the boys can get out and play footy.

There are some outstanding footballers in this group, but more importantly, plenty of great young men with bright futures. Well done on getting through a tough year lads! I hope you all return for a crack in season 2023.



Thomas Coughlin	Best & Fairest
Max Armiger	Best & Fairest Runner Up
Xavier Janzer-Parker	Most Consistent
Charlie McKeown	Rising Star
Lachlan McGearry	Coach's Award
Ryan Doherty	Daniel Nyhan
Ayman Kassem	Otto Phillips
Alfred French Jenkins	Luciano Raneri
Charlie Mackenzie	Tadhg Robertson
Nedd McLaren-Foley	Joshua Robinson
Arko Mookherjee	Henry Winters
Kingston Moore	



U14YG

2022 was a challenging year in terms of results, we had a few new players to the club who proved to be valuable assets. Results aside, the team was resilient and tenacious and played every game with a great spirit and attitude. I would go as far as to say they were an inspiration to their coaches and Parents.



Evelyn Bowen	Best & Fairest
Sinead McLennan	Best & Fairest Runner Up
Eden Davis	Most Consistent
Ruby Beynon	Rising Star
Kyana Kelly	Coach's Award
Shannon Donegan	Darsie Reddy Lawless
Lucie McCutcheon	Lily Rowe
Jemima Morrison	Abbey Urqhart



U16YG

Captain: Hannah Reitzen



Hannah Reitzen	Best & Fairest
Sophie Kilburn	Best & Fairest Runner Up
Sophia Gaukrodger	Most Consistent
Amelie Haigh	Rising Star
Georgina Stevenson	Coach's Award
Lorelai Becci	Zahra Kanellos
Rosalie Becci	Katie Matheson
Arki Bosnjakovic	Freya Page
Nika Burlutskaya	Sinead Smith-Coghlan
Riley Cullen	Sannie Tat
Sienna Du	Arianna Theivendram
Stella Georgakis	Sophie Thompson
Neve Harty	Skylah Webb
Arani Jeevakan	Yvelyn Whitfield





U17

After a difficult start to the season the under 17s were able to show great qualities as a team by making the finals and progressing to the Preliminary Final. With the first 2 games being washouts the team played their first game of the season in round 3 and lost by mercy rule. It was very difficult for the boys as both the coach and assistant coach were unavailable that day and the parents were thrown in at the deep end to get the team organized and on the ground. Round 4 was a bye so it took till round 5 to have our first win against Camden after getting a team bus for the trip. It was a very happy team singing the club song on the way back.

With washouts again in round 6 and 7 and a draw in game 8 followed by a loss in game 9 the season was slipping away. The boys rallied for wins in round 10 and 11 followed by a loss in round 12 and yet another washout in round 13. After losing round 14 our season was on the line against the top 2 teams in the last 2 games of the season. What a fantastic effort the team put in over the last month. We just went down to the eventual premiers in game 15 and beat the ladder leaders by 6 goals in the last game before the finals to grab 4th place on the ladder.

After losing a number of our key players just before the finals we went into the sudden death semi-final more full of hope than confidence but the boys rose to the occasion and after being 5 goals behind at 3 quarter time they stormed home in a remarkable last quarter to win by 1 point. WOW!!! We lost another couple of players for the Preliminary Final but the whole team played as hard as they could and were right in the game for most of the day. Unfortunately we were not able to come out on top but we can be proud of the lads and the way they played. If we had been able to field our full squad of players during the finals we may have seen a much different result.

Thanks to all of the players and a very special thanks to all the parents and families for supporting the team. Richard Stone did a fantastic job taking on the role as Coach at very short notice and Natalie has been a super team manager. I look forward to following the growth of these young men in the future. Spanner



Benjamin Brooks	Best & Fairest
Brayden McPherson	Best & Fairest Runner Up
Samuel Griffith	Most Consistent
Ryan Hughes	Rising Star
Alex Seymour	Coach's Award
Lian Anagnostopoulos	Daniel McMahon
Luke Apps	Adam Murphy
Kane Arriagada	Trevor Mwia
Harley Brown	Lloyd Nosworthy
Toby Chan	Samson Penfold
James Craigie	Hoang Nam Pham
Thomas Duong	Antony Porcellato
Uchenna Egbu	Thomas Schinazzi
Ziggy Golding-Szyma	Andrew Stone
Adrian Latife	Cooper Webb
Christian Mangan	Hermann Winkler



Graduating players

Luke Apps
Ben Brooks
William Deller
Uchenna Egbu
Samuel Griffith
Ryan Hughes
Adrian Latife
Christian Mangan
Brayden McPherson
Trevor Mwia
Samson Penfold
Antony Porcellato
Thomas Schinazzi
Alex Seymour





Club Awards

Club Champion – Melissa Winkler (Registrar, Social Media Manager, Merchandise)

Junior Club Champion



Oliver Cheney (U10)

Senior Club Champion



Elizabeth Coughlin (U12YG)

Senior Runner Up



Evelyn Bowen (U14YG)

All Star Team

Name	Age Group
Myles Hudson	U9
Silas Maddock	U9
Elijah Kuruvilla	U10
Jaxson Vest	U10
Jonty Chan	U11
Marc Burrows	U11
William Hennessy	U12
Arlo Simpson	U12
Elizabeth Coughlin	U12YG
Zara Fairbank	U12YG
Eddie Smith	U13
Ludo Golding-Szyma	U13
Ayman Kassem	U14
Ryan Doherty	U14
Abbey Urquhart	U14YG
Jemima Morrison	U14YG
Skylah Webb	U16YG
Yvelyn Whitfield	U16YG
Kane Arriagada	U17
Christian Mangan	U17

Milestones

50 games

U12YG	Sabina Williams
U12YG	Elizabeth Coughlin
U12YG	Neave McLennan
U13	Cooper Chan
U13	Ludo Golding-Szyma
U13	Daniel Liberatore
U13	Lachlan Maddock
U13	Jack Perrott
U13	Eddie Smith
U13	Jake Thomas
U13	Pharrell Trapman
U13	Eli Watson
U13	Dru Whitfield
U14	Lachlan McGeary
U14	Charlie McKeown
U14	Ayman Kassem
U14YG	Kyana Kelly
U16YG	Stella Georgakis
U16YG	Yvelyn Whitfield
U17	Ryan Hughes
U17	Luke Apps
U17	Harley Brown
U17	Christian Mangan

150 games

U17	Samson Penfold
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2022 Committee

President	Daniel Coughlin*	2020 – 2022
Vice President	Jason Rudd*	2021 – ongoing
Secretary	Edwina Colquhoun*	2022
Treasurer	Richard Stone	2018 – 2022
Registrar	Melissa Winkler*	2017 – ongoing
Property Steward	Jason Rudd*	2018 – 2022
Football/Game Day Operations	Daniel Coughlin*/Edwina Colquhoun*	2022
Auskick Coordinator	Celeste Moya	2022 – ongoing
Coaching Coordinator	Vacant	
Umpire Coordinator	Vacant	
Canteen Coordinator	Selina Asilevi-Moore /Edwina Colquhoun*	2022
Volunteer Coordinator	Vacant	
First Aid Coordinator	Vacant	
Marketing/Communications Officer	Edwina Colquhoun*	2022
Social Media Manager	Melissa Winkler*	2019 – ongoing
Website Manager	Vacant	
Recruitment Officer	Simone Faulkner	2022
Events Coordinator	Vacant	
Fundraising	Vacant	
Merchandise Officer	Melissa Winkler*	2019 – 2022
Grants & Sponsorship	Ali Matheson	2022 – ongoing
Senior Club Liaison	Brian Nesor	2018 – 2022

*Indicates more than one role held



If you would like to help out and join the committee, please speak to a committee member soon.



See you next year!

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