

KATCH UP

2019



YEAR 12 TEAM

Win Grand Final

150 GAMES

Lincoln Kerspian
Daniel Morrell
Ethan Tupuhi
Riley Bourne



YEAR 9 TEAM

Undefeated all year
play in 3rd consecutive
Grand Final

KANE LUCAS MEDALLION

Chadd Dunscombe
Kai Katnich

2019 MILESTONE GAMES

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE PLAYERS LISTED BELOW ON PLAYING THEIR 50TH, 100TH OR 150TH GAME OF JUNIOR FOOTBALL IN SEASON 2019.



50 GAMES

Nate Fogarty Y6
 Archie Swan Y6
 Jack Grose Y6
 Mitchell Atkinson Y6
 Jack Perryman Y6
 Oliver Turner Y6
 Kai Griffin Y6
 Jack Headland Y6
 Ryan Bateman Y6
 Jack Smith Y6
 Christian Bradshaw Y6
 Alec Cikara Y6
 Ben Jones Y6
 Lachlan Jolly Y6
 Riley Mathews Y6
 Jez Dunscombe Y6
 Brandyn Gonsalves Y6
 Jacob Pascoe Y6
 Jonas Kessey Y6
 Tyson Bartlett Y6
 Bailey Emmert Y6

Oliver Pike Y7
 Zac Carlino Y7
 Flynn Matkovic Y7
 Lennex Muirson Y7
 Michael Simpson Y7
 Cahil Fitzgerald Y7
 Zac Spark Y7
 Jordy Roberts Y7

Severin Lowe Y8
 Lawson Thomas Y8
 Youp Brevet Y8
 Ben Jenkins Y8

Austin Lamond Y9
 Even Niyoncuti Y9

Cameron Santaromita Y12
 Jordyn Penheiro Y12



100 GAMES

Liam Zanolli Y9
 Liam Piper Y9
 Fraser Hickling Y9
 Jacob Gough Y11
 Levi Cosgriff Y11
 Joshua Stedman Y11
 Lawson Hinton Y11
 Luke Rozman Y11
 Rhys Doig Y11
 Jack Pryer Y11
 Cheydon Farmer Y11
 Douglas Farmer Y11
 Jack Blurton Y11

Simon Shipp Y12
 Joshua Harris-Walker Y12

Jack Fenton Y12



150 GAMES

Lincoln Kerspian Y11
 Daniel Morrell Y12
 Ethan Tupuhi Y12
 Riley Bourne Y12

WELL DONE TO ALL,
 A FANTASTIC ACHIEVEMENT!



PRESIDENT'S PAGE

IT IS A GREAT PRIVILEGE TO SERVE AS PRESIDENT OF THE WINNACOTT KATS JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB.

There are, and have been, many exceptional, talented and dedicated people who have gone before me as President and committee members and who have achieved some great things.

This year at the KATS has been about Team and Club success. I have been continuously inspired over the season by how our volunteers, our coaches, team officials and players have gone about their football.

The season for our committee starts the year before. As things ramp up with registrations and pre-season our hard working committee are flat out preparing and running the season right up to the end of season awards and celebrations. Thank you for your support and time for the Club.

Our Club is all about fun, participation and mateship. This combination for our Year 12's, which started for some 12 or so years ago, meant that they were able to achieve the ultimate goal in Junior football and reach the 'State Junior Club Grand Final'. With a heavy finals schedule and playing against some exceptional teams our boys did exceptionally well and finished Runner-Up State Junior Club Champions. Congratulations and well done to all the boys and coaching staff. A great way to finish your Junior Football.

Our Auskick numbers continued to be sound this year as we compete more and more each year for early primary school kids against other sports and neighbouring clubs. Auskick two-point-zero has slowly been adopted by the Club. This is quite a unique initiative by the AFL introducing multi-coloured, round or dimpled balls, hoola hoops and the like to our Auskick sessions. Putting my traditionalist hat aside, if this can counter the attraction to other competing sports and open up opportunities for growth in our younger groups (as according to the reports) then this is a path that we need to follow.

Our Juniors continued to grow and develop against their peers in the district. I've enjoyed following the players (and coaches) move from Auskick and into Juniors. It's a delicate balance for our coaches to work and develop the skills of our players while continuing to engage and foster the interest and passion for footy at what is still a young age. Particularly as our kids develop and grow into the game at different stages.

Our Girls teams grew once again this year with just enough players for 2 teams. An area I know will continue to improve in popularity going on the enjoyment the girls have had this year.

League ladders, qualifying for finals or how they go in them is but one way to measure a team's success. Having said that, 4 out of 5 of our youth teams were in finals this year, all of which were in top divisions.

Our Year 7's had a great initiation into youth football by making it into the finals only to bail out in their first ever final after moving up into a very tough grade where they finished a credible 4th.

Our Year 8's unfortunately missed out on a finals appearance through other results not going their way.

Our Year 9's backed up the past two great years with simply an outstanding season. Undeclared all year and up in the grand final with less than half a quarter of footy to go only to go down by just 3 points was real character building stuff. No-one could have asked any more of these fantastic bunch of young men. Congratulations.

Our Year 11's saw luck pass them by this year. In their preliminary final these guys executed their game plan and had the game in their hands, getting ahead on the score board and controlling the game, only to run out of time to peg back those couple of points in the dying stages. Best of luck for next year guys.

Our Year 12's Junior football journey went all the way from District Champions, Metro South District Champions to the State Junior Club Grand Finalist. As mentioned, with a really heavy finals schedule with three finals within a week the boys performance was really admirable and something that the players and the Club will cherish. Congratulations again to our Runner-up State Junior Club Champions.

The Winnacott Kats Junior Football Club were unfortunate not to host West Coast Eagles player Luke Shuey at our key social event this year however our band night certainly made up for it later in the year.

Congratulations to our players from Pre-primary to Year 12, boys and girls, for a great season. Thank you to our coaches, assistant coaches, team managers, runners, first aiders and general helpers. Thank you for your dedication and support of our players and the time you have taken out to make the Club a success.

Finally thank you for the support and encouragement from so many people. It is you that make this club great, and me proud to represent it.

Best Regards

Brad Pike
President



AUSKICK REPORT

SEEING THE FOUR GROUPS SET UP AT THE OVAL ON A SUNDAY MORNING IS TESTAMENT TO THE COACHES ENTHUSIASM. WHAT ALWAYS AMAZES ME IS THEIR PATIENCE WITH THE KIDS. COACHING KIDS OF THIS AGE IS LIKE HERDING CATS AND THE WAY THEY ALL GO ABOUT IT IS A LESSON CERTAINLY FOR ME WHEN ENGAGING WITH OUR KIDS.

There were 73 players registered in 2019 to play Auskick at the Winnacott Kats with the Pre-Primary and Year 1's fielding one team each and the Year 2's having two teams.

The two Friday night games were as ever popular with the kids; the opportunity to play under lights always heightens their excitement. The chance to watch the kids while having a glass of bubbly obviously goes down well with the Mums judging by the glow Mrs Bridges had on the journey(s) home.

We've welcomed Trish Lambrecht and Matt Campbell to the coaching ranks this year. Matt took over from Lawrie Pettman at the Year two Jaguars, Lawrie assisting/let me know what to do with regards to the co-ordinating side of things and Trish answered the call when we sought out a pre-primary coach before the season kicked off.

To see the Pre-primary kids going through the training drills illustrates how Trish has taken to coaching like a duck to water. A few pointers from Lawrie early on and she was away. To see the parents getting involved and the enthusiasm the kids display show how well she's got the group going.

The Year 1 team was again coached by Andrew Maiorana; the improvement the Year 1 playing group has made is all

credit to his coaching approach and he always appears to get the parents involved.

Travis Doye has embarked on his third successive year coaching the Panthers; if there's a more enthusiastic footy coach I'm yet to see them. Not only does Travis get his team up and at it every Sunday he also takes them to Optus to meet the Freo mascot. I'm not sure how he managed it but he also got to see his beloved Blue Baggers snatch victory from the jaws of defeat from the Dockers.

Matt Campbell took up the challenge of coaching the Year 2 Jaguar team. Matt picked up the reigns and his emphasis on inclusion resulted in the team games having some impressive ball movement.

A great initiative organised by Travis and Lawrie was an introduction to junior footy. Rob Davidson very kindly spent some time with the Year two teams and their parents explaining to them and what to expect next year. All the players seemed to be very excited and chomping at the bit to start tackling! A clinic was arranged for the week after with both teams coming together to try and knock the stuffing out of Rob's tackling bag!!

Unfortunately the East Fremantle footy carnival was cancelled due to the risk of stormy weather; however the Winnacott Kats entered seven teams into the Rossmoyne footy carnival in early September.

Thanks also to the parents that take on the team management roles; I can see the assistance this gives the coaches.

What we do need to ask is for you to bring more friends and relatives along next year. Auskick is the life blood of the club and recruiting new players to the Auskick teams underpins the security of teams playing league footy. So if the kids have got mates, relatives, next door neighbours, get them down to a Sunday morning session, we'll do a come and try over a few weeks again next year so they can experience our great game in a fun, safe and engaging family orientated environment. Also we are sure that once the parents have snavelled one of Adrian's egg and bacon burgers they will surely be back!!

And finally thanks to my good mate Lawrie Pettman for helping me all year; without him I don't know what I would have done!

Thank you to all the Auskick coaches, team managers and parents for another fun filled year. The Winnacott Kats Committee for their commitment to the Auskick program and facilitating the Friday night sessions and the Auskick wind up.

Mark Bridges
Auskick Co-ordinator



AUSKICK



YEAR 3 LIONS COACH REPORT

WOW! WHAT A GREAT SEASON FOR THE YEAR 3 LIONS!!! I AM VERY PROUD OF EVERY TEAM MEMBER AND THE WAY THEY APPROACHED THEIR FOOTBALL THIS SEASON.

The team demonstrated a willingness to learn and continually improve their football both individually and as a team. They were polite and attentive at training (as much as Year 3's can be) and most pleasingly put in 100% effort for training and on game day.

This year was a significant adjustment for the players as they transitioned from the Auskick programme and into competitive junior football with the incorporation of tackling. The team threw their all into learning this new skill at training and executing this during the games, so well done Lions for applying yourself to adjust to these new skills.

In addition to the continual development of core football skills such as marking, kicking and handballing, decision making, positioning and moving the football quickly and efficiently were an additional focus.

The larger ground presented challenges early for all players with the need to hold positions, spread out or reposition based on the state of play and in being able to effectively move and transition the ball. Changing the Auskick paradigm of see the ball chase the ball, but without marked out zones presented a challenge early on but the Lions were up to the task.

Situational drills and scratch matches at training were used to teach and demonstrate concepts and increase football acumen such as transition of the ball, front and centre, leading to space, using/kicking to the corridor, one on one contests, ground ball, lateral handball/spread from the contest/running in support, protecting the drop zone.

Scratch matches at training were always a favourite. The contest was very competitive and willing with all players wanting to do their best and thriving on not letting their

teammates get the better of them!!! Often the coaching group would stop the game at certain points to ask the players where they think they should position and move to based on the game situation at the time as well as whether they had identified a man advantage and whether they should move offensively, defensively or engage the contest to help out. Players were asked to discuss why they may choose a particular action based on the state of play as to be the next effective link in the chain of transitioning the football or defending the goals. Sometimes we just had to stop the play so the players didn't injure each other before the game on the weekend! The kids got right into it!

The players showed great development in this area of football acumen and decision making with noticeable improvements as the year progressed, demonstrated through the application of this on game day. This was just the start and we will introduce more advanced concepts as it is appropriate.

The team's clear improvement throughout the year, resulted in increased competitiveness and a number of wins, if we were scoring that is!! One thing I know is that all the Lions must be doing well at Maths at school because they always knew the unofficial score down to the last point.

It was great to be a part of the team's growing confidence and desire to improve throughout the year. One of my favourite games was against Palmyra. We were completely out of the game for the first half and it was obvious the team was feeling down and beaten up. Regardless, they responded, the team kept persisting and gave a massive effort in the face of adversity, playing a stunning final half. Despite the large first half deficit the team got within a couple of points. I was immensely proud of this game

and the result was irrelevant as the desire to not give up, the motivation to keep trying and being able to look at your coach and teammates after the game and say that you put in your all is the very definition of success and what we have been trying to instil in the team all year.

In summary I hope the Lions enjoyed the football season as much as I did coaching. They are a wonderful group of children and I believe they achieved a lot in the space of the season. It was clear their enjoyment was derived from this sense of achievement as well as the mateship and comradery of being in a team. They thrived on the notion that as teammates they each play a role to support one another and that footy is fun and about making friendships, some of which may be life long, as I have from my junior football days.

I would like to thank Eboni Bullock and Nat Reynolds for sharing the Team Manager role and to Lance Parkin for assisting with the coaching. To all the other parents that helped at training, put their hand up for first aid and just generally cheered loud for the Lions I'd like to convey my thanks. To all the players, pick up the footy in the off season, carry it around, handball to yourself, kick with your parents continue to practice your skills, this will always be the base from which we can really explore the game of football and all its aspects. I hope to see everyone back for the Year 4 season ready for some more fun, friends and footy!!!!

David Reynolds

Year 3 Lions Coach



YEAR 3 LIONS



YEAR 3 TIGERS COACH REPORT

IT WAS A GREAT PRIVILEGE TO COACH THE 2019 YEAR 3 TIGERS TEAM, WITH SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE FROM A GREAT GROUP OF PARENTS.

The players should all be proud of their effort: Aaleyah-Rose Wright, Aiden Gallagher, Angus Zappelli, Benjamin Macnamara, Caitlyn Cooper, Connor Brown, Dylan-Julius Sugg, Eli Nicholas, Harry Wilton, Henry Zappelli, Jacob Buisman, Jesse Johnson, Lior Hathaway, Lucas Berden, Lucas Jackson, Lucious Smith and Rafael De Pelseneer.

We had a hard start to the season, but with good effort at training, concentration on positions, helping out team mates and moving the ball quickly, we found improvement and had some good wins. Getting success for the hard work was fantastic for team morale.

Thanks to the Lion's coach Dave Reynolds for his help throughout the season, despite the rivalry between the 2 teams on derby days.

Thanks especially to our Team Manager, Emily De Pelseneer and all the parents who stepped up to support the team throughout the season.

Jack Nicholas

Year 3 Tigers Coach



YEAR 3 TIGERS



YEAR 4 LIONS COACH REPORT

THE YEAR 4 LIONS PLAYERS WERE COMMITTED TO IMPROVING THEIR SKILLS BOTH INDIVIDUALLY AND AS PART OF THE TEAM. THEY TRAINED ON THURSDAY EVENING, WHERE THE PLAYERS ACTIVELY PARTICIPATED IN DIFFERENT DRILLS THAT WERE DESIGNED TO TARGET SPECIFIC SKILLS EACH WEEK. EACH PLAYER CAPTAINED THE TEAM AND WERE GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY TO DEMONSTRATE LEADERSHIP AND EXCELLENCE.

Although the team did not win a game throughout the season, they made significant individual gains as many of the players had not played football in a team before. They possessed a positive, enthusiastic approach to each game and were never disheartened by the results.

Throughout the season Luke strengthened his already strong tackling skills and worked on playing as part of a team. Each game Luke improved which further demonstrated his eagerness to play.

During the season David increased his awareness of the play, predicting where the game would go and be in position to intercept the ball. His fast running and excellent tackling were an asset to the team.

This season Angus kicked several goals and actively worked on moving the ball out of congestion areas quickly. He worked on his tackling and was not scared to throw himself at the ball.

Liam was one of our best goal kickers and gained possession of the ball in each game. He successfully laid tackles on players that were double his

size and never feared using his body to help gain possession for his team.

Rhylen demonstrated excellent kicking, tackling and hand passing skills throughout the season. This was Rhylen's first season at Winnacott and it was great watching him grow and develop as a player. Rhylen was born to play football.

Caden was a highly valued team member. He was quick on his feet and put himself in the right position which prevented our opposition from kicking goals. Caden is skilled at reading the play.

In season 2019 Taj worked on his kicking and tackling skills. He kicked some valued goals and set up several goals with his teammates during the competition.

Jake's skills progressed well this season. As a new member to the football club Jake demonstrated his ability to adapt to the game quickly. He tackled and chased the ball well which helped put pressure on the opposition.

Jacob is a fantastic team player always including his fellow team members in training activities and the games. He

worked on his kicking and hand passing skills and developed well as a player.

This year Elijah demonstrated that he wasn't scared to put his head over the ball and showed good fight when contesting the ball. Elijah's energy throughout the game was second to none.

Although Michael was a late addition to our team, having not played football before, he demonstrated an eagerness to participate and worked solidly throughout the season on developing his skills. He worked on kicking to his team members during training and games and he supported his team well.

Hugo showed his willingness to chase the ball, take important tackles and held his position. He also took some great marks. As our tallest player, Hugo was a great addition to the team.

Doug Egan
Year 4 Lions Coach



YEAR 4 LIONS



YEAR 4 TIGERS COACH REPORT

IT WAS ANOTHER GREAT YEAR BY THE YEAR 4 TIGERS. THEY CONTINUE TO DEVELOP RAPIDLY AS INDIVIDUALS AND ARE PROGRESSING WELL AS A TEAM.

This season saw the players starting to play a more team orientated style of footy, looking for teammates in good positions rather than a 'hope for the best' philosophy. By season's end, our players were reading the play and positioning themselves to the team's advantage instead of just chasing the ball around the ground. Once again, the pressure and determination was excellent all year and has really become a feature of their game. The group is developing a close bond and work well together which translated into some fantastic performances.

There were many highlights throughout the year. Kallen and Xavier loved any time they spent in defence, applying pressure and tackling anyone who crossed their path. Sam and Jasper used their pace and endurance in the open spaces on the wings and were always dangerous options when they played forward. Taj and Max played their best footy in the midfield where they loved the physical contests in the packs - their tackling, pressure ability to win the ball was fantastic to watch. The safe hands and long kicking of Oli and Ed made them look at home as key

defensive pillars or sending it deep into attack. Piper, Olivia and Mike always gave 100% and were dangerous options in our forward half. They all provided us with some great individual highlights. Liam, Josh and Luke were always a headache for the opposition with their skills, speed and ability to read the play. They looked dangerous whenever they got the ball in their hands and were able to control the play from any position.

Thank you to all the parents who helped during the season, whether it be at training or on game day. A special thank you to Tim, Zelig and Correne who did exceptional jobs as Assistant Coach and Team Manager(s), somehow managing to keep both me and the team organised.

I thoroughly enjoyed the year and couldn't be prouder of the team. All members of the team were great ambassadors of the club, always showing great sportsmanship and respect. They are a wonderful group who were always keen and enthusiastic. Nothing is more pleasing than watching them continue to develop whilst really enjoying their football. I look forward

to seeing them develop even more in the years to come.

Well done and thank you for letting me part of it.

Matt Templeton

Year 4 Tigers Coach



YEAR 4 TIGERS



YEAR 5 COACH REPORT

OUR YEAR 5 2019 FOOTBALL SEASON WILL BE CONSIGNED TO MEMORIES AND NOT THE HISTORY BOOKS, AS THIS YEAR LIKE IN PREVIOUS YEARS, THERE WERE NO SCORES, LADDERS OR FINALS. IMPORTANTLY HOWEVER, THESE MEMORIES ARE WHAT WE ALL TAKE WITH US INTO THE FUTURE AND MY MEMORIES ARE OF A GREAT GROUP OF KIDS WHO HAVE CONTINUED TO BOND TOGETHER TO FORM A SPECIAL FOOTBALL TEAM.

Although we are all aware of a win or a loss, my strongest memories are of those great team plays when we moved the ball from one end of the ground to the other with the class of a really polished outfit. This team of footballers are capable of great football and as a coach and parent, I am extremely proud of their efforts on the training track where they have worked hard honing their skills and also on the field during game day where we see these skills and talents realised.

Enjoyably there are also the displays of individual brilliance to recall, and I have fond memories of each and every one of our players over the course of the year who have shown their attributes on the football field to their parents, opposition, umpires, coaching staff, teammates and importantly themselves. All of the kids can be proud.

Our team has been challenged with player numbers over the past year or so and it is a credit to those who have committed to the team, being there and giving their all week in,

week out. I appreciate those efforts. Cognisant of this, I would ask that all of us (players, parents and the junior club) keep an eye out for any potential players to recruit over the off season.

I would like to thank James for his work as the head of our football department. Your work is top class, and much appreciated. Thanks.

Our specialist coach Toby has been an important and integral part of this team from day one. Your knowledge of football is a great asset to the club and your efforts supporting the team are greatly appreciated.

Thanks, must also go out to all the parents that have supported our players during the year. It is great to have the assistance you all provide each week, allowing me to concentrate on the team.

To all our players, it has been a pleasure coaching you. Your different personalities, traits and skill sets altogether form a fantastic team. Seeing you grow and learn has been a

great experience for me. Thanks, to you all.

Now, for me the off season becomes that wonderful period where I am constantly anticipating the 2020 season and what lies ahead. Keep working on your skills. Looking forward to it.

Vaughn Chapple
Year 5 Coach



YEAR 5



YEAR 5-6 GIRLS COACH REPORT

IT WAS TERRIFIC TO SEE THE CLUB EXPAND AND PROVIDE ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY TO DEVELOP GIRLS FOOTBALL - HOPEFULLY THE GIRLS COMPETITION WILL CONTINUE TO GROW AND WINNACOTT KATS JFC IS AT THE FOREFRONT OF THIS EXPANSION.

At the beginning of the season we were not sure if we would have enough players to field a Year 5/6 girls team in 2019. Fortunately, we were able to attract enough new players to not only field a team, but see them develop into an enormously talented group of young footballers. There were 18 players who represented the team, each of them contributing to a very successful year. It was terrific to see the club expand and provide another opportunity to develop girl's football - hopefully the girl's competition will continue to grow and the Winnacott Kats JFC is at the forefront of this expansion.

Many of the Year 5/6 team were new to football so there was a strong emphasis on learning the fundamentals of the game. Teamwork, skills and winning the ball were also areas of focus for the year. The team's improvement in these areas was enormous. It is amazing how quickly the girls developed as the season wore on, producing some fantastic team efforts where everyone worked together and contributed.

The girls had a great season and improved, both as a team and individually. Issy loves winning the contested ball, always giving 100% and continued to improve each week. Shameka is quiet off the field, but a real competitor on the field. She reads the play well and performs well in every aspect of the game. Nina received a few knocks in a couple of matches, but continued to play on, a testament to her commitment to the team. Shay loved dodging and weaving around the opposition and was always damag-

ing, particularly in the forward line. Tess continued to improve and grow in confidence, playing some of her best games as the season progressed. Ava possesses awesome speed and loves kicking a goal - her goal celebrations were even more impressive than her goals! Jazmia had a fantastic year. Skilful, fast and reads the play really well, she gets herself into the perfect position every time. Aaleah was a real asset to the team and has endless ability. Her strength, tackling and determination were second to none. Aiyana's background is dancing, however, you wouldn't know this by watching her play! She relished the physicality and contact of football and showed dramatic improvement over the year. Abi H joined the team mid-way through the season and was a very welcome addition, she is a fantastic mark and has a beautiful left foot kick. Abi P was one of our youngest players. She suffered a few injury setbacks but that didn't deter her and I look forward to seeing what she can do next year. Unfortunately, Lailah and Kyra missed a lot of games, but are both growing in confidence. It will be great to see them develop in the coming years. Abbey's season was unfortunately cut short by injury, but what we saw was very promising. Hopefully we will see her in action next year.

Thank you to Sascha (Year 5), Caitlyn (Year 5), Piper (Year 4) and Olivia (Year 4) for helping out during the year, hopefully you enjoyed it as much as we enjoyed having you.

Thanks to all the parents who helped during the season whether it be at training or on game day, it was a small but mighty group.

A huge thanks to Mark and Rhian who did an exceptional job as Assistant Coach and Team Manager, it was a bit chaotic at times but, you both handled it with distinction.

Thanks to Phil and the Year 7/8 girls for all your assistance and encouragement during the year. It really helped the girl's development, having such a great group of older girls to look up to.

I am particularly proud of the girls' attitude throughout the season. Every member played in the spirit of the game, always showing great respect and sportspersonship, regardless of the situation. I received many comments after games, complimenting them on their exceptional attitude and the way they went about their football.

They are a wonderful group who were always keen, enthusiastic and really enjoyed their footy. Well done.

Matt Templeton
Year 5/6 Girls Coach



YEAR 5-6 GIRLS



YEAR 6 PANTHERS COACH REPORT

WHAT A GREAT SEASON THE PANTHERS HAD WITH 12 BOYS PLAYING MILESTONE GAMES DURING THE COMPETITION. CONGRATULATIONS TO JACOB, KAI, JEZ, TYSON, JACK P., MITCHELL, LACHLAN, JACK H, RILEY, BEN, BAILEY AND NATE ON ALL REACHING 50 GAMES. WE HAD A NEW PLAYER; HAMISH JOIN AND 2 RETURNING PLAYERS FROM AUSKICK; JESSE AND DANIEL. ALL 3 FITTED INTO THE TEAM EXTREMELY WELL.

All Panthers improved significantly throughout the season with our run and carrying the ball, tackling, kicking or handballing to targets, saving goals and with our first year of shepherding, this contributed to the Panthers exciting, quick play football. The Panthers showed a great fighting spirit and a never give up attitude that was not only pleasing to see but I'm positive it will have them playing finals next season. I can't wait to see that!

Thanks to all of the parents for your help on game days. Everyone's contributions made game days run smoothly.

Big thanks to Chris Perryman for being our Runner throughout the season.

To our fantastic Team Manager, Natalie Matthews, your help with organizing rosters, 50th medallions, communication emails and support in the Coach's box on game day was invaluable and much appreciated.

Mark Strachan, our Assistant Coach, did a lot of behind the scenes work with player positioning and did an awesome job with rotations on game day. Your contribution and commitment to the team at

training, and support throughout the year is greatly appreciated.

I had a great time coaching the Panthers this season and the relationships I made with the boys is something I will cherish for a long time. Panthers for Premiers 2020 – sounds good!!

Mike Jones

Year 6 Panthers Coach



YEAR 6 PANTHERS



YEAR 6 TIGERS COACH REPORT

I READ SOMEPLACE ABOUT A COACH WHO WOULD TAKE A LUMP OF TURF FROM THE OPPOSITIONS' OVAL AFTER AN AWAY WIN.

Early in the season we had a good win at Canning Vale. After the team song I reached down and tore a chunk of the muddy ground out and held it up to the team and parents.

I told them we own this ground now and we are going to collect a piece of every opposition ground we win at this year. I got some strange looks that day. We ended up with 5 away wins, including a come from behind 1 point thriller at Willetton, by the end of the season everyone was reminding me to rip up a chunk of grass.

Seriously though our players really took a huge step forward this year and played as a team for the first time in the four years I have been Coach. This may be due to the injection of talent we received, from our brother team the Panthers. We welcomed in four new players Brent, Luke, Archie and Rory and they seem to make a big impact. Or maybe it was just a natural improvement that comes with maturing and understanding what your role in the team is. However, I think it was the bond the boys have with each other and their unwavering love of playing footy together.

They are not the most disciplined group in the competition. The coach player/relationship is more of a democracy than a dictatorship. This is probably due to environment that Malcom and I have provided. We have lent more towards fun based drills and to positive reinforcement rather than a strict regime of push ups and punishment. During games it is tempting as a Coach to play your best players more often and leave the developing players in the back pocket or on the bench. I have tried to give all my players equal opportunities even if it has cost us a few goals sometimes. Winning or losing, we believe it

is important that the team is enjoying playing or we are going to lose players from the game.

Looking back to when I first started coaching this group as Year 3's it is astonishing to me to see how much they have grown and how the core group is still playing together. It pleases me, in a football sense, to see so much improvement in their skills, bravery and their willingness to play for each other. What I am most proud of is the way they conduct themselves on and off the field. Their willingness to include everyone and encourage each other is a credit to themselves and their parents. There was never any disrespect to the umpires or any un-sportsman like aggression to the opposition. I believe that this team has all the attributes of a champion team and I predict much success in the future.

Looking forward things start to get more serious football wise, as Year 7 is a whole new ball game. As much as I am going to miss the boys looking up to me as Coach, I think it is time for someone who has actually played the game to take the boys to the next level. After four years of yelling "MAN UP!" when we are kicking out and "GIVE HIM SOMETHING!" when the opposition have the ball, I want to retire from coaching quietly before someone discovers I have no idea what I am doing.

I want to thank all the parents and supporters for coming down to our games. I want to thank the Mums for the oranges. I want to thank the Dads for timekeeping, goal umpiring and helping to set up/pack up at training and games. I want to thank Dalton and Angelo for helping at training when they could and special thanks to Daiken who was my game day warm up specialist. I want to thank the Winnacott

Kats Football Club for giving me this opportunity, especially Jodie Zanoli and Brad Pike who have had to put up with my unconventional methods at times.

A huge thank you to Malcom Bradshaw who was the Team Manager for my tenure. Malcom held the whole thing together for four seasons and has gone above and beyond too many times to mention. I know he is a busy man and the work he put in for the Tigers was incredible. I wish him good luck for the future.

Lastly I want to thank the team. I have been privileged to be able to spend these four years with this group of boys. Watching as their skills develop at training and then seeing them use them in a game, to take a pack mark or perform a rundown tackle or to snap a goal, gives as much joy to the coach as it does to the player. It would be no exaggeration to say I have learnt more from the team than they have learnt from me.

If there was one thing that I taught you as a coach that I want you to remember is to never give in. You have shown in games this season, when we were looking like getting beaten you have dug deep and found a way to win. Never give in.

Remember this and you will win more than you lose.

I am excited to see what this team can do in the future, I wish you (and for your new coach) all the best for the next seasons - GO KATS!

Matthew Turner
Year 6 Tigers Coach



YEAR 6 TIGERS



YEAR 7-8 GIRLS COACH REPORT

ANOTHER GREAT YEAR FOR THE 7/8 GIRL'S TEAM AT WINNACOTT JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB.

This year was the first time the team had played for premiership points and after a couple of weeks readjusting to playing teams who had girls in their second year in this age group, the girls really got going and had a strong season.

Our numbers were at a level where we often had players from the 5/6 team play up and they were a great asset and much appreciated.

Both teams trained together so the younger players pretty much just slotted straight in. It was great having Matt Templeton coaching the 5/6 team and combining the two teams for training was great.

Thanks to Emma Tapp for managing the 7/8 team this year and to all the parents from both teams for all their support.

Looking forward to a great 2020.

Phil Fox

Year 7/8 Girls Coach



YEAR 7-8 GIRLS



YEAR 7 COACH REPORT

WELL IT'S BEEN A FANTASTIC SEASON FOR THE MIGHTY YEAR 7 KATS.

We commenced training in March this year with a core group of boys keen to undertake the hard yards of preseason. It was my first year with the group, the way they adapted to my methods, applied themselves to every training session, and just genuinely showed their love for this game meant they had an impact on me from day 1. The coach was excited!!!!

An early season motivational trip to the Fremantle Dawn Service on ANZAC Day, followed by a spirited training session and bacon and eggs, highlighted further to me the closeness of the players. It also showed just how close the families that make up our team are as a collective, a special bond to have.

We had a very early hiccup in Round 1 with a narrow loss to Palmyra however this was definitely a game we should have won. From Rounds 2 -5 inclusive, it would be fair to say the Kats juggernaut exploded into action.

This is a very special bunch of young men. Undersized and undermanned almost every week, they just kept delivering big results. Ball movement patterns we worked on at training on a Thursday night, could often be seen appearing in their game play the same week, something I have to say is very exciting as a coach. By the end of round 5, the league had finally realised what we at the club had known for a while, those Kats are just too good for the division we have them in. So up we went!!

The first week in "Division 1" saw the K train roll out another big win and we dared to dream! Unfortunately, our jubilation was short lived as the flu season and injury decimated our group for the following weeks fixture and we received our first big loss for the year. I was proud of our boy's application that day, we were outnumbered, outmatched and undersized, yet as this group always does, they fought to the end.

The weeks that followed saw the boys record a couple more good wins and another heart-breaking loss to Palmyra, however a constant factor that was threatening to derail our season

was emerging, we just couldn't get any continuity with our team. Injuries, illness, school holidays and other commitments meant we just couldn't maintain the momentum we needed to hold off the big teams once the last 3 rounds arrived. Sitting third, with a healthy percentage at this point of our season, 3 consecutive rounds against the league's powerhouses, resulted in a somewhat subdued end to our season albeit a very educational one and my hope is, a motivational one for all of our players for next season. In the end and as I said to the players, we were promoted a division, made the finals and experienced playing a final all in one season. A HUGE ACHIEVEMENT!

Thank you to every Year 6 player that helped us keep a team on the park this year, not only did they show that they can more than handle themselves at the level above, more than a few of them looked at home playing in Year 7. Well done to all of you.

Special mention and congratulations to Ollie Pike who was selected in the 12's and Under State Schoolboys team. Ollie represented Western Australia in the National Schoolboys Championships held at Rushton Park in Mandurah in August. While a win was not to be, the Western Australian team managed a credible third place bronze medal in the tournament.

Lastly, and most importantly, I would like to issue a huge note of thanks to an amazing group of individuals, without whom, I simply couldn't do my job.

To my Assistant Coach Mark, thanks for all your help, guidance and support throughout the season. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with you.

Wayne "Cliffy Young" Harper, thank you for your tireless efforts as our runner this year and for being a great sounding board for me throughout.

Rachel Roberts, our first aid officer, thank you for always being there to pick the boys up, patch them back together and send them back ready for action.

Glenn "Napisan" Sparks, thank you for the tireless hours spent slaving away in the laundry washing the team jumpers.

Eddie Matkovich thank you for being the best Goal Umpire in the league. You are honest as the day is long and all of the boys in the team love having you around.

Anthony "Shutter speed" Muirson thank you for the weekly action shots.

Brad Pike, thank you for constantly finding us players in our time of need.

To every parent that carried water, completed voting cards, provided oranges and helped out at training, thank you.

Now for the big one!!! Gloria Fitzgerald you are a star!! Gloria is our Team Manager.

The hours Gloria puts in for our boy's week in, week out to ensure all the I's are dotted and T's crossed staggers me. Our team is always at the forefront of Gloria's thoughts every week, she keeps me sane when things don't go our way game day or during the week and she always, always, always has our club at heart. Having been a part of other football clubs prior to the Kats, it really stands out when you have someone who is so selfless and caring for all concerned. Gloria on behalf of the whole Year 7 team. THANK YOU!!!!

Lastly a huge thank you to every player who ran out for us this year, the effort that was displayed was outstanding and that's all you can ask for as a coach!

Craig Nelson
Year 7 Coach



YEAR 7



YEAR 8 COACH REPORT

THE YEAR 8'S COMMENCED PRE-SEASON TRAINING WITH 25% OF THE PREVIOUS YEAR 7 SQUAD OPTING NOT TO RETURN IN SEASON 2019

However our numbers were boosted by the return of Alex Ferguson and Xavier Curr who had spent a few years away from the club and the introduction of "soccer star" Jaden Mlilo for his first year of AFL.

Our pre-season Webber Reserve running and skills sessions were complemented with competing in the inaugural Fremantle Conference Summer AFLX competition which provided a great fitness base and allowed the boys to quickly gel as a team. Congratulations to the boys for making it to the Grand Final, unfortunately Mundijong were simply too strong on the night.

Late in the pre-season we allowed the squad to select their own captain and three deputies. Lawson Thomas, Ben Elliot, Nathan Martin and Nic Davidson performed their roles with plenty of passion and energy throughout the season.

We commenced our season in late April and whilst we were competitive in most games, after the first 5 rounds we were yet to register a win. Highlights were the early form shown by Gus, Youp, Jaden, Zac Gorton and the contribution made by Year 7 boys who played up – Cahil, Finn, Jamie and Zac. It was fair to say I thought we were going to be re-graded into the lower "White" division, however this wasn't to be with Booragoon and Armadale joining the "Red" division making it an 11 team competition.

Through rounds 6 to 10 the boys finally were rewarded for a solid block of training. Wins over Booragoon and Bullcreek Leeming, a tie with East Fremantle and a close loss to Canning Vale Black saw the boys sitting mid ladder and now having the confidence to chase wins rather than simply be happy with "getting close". I wish to acknowledge Sam Nelson (Year 7) who unfortunately only lasted 3 minutes in our round 10 game before damaging ankle ligaments and ending his season. Let me know next season when you want to play up Sam!

The boys weren't awake early in our round 11 fixture versus Mundijong and we soon were down by 4 goals inside the first 8 minutes of the

game. In previous seasons this could have been a blow-out, but to the boy's credit and added maturity they fought out a tough game and kept Mundijong honest for the remainder of the game.

A trip up to the hills and down a gravel track lead you to one of the most magnificent footy fields for our round 12 fixture versus Roleystone. The boys were "on" from the first bounce to record our biggest win for the season - an inspiring 81 point victory. Preparedness of run both ways, a tight defence, slick teamwork, 5 goals to Jack and a best on ground performance by Cooper Elliott were the highlights.

A huge team effort across four quarters versus Armadale in round 13 at home resulted in Winnacott being only 1 of 2 teams that defeated the 2019 Year 8 Red champions throughout the season. Our dream to play finals was still alive.

The early 8:30am start versus Bullcreek in round 14 didn't agree with the boys who were soundly beaten in the first half of the game. With a win required to keep the final dream alive, the boys found a way to dig themselves out of a huge hole and lead by Josh and Nathan Martin recorded a last minute 5 point victory.

It all came down to our round 15 game at home versus Cockburn. Win it and hope Attadale looked after Booragoon and a spot in the finals was ours. It was a fantastic, tough, close game of footy as Cockburn too, were chasing that 4th spot in the finals. Unfortunately for the boys, the ball didn't bounce their way in the last 5 minutes of the game and the team ended up missing out on a finals berth by 0.3%.

Matt, Tyson, Catherine and I are incredibly proud of how all of you attacked your season. In an era of testosterone surges and trying to emulate your AFL heros, we managed to get through the season without a yellow card, but we weren't push overs, looking after each other at all times. Boys your competitive spirit is to be commended and it was a pleasure to coach you this season.

Congratulations to Lawson, Youp, Ben Jenkins

and Severin on playing your 50th game throughout the year. Congratulations also to Ben Jenkins who was selected to join the Fremantle Conference under 14/15 development squad and to Lawson for finishing 3rd in the Fremantle conference Best and Fairest.

To our parent group, thanks for being totally committed all season. Juggling other sports, other siblings, often with your partner working away can be really tough. However, I really appreciated the boys being at training and arriving at games on time and for all your help throughout the season when rostered on. To the parents that had on-field roles – water, first aid, runner – thanks for doing your job so efficiently throughout the year.

I can't thank enough the contributions made by my fellow coaches. Matt Templeton, not only coached the Year 4's and Year 5/6 girls but his input, especially on game day, was unbelievable and regularly freed me of the responsibility of rotating players thus allowing me to focus more on the game. We welcomed Tyson's youthful and modern approach to training this year and he certainly became our lucky charm on Saturday's when his own fixtures didn't clash with the boys games.

Our team is extremely fortunate to have the most efficient Team Manager in the business. Catherine, thank you for completing all the behind the scenes duties, which allows the team to run so smoothly.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge the skills of Cameron Elliott behind the lens. Cam captured many spectacular shots and as the season progressed I know all the families looked forward to viewing the slideshow produced by Catherine and yourself.

Enjoy your summer boys and I look forward to seeing you all for pre-season in early 2020.

Rob Davidson
Year 8 Coach



YEAR 8



YEAR 9 COACH REPORT

2019 PRE-SEASON STARTED THE FIRST WEEK OF FEBRUARY AND WE AGAIN HAD GOOD NUMBERS, DESPITE SOME BOYS BEING UNAVAILABLE DUE TO COMPLETING THEIR SUMMER SPORTING COMMITMENTS.

This year was going to be another tough season with the boys being in the Fremantle Conference Blue Division (being the top division in their age group), plus being the premiers from the previous season.

Unfortunately, at the start of the season we lost Hayden Matheson as his family moved to the northern suburbs. As a team we agreed to stick with the same squad as 2018 and not to recruit and enter the 2019 season with a squad of 24 players.

Our first game of the season was a hard fought 4 point win over arch-rivals Melville. This was the competition showing us there would be no easy games. From rounds 2 to the season bye, the team went undefeated into the school holiday break having played all the opposing teams.

After round 2 we lost Ben Martin due to a serious virus which would keep him out for the rest of the season.

In round 10 after the bye the team continued to play well, but as happens to all teams we did receive some injuries and on three occasions through the year we needed to rely on Year 8 boys Nic Davidson, plus the Martin brothers Joshua and Nathan to play up so we could have a bench

on the day. Thank you to these three boys who played very well considering they had played back to back games on those occasions.

In the second half of the season the boys continued to play good team football and every time they were challenged, they would dig deep and play to the final siren.

With the boy's hard work and team spirit they completed the home and away season undefeated and gave themselves a double chance in the finals.

Our entire TEAM worked so hard during the pre season and home and away competition to now prepare for their third finals series.

I have to thank the leadership team of Captain Jack Johnston and his Vice Captains Chadd Dunscombe and James Arthurson for all of their hard work on the training track and on game day and for leading by example.

This group of boys - now fine young men are an absolute pleasure to coach.

A BIG THANK YOU to my assistant coaches in Matt Arthurson and Liam Dunscombe who I couldn't do or

achieve what we have as a group without them.

To game day assistant Dave Piper, game day runner John Zanoli and first aiders Claire Hobson and Anna Yerkovich. Thank You!

As always, our team and parents are blessed to have Team Manager Karen Washington who always gets everything running like clockwork throughout the season. Thanks Karen we love you.

And last, but not least the parents. I've always said we have the greatest supporting parents in the comp. Thank you for all your help and for volunteering throughout the season and making Karen's job easier.

Have a safe summer break and see you ALL in 2020.

Anthony Yerkovich
Year 9 Coach



YEAR 9



YEAR 11 COACH REPORT

THIS YEAR WAS THE FIRST TIME THE FREMANTLE CONFERENCE HAD A COMBINED YEAR 11/12 COMPETITION COMPRISING OF THREE DIVISIONS. OUR GROUP WAS MADE UP OF YEAR 11 BOYS AND WE COMPETED IN THE RED DIVISION.

We started our pre-season back in March and whilst we had some interruptions with injury, the group showed a real desire and commitment. We were fortunate to welcome several new players to the team - Tom Rivers and Josh Rigoli from South Coogee; Jayden Little, Kelvin Ishiguchi, Cheyden and Doug Farmer ex Kelmscott. Our fairest and best winner from previous seasons Jonas Brown played the season with the South Fremantle Colts and made just the one appearance with the Kats. Another of our Colts' boys Josh Stedman spent most of the year in rehabilitation from a knee injury, but was able to play the last four games with the Winnacott Kats.

This year the boys voted for their Captain and as a result we had joint Captains in Lincoln Kerspian and Rhys Doig. These boys were outstanding with their leadership and led by example at trainings and on game days. They supported the coaching staff and conducted themselves extremely well through the entire season.

Our season started with a big win over Kelmscott and we then lost three of our next four games to be sitting mid table at the end of the first round. The team had several injuries and we were fortunate that our Year 11/12 Blue side were able to help with players. All the boys that came out of the Blue Division side were excellent. They played with a lot of determination and were a great asset at the start and through the middle part of the season when we were short of players. In the second part of the season we were able to get players back from injury and started to put together some consistent performances which had us finishing second at the end of

the home and away season. The most pleasing aspect is that the whole group were contributing and getting result for their efforts. The boys have adapted well to be thrown around into different positions and this has resulted in us having a lot of flexibility to adjust to different scenarios on game day.

I would like to thank our parent group, they have given great support to the team throughout the year. Without committed parents the team doesn't function properly. Thank you to all those who put their hand up each week to run water, wash jumpers, first aid, look after the interchange, be the game day manager and help set up and pack up. Your efforts are much appreciated, we couldn't run the team without you! Also, a special note of thanks to Mark Rigoli who ran water every week.

A real big thank you to my Assistant Coach, Damian Geaney who has coached alongside me for many years with other teams. It was great to get Damo out of retirement and back on the park. He has an excellent understanding of the game and does a fantastic job developing young players.

Bev Meadowcroft our Team Manager has done a great job ensuring that our game day runs smoothly and without problem. The Team Manager's role is extremely important and is a lot of work and Bev has done the job magnificently.

Josh Stedman who was out for most of the season with a knee injury did a great job as the team runner. Since Josh has returned to football the role was taken over by Aaron Doig whose input has been extremely valuable.

This has been my first season coaching this team at a senior level. I was fortunate to take over from Mark Kerspian who had coached the boys for the previous two years. Taking over from someone like Mark made my job easy as the boys had been in a great development program. Mark also assisted throughout the year in providing us with players when we were short and often on short notice and made his training available to us so we could train our squads together on occasions.

To our President, Brad Pike and the Committee thank you for all your support throughout the 2019 season. You provide a great environment for our boys to play football. Brad in his first year as a President has given great support to the Year 11/12 sides and we thank him for everything he has done.

The boys through their hard work have earned the right to play finals this year by finishing second and getting a double chance. They are an excellent team to coach and are a fine group of young men. They can all be very proud of their season as they have conducted themselves both on and off the field in an exemplary manner. Go Kats!

Ray Meadowcroft
Year 11 Red Division Coach



YEAR 11



YEAR 12 COACH REPORT

AT THE END OF 2018 I ENDED WITH THIS COMMENT "LOSING DOESN'T MAKE ME WANT TO QUIT, IT MAKES ME WANT TO FIGHT THAT MUCH HARDER".

I used this as we had just played in the Grand Final and we were well beaten by a better prepared team on the day. The look of disappointment on the players' faces was short lived when you lead by example that the best way through this is to celebrate what we achieved as a team not what the other team achieved on the day. To watch my playing group, get off their haunches and get amongst the winning lads and help them celebrate was one of the highest points for me personally. I am sure it made a lot of them get over the loss sooner as well.

I knew the balance of maturity they showed would make them a bigger and better playing group in 2019. I was not disappointed.

We started our pre-season like most years with plenty of beach work and plenty of fitness sessions. Not so much football orientated in the early stages but more team building and having some fun over summer. We were ready weeks before the start of the season and came out of the gates so strongly the ground was shaking, we just took teams to pieces each week. Our 1st game against Rossmoyne was Kats: 25:15 (165pts) to 3:0 (18pts).

We did however lose 2 games in the season. Let me explain why, more for the next generation of Coaches coming through. You have a team of 17 and 18-year olds who have school ATAR or General, jobs, girlfriends and more distractions than you can poke a stick

at. This age likes to test the boundaries and early punishment of the beer and sweet drinks is prevalent. Saturday night "gathos" are very regular. These can go all night and in fact did on two occasions of note. The first time I was clueless of what was occurring and watched the team dismantle itself in what I now know was a state of hang-over. They let themselves down, but they also let their responsible teammates down. I chose not to address it and let their peers take them to task. My mistake, I should have addressed it.

Later in the year after a very big Saturday party, I had players arrive to play having not been to sleep and quite literally smelling of alcohol after sleeping in the back of cars. This time I was onto them, not only on the day, but the evening before when word came through that they were at it again. This time I addressed it by asking them to remove their boots and go home. We lost and the responsible players were mighty ticked off. The next training session I let the group address it and collectively agree on the punishment. I had my say as well, something I would suggest all Coaches do in the first instance. True to this group's credibility they came to me at the next training session and made a promise that they did not break ever again.

This is part of their journey, how to grow and make mistakes but with the right compass and core values they will come good and they will surprise you

with their honesty. Our job is to guide them not make them.

We will never forget our time at Winnacott. The journey from Auskick through to Year 12 was wonderful. We had ups and downs like any team, but we never allowed Football to define us. We were together for the love of the game and for the friendships that still prevails and from this experience these memories will last forever.

Thank you to Graham, Marcus, Shaun for always being there with me.

Thank you to my wife Karoline for allowing me to spend my winters in eternal football.

Mark Kerspian

Year 12 Coach

Remember Coaches – The fewer rules you place on your team the fewer rules they will break!



YEAR 12



METRO SOUTH FAIREST AND BEST



Metro South held their 2019 Fairest and Best Night at Fremantle Oval on Monday 2nd September.

Players in the top five of votes for each division or age group are invited to attend. Five players from the Winnacott Kats Junior Football Club were invited to attend – Lawson Thomas Year 8, Jack Johnston Year 9, Rhys Doig Year 11/12 Red Division, Jayden Little Year 11/12 Red Division and Jack Fenton Year 11/12 Blue Division.

Results for the 2019 season for the Winnacott Kats are in the table below.



Year	Player	Position
Year 8	Lawson Thomas	3rd
Year 9	Jack Johnston	1st (East Fremantle District) 2nd (Metro South)
	Chadd Dunscombe	7th
	Even Niyoncuti	10th
Year 11/12 Red Division	Rhys Doig	2nd
Year 11/12 Blue Division	Jack Fenton	1st (in a 3 way tie)



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2019 FAIREST AND BEST AWARDS

The Winnacott Kats Fairest and Best Night was held on Friday 20th September at the Kats club rooms.

The evening was again a huge success with players from Year 7 - Year 12 and their parents attending. The Fairest and Best Night is to congratulate and acknowledge some outstanding football talent and their contribution to the game in season 2019.

Year	Winner	2nd Place	3rd Place
7	Cahil Fitzgerald	Sam Nelson	Flynn Matkovic
7/8 Girls	Lexi Sullivan	Grace Groves	Holly Rawlin-Smith
8	Joshua Martin	Nathan Martin	Lawson Thomas
9	Jack Johnston	Kyle MacDonald	Chadd Dunscombe
11	Rhys Doig	Jayden Little	Andre Goncalves
12	Joshua Harris-Walker	Jesse Meredith	Nic Foster



Congratulations to all the players.

CLUB PERSON OF THE YEAR

The 2019 Club Person of the Year is **Rob Davidson**.



Rob has been coaching at the Kats for nine years, this season coaching the Year 8 side. He dedicates many hours of his own time to training sessions and game day coaching duties.

Rob joined the Winnacott Kats committee in 2017 and this season held the role of Vice President Seniors.

This year has also seen Rob assisting on Auskick nights and in the canteen on Sunday mornings and at numerous club events.

Additionally in 2019 Rob has taken on the role of collating the votes and preparing the power point presentation for the Fairest and Best Night.

For the second year, Rob has been keeping track of milestone games for all Junior and Youth players and has ordered the required medallions throughout the year. He has also coordinated the use of the two club banners for milestone games.

Rob has in 2019 and in previous years consistently contributed to the running of the Winnacott Kats Junior Football Club. Rob's commitment and service to the Winnacott Kats is commendable. Rob is a very worthy recipient of the 2019 Club Person award. Congratulations.

JUNIOR CLUB PERSON OF THE YEAR

The Junior Club Person award is presented to a Junior member of the Kats who during the season has volunteered their time to the club. This season we received two nominations - Ben Martin (Year 9) and Harvey Templeton (Year 8).



Finding volunteers on game day can be difficult, with some roles harder to fill than others.

People willing to be the goal umpire are few and far between, yet this season **Harvey Templeton** has consistently volunteered to be the goal umpire for the Girls Year 5/6 team. Harvey is always willing to help and he is a great asset to the Winnacott Kats Junior Football Club.

Many thanks Harvey for your dedication to the Winnacott Kats not only as a player, but also as a volunteer. Congratulations.



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LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Life membership is awarded to a member of the Kats who has volunteered at the club for a minimum of five years and whose contribution to the club has been outstanding during their time at the club.



The Winnacott Kats Junior Football Club congratulates Anthony Yerkovich on being awarded the 2019 Life Membership Award.

Anthony Yerkovich has been a member and coach at the Winnacott Kats Junior Football Club since 2009 and started his journey at the Kats as an Auskick Coach and has continued to coach at the club every year since.

Over the past eleven years Anthony has dedicated many hours to improving the skills of every player he has coached. He has coached with fairness and passion and has instilled in his players a love for AFL.

In 2017 Anthony brought together two Year 6 teams from the previous year and seamlessly formed a new team. This is easier said than done and to this day the team continue to be successful and enjoying their football.

Anthony has taught his players wonderful life skills through the game of AFL football and has ensured that his players always treat each other and the opposition with great sportsmanship and respect.

Over the past seven years Anthony has not only coached at the Kats, but has also been a committee member, joining the Kats committee in 2013.

In 2015, after two years as a general committee member, Anthony took on the role of Vice President Juniors.

In 2016 - 2018 Anthony held the role of Club Vice President and in season 2019 he held the role of Coach Coordinator.

Anthony has assisted at many club events over the years, everything from Auskick Nights, TGIF Nights and has been the MC at the past three Fairest and Best Nights.

Assisting in the canteen or cooking on the BBQ, Anthony is always happy to lend a hand. He is often one of the last helpers at the club at the end of a successful club event, usually sweeping or vacuuming the carpet.

Anthony has been a wonderful contributor to the Winnacott Kats Junior Football Club and is a great friend to many Kats members. He loves his footy, his team and his club. Anthony is a wonderful ambassador for the Winnacott Kats Junior Football Club.

Congratulations Anthony and many thanks for your many years of dedicated service to the Winnacott Kats Junior Football Club.

JUNIOR LIFE MEMBERSHIP

The Winnacott Kats Junior Football Club awards Junior Life Membership to players who have played a minimum of 125 games for the Kats or have been a registered Kats player for 10 years.

In 2019 Junior Life Membership was awarded to the following players:

Jesse Meredith

Bailey Kimber

Keedah Murrell

Michael Garrett

Nic Foster



KANE LUCAS MEDALLION

The Kane Lucas medallion is presented to the player voted as 'best on ground' in a Grand Final - win or lose.

The award is named after Kane Lucas the first Winnacott Kats player to play in the AFL.



The votes are based on a 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 system, with ten individual people voting to select the 'best on ground' player.

In 2019 the Kats had two teams playing in a Grand Final. The Year 9's and the Year 12's.

The winner of the Kane Lucas Medallion for the Kats Year 9's in 2019 is **Chadd Dunscombe**. This was Chadd's third consecutive Grand Final for the Kats.

Despite receiving a heavy knock in the second quarter, Chadd continued to play out the game and again showed his determination and never say die attitude.

The Year 12 player awarded the Kane Lucas medallion is **Kai Katnich**. Grand Final 2019 was Kai's second consecutive Grand Final. Kai's pace and ability to shrug off the opposing players' tackles was a huge advantage to the 12's team.

Interestingly both Chadd and Kai won the Kane Lucas Medallion in season 2018, therefore both players have won this award in successive seasons. Congratulations and well done to both players.



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BRAD PULS COACHING RECOGNITION AWARD

The Brad Puls Coaching Recognition Award is named after Brad Puls, Winnacott Coach 2013 - 2015. Premiership Coach in 2013 and 2014.

Brad was a great Winnacott coach and club person, and is sadly missed by all.

The Winnacott Kats Junior Football Club would like to thank Robyn, Darcy and Max Puls for attending the Fairest and Best Night and presenting this award.



The 2019 Brad Puls Coaching Recognition Award is awarded to **Mark Kerspian**.

Mark has been coaching at the Winnacott Kats since 2011 when he first took on the role of Year 4 coach.

During Mark's nine years as a coach at the Kats he has always challenged and encouraged his players to improve, not only as individuals but also as a team.

Mark has been a great mentor to all members of his squad.

Mark's commitment to the development of young footballers, the Winnacott Kats Junior Football Club and to the promotion of AFL has been exemplary.

Congratulations Mark on being awarded the Brad Puls Coaching Recognition Award for 2019.



COACH'S AWARD

At the end of each season Coaches for the Youth teams, Year 7-12 are asked to select a player to be awarded the Coach's Award in their age group.

The Winnacott Kats are fortunate to have many dedicated, respectful and talented players in each Youth team. This is not an easy task for any of the Coaches.

Congratulations to the recipients of the 2019 Coach's Award.

Year 7	Lennex Muirson
Year 7/ 8 Girls	Holly Rawlin-Smith
Year 8	Xavier Curr
Year 9	Taj Morrone Callan Albrecht
Year 11	Levi Cosgriff
Year 12	Nic Foster Daniel Kerr



YEAR 9 GRAND FINAL REPORT

THE WINNACOTT KATS YEAR 9 FINALS SERIES KICKED OFF AGAINST ARCH RIVALS MELVILLE IN THE SECOND SEMI-FINAL AT ORELIA DISTRICT SPORTING COMPLEX IN KWINANA ON SATURDAY 31ST AUGUST.

Finals games are always close and intense, but after a close game all day our boys came out on top in the last quarter winning by 17 points Winn 9.8-62 to Mel 7.3-45. This sent the boys straight through to their 3rd consecutive Grand Final.

The Grand Final was held at Santich Park in Munster on Saturday 14th September against Melville.

This Grand Final was set to be a cracker and it did not disappoint. In a close contest all day the Winnacott boys played their hearts out to lead all game until the last 2 minutes where Melville were able to hit the lead. At the final siren Mel 7.8-50 to Winn 7.5-47. The Winnacott Year 9's going down by 3 points.

All the boys can hold their heads high knowing they played a hard and fair game of footy and as a Coach that is all you can ask for.

These boys are a remarkable unit and I am sure 2019 will burn and make them even stronger.

Another great season, proud of you ALL.

Well done boys and bring on 2020.

Anthony Yerkovich

Year 9 Coach



YEAR 9 GRAND FINAL



YEAR 12 GRAND FINAL REPORT

THE WINNACOTT YEAR 11/12 BLUE DIVISION SIDE FINISHED THE 2019 SEASON THIRD ON THE LADDER WINNING ALL BUT THREE OF THEIR HOME AND AWAY GAMES. THE TEAM ENTERED THE FREMANTLE CONFERENCE 2019 GRAND FINAL READY TO PLAY OUR BEST AGAINST BULL CREEK LEEMING.

ET got to celebrate his 150th game on Grand Final Day! Unfortunately, we had several key players out with injury. To Fletcher and Cameron my heart goes out to you for not having this opportunity. We had a 7-man bench and to those players who knew when to take their boots off you have my biggest admiration for that sacrifice.

The Grand Final saw this Kats squad start strong and at the end of the first quarter Bull Creek Leeming were goalless. Winnacott 3.0 - 18 to Bull Creek Leeming 0.2 - 2.

The second quarter saw the players get stronger, as they continued to dominate the game. Winnacott 8.3 - 51 to Bull Creek Leeming 2.5 - 17.

In the third quarter the opposition came out fighting and kicked 4 unanswered goals to put themselves back in the competition. At the final break Winnacott held a 6 point lead. Winnacott 8.3 - 51 to Bull Creek Leeming 6.9 - 45.

The Kats kicked the first goal of the fourth quarter, but Bull Creek Leeming were still chasing hard. With ten minutes remaining Winnacott scored their tenth goal for the game. The Kats finished the game with a strong last term to win by 9 points. Winnacott 10.8 - 68 to Bull Creek Leeming 8.11 - 59.

Congratulations!

Mark Kerspian

Year 11/12 Blue Division Coach



YEAR 12 GRAND FINAL



YR12 ZONE CHAMPIONSHIP

HAVING WON THE METRO SOUTH YEAR 11/12 BLUE DIVISION GRAND FINAL WINNACOTT SECURED A SPOT IN THE METRO SOUTH FINAL ON THE 18TH SEPTEMBER. THE TEAM HAD JUST 3 DAYS TO GET READY AND WERE SET TO FACE OFF AGAINST SECRET HARBOUR, A STRONG LOOKING BUNCH OF LADS.

It was a Wednesday night in Rockingham, under lights in some of the hardest rain I have seen. It rained and rained, and the game was not our style. We much preferred and enjoyed a free-flowing style with open spaces that allowed us to use clean ball placement and specific switches that would leave our opposition confused and tired from chasing us around all day. This was something else, it was muddy, wet and the ball was played on the ground where brute strength and determination was the winner of the contest.

The score went back and forward and our early lead was getting pegged back in the final quarter, but with some quick thinking we asked our wingers to play extra wide and have free run up and down the flanks and with that we kicked some late fast goals and also saved one. The final siren went, and the game was ours. Winnacott had just beaten the GF winners from the South West.

We now had 2 days to prepare for the State Grand Final, with the game being played on Saturday 21st September at Fremantle Oval.

Our opposition Ellenbrook had not lost a game all year and had in their squad two State 18 players as well as several WAFL Colts lads.

We were ready and the game went back and forth goal for goal and at half time we were up. The 3rd quarter was a hard slog and we were behind by 16 points going into the 4th quarter. Halfway through the last quarter we simply ran out of puff and Ellenbrook had us beat.

Yes, the boys were devastated. They were tired. They had just played 3 major Grand Finals in 6 days! A huge effort and slog to play 3 games in 6 Days! Ellenbrook had the luxury of a 10-day break to refresh themselves so they had just a little more fuel in their tanks when it counted.

Despite the result it was a wonderful experience for all the players.

Mark Kerspian

Year 11/12 Blue Division Coach



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