

KATCH UP

2020



GRAND FINAL WINS
Year 10 & Year 11/12

First member of Kats
all girls team celebrates
50 GAMES



JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB
EST. 2004

KANE LUCAS
MEDALLION

Chadd Dunscombe Y10
Rhys Doig Y11/12

2020 MILESTONE GAMES

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE PLAYERS LISTED BELOW ON PLAYING THEIR 50TH OR 100TH GAME OF JUNIOR FOOTBALL IN SEASON 2020.



50 GAMES

Coel Renfrey Y6

Loic Piquard Y7

Jude Strachan Y7

Marcus Visser Y7

Max Davis Y7

Jamie Mason Y7

Theodore Uhlmann Y7

Levi Pursell Y7

Isabel Moss Y7/8 Girls

Jakeb Antonio Y8

Sam Nelson Y8

Finn Renfrey Y8

Ashton Smith Y10



100 GAMES

Chadd Dunscombe Y10

James Arthurson Y10

Oscar Knight Y10

Jack Johnston Y10

Ethan Yerkovich Y10

Callan Albrecht Y10

Thomas Lang Y10

Aiden Carroll Y10

Riley Maciel Y10

Taj Morrone Y10

Oliver Softley Y11/12

Kelvin Ishiguchi Y11/12

WELL DONE TO ALL,
A FANTASTIC ACHIEVEMENT!



PRESIDENT'S PAGE

EVERY FOOTBALL SEASON PRESENTS ITS CHALLENGES, HOWEVER THE 2020 SEASON WAS UNPARALLELED.

The COVID situation has impacted all of our lives in a number of ways. There were, and still are, the obvious concerns associated with the health and well-being of our community, and then there were the added financial stresses some had to endure. And yet, with all these concerns and uncertainties, we have had one of our most successful seasons.

When you watch a game of footy and see the enthusiasm and enjoyment that our players experience when playing the game they love, it makes you realise just how lucky we really are. When you consider the issues in other parts of Australia and the world, it puts things in perspective and makes you appreciate the things we often take for granted.

2020 was a very successful year. When I speak of success, I am not only referring to the results on the field, but off the field as well. I couldn't be prouder of the way in which we have conducted ourselves as a club.

In every game I had the pleasure of watching, it was pleasing to see the way in which everyone, player or otherwise, represented our club. Respect, sportsmanship, fairness, determination and mate-ship were some of the many traits on display at any game and are a great reflection of our club's culture. These are some of the virtues that form the foundations of our great club and are the true measure of success.

There were many club highlights during the year. This year saw the introduction of the Girl's Development Night, where players from our local women's team conducted a skills clinic to help with the development of our female footballers. The club also introduced a new initiative whereby the older players assisted our younger age groups with training, getting to play with the 'big boys' was definitely a highlight for our youngsters.

It was fantastic to see the way in which our teams embraced the 2020 NAIDOC round to celebrate the positive impact that Aboriginal footballers have had on the game of football and our club. In particular, our Year 7/8 girls team. Members of the team arranged for a football to be decorated with some amazing artwork from local families at the club. The artwork tells a story of people coming together and I urge everyone to take the opportunity to view it on display in the clubrooms.

This year also saw our first female player reach the 50-game milestone, congratulations Isabel 'Izzy' Moss - a tremendous achievement. Hopefully Izzy is the first of many girls to reach this achievement.

Socially, we were fortunate to have Dr Fish entertain us on a Sunday afternoon, an event that was very well supported and gave our members an opportunity to catch up outside of the game day activities.

This year was the first occasion that our Fairest and Best Night moved to a bigger venue which was a resounding success. This is proof that we continue to grow and strengthen as a club.

On the field, our Auskick teams continue to be well supported, even under the difficult circumstances of 2020.

Our Junior teams are progressing well in their development towards Youth football. Strong numbers in the Year 3 age group resulted in the Kats fielding two teams this season.

The Year 4 and Year 5 teams had strong numbers and both teams played some great football throughout the season.

The Year 6 team continues to show determination and resilience to field a team each year despite being undermanned. Hopefully they will find a few new recruits next year to reward them for their effort.

Similarly, the Year 5/6 girls' team did a tremendous job to play each week and we are very keen to continue developing participation in this area.

In the Youth age groups, the Year 7's were able to field two teams. Both teams adjusted well to the step up to the youth competition which will hold them in good stead for the future.

The Year 8 team played some great footy and look to have plenty of potential.

The Year 7/8 girls continue to get stronger each year and played some outstanding football against quality opposition.

The Year 9 team had a tough year with an unusually high number of injuries making it difficult to get any consistency. When available, the group played some really exciting footy which was capable of beating any opposition.

Our Year 10 group continue to go from strength to strength, winning the grand final in a dominant display. It was a very impressive display of free flowing and team orientated football which capped a stellar year after going through the season undefeated.

Similarly, our Year 11/12 team also won the premiership in a tightly fought contest, making it back-to-back grand final victories for Mark Kerspian. A fitting result for a long-time servant of the club and a fantastic way for our Year 11/12's to finish their time at our club. Congratulations to Mark and the Year 11/12's on a terrific season and we wish you the best in your future football endeavours and will watch your careers with interest.

To our members, thank you for your patience, understanding and support despite the uncertainty surrounding the season. Your willingness to overcome the obstacles and embrace the challenges the year presented typifies the 'Winnacott Kat's way'.

Finally, thank you to our Committee for the tremendous amount of time and effort that goes on behind the scenes to get a season underway. Particularly this year, with such a short time to prepare and the added complications with the constantly evolving COVID situation and yet you still managed to organise a season that ran seamlessly.

Congratulations to everyone for making 2020 a success. It is hard to believe that, as a community, as a club, as a family, the challenges of the 2020 season have only brought us closer together to be as strong as ever.

To the players and families moving on to the next stage of your football journey, I hope you look back at your time at the Winnacott Kats with fond memories of the experiences you have had and the friendships made.

To those returning in 2021, I look forward to seeing what we can achieve as individuals, teams and a club.

Go Kats!

Matt Templeton
President



AUSKICK REPORT

AFTER THE STOP-START NATURE OF LIFE AS THE WORLD STARTED TO GET TO GRIPS WITH COVID-19 OUR AUSKICK SEASON FINALLY KICKED-OFF ON SUNDAY 18TH JULY. BRIGHT AND EARLY THE EAGER PLAYERS AND THEIR COACHES DESCENDED ONTO WINNACOTT RESERVE READY FOR A 10-WEEK SEASON.

Season 2020 saw all Auskick age groups field a team. Nick Gulin, the new Pre-Primary coach appeared super organised, the kids appeared engaged in the sessions, and their parents no doubt appreciated Nick's enthusiasm.

Trish Capelinha returned after a successful start to her coaching career in season 2019, taking the Year 1's through their paces. The improvement the Year 1 playing group has made was encouraging and the kids certainly get a kick out of the high level of parent participation.

Andrew Maiorana embarked on his third successive year of coaching. The Year 2 Auskick players are a well-drilled unit and I know Andrew has prepared them well for the transition to Junior football.

Trish and Andrew's teams both participated in the end of year 'Rossmoynce Auskick Carnival' on Saturday 26th September. This was great for the kids to take part in and play against other clubs. It was a great way to end the season and gave an order of normality that I am sure everyone appreciated.

What we do need to ask is for you bring more friends and relatives along next year. Auskick is the lifeblood of the club and recruiting new players to the Auskick teams underpins the youth teams. So, if the kids have got mates, relatives, next door neighbours get them down to a Sunday morning session, we will do a come and try for a few weeks again next year. This way players can experience our great game in a fun, safe and engaging family orientated environment.

Thank you to all the Auskick Coaches, Team Managers and parents for your support in a somewhat different set of circumstances, but coming down to the club on Sunday morning and letting the kids cut loose hopefully bought a bit of normality to life.

Thanks also to the Winnacott Kats Committee for their commitment to the Auskick scheme and facilitating the Friday nights and Auskick Wind Up.

See you all soon!

Mark Bridges
Auskick Co ordinator



AUSKICK



YEAR 3 JAGUARS COACH REPORT

SPORT CAN PROVIDE A WEALTH OF EXPERIENCE FOR ALL INVOLVED AND THIS YEAR THE BOYS FROM THE YEAR 3 JAGUARS EMBRACED ALL THAT AFL HAS TO OFFER.

From the beginning of the season where we started with social distancing and not being allowed to train with balls, all the way to the last game where we had a team that worked hard and looked to promote each other's development. We had an awesome season.

Every one of the 18 boys improved their fundamental understanding of the game, demonstrated the individual skills and effort asked of them and found the courage required to move beyond their comfort zone.

The transition from Auskick to Junior footy is daunting and it is a credit to the boys, as well as the families that support them, that they trained and played through all types of weather and against all types of opposition.

Throughout the season our team was fair in its behaviour, inclusive within the confines of our squad, humble in our success and proud when we faced challenges. They are all fantastic kids that confidently communicate their thoughts and it was incredible to see them all develop during the season.

Thank you to:

Leigh Emmert (Team Manager),

Matt Campbell (Assistant Coach),

Colin Vallance (First Aid)

Elke Dous (Team Photographer)

for all the effort and support over the season.

Also, thank you to all the people that filled in for any of the roles, helped with footy training, set up and packed up the oval, took on goal umpiring, washed jumpers, timed games, brought food and supported from the side lines.

I had a great time coaching and can't wait for next season.

Lawrie Pettman

Coach Year 3 Jaguars



YEAR 3 JAGUARS



YEAR 3 PANTHERS COACH REPORT

SEASON 2020 WAS A PERIOD OF GROWTH, DEVELOPMENT AND FUN FOR THE MIGHTY PANTHERS.

EACH AND EVERY PANTHER TOOK THE STEP UP FROM AUSKICK TO BIG TIME (TACKLING) FOOTY IN THEIR STRIDE WITH ALL PLAYERS IMPROVING SIGNIFICANTLY FROM WEEK TO WEEK.

There were many highlights throughout the season for the Panthers, such as some big pack marking from the likes of Archie Pike and Riley Burt, the traditional tough in and under style from Kai Berden and Decklan Ivey and the speed and run demonstrated by Claire Goodwin and Oliver White. It was clear from the commencement of the season that the 2020 Year 3 Panthers were ready to play and that they all loved the contest.

It was particularly pleasing to see several Panthers start to demonstrate and develop their leadership capabilities both on the training track and on game day. A special mention here should be made to both Tom Sloan and Jamahl Fitzgerald for leading by example on game day. These guys always give their best and it is obvious that they love the game. Ben Bickley was a standout at each training session as a future leader and regularly helped to encourage his team mates to do their best. The Coaches loved this!

Whilst June Ebbett, Nash McCarthy and Tyler Munroe are not the biggest Panthers on the field, they all made up for this with their tenacity at the ball and their vicious tackling which helped to win many contests throughout the season.

Unfortunately, one of our ever-reliable long-term Panthers, Cooper Bregman, left the team mid-season, however we did gain the services of a hard running tackling expert in Merceydes Pedrone who demonstrated her absolute best in the last game of the season. Oliver Daws was once again great to watch, as elusive as ever when running down the wing and kicking with his left foot.

Likewise, the size and strength that Sam Bajada provides to the team each week has him positioned well as a future champion forward.

It is likely that the AFL scouts watched Marley Maddison with interest during the last game of the season as his best on ground performance teamed with Harvey Doye's first ever, then second, then third goal effort to help finish the season off on a winning note.

Throughout season 2020, the Mighty Panthers Year 3 group grew together and the strong bond that is developing amongst this group (players and parents) bodes well for the future of the club. This generation of Winnacott Panthers has a fantastic future together.

Go the MIGHTY PANTHERS!

Travis Doye

Coach Year 3 Panthers



YEAR 3 PANTHERS



YEAR 4 COACH REPORT

THE START OF SEASON 2020 WAS A BIG ADJUSTMENT, AS THE YEAR 3 LIONS AND YEAR 3 TIGERS OF 2019 MERGED TO JOIN ONE YEAR 4 TEAM.

It was great to welcome Darcy to the club and the inclusion of Mitch and Kane from the Year 3 Lions, who quickly became an essential part of the team and were consistent contributors each week. While we were happy for Caitlyn to have the opportunity to be invited to play with the 5/6 girls team every second week, it was a big loss to the team. She showed great commitment to come back and play with us for the whole season.

The team showed good improvement in a difficult competition. Overall the team began to put together some great passages of football. It was fantastic to see them play their roles and move the ball from end to end. Hopefully we can do more of this next season. All of the players should be proud of their efforts.

The team won't forget playing in freezing conditions at William Skeet Oval in August, where the competition flooded

their defence in the second half. At least the complimentary hot chocolate at the end of the game took away some of the sting. As did our best performance of the year in the return game (round 10), when we kicked over 100 points at our home ground in balmy conditions.

Thanks to:

Jeremy Brown (Assistant Coach)

Emily De Pelseneer (Team Manager)
for their excellent work throughout the season.

Also thanks to the many parents who helped out at training and on game days.

Jack Nicholas
Coach Year 4

Coach's notes:

- **#8 Angus** Great speed, touch and desire to kick a goal from anywhere on the field.
- **#4 Aiden** Guaranteed to run and carry.
- **#5 Benjamin** Attack on the ball, good goal sense.
- **#6 Caitlyn** Excellent mark and long bomb.
- **#10 Connor** Will mark or bring the ball to ground, long kick.
- **#7 Darcy** All round skills and dash.
- **#11 Eli** In and under at the clearances, great mark and looks for teammates.
- **#3 Harry** Wants the ball, tall target.
- **#9 Henry** Drifts forward to lose opponent, dangerous on goal.
- **#17 Jacob** Big presence around the ball, breaks tackles.
- **#1 Jesse** Finds the ball and always looking for a teammate.
- **#18 Kane** Strength and reliability all around the ground.
- **#13 Lior** Goes hard at the ball.
- **#2 Lucas B** Ball magnet, breaks lines, goal kicker.
- **#16 Lucas J** Dangerous speed when he gets free.
- **#12 Mitchell** Uncompromising attack on the footy, long kick.
- **#14 Rafael** Good mark and solid target.



YEAR 4



YEAR 5 COACH REPORT

THE START OF THE SEASON SAW THE TWO TEAMS FROM THE PREVIOUS YEAR COMBINE TO FORM ONE TEAM.

This meant many of the players were playing together for the first time which presented a real challenge for the group. Consequently, teamwork was the focus for the year.

The team's form in the early part of the season was a bit inconsistent, however there were glimpses of what the team was capable of, but they were not quite able to put it together. As the season progressed, the group started to get to know each other and develop a team bond which strengthened each week. By midway of the season, they were playing fantastic footy as a team and really enjoying themselves as a group. Each year the players continue to improve dramatically, it always amazes me how their skills and knowledge of the game keep developing so quickly. Each player is learning to use their individual strengths to the advantage of themselves and the team.

The team put in some awesome performances during the year. They were able to play great footy in all sorts of conditions which featured many individual highlights throughout the season. Elijah and Jake loved any defensive role they were given and were able to shut down many opposition attacks. They were well supported by Angus and Luke B who set up a lot of play from half back and their commitment to win the ball always set the tone for the rest of the team. Mike and Jacob played their best footy as dangerous options in our attacking half where they would desperately try and

lock it in our forward line to score. Taj and Max loved the physicality of winning the contested footy in packs and getting it out to teammates, both important ball winners for the team. The strong overhead marking of Oli and Hugo made them great key position targets up forward or impossible to get past in defence. Liam A and Luke T used their pace and evasive skills to set up play from anywhere on the ground and especially loved getting an opportunity around goals. Liam V and Josh Bajada combined well together in the midfield where they were able to use their skills and ability to read the ball to dictate the game and play it on our terms. Ed and Josh Burnby dominated in any position on the ground, their strength and commitment were awesome to watch when they ran through the opposition like an unstoppable force. Sam and Jasper played their best when playing in the midfield, where their determination meant they were rarely beaten. They often capped off great games with passages of play of individual brilliance.

It was a season where every member of the team took a big step forward and played some exciting football that was very entertaining to watch. But the most pleasing aspect of the season was watching the group's teamwork evolve and see them enjoy their football together. By season's end, every team member was consistently playing for the team which was evident in the team's performances.

Thanks to all the parents who cheered the team on during the year, it really boosts the team's confidence knowing that someone special is there to watch, encourage and take an interest. Also, thanks to the parents who helped out during the season, whether it be at training or on game day. Special thanks go to **Doug and Zelig** who did an exceptional job as Assistant Coach and Team Manager. They were always there to help, provide advice and made my job much easier.

I thoroughly enjoyed the year and couldn't be prouder of the team. They are a wonderful group who were always keen and enthusiastic, ready to learn and enjoy footy. All members of the team were great ambassadors of the club, always showing great sportsmanship and respect. Well done and thank you.

Matt Templeton

Coach Year 5



YEAR 5



YEAR 5-6 GIRLS COACH REPORT

THE YEAR 5/6 GIRLS SHOWED TRUE HEART ALL SEASON.

It was an interesting year for the Kats 5/6 girls in 2020. Being very short of numbers the team comprised of a mix of Years 4, 5, 6 and 7 girls to field a team and even then, we often only had 6 players available on the day, but that didn't stop them dominating almost every game.

It was my first year of coaching the girls and I was excited to get it under way. The Year 5/6 team was lucky enough to be able to train with the Year 7/8 girls. Having the older girls to help demonstrate drills really added a new level of confidence to their football, and a fearless approach to tackling anyone who held the ball (even their own teammates).

Being a small team, we were often borrowing players from the other teams to even up during games and the girls were really accepting of all the players who helped.

The season started with a close game against East Fremantle, and after a bit of re-arranging of players and some excellent defensive coaching from Stuart (Assistant Coach) we discovered our defensive super star Sascha. There were also some great plays from Caitlyn and some tough play from the other girls. We didn't win but it was a steep learning curve for all involved and gave the girls some competitive motivation to improve on their skills and play as a team.

As the season went on all the girls started to show their different abilities, from Kylie and Abbey dominating the tackling to Piper's strength and kicking. Caitlyn's amazing marks to Jamie-Leigh's and Olivia's sneaky goals, it was a pleasure to watch.

The team ended up having a brilliant season with only three losses and came out of it with a great sense of teamwork and camaraderie. I was really proud of the way the girls never quit and gave it their all in every game, even when they were down on numbers with no bench and had to play out all four quarters with no rest.

I'm looking forward to next year to see how they progress, because I think they will be a force to be reckoned with.

A huge thank you goes out to:

Heather (Team Manager)

Stuart (Assistant Coach)

To all the parents who had extra parent roster duties, due to the small size of the squad. Thanks also to the Year 7 girls who helped on game day. Special thanks to Matt and Phil for all their help and advice throughout the season.

Tim Bartlett

Coach Year 5/6 Girls



YEAR 5-6 GIRLS



YEAR 6 COACH REPORT

LET'S THROW A FEW WORDS AROUND THAT
EVERYONE WILL BE WELL AWARE OF:

UNPRECEDENTED
CHALLENGING
EPIDEMIC
COVID-19

I'm sure all these will get a run in many a review of the 2020 season, but if we forget all the influences we couldn't control and remember the football season for what it was, you will acknowledge that our kids just love getting out there and having some fun playing their sport of choice.

Although 2020 was another year where we were challenged with numbers, it was great to welcome some new faces and returned past players to complement our core. The efforts the players put in each week was great to see.

Improvement was built from dedication and hard work, along with attending extra training sessions, resultant performances showed through as the season progressed. Well played, I am proud of you all.

I would like to thank all the parents who contributed to putting the team out on the field each week as it could not be done without you.

Thanks.

Vaughn Chapple

Coach Year 6



YEAR 6



YEAR 7 PANTHERS COACH REPORT

2020 WAS ANOTHER GREAT SEASON FOR THE PANTHERS WITH A NUMBER OF "FIRSTS" FOR ALL OF THE BOYS.

We were finally playing on the main oval, had a fixed leadership team and we had Jude and Theo play their 50th game – congratulations boys. Unfortunately we lost two boys (Jack and Kaden) to knee injuries, we hope to see them back at the club in 2021. Fortunately, the Panthers welcomed back Bowie who had returned from overseas, adding height and skill to the team.

Our team was well led by our Captain Jez and our Vice-Captain Kai. Our captains led by example through their commitment to skill and fitness development. Jez and Kai would complete a couple of laps of the oval before training and then lead the team out for yet another warm-up lap before training commenced. Their desire to improve physically helped with confidence, performance and the ability to run the game out on the larger grounds.

I believe the Panthers grew yet again in their skill level, fitness and mostly the boys' commitment to each other. Each player generally had a designated position for the season and as coaches we thought it created stability, confidence and a greater understanding of each player's role on the field. This was especially on display in the last game of the season against Melville. The Panthers' quick ball movement around the ground, our ability to win the ball out of the centre, our fierce tackling pressure and our great rebounding footy from our backs, allowed our forwards to make a huge impact on the scoreboard. The Panthers have a 'we and not me' attitude and this was on display at its finest against Melville.

Once again thanks to the Panthers' parents for setting up, packing away, scoring, time keeping, BBQ duties and for great team support. Another big thanks to AJ who volunteered to be team runner. Your input was invaluable, and the boys hold you in high regard.

Our wonderful Team Manager **Nat**, your organising of rosters and game day paperwork is greatly appreciated. Whether we are playing at home or away, you organise everything so myself, Mark and AJ can concentrate on the boys and get them warmed-up and match ready. So, a big thank you. Lastly to **Mark**, a big thank you for everything, not only for the Panthers but around the club as well. Your input at training, on game day and our weekly review is greatly appreciated. You dedicate a lot of your time to me, the team and the club, we are very lucky to have you.

It wouldn't be a team without the boys. The boys have a strong bond and commitment to each other. This is evident in the way you play, by shepparding, tackling, chasing and moving the ball around the ground. You all have a "never give up" attitude whether we are winning or losing. All that any coach will ask for is effort and a great attitude in a game. The Panthers deliver this on every occasion.

Congratulations boys on a successful season. Panthers onwards and upwards.

Mike Jones

Coach Year 7 Panthers



YEAR 7 PANTHERS



YEAR 7 TIGERS COACH REPORT

WE CERTAINLY HAD AN UNFORGETTABLE YEAR IN 2020 AND OUR SEASON WAS NO EXCEPTION!

Although the season started late, the Tigers kicked it off with a bang by winning our first two games against Attadale and Applecross.

With a small squad to begin with, followed by a couple of injuries and a complete lack of players on the bench we then struggled against some of the better sides losing the next five games in a row. However the boys kept coming to training, worked hard, kept together and through this adversity came out the other side to win their last game against Willetton in the finals.

The way each and every one of them played that last game showed strong team spirit and a willingness to learn, train hard, never give up and put that all into action on match day. We could not have been prouder! If they can keep that up, together with a slightly larger squad of players, these boys will be challenging for much higher honours at the end of next season.

Thanks to everyone who helped during the season, especially:

Matt Arthurson (Assistant Coach)

Clare Hobson (Team Manager)

and all the parents for your dedicated support!

Go Kats!

Trevor Smith

Coach Year 7 Tigers



YEAR 7 TIGERS



YEAR 7-8 GIRLS COACH REPORT

AFTER A DELAYED START TO THE SEASON
THE GIRLS FIELDED TWO SIDES.
ONE IN YEAR 5/6 AND ONE IN YEAR 7/8.

The 7/8 girls started a little slowly with some of the younger girls getting used to the change in game style and the more physical nature of the competition. When I say a little time I mean about a week. They adjusted and were very competitive in most games, and opposition coaches commented on their game.

We were often operating with no bench and in the end that was the difference on several occasions.

Thanks to all the parents who helped through the year, special thanks to **Emma** for being Team Manager again.

I hope the girls enjoyed their football this year and come back down with a friend next year as we try to build the girls footy at Winnacott.

Thanks also to Matt and all the committee for all their help.

Phil Fox

Coach Year 7/8 Girls



YEAR 7-8 GIRLS



YEAR 8 COACH REPORT

WELL, IT'S BEEN ANOTHER FANTASTIC, ALBEIT CHALLENGING SEASON FOR THE MIGHTY YEAR 8 KATS.

We commenced training in March again this year with a core group of boys keen to undertake the hard yards of preseason. We were flying, numbers were great, the players were keen, a new addition to the coaching panel in Stuart Wild and things were looking really positive.

COVID!!!!!! Bring out the mothballs!!

A month or so later we returned and began preparing for the season again.

As has been the case since taking on this group, the players want and ability to quickly learn new game plans, ball movement patterns and desire to improve their game always results in the Year 8 Kats being in the mix to challenge the power clubs in our division. Jandakot Jets pick from 3 teams and over 60 kids and Canning Vale have a very similar resource of players. We have 15, plus play ups most weeks!!

We were very unlucky not to beat Jandakot in our second outing against them and until finals, they were the only team Canning Vale did not beat by more than 10 goals in the regular season. Given the size of our squad, this is an incredible achievement. I have no doubt that with a larger playing group, the Year 8 Kats could seriously challenge at the pointy end.

The season saw some amazing growth in the players. Whilst I am not really a coach that singles out individuals, there were some boys in the team who were challenged by the coaches to work on their game with specific drills away from training, who really embraced the challenge and reaped the benefit of their hard work on game day. Special mention to Lucas, Olly and Christian on this point, I challenged all three to go away and improve their kicking with specific drills, all embraced the challenge, all improved their skills out of sight. Job well done boys.

Noah was another player who was challenged with a big change in position this year. He went from playing forward last season, to playing full back this season and became an absolute rock for us down back (kudos Mark Antonio for that one). It was not uncommon for Noah to be the last

man standing in defence against a couple of opponents, only to emerge with the footy through sheer grit and determination. Well done mate.

Big Richo is the another guy I want to highlight. He worked extremely hard on how to play centre half forward this year under the guidance of Wildy and his hard work paid dividends. He became a real focal point for us in attack and a great link up man for us when coming out of defence. Richo, if you keep working your tail off you have the makings of a particularly good centre half forward.

I said similar at the end of last season, this is special bunch of young men. Every week without exception they took to the field undermanned against opponents with up to 5 on the bench and they just kept delivering big results. We worked extremely hard on our structure behind the ball this season at training and to the boys' credit, they embraced what we asked of them. The result was a team that could not only score heavily, but one that also became hard to score against.

In the end Canning Vale just had too many weapons for us in all games this season and were deserved winners of this year's Grand Final. Jandakot on the other hand we really should have split the points against. Had we kicked straight in our second loss (by 6 points) and made the best of all our hard work that day we would have been a deserved winner and making a genuine challenge for 2nd. As it is, we still finished the season in 3rd and were 3 games clear of 4th.

Season 2020 is without doubt one of the hardest years all of us will ever have to deal with. To get a footy season started and completed the way we all did, is a credit to every individual who had anything to do with its organisation.

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

To my Assistant Coaches **Mark** and **Stu** (aka Wildy), thanks for all your help, guidance, and support throughout the season. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with you both. Both of

you added real value to the players development. The boys were extremely lucky to have you both as part of this team, as was I.

Wayne Harper, thank you again for your efforts as our runner when required this year.

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 onto the field ready for action.

Glenn 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 is the day is long and all the boys in the team love having you around.

Anthony Muirson thank you for the weekly action shots.

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

Last, but by no means least!!! **Gloria Fitzgerald** thank you, thank you, thank you!! Gloria is our Team Manager. I am not sure a lot of people understand what goes into running a football team, Gloria most certainly does. Countless hours finding players, organising game day rosters, keeping coaches sane, filling in paperwork etc. and all whilst being a super Mum at the same time!!! Gloria on behalf of the whole Year 8 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 is all you can ask for as a coach!

Craig Nelson
Coach Year 8



YEAR 8



YEAR 9 COACH REPORT

AS WE ALL KNOW, SEASON 2020 WAS LIKE NONE OTHER. TRAINING ATTENDANCE LISTS AND THE NEED TO SANITISE PLAYERS, FOOTBALLS AND EQUIPMENT WAS ALL PART OF OUR COMMITMENT TO ENSURE WE COULD PLAY OUR GREAT GAME.

The Year 9 pre-season commenced in February at Webber Reserve where we welcomed new players Hayden Sharpe and Mitch Sherriff into our squad and before you knew it the boys were smashing out solid runs and refining their skills. Then lockdown hit. No footy could be played for several months. We re-commenced mid-year enjoying a scratch match against East Fremantle Power as part of our lead into the season. Whilst East Fremantle were focussed on the result, we used this opportunity to trial a few boys in new roles, which was valuable later in the season.

Late in the pre-season we allowed the squad to select their own Captain and Deputy. We thank, Ben Elliott and Nathan Martin who performed their role with plenty of passion and energy throughout the season.

The boys played in the Year 9 White division made up of 9 teams. We opened the season at the commencement of Term 3 verses East Fremantle Power and enjoyed an extremely tight fixture with the boys eventually going down by 3 points.

The Kats were totally outplayed by a highly skilled Bull Creek Leeming side in round 2 before rebounding and opening our account verses Freo City Dockers in round 3. This was a stirring come from behind win after going into the final quarter down by 2 goals. The Kats managed to hold the Dockers scoreless whilst kicking 4 majors to run out winners by 16 points.

We went into our Round 4 fixture verses Kardinya with plenty of confidence however we were rocked when the Kats found themselves down 12 points to no touches inside the first minute after the Suns exploded out of the blocks with two dominant centre square clearances. To the boys' credit, they rallied and had their noses in front at half time. However, more injuries left us without any rotations, and it was a case of running out of legs as the Suns pulled away in the 4th quarter.

After a bye in round 5, the Kats took on ladder leaders Canning Vale who entered the round 6 fixture with a percentage of 49.5% having destroyed their first five opponents. Unperturbed, the Kats pre-game prep talk was about belief, to be brave, to take risks, to take the game on at any opportunity and to put into action our first significant tagging operation. The Kats rocked Canning Vale early with magnificent direct play straight up the ground and matched it with bone

crunching defensive tackles resulting in a 1-point lead at quarter time. The team's run of significant injuries continued early in the second quarter, when Hayden broke his wrist. Down to 15 fit players and no bench, the boys managed to extend their lead to 2 points at half time. Canning Vale held the tiring Kats goalless in the third and at the same time kicked three of their own giving them a 16-point lead going into the 4th quarter. The Kats however, refused to surrender. A goal apiece early in the fourth kept the margin at 16 points at the 7-minute mark of the quarter. Then two quick ones from the Kats in five minutes made it game on with three minutes to go. The ball went end to end with both teams not giving an inch. Finally, the boys were able to finish a beautiful piece of team play down the far wing with a shot on goal. It never looked like missing. Two points up with less than a minute to play and the boys held on and celebrated accordingly.

The team participated in a moving NAIDOC week celebration prior to our fixture verses Cockburn with Captain Ben Elliott leading the ceremonies and kindly allowing Bill Riley to act as Captain for the day. Cockburn were the new ladder leaders, and the Kats task was made harder due to further injuries and sickness leaving us with only 13 Year 9 boys available. The boys continued to display plenty of dash, elite kicking and their trademark, fierce tackling and whilst the Kats went down 17:11 to 7:3, the boys should be incredibly proud of their effort, especially as Cockburn had 7 on the bench. The Cockburn coach commented at the end of the game that it was the first time this season his team had been pushed and that the result did not reflect the closeness of the game.

The Kats went into the round 8 fixture verses Booragoon knowing that they had never won at Karoonda. With only one on the bench and playing the full-sized oval, we knew it was going to be a case of starting well and then maintaining the advantage. Using the assistance of a slight breeze, the Kats forwards were presented with multiple attacking opportunities and opened up a nice 3 goal advantage. Although the Bulldogs continued to press, the Kats continued to control most of the game to run out winners 8:13 (61) to 4:6 (30) and it was yet another display of how this group of young men had developed during the season with team play and composure in defence a highlight.

Our last three fixtures verses Kelmscott (twice) and East Fremantle were all similar with the Kats playing

2 competitive quarters per game and although remaining competitive, it was simply a case of running out of energy tickets and resources in such a long-drawn-out season.

In fact, only six of the boys managed to play all 11 games as the squad had to contend with a knee hyperextension, pulled tendon off the hip bone, broken wrist, thumb and finger, jarred shoulder along with that standard aches and pains. In summary we were a physio's delight. We are extremely grateful for the contributions made by Year 8 players - Cahil Fitzgerald, Jordy Roberts, Zac Carlino and Sam Nelson who filled in throughout the year. We can't thank you enough as you were often playing back-to-back games and all of you looked at ease playing up an age group.

To our Year 9 squad – thank you again for your commitment to the team, willingness to learn and the way you represented the club this season. It just was not our year in season 2020 regarding injuries – let's hope we can have a bit more luck in season 2021.

I cannot thank enough the contributions made by my fellow coaches – **Tyson Pittard, Matt Templeton, and Cameron Elliott**. It has been a pleasure to work again with you and our boys are extremely fortunate to have you guide them in their developing footy careers.

Thank you to the best Team Manager in the business, **Catherine Elliott**. It is because of your ability to manage all the team administration so efficiently that enables the team to run smoothly.

To **Cameron** and **Catherine Elliott**, I know that I can speak from all the players and families, we all eagerly await your weekly photo slideshow so again thank you for your contributions.

Finally, to our parent group, thank you for all your support and willingness to contribute in season 2020.

Enjoy the summer boys and I look forward to seeing all of you again in February 2021.

Rob Davidson
Coach Year 9



YEAR 9



YEAR 10 COACH REPORT

THE 2020 FIXTURE WAS MODIFIED TO A 10-GAME HOME AND AWAY SEASON, DUE TO THE LATE START OF THE COMPETITION, WITH THE TOP TWO SIDES AFTER ROUND 10 TO PLAY OFF IN A GRAND FINAL.

EVERY WIN OR DRAW WOULD BE A BONUS.

As per previous years the boys started preseason training in the first week of February, however 2020 would turn out to be a strange year and the boys had an unexpected long pre-season due to COVID-19.

The boys and coaches were very dedicated and once we got the all clear to train in groups, we sent small groups of players, with a coach to different grounds as per the government rules and continued doing circuit work in groups of 10 with no balls. At one session we had players doing football training ball drills with no balls, which was something to watch, carried out with great spirit and theatrical acts.

The 2020 season finally got started on Sunday 19th July at Winnacott Reserve and as always we came up against our rival, Melville. This was going to be a tough game first up, as Melville beat our boys in the 2019 Grand Final by 3 points. The game didn't disappoint and was a tight game all day. Scores were level at the final siren Winnacott 5.14 - 44 to Melville 6.8 - 44.

All 6 teams in the competition were very strong so our aim was to get off to a good start and after the first round of fixtures the Kats were undefeated.

We met Melville again in round six. Until now both Winnacott and Melville had

been undefeated, but on this occasion the Kats came through with a good win away from home, Winnacott 8.13 - 61 to Melville 6.3 - 39.

With four rounds left in the season there was still no guarantee of qualifying in the top two with Canning Vale, Jandakot and Armadale all hitting good form at the right end of the season. There was only three or four games separating top and fourth spot on the ladder. In close games against most of the other teams the Kats managed to finish the season undefeated earning the right to play off in the Grand Final against Canning Vale.

This season had its challenges, but this group as a team, mates and brothers stuck together and helped each other through different challenges. That's what makes them so special to me and the coaching group, they all look out for each other and there is a real TEAM bond.

Unfortunately, we lost some great and long serving team players from the 2019 squad due to other sporting interests or difficulties combining two sports, but we were excited to pick up some new team members through school connections. This season we welcomed new additions in Tom Waite, Beau Allanson, Danny Purser, Cooper Arndt, Diego Sapienza, Noah Petrilli and Aiden Carroll. All these boys blended into the team and had an immediate impact on the field and at

training. It seemed like they had been at the club for years. Well done and thanks for choosing the Winnacott Kats Junior Football Club.

A big thanks to my Assistant Coaches **Matt Arthurson** and **Liam Duncombe**. These achievements can only be done as a group, so thank you for all your hard work on game day and at our training sessions.

Thanks also to Team Managers **Jodie Zanolli** and **Dave Piper**, a big role after taking over from **Karen Washington**, but you both did an awesome job. To **John Zanolli** for being our Medic and Physio at every game - "Thank You".

Last but not least, I always say we do have the BEST, most supportive and helpful parents and I do mean it, thanks for making the coaching staffs' job so much easier.

Bring on 2021.

GO KATS!!

Anthony Yerkovich
Coach Year 10



YEAR 10



YEAR 11/12 COACH REPORT

I HAD THE PLEASURE OF TAKING OVER THE COACHING ROLE OF THESE LADS IN 2020. RAY AND DAMO HAD THEM IN 2019 AND DID AN EXCELLENT JOB IN GETTING THEM READY FOR THEIR FINAL YEAR OF JUNIOR FOOTBALL.

Of course, we started in late January with our pre-season fitness sessions and we were reaching a good stage when all hell broke out with the COVID-19 pandemic. Navigating this situation was tricky, but it was important to keep the boys focused on what would eventually be our season.

Having seen the disappointment in 2019 with the team getting knocked out of the preliminary finals it took some work getting all the boys back for their final year, but we managed it. We also recruited well with some new lads who just slipped into the team so well. Bola, Grant, Garland Dixon, Pickett, Julian, Ollie and the return of Cameron Moro all being big contributors.

The Competition Director had placed us in the Red division (middle) rather than the Blue Division (Top) so after speaking to the boys, who all insisted we were good enough to play in the first division I managed to get the fixture changed so that we could move into the Blue Division to play. No guts no glory they said! This turned out to be a fortunate event for us and the rest of the competition.

Round 1 we played Jandakot who had 1 team in each of the 3 divisions. They had quite a few South Fremantle Colts boys in the squad and they were impressive on the run. We got caught napping and gave away a bucket load of free kicks that hurt us. A five-goal loss didn't make the boys happy.

Round 2 we came up against East Fremantle. We played at Henry Jeffrey and as anyone who has played on that tiny oval knows, a 17-year-old can turn the game into a 2-kick goal festival when on fire. The whole team were so well drilled and precise. Set training pays off when everyone clicks on the day. It was a very big win and I felt for East Fremantle, who just looked lost. Kats up by 17 odd goals.

Round 3 we played South Coogee. These guys are a good team and will be ones to watch in 2021 as most of the team were Year 11 players. Watch out whoever comes up against these beasts! Guys on the day like Rigoli and Doig were super-fast on the breaks. Tom Rivers and Lincoln Kerspian rucked well and huge improvements from Mack Fox and Archie Wauhop, both super strong at the contest. The new lad Garland Dixon a Year 11 who would go on through the year and play with the Winnacott Colts team was unbelievably impressive with his strength and resilience. A big win to the Kats as we ran all over South Coogee. Kats up by 12 goals.

Round 4 versus Bull Creek Leeming. In 2019 a series of unfortunate moments in the Preliminary Finals saw Bull Creek Leeming beat Winnacott which they had not done

all year. I could see the fierce look on the Kats faces, the moment they arrived at the ground. I had a feeling the team was about to show Bull Creek Leeming how to play good footy. The Kats defeated them by a good 12 goals plus. Damon Roberts, Lincoln, Lawson and Pickett doing a lot of damage at both ends of the ground. This day also marked Jack Blurtons' partner having a baby boy – JJ Blurton, the next generation of Kats.

Round 5 versus Cockburn Cobras. Precision on the day with keeping the ball short due to the weather showed how to gain ground simply by keeping the play tight and having your opponent just chasing you all day. Switches started to come out strong and once we brought the opponents in close, we simply set up long and had our forwards rubbing their hands and kicking a bag full of goals. Cockburn probably should not have been put in this division against the Kats, as the loss was far too big for them.

Round 6 versus Jandakot Jets (here we go)... First 15 seconds they break from the centre and drill a clear goal. Oh! great that's not looking good. A minute later the umpire calls a 50 metre against us for language and bang goal number 2 straight through. You would reckon the players would learn that back chatting an umpire is never going to work, but no – another 50 that turns into 100 and bang they are three goals up on us. We had a very clear chat at quarter time about standing up to be counted. It helped as we got back into the game by half time. At half time Stephen Perer was watching the oppositions running patterns and quickly assessed what we also needed to do so. I got him to address the boys. He was spot on and we started to hit them back and close their kick ins and forward moves. It's always good to watch the boys grow a foot taller on game day and today was their day. Kats win by 2 goals. I said, "boys that's the team we will play in the GF".

Round 7 versus East Fremantle. Today I decided that we would swap players around and get some different experience into the boys. What I thought might slow the goals down did the opposite as the team once again had a goal fest. Kelvin Ishiguchi celebrated 100 games and was very dominant through the game.

Round 8 versus South Coogee we rested a few players and had a great game against these guys. It was Father's Day, so we wanted to make sure every Dad/Parent /Grandparent/ Carer was super proud of their kid on both sides and that's exactly what we got. Both teams were fighting it out and the Kats were victors by only 7 points, our closest margin yet. Today we presented JJ Blurton with his super small Kats playing jumper with his name and number (number 1).

Round 9 versus Bull Creek Leeming was another game where the opposition just were not in the game. Kats by over 15 goals.

Round 10 versus Cockburn was slightly better than the previous meeting but the Cougars still struggled to keep pace and seemed to lose their structures very easily. Doesn't matter how good a player is in any team or how average the players are you can still be very strong with discipline and structure. Every player has a role and if they play that role well you may just have a winning formula. 13 or 14 goal win by the Kats.

Thank you to **Caroline Moro** our Team Manager for her endless help.

Thank you to the following parents:

Stephen Perer for his game day support in the Coach's Box.

Aaron Doig for his game day runner support.

Karoline Kerspian iPad Interchange.

First Aiders: **Russell Pryor, Vanda, Pat Rivers.**

Photographers: **Roger, Tanya, Pat.**

To the new Players who came down this year to be part of a lifetime experience.

Special Mention to **Bolas Mum** for her fantastic cheer squad energy every game!

To the Boys. I have coached you on and off over the years. 2020 was a fantastic year, even under the circumstances of delays. I have watched each of you grow and mature this year before my eyes. I have seen your fierce competitive nature, I have seen your determination, I have seen your resolve and I have seen your high levels of compassion with each other and with those around you. I am humbled to have been part of this journey with you all and I endeavor to each of you that through this we will be friends for life.

I look forward to welcoming each of you to the new Winnacott Eagles Seniors team in 2021 where you can continue playing together, something which most Clubs won't give you the opportunity to do.

Stay safe and see you in 2021.

Mark Kerspian

Coach Year 11/12



YEAR 11/12



METRO SOUTH FAIREST AND BEST

Year 8 Red Division Leaderboard

TOP 10 VOTES

Player	Team	Votes
1 Jaxon Artemis	Jandakot JFC	17
2 Lucas Martignago	CanningVale JFC	15
3 Sam Nelson	Winnacott JFC	14
4 Archie Tames	Palmyra JFC	12
5 Anthony Humes	Kardinya JFC	9
6 Rhys Mercer	Jandakot JFC	8
7 Harrison Heaton	Kardinya JFC	7
8 Keydin Wilson	CanningVale JFC	5
9 Bailey Corovic	Jandakot JFC	5
10 Sam Campbell - Cooke	CanningVale JFC	5

Year 10 Blue Division Leaderboard

TOP 10 VOTES

Player	Team	Votes
1 Jack Johnson*	WINNACOTT JFC	17
2 Jordan Douglas	Armadale JFC	13
3 Luca Gangemi	Canning Vale JFC	9
4 Kaleb Smith	Melville JFC	9
5 Kobe Austin	Melville JFC	9
6 Riley Maciel	Winnacott JFC	8
7 Kade Macdonald	Canning Vale JFC	7
8 Isaiah Hayden	Canning Vale JFC	7
9 Lachlan Hegney	Jandakot JFC	6
10 Mitchell Rodriguez	East Fremantle JFC	5

Congratulations to all players.

The 2020 Metro South Fairest and Best Awards and Presentation Night was held at East Fremantle Football Club on Friday 30th October.

Year 9 White Division Leaderboard

TOP 10 VOTES

Player	Team	Votes
1 Zac Petersen	Canning Vale JFC	25
2 Emmanuel Miller	Cockburn JFC	14
3 Lawson Thomas	Winnacott JFC	14
4 Hayden Eades	Kelmscott JFC	14
5 Joseph Woods	Cockburn JFC	12
6 Clayton Wood	Canning Vale JFC	11
7 Mitchell Geier	Cockburn JFC	9
8 Henry Mattner	Freo City JFC	9
9 Cody Renouf	East Fremantle JFC	9
10 Jordan Michael	Bullecreek Leeming JFC	7

The Winnacott Kats Junior Football Club was well represented, with players from four of the Kats Youth teams finishing in the top 10.

Year 11/12 Boys Blue Division Leaderboard

TOP 10 VOTES

Player	Team	Votes
1 Lochlan Bloomer	Jandakot JFC	11
2 Taite Walker	Cockburn JFC	10
3 Rhys Doig	Winnacott JFC	9
4 Damon Roberts	Winnacott JFC	9
5 Ethan Datson	Jandakot JFC	7
6 Thomas McGrath	East Fremantle JFC	7
7 Harvey Muller	Jandakot JFC	7
8 Thomas Crawford	Bullecreek Leeming JFC	6
9 Blake Pickett	Winnacott JFC	6
10 Kelvin Ishiguchi	Winnacott JFC	6

Year	Player	Number of Votes	Position
Year 8 Red Division	Sam Nelson	14	3 rd
Year 9 White Division	Lawson Thomas	14	Equal 2 nd
Year 10 Blue Division	*Jack Johnston	17	1 st
Year 11/12 Blue Division	Rhys Doig	9	Equal 3 rd
	Damon Roberts	9	Equal 3 rd
	Blake Pickett	6	Equal 5 th
	Kelvin Ishiguchi	6	Equal 5 th



2020 FAIREST AND BEST NIGHT

The 2020 Fairest and Best Night, for the first time in the Kats history, was not held at our beloved Winnacott club rooms. The need to accommodate seven youth teams, parents and guests required a bigger venue. Held at the East Fremantle Football Club on Saturday 17th October, the night was a huge success.

The amazing football talents of many of our Kats players and the wonderful contributions of our invaluable Kats volunteers were acknowledged and celebrated on the night.

2020 FAIREST AND BEST AWARDS

Year	Winner	2nd Place	3rd Place
7 Tigers	Ben Gatti	Brent Smith	Levi Pursell
7 Panthers	Jez Dunscombe	Kai Griffin	Mitchell Atkinson
7/8 Girls	Avaree Garrett	Aaleah Clifford	Hailey Headland
8	Sam Nelson	Lucas Durnin	Cahil Fitzgerald
9	Nathan Martin	Cooper Elliott	Nicholas Davidson
10	Chadd Dunscombe	Jack Johnston	James Arthurson
11/12	Kelvin Ishiguchi	Rhys Doig	Damon Roberts



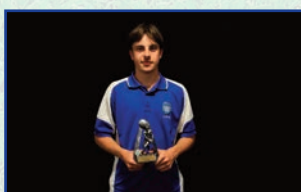
Ben Gatti and Brent Smith (absent Levi Pursell)



Hailey Headland, Avaree Garrett, Aaleah Clifford



Cooper Elliott, Nathan Martin, Nic Davidson



Rhys Doig (absent Kelvin Ishiguchi, Damon Roberts)



Mitchell Atkinson, Jez Dunscombe, Kai Griffin



Cahil Fitzgerald, Sam Nelson, Lucas Durnin



Jack Johnston, Chadd Dunscombe, James Arthurson

Congratulations to all the players.

CLUB PERSON OF THE YEAR

The 2020 Club Person of the Year is **Matt Templeton**.



Matt has been a member of the Kats committee for three years acting as Vice President (Juniors) in 2018 and 2019. In 2020 Matt stepped up to lead the club.

When Matt took on the role as club President, the club was facing a challenging time internally, along with the added external pressures of COVID-19.

On top of his role as President, Matt also coached the 2020 Year 5 team, was Assistant Coach for the Year 9 team and was always on hand to offer help and advice to the Year 5/6 Girls team.

Matt's commitment to the role, his ability to negotiate his way through difficult situations, his confident communication skills with all teams and his open and inclusive leadership of the club's committee will see the club continue to thrive under his leadership.

Matt is a very worthy recipient of the 2020 Club Person award. Congratulations.



WKJFC AWARDS 2020

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.



The Junior Club Person for season 2020 is **James Arthurson**. James assisted throughout the season at the Year 7 Tigers training sessions and on game day was the Tigers runner.

James' commitment and willingness to offer his time to the Year 7 Tigers in addition to his own training and playing schedule, as well as his Year 10 studies and part time job, highlights his good character and sense of community.

James is a well respected member of the Winnacott Kats Junior Football Club having played at the club since Auskick and is currently part of the leadership team for the Kats Year 10 side.

Finding volunteers on game day can be difficult, with some roles harder to fill than others. There is something special and a great sense of pride when a Junior member of the Kats steps up to volunteer and give back to the club. Young volunteers like James are key to the club for a successful future.

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

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 **Mark Kerspien** on being awarded the 2020 Life Membership Award.

Mark has been an active contributor to the Winnacott Kats Junior Football Club for 13 years, since his son first began Auskick in 2008.

From the onset Mark undertook the role of Coach and general Committee Member. Over the years Mark has also held the position of Merchandise Manager, Sponsorship Manager, Assistant Coach and for 4 years was the Kats Vice President.

Mark initiated the idea and introduced the Kane Lucas Medallion to the club. Mark also worked with the Kats 2015 Year 11 team and the club to implement the Brad Puls Coaching Recognition Award.

Mark has put in a tremendous amount of time and effort over his time at the Kats, including both team development, assisting other Kats teams and coaches, and in his roles on the Kats committee and in the East Fremantle district.

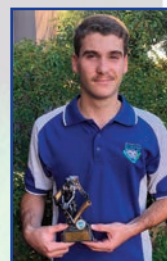
Congratulations Mark and many thanks for your many years of service to the Winnacott Kats Junior Football Club.

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 2020 Junior Life Membership was awarded to the following players:

Levi Cosgriff, Axel Damitz



KANE LUCAS MEDALLION

The Winnacott Kats Kane Lucas Medallion is presented to the player who is voted as best on ground in a Grand Final. 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 2020 the Kats had two teams playing in a Grand Final. The Year 10's and the Year 11/ 12's.



The winner of the Kane Lucas Medallion for the Kats Year 10 team is **Chadd Dunscombe**. This is the third consecutive year that Chadd has received this award.

The Year 11/12 player awarded the Kane Lucas medallion is **Rhys Doig**.



Congratulations and well done to both players.



WKJFC AWARDS 2020

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 club person and coach 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 2020 Brad Puls Coaching Recognition Award is awarded to **Phil Fox**.

Phil was the coach of the inaugural Winnacott Kats girls team in 2018. Phil continued to coach this team in 2019 and 2020.

Phil's passion to improve the girl's knowledge, enjoyment and skills of the game is first class and is an absolute credit to him.

Phil's commitment to the Winnacott Kats Junior Football Club and to the promotion of female AFL has been exemplary.

Congratulations Phil on being awarded the Brad Puls Coaching Recognition Award for 2020.



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 2020 Coach's Award.

Year 7 Panthers

Year 7 Tiger

Year 7/8 Girls

Year 8

Year 9

Year 10

Year 11/12

Theo Uhlmann

Brandyn Gonsalves

Alexandra Waldock and Hailey Headland

Christian Morgan and Zac Carlino

Sam Pittard

Ashton Smith

Levi Cosgriff



Theo Uhlmann



Brandyn Gonsalves



Alexandra Waldock

Hailey Headland



Zac Carlino

Christian Morgan



Sam Pittard



Levi Cosgriff



Ashton Smith



YEAR 10 GRAND FINAL REPORT

THE WINNACOTT KATS YEAR 10'S MET CANNING VALE IN THE 2020 GRAND FINAL ON SUNDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER, 12PM AT SANTICH PARK.

The Winnacott boys got off to a good start in the first quarter to led by 14 points, Winnacott 3.2 - 20 to Canning Vale 1.0 - 6.

In the second quarter Winnacott continued to dominate the game by maintaining possession and playing with great determination and team spirit. At the main break, the boys led by 40 points Winnacott 8.5 - 53 to Canning Vale 2.1 - 13.

Winnacott had faced Canning Vale twice during the home and way season and knew that they are talented footballers who never give up. The Kats had to keep pressing and at three quarter time opened the game up leading by 60 points Winnacott 11.8 - 74 to Canning Vale 2.2 - 14.

Going into the final quarter Winnacott continued to display great team football by sharing the ball around and won the Grand Final by 72 points Winnacott 13.14 - 92 to Canning Vale 3.2 - 20.

Well done to Canning Vale for never giving up and playing a good clean game of footy.

Well done to the Winnacott boys for finishing the season undefeated, no easy task in a very tough competition.

Thanks to our leadership team Captain Jack Johnston and Vice-Captain Ethan Yerkovich.

Grand Final Best Players: The whole team, as there was not one passenger on the day a real TEAM EFFORT.

Congratulations to James Arthurson on winning best afield as adjudicated by the umpires and to Chadd Dunscombe for winning the Kane Lucas Medal.

Anthony Yerkovich

Coach Year 10



YEAR 10 GRAND FINAL



YEAR 11/12 GRAND FINAL REPORT

ARRIVING AT THE GROUND THE BOYS WERE BOTH EXCITED AND NERVOUS.

THE KEY TO A GRAND FINAL IS TO GET AN EARLY JUMP ON THE OPPOSITION AND BE THE FIRST TO SETTLE AND STEADY.

Jandakot came out and hit the scoreboard first, but they did not settle. We went back to the centre and you could see the hustle as Tom Rivers wins the ruck tap straight into Doig's hands and bam a long hit up to Taj, who converts to a goal.

The first quarter was end to end footy, with some very big contests. Rigoli cops a big hit that saw him come off to gather his thoughts, followed by Weiser getting hit hard in a head-to-head contest. Both players went back on and competed at a higher level than ever before. Our forward line was leading well with 'Tin Man' disrupting the opposition's defence structures with his constant leading. We went to the first break two goals up.

Into the second quarter the boys were gaining momentum, however Jandakot weren't allowing us to get too far in front of them. Our defence led by Damon, Andre and Ethan Grant off the half back line was pushing up the ground, giving us plenty of forward pressure. When the ball escaped over the back we had 'Sizzle' in full back just steam rolling through the opposition. Jandakot woke up to this and sent their big guys in to sit on 'Sizzle' and get a few goals back.

In the third term our midfield went extra hard with Linc, Doig, Archie and the 2 wingers Ishi, Riggers and later AX and Weiser all working on the inside to put pressure on the ball. We moved very fast, kicking some excellent goals. Up in the forward line Blurton, Fox and Pickett were kicking goals and the ones they didn't get we had Cozi and Cheyden adding ground pressure to some off the ground goals. We went into the final break about 4 four goals up.

Going into the fourth quarter we knew we would concede a few goals.

Junior footy is all about everyone getting a go. Every player must play at least 50% game time, so you must start moving players around to ensure you hit that target. We had done such a great job managing times with Karoline alerting myself, Stephen and our Team Manager Caroline every five minutes to make sure we stayed on target.

I knew in the first ten minutes of the last quarter that we would have players in positions that probably would challenge them and allow the opposition to kick some goals.

Well, Jandakot seized on that, quickly kicking 3 or 4 straight goals and got to within 5 points of us! A great effort by them. We had eight minutes and with all players now over the 50% threshold we threw everyone back into their killer positions and banged 3 goals in five minutes. We ended up winning the game by 19 points.

What a moment! Year 11/12 – Division 1 Grand Final winners!

The large crowd that had come to watch was amazing. This made the atmosphere very exciting. When that final siren sounded the crowd on the side-lines rushed onto the ground and into the celebrating players' huddle. It was a great sporting moment to watch.

The Umpires were fantastic, with the main field umpire saying it was one of the best, most exciting games he had ever umpired and was impressed by both teams for their maturity and for simply playing good, fair and hard football.

What was your GF best moment?

"Dario streaming out of the backline with the ball tucked under his wing and his little legs spinning and spinning. Then he gets tackled and loses the ball, but he bounces back up and he just kept tackling and tackling, until the ball was cleared away from the defence. He was smiling from ear to ear and then almost collapsed and literally crawled to the Coaches tent to come off and rest up."

"Sizzle's mark in defence was unreal. The big man gets up over everyone and he's like 90kg and normally can't jump over a blade of grass."

"Loved it when 'Tin Man' sprints to the bench for his rotation and Coach goes jeezus Tinny that's the fastest I've ever seen you run fella."

"Pickett in the third slams the ball down and the ball literally dribbles across the goal line."

"Tin Man marks high in the pocket in the third. He lines it up and kicks a great goal from that angle. Then he starts to wave his arms and celebrate at the crowd who were all screaming with him."

"Andre getting all hyped up by his mates in the crowd. There were about fifty of his and Julz's mates who came down to barrack them on. Andre marks and then goes to kick, but he stubs the ground, and the ball goes rolling along the turf."

"Blurton's goal at the end! Linc kicks the ball into the forwards who all lead out hard and the ball slips out the back. With Blurton's ground speed he scoops it up and slots it through along the ground like an AFL player! Eddy Betts eat your heart out!"

"The final siren-the sweetest sound"

"When the siren went, and I knew all the hard work had paid off"

"Oh, definitely seeing Weiser and Andre hugging and crying was so brilliant"

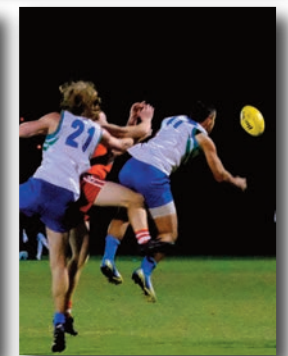
"Seeing Coach look over to me, nod and give one of his smiles was the best feeling as I knew that he knew how important this was to us all"

Mark Kerspian

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