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2021 Yearbook



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

On behalf of everyone at the Morley Bulldogs Junior Football Club, I would like to thank our committee members, coaches, team managers, sponsors and parent volunteers for their support in season 2021.

This year, the Morley Bulldogs has gone from strength to strength, both on and off the field.

Some of our on field highlights included:

- Registrations were up by 13.31% with 366 players representing the Club this year;
- We nearly doubled our female participation, inclusive of a merger with the Bayswater Bears Junior Football Club Year 9/10 girls, who together with the Morley girls, made the grand final – a Club first for the female program;
- Five of our youth sides made the finals and three qualified for grand finals;
- Two of our youth sides won their grand finals (the Year 7 boys and the Year 10 boys);
- Our Year 9/10 girls were runners up in the grand final and received our first flag for the girls' program at our Club;
- Five of our Youth players were invited to attend the Central Conference Best and Fairest Medal Night and three won awards, namely Tyrone Virgo (11/12), Bailey Harbour (10) and Lachlan McGlade (7). Two additional players were announced as runners up, Tahni Lutter (9/10 Girls) and Brian Nokes (8), and numerous other players achieved top 10 finishes across their age groups, which was very impressive;
- The acquisition and funding of one set of indigenous jumpers for our male youth side;
- The acquisition of a full set of new jumpers for all female football program teams;
- A number of 50 game and 100 game milestones achieved;
- A group of our senior youth players playing at the WAFL colts and reserves levels; and
- A number of our youth players invited to train in specialist teams and academies.



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Whilst that was our success on the field, we have had a pretty big year off the field too!

It was my first year as President, so the Club had to put up with me fumbling my way through.

We have had the continued support of our major sponsors, Shane Ross (Harcourts - Ross Realty), Troy's Auto Refinishing and Ezetax who are all mid-way through their multi-year deals with the Club. We also had the continued support of Grill'd and Maccas for our sports awards, and welcomed new sponsor, General Public Food Co this year too.

We launched a new website and trialled the Team App in our senior girls and boys sides this year, with the intention of a full rollout across the Club in season 2022.

Probably the most significant news off field, which I am really proud to announce, is that as a Club we have been successful in securing support from the the State Government and the City of Bayswater to fund the installation of 100 lux lights at RA Cook Reserve next year.

This is a significant moment for the Club as it will finally make it possible for us to host night football games. This is an excellent result, in particular, for our booming female program, meaning these team will no longer need to play home games at night, at away grounds. This will involve some work over the off season but is a significant milestone for the Club.

Our Club has arguably the best volunteer base in the competition and the significant on field and off field success is 100% attributable to our great committee members, team officials and parent volunteers who spend so much time volunteering their time to the Club and its members.



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In the off season, be sure to stay in touch with your teams and I would encourage you, if interested, to come forward and fulfil a role on the Committee. There are exciting times ahead for the Club and the future is bright - it will continue to improve and we need your continued support.

Personally, this was my first year as President of the Club and I was very lucky to have the majority of the Committee from prior years return to perform their roles at the Club and guide me during this first year as the President. I want to thank everyone for welcoming me onto the Committee and also want to thank the new committee members who joined this year and who have had a real impact at the Club.

It would be remiss of me not to make special mention of Anne Glossop, who is retiring as our Canteen Manager, a role which she has performed exceptionally over the years, long after her children finished their playing years at the Club. The entire competition will miss her and her efforts at both the RA Cook and EB Browne canteens. We toasted Anne and her retirement well on EB Browne night.

I want to make special mention of both Ross Condo and John Pinneri for their valuable support throughout the year in getting to know and understand the role.

My personal thanks too, to Michael Littleton, Will Corbett, Roy Lombardi, Rhonda D'Amico, Chad Mollett and the whole "support crew" from the Year 11-12 side who have made performing both a coaching role and the Presidency as easy as it could be.

Our Club Registrar, Kelly Sims, also needs to be highly commended for her tireless efforts, even during significant ill health during the busiest period of the year.



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However, no one has been more supportive of me in this role this year, except perhaps my wife, than Anna Lombardi (pictured right). Anna is probably going to enjoy the off season and not receiving constant emails, phone calls and questions from the new President. Anna is our Club Secretary, as well as team manager, timekeeper, scorer and jumper washer week in and week out for the Year 11-12 side. Having been at the Club for an eternity, I am pretty sure Anna bleeds, red, white and blue!

In that regard, it was a really easy decision for me to award Anna our Club Volunteer of the Year in 2021. Anna was presented with her award at the WAFC Centrals Conference Volunteers and Club Awards of Excellence Gala Night. Congratulations, Anna!

Take care in the off season and I look forward to seeing you all back at RA Cook for season 2022!

Todd Zani
President



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VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Season 2021 started with the hope that it may be a nearly-normal season. The 2020 season was a day-by-day proposition, so we waited to see the outcome in early February and the green light was given to kick off with training at the least. Thankfully, being in WA, we achieved a whole season and so much more!

Todd Zani

With the departure of our very hard-working president Ross Condo at the end of season 2020, there was a need to fill big shoes. Thankfully Todd Zani stepped forward to take on the role. His administration skills were perfectly suited and he performed above and beyond what was required for the position. Todd took it upon himself to single-handedly initiate discussions with stakeholders and third parties to make the new lighting system at RA Cook a reality. Thanks to Todd's brilliant efforts, new, suitable lighting will be up and running in the second half of 2022 allowing the Club to hold official night games and providing a much better environment for those who train at the ground. Well done Todd!

Anne Glossop

It was with great sadness that Anne decided to end her long career as Canteen Manager at the end of this season. Her time at the club stretched well past 10 years and thankfully for us, Anne stayed on board for the last two years when we struggled to find a replacement. Her time at the club began like all of us with her son Ethan joining Auskick and progressing through to the final year of junior football. In that time Anne has become not just the greatest Canteen Manager in junior football, but a wonderful friend to all. We will miss her very much.

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VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Canteen

Following on from Anne's departure, it is fitting that in her final year we have had possibly our best takings in the history of the Club. Without Anne's guidance and the fantastic efforts of all our volunteers, this could not have been achieved. The possibility of taking the day-to-day running of the canteen in a new direction is currently under discussion. It has become harder and harder to attract volunteers in this ever-busy world and this would suggest a different approach is needed.

Committee

As someone who never sought to be on the Committee, let alone Vice President of this amazing Club, it has been a privilege and a joy to be involved with such a wonderful group of people. I have had the great fortune to share many special times and laughs with all those along for the journey over the last 10 years. As mentioned at the AGM, the President, Treasurer, Secretary and I have a use-by-date and can totally recommend the role to anyone who may have an interest in sharing a special time in their lives with others at a brilliant junior football club.

Congratulations

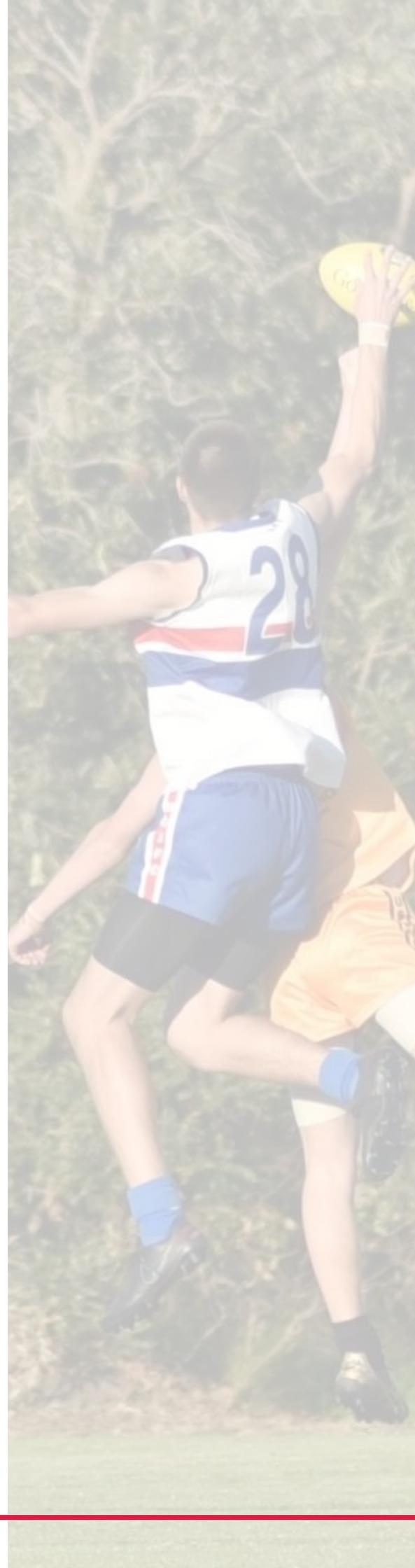
My congratulations go to the three teams that competed in their respective grand finals. Unfortunately, the girls Yr 9-10 team didn't win the ultimate prize. It was an outstanding achievement to make it to the grand final. Well done to the Year 7 Blue team and the Year 10 boys team, both taking out the premiership in their divisions.

Lastly, thank you to my wife Barb. It's this time every year where I get to know her again.

John Pinneri

Vice President

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CLUB REGISTRATIONS 2021

366

PLAYERS REGISTERED

13%

**INCREASE IN
REGISTRATIONS FROM
SEASON 2020 TO
2021**

2X

**INCREASE IN FEMALE
PARTICIPATION FROM
SEASON 2020 TO
2021**

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COACHING COORDINATOR'S REPORT

The 2021 season was fantastic from my perspective - there were no complaints about any of our coaches or assistant coaches, which tells me they are teaching the boys and girls the right way to play AFL football.

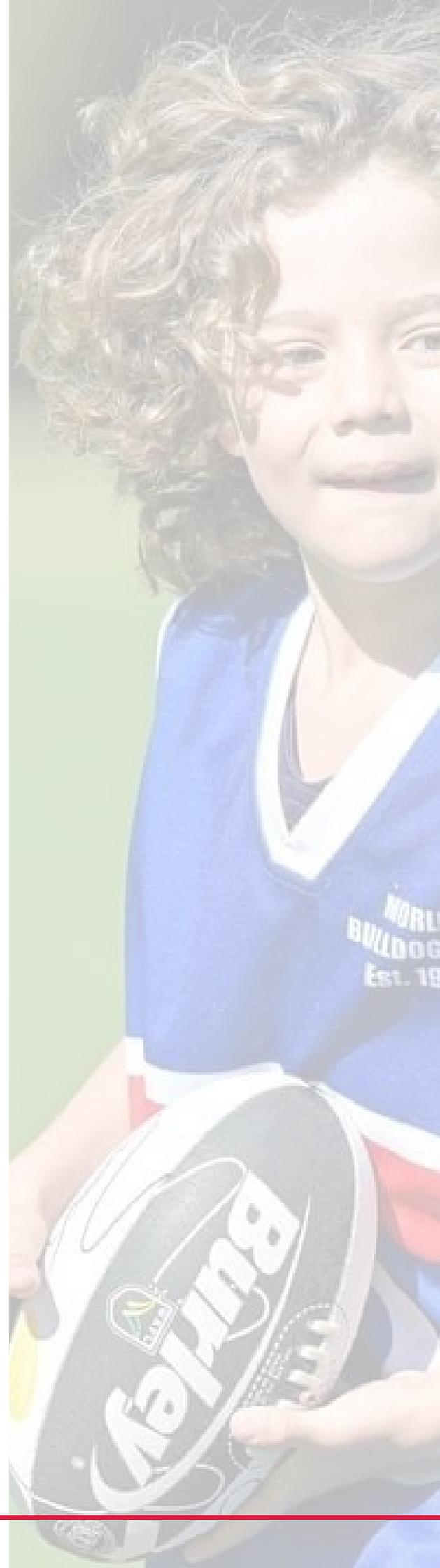
I'm really proud of the way our coaches hold themselves at training and more importantly, on game day - we show respect to the opposition, to the umpires, and to parents on both sides.

We held a coaching session at our clubrooms in June and this was well attended by our coaches, with more than half making the effort to gain further knowledge.

From a personal point of view, I was given the opportunity to be involved with the East Perth Coaching Academy and the East Perth under 14s development squad. What this has reinforced to me is that the kids need to be taught the fundamentals - ground balls, kicking, handballing, marking, and tackling at every age group and level of football.

Coaching should not be about winning and losing at the junior level - it is about the kids having fun and developing their skills. If they want to progress their football in the future, it is not going to be about how well their team has gone, it will be about how well they can do the fundamentals. This will continue to be a focus for our coaches in 2022.

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COACHING COORDINATOR'S REPORT

This leads me to formally congratulate Adam Paige for winning the WAFC Metro Central Youth Coach of the Year. Adam heads up the Bulldogs female program and coached the Year 9-10 girls to a grand final. Adam has been instrumental in the significant increase in female participation at the Morley Bulldogs and thoroughly deserves his award.

Thanks to the Club's coaches and to the Committee for their support, especially President Todd Zani.

See you in Season 2022.

Travis Rawlins
Coaching Cordinator

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FEMALE FOOTBALL COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Our fourth year of girls' football is in the books, our third as a stand-alone venture. What began in 2018 with just three girls signed up in our Y5-6 group, came full circle with just three girls signed up for our first ever Y9-10 team.

We've come a long way since then, with close to 70 girls playing footy in 2021.

Our female program was launched in 2018, at a time when a licence was required to field a female team. Through the tireless work of then Club President Ross Condo and Vice-President JP, it was granted to us just a few weeks before the season started. Our first season was just a Y5-6 team, with a merger with Noranda required to get us on the field. Nine girls officially registered as Morley players that year, eight of whom played in 2021.

Season 2019 saw our first ever stand-alone team, with 20 players registered for Y5-6. This was my first season as Coach and Female Coordinator after de-facto overseeing it in 2018.

The girls had a dominant season, losing just once by four points, but more importantly started setting the groundwork for the sportsmanship and fun that epitomises our club and is the envy of other clubs.

Season 2020 saw the introduction of two teams for the first time. The original Y5-6 girls moved up to the first-ever Y7-8 team, and Baden Radford coached the next wave of Y5-6 stars.

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FEMALE FOOTBALL COORDINATOR'S REPORT

We had 36 girls registered (20 in Y7-8 and 16 in Y5-6). The Y7-8 girls missed out on a club-first finals spot due to COVID, finishing third as the youngest team in the competition, with the top two going straight to the grand final.

In season 2020 we also launched the Club's first-ever indigenous jersey. What started as a fun little jersey colouring competition to keep the girls entertained during the first lockdown, ended with a design by year-five student Paige Pearce being recreated and immortalised. This was fully funded by the players and parents.

This season was our biggest ever! Teams in three different age groups, covering years four to 10, and for a couple of rounds, four teams! As a club, we've grown from three to nearly 70 players in just four years.

Year 7-8 had the first-ever female derby at the Club before merging together after the comp went from 12-aside to 15-aside. Our Y5-6s were untouchable all season and played fast-paced and hard, only losing twice.

The 7-8 team started like a rocket and were top of the table after round five, but after regrading and a move up to the top division, the dreaded injury curse kicked in and the girls lost some tough ones. Despite this, just one wayward kicking night at Kalamunda was the difference between making the finals and missing out.

A phenomenal effort by first-year coach Rod Wilken and assistant Debi Adams and all the girls. Our year 9-10 girls had a season of contrasts, punctuated with massive highs and some sad lows. Read more about this in the full team report.

We have continued our push to make our program one of the most fun and rewarding, with initiatives like our third annual parents v kids night, training sessions with West Coast Eagles players like Parris Laurie, Spirit of the Game Awards for opposition teams, and promoting fun before results.

Our female program is recognised as one of the best because we follow the Club motto of "Why We Play". Our girls have featured on the big screen at the WACA, their image is used for the WAFC Spirit of the Game by-laws, and they are constantly praised as one of the nicest teams around. This is a testament to the coaches, players, parents, and everyone involved. Thank you one and all.

I was humbled to receive the East Perth Coach of the Year Award for Youth Football this year. This is for all teams, both boys and girls in the high school age group. Congratulations to Debi Adams on being our first female coach, you did an outstanding job all year.

With the Club finally being approved for a lighting upgrade in 2022, some of our girls will play their first home games in more than two years, a huge moment. There is so much happening in 2022, you don't want to miss out!

Adam Paige

Female Football Coordinator



2021 COMMITTEE



Our dedicated, passionate and hard working Committee is made up entirely of volunteers who, along with our amazing Bulldogs' families, work to make our Club so strong. Thank you to our 2021 committee members:

Todd Zani
President

John Pinneri
Vice President

Anna Lombardi
Secretary

David Higgins
Treasurer

Kellie Sims
Registrar

Travis Rawlins
Coaches Coordinator

Adam Paige
Female Football Coordinator
Social 'Paiges' Coordinator

Ryan Carey
Auskick Coaching Coordinator

Aaron Beecroft
Auskick Admin Coordinator

Ross Condo
Merchandise

Anne Glossop
Canteen Coordinator

Kris Armstrong
General Committee



OUR SPONSORS

The Club is supported by our valued sponsors, whose contributions help fund resources, such as uniforms and playing equipment, and our weekly sports achievement awards. Get behind those that are behind the Club.

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Sponsors:





CLUB RECOGNITION

The WAFC 2021 Central Conference Volunteers and Club Awards of Excellence Gala Night was held on Friday, 24 September and the Bulldogs Committee were out in force to celebrate another fantastic season.

Paul Robinson was awarded District Life Membership.

District Life Memberships are awarded to volunteers on the criteria of the length of service given to their District, efforts in enhancing and promoting the game of football, providing assistance to the junior competition, the RDC/WAFC/WAFL, and developing initiatives that have made a positive impact in the community.

Adam Paige was presented with the Coach of the Year Award (Mods - Royals).

The criteria for these awards include: Coach AFL accreditation compliance, active on-going development through education sessions, demonstrating coaching principles in line with WAFC requirements and being a positive role model living by the True Sport Values of give back, bring your best, have fun, be safe, be healthy, play fair, show respect, and include all.

Anna Lombardi was presented with a 2021 Club Person of the Year Award.

These special plaques are awarded to a member of each community club that has gone above and beyond in their role as a volunteer. The recipients of the award are nominated by their club and can be very proud of the recognition of their effort by their own club members.

Congratulations to our Morley Bulldogs Junior Football Club award recipients. Your ongoing contributions to junior football and our Club are very much appreciated.

AWARD RECIPIENTS

PAUL ROBINSON

EAST PERTH DISTRICT



ADAM PAIGE

MORLEY JFC



JANELLE KEENAN

ANNA LOMBARDI



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This year we were proud to announce two perpetual awards which will be presented on an annual basis by Anne Glossop and Paul Robinson, volunteers who have made significant contributions to the Morley Bulldogs Junior Football Club.

The Anne Glossop Award is obviously named in honour of Anne who will be stepping away from the Club this year. Anne is a much loved and respected volunteer at the Club whose service has been second to none.

She has served as our Canteen Manager for many years and continued to perform that role long after the last of her kids had finished their playing days at the Club.

Anne's reputation within the Morley Junior Football Club community and the greater junior football community is outstanding and we will sorely miss her in future years. We wish her well and we are proud to name an award in her honour.

This award will be presented to the Club's top female player, someone who has been outstanding and has excelled on the field across the season - the player that has scored the highest total votes in the Fairest and Best voting across all female youth grade teams.

Congratulations to our inaugural Anne Glossop Award recipient, Tyra Duguid (Year 7-8 girls team).



PERPETUAL AWARDS

The second perpetual award established this year is the Paul Robinson Award, named in honour of Paul who performed numerous roles at the Club from 2003 through to 2014, including Vice President (2011) and President (2012 - 2014). Paul was instrumental in changing the Club, arguably making it what it is today, and priding himself on having a positive, family-first club.

Paul oversaw an amazingly successful period for the Club, both on and off the field. This included a significant purple patch with the side his son played in enjoying a four-year period where they won four flags in a row and were undefeated.

The boys started as Auskick teammates, growing up through the age groups and achieving great success.

This award will be presented to the Club's top male player, a player who has been outstanding and excelled on the field across the season. The player that scores the highest total votes in the Fairest and Best voting across all male youth grade teams will become the award recipient for that season.

Congratulations to our inaugural Paul Robinson Award recipient, Lachlan McGlade (Year 7 boys team).



DOGGIES' CANTEEN

Thank you to our Morley Bulldogs family and visiting families for supporting the Morley Bulldogs' canteen during the 2021 season.

As well as providing the best food and smiles in the league, did you know our canteen is a major source of Club revenue?

Your humble sausage sizzle helps fund the equipment, uniforms, and other resources which make our Club awesome. Your volunteer shifts mean even more funds can go towards those resources.

Your purchases allowed us to maintain the lowest fees for registration going around.

So, if you've enjoyed a Morley Bulldogs' egg and bacon roll or sausage sizzle on game day ... thank you; if you've stopped and said a big 'good morning' to Anne and the weekly canteen volunteers on game day ...thank you; if you bought a bag of mixed lollies as a game day treat ... thank you, and if you've put your hand up to volunteer in our canteen on game day ... thank you!

Thank you, Anne!

Anne Glossop is an outstanding and seemingly permanent fixture at the Morley Bulldogs Junior Football Club as our beloved Canteen Manager.

The 2021 season was Anne's last in the role - her grown-up son left the Club a while ago, but Anne just couldn't bear to leave us, until now!

Anne, we can't thank you enough for the support, motivation, smiles and chats. We'll miss you, and we wish you all the very best. Enjoy your relaxing winter weekends ...

UMPIRE APPRECIATION ROUND



Round three of season 2021 was Umpire Appreciation round, with all players, coaches, and spectators coming together to thank our umpires for the integral roles that they play in our games.

Each week coaches acknowledge the umpire and shake their hand prior to and at the completion of the game, and players give three cheers for the umpire, but in round three we all went that extra mile.

Teams turned it up a little louder for the umpire's cheer, players posed for photos with their umpire after the game, and spectators showed their appreciation as a mark of respect.

With more than 2,100 games of community football each weekend, umpires play a critical role in our game.

The Bulldogs are committed to ensuring that all umpires are respected and thanked for the role they play in our game each and every week.

UMPIRES



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SOCK IT TO SARCOMA ROUND

During round eight we coordinated our annual Sock it to Sarcoma round.

Players, coaches, team officials, and families were encouraged to wear one Morley Bulldogs sock accompanied by an odd sock on the other foot to help raise funds and awareness for Sock it to Sarcoma.

Sarcoma is a group of rare primary bone and soft tissue tumours, given a number of different names depending on the type of tissue from which they arise. The causes of sarcoma, including whether there are any underlying genetic links, are not yet established. This is the reason why more research into the molecular biology and etiology is so crucial.

The Bulldogs' family came out in force to support the campaign this year, raising almost \$600 from gold coin donations in the process.



SOCKS



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NAIDOC WEEK ROUND

Round nine was NAIDOC Week round. Across this weekend, clubs came together in a powerful stance against racism of any kind.

The NAIDOC Week theme this year was Heal Country! - and called for all of us to continue to seek greater protections for our lands, our waters, our sacred sites and our cultural heritage.



Before each game, teams took the opportunity to come together, arm in arm, to celebrate and acknowledge the wonderful contributions indigenous players, families and culture bring to our game.

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THANK A VOLUNTEER ROUND



Round 12 provided the opportunity to celebrate 'Thank a Volunteer Round' across the Central Conference.

This round was dedicated to those who volunteer their time to grow our great game.

From the committee members to the coaches, team managers, game officials, first aiders, siren blowers, goal umpires, jumper washers, canteen volunteers, cheer squads and everyone in between, we said thank you.

The WA Football Commission and Metro Central Regional Development Council also sent a massive thank you to all volunteers who dedicate their time in rain, hail, or shine to contribute to the growth of junior footy.

Volunteers are the lifeblood of community football and without the tireless work of thousands of volunteers across the state, not a single game of footy could be played.

VOLUNTEERS



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It's always a fun season for the Auskick pups.

Seeing the kids learn new skills, make new friends and grow in confidence is what it's all about.



This year we were able to enjoy the Auskick favourites - gala days, Friday night under lights, and superhero round, plus an AFLW round where members of our female sides came down to lend a hand and inspire the players of the future.

Thank you to the parents, family and friends who helped out with the training drills and games each week. The kids loved it and so did the coaches!

A huge shout out as well, to everyone who put their hand up to volunteer in the canteen. The hotdogs always taste better when your mum or dad is on duty.

We can't wait to get back into it in 2022!

AUSKICK



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The move up to the modified junior football competition was pretty exciting for the year-three boys.

There was plenty of team bonding throughout the season, including an intra-team game under a giant rainbow, followed by pizza for dinner.

Singing the Club song after every game was a huge highlight - we even challenged other year-three teams in the League to sing their songs louder and prouder.

Each week the team gave it their very best, but one of the standouts was a rainy day in May. It was our first wet weather game and not one player stopped trying, even when the rain was pelting down and footy boots were filling up with water!

Thank you to the boys for always showing great sportsmanship, helping each other, cheering each other on, and playing so hard against us when extra players were needed by the opposition.

Huge thanks must also go to our weekly volunteers, as well as our coaches and team manager.

Keep singing the song in the off-season boys, ready for another big year in 2022!

YEAR 3



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The 4 Blue boys were itching to get back on the field at the start of the season. They were also keen to belt out the Club song again!

After training hard during the pre-season, the boys enjoyed the successes which followed. They've become a really close-knit team and love nothing better than celebrating birthdays with a loud and spirited birthday song, and awards with big cheers.

We played one of our coldest games ever this season - warming up on icy grass was a first and defrosting wasn't fun, but we pushed through and had an awesome game.



Ask any of the boys about their favourite game and they'll probably say our NAIDOC game against Ballajurra, where we wore the Club's indigenous jerseys with pride. The welcome to country before the game and exchanging gifts afterward showed respect for each other and for all people of the First Nations. It was an opportunity for both clubs to stand as one against racism of any kind.

We also loved a good derby against 4 White. Every game played is competitive, but a ton of fun - and you can't beat a double-volume rendition of the song after the game!

It was another brilliant season and special thanks must go to our parent volunteers, coaches, and our team manager extraordinaire.

See you all next season for more Bulldogs fun.

4B



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BARK was the keyword of the season for the 4W boys in 2021.

The team was all about bark, not bite - Behaviour (B), Accomplishment (A), Respect (R), and Kudos (K) and these team values were circulated and owned by the 4W family all year.

Under the strong and passionate leadership of Coach Kris and Assistant Coach Damian, and supported by Team Managers Kylie and Clare and the amazing parent group, the boys from four local primary schools have become one team of good mates.



There was a big focus on core skills this year, as well as increasing the boys' understand of the game. Our opposition probably wondered if we were all mad each week, hearing the coaches (and players on the ground) calling out, "Build the ring!", "Spread like butter!", in addition to the usual, "Find a player!", "Use the wing!". It all paid off though, with the boys now able to read the game well and support each other on and off ground.

We thrived in all weather conditions this year - wet, sunny, (very) windy, extreme cold and we even played on frozen grass!

The 4W boys embraced the spirit of the game all year, wearing black armbands in memory of a teammate's grandfather, going all out for the Sock it to Sarcoma round, coming together with our opposition to respectfully acknowledge the NAIDOC round, and showing our appreciation during the umpire and volunteer rounds.



We also celebrated birthdays with loud renditions of "Happy Birthday" - complete with a Bulldogs' water drenching in the huddle and played that little bit harder when Greater Western Sydney Captain Stephen Coniglio came to watch a game.

Our 4W family was next level all year and nothing was too much trouble for our parent group.

From first aid to jumper washing, multiple canteen duties, timekeeping, goal umpiring, and anything in between, our parents, extended families, and friends were always there to support the boys and the Club. We couldn't be more grateful as they've helped strengthen our team and made the season a loud, fun-filled one.



4W



This year was a challenging year for the Year 5 Blue boys - a building year, as they say in the big league.

We lost two players from our Year 4 squad to another club this year but the boys made an enthusiastic start to the season and improved as the weeks progressed. We trialled training twice a week, with half of the boys showing up for the additional Tuesday training session. Most of the boys came to Thursday training and had a lot of fun.

The boys put in their best effort on game day, and we really enjoyed seeing their skills improve.

Our assistant coach Dani Stephen helped guide the team, supported by our runner, Brad White. Nicole Tedesco and Naomi Harrop made sure the team scrubbed up well, washing the jumpers each week.

The help from our team manager Damien Issacs was amazing. His organisational efforts and communication with the parents was second to none.

Thank you to all the parents who helped in the canteen and on the barbecue. Great work!

One of the highlights each week was looking at photos from our game. Thanks to David Stephen, we had some fabulous action shots!

We're looking forward to season 2022, and hoping to build our skills and friendships. Go Bulldogs!

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We've loved watching the boys grow this year - both in height and skill level!

They trained hard each week and tried their absolute best on game day. They're a passionate bunch who show great respect for the opposition and each other.

One memorable moment of the season came when the boys joined forces with the Mt Hawthorn Cardinals to sing the team song after their game. It's the same song, except we sing "red, white and blue" and the boys loved it!

Thank you to our fantastic parent group for the support and hours of volunteering across the season, from canteen duty to goal umpiring, jumper washing, and first aid.

To our coaches and team manager, thank you for everything you do to build the team and make things run smoothly all season.

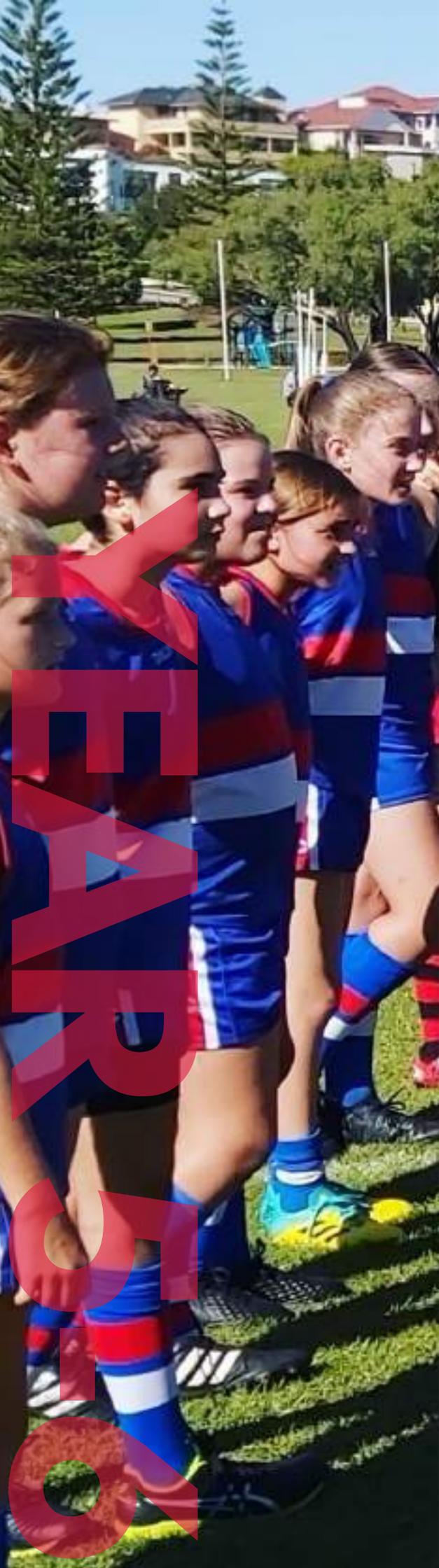
Boys of 5 White, keeping kicking during the summer, ready for another big year next year.

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Our year 5-6s played a fast-paced and hard brand of football all season.

They were almost unstoppable, losing only twice, but most importantly they had so much fun all year.

Word must have spread about how fun we have because we welcomed many new faces this year, all eager to learn new skills and play in such a supportive environment.

We loved seeing friendships and bonds grow, with the girls always looking out for each other and sharing a real love of the game.

We wore the Club's indigenous jerseys and stood as one with the Upper Swan Football Club for NAIDOC round, saying no to racism, honouring our First Nations people, and respecting their contribution to the country and the game.

The chance to play at half-time during our club day at the East Perth Football Club was also a big moment for many of our girls - as was the chance to gather in the changerooms with the year 4, 5, and 6 players to roar the Bulldogs song!

Family support has been next level all year and we thank our wider 5-6 family for your volunteer contributions, cheers, and enthusiasm.

To our coaches and team manager, thank you for everything, as always.

Enjoy the break, everyone - season 2022 awaits...

YEAR 5-6



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We enjoyed coaching the boys this year, and it felt good to have everyone back from 2020, plus some new additions.

The first game of the season was a bit of a shock, we needed to do a lot of work to get more competitive.

With more losses and a few wins as the season progressed, we could see the boys progressively kicking better, improving their handballs, and marking well.

We were very impressed to not lose any players during the season. The boys always turned up to training and played to the best of their ability.

For every game we played, there were different players who stood out. Whether it was tackling really hard, centre tap-outs with possession, or kicking to open spaces to run onto the ball, the whole team played amazingly.

The last two games of the season stood out the most, with really high-intensity levels. There were big tackles, handballs, kicks with marks to players on the move, new players outstanding in the middle, and one player even kicked a goal in the last few seconds.

During the season we had ten players reach the 50 game milestones. The ten players were George, Charlie, Patrick, Orlando, Drew, Adam, Lachlan, Jayden, Tahj, and Kynan. We were very proud of the players for making it to 50 games - onwards and upwards to 100 games!

We also had ten players who were lucky enough to play an exhibition match on Optus Stadium at half time during the West Coast Eagles vs Richmond Tigers game. The players got to experience the Fremantle Dockers' rooms and were kitted out in Dockers' uniforms. Unfortunately, the Tigers' little league outfits were lost to COVID-19 protocols. It was a rare opportunity and such a fantastic experience (complete with a close-up on-field Dusty Martin tongue salute and even some Tigers' low fives).



A big thanks to all the helpers during the season too. Amy as first aid officer, Jason our game day manager, and all the parents who goal umpired and undertook canteen duties. A special thanks to the parents who yelled support from the sidelines.

We hope the boys enjoyed being coached by us as we worked to help them become stronger players.

We'd love to see the whole team back next year for another great season.



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For Year 6 White, 2021 marked another fantastic year of growth and development, both individually and collectively as a team.

Each one of the 17 boys that played in 2020 returned this year, and we were fortunate to add two more talented and committed boys to the team for 2021 in Lachlan Williams and Sefton Parry.

With the majority of the playing group having played together over the past four years, we were able to celebrate nine 50 game milestones this year! To this end, it is again worth congratulating Lachlan Nicolaou, Hayden Miranda, Antoni Di Cesare, Rafferty Carter, Aidan Reynolds, Finn O'Driscoll, Kai Rawson, Jesse Bonanno, and Riley Turner for achieving this significant milestone.

The strong numbers in 6W are a testament to the leadership and organisation at the Club more broadly, and the positive culture that has been created within the team. As a playing group, we play to a set of core values: Respect; Teamwork; and Effort. These values have guided the team over the past two years in how we train, how we compete, and how we play together as a team.

As a team, we were very competitive in 2021, and with a strong list were able to "loan" our players to opposition clubs when they were short. While all the boys preferred to stay in the Bulldogs jumper, when their number was called to play for the opposition, they did so willingly and with a great competitive spirit. For many, it provided the opportunity to go just that little bit harder when playing against their mates!

This provided one of the highlights (or lowlights depending on your perspective!) for the year at 6W when one of our players, Eric Chaffer, kicked an impressive three goals in the last quarter playing for the opposition in what was a close game.

The other highlight for a number of boys and parents this year was the opportunity to play at the Eagles v Richmond game in front of 55,000 fans at Optus Stadium. This was a memorable experience that was made all the more special when the Eagles came from behind to win in one of the games of the season.





It has been a pleasure coaching such a terrific group of boys again this season. The team's success, however, is the sum of many parts - from the commitment the boys made each week to improve their skills at training; to the tireless support of our coaching group of Geoff DeSanges (Assistant Coach), Jarron Turner (Team Manager), Alison Rawson (Communications) and Michael Crompton (First Aid); and our unbelievable parents and extended families who turned up each and every week to cheer on our boys.

As a team, we are incredibly proud of our achievements this year, but our attention is now firmly focussed on 2022 and the goal of playing finals!

Until then, go Doggies!

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This is the first season where we played with an official scoreboard and premiership points so our boys started to think about winning and losing and their ladder position.

After the re-grade in round five, we were able to play some really strong team orientated football and only lost one game in the regular season from this point. The boys were asked in the middle of the season if they wanted the coaches to stop talking about having fun and have more of a focus on finishing the season as high on the ladder as possible. Their overwhelming response was that they wanted to focus on winning the premiership.

Once the narrative changed, the boys really took to the task of improving their teamwork and their positivity with each other. We ended up finishing on top which was fantastic, but then we lost the first semi final to Ballajura, which was very disappointing and upsetting for the players. We did however, earn the right to a second chance and we took it, beating Ellenbrook in the preliminary final. We were really proud of how the boys dealt with adversity and some challenging situations in both games, keeping focused on the Bulldogs' values.

We met Ballajura in the grand final and it was a close game throughout - we were up by five points at three-quarter time. Our team dominated in the last quarter and we locked it in our forward half, scoring 2.11 to 0.0 for the quarter, and running out winners by 28 points. The premiership was an awesome achievement and the boys, parents and coaches were all over the moon!

From a player point of view, we welcomed new players Lachlan McGlade, Connor Hutton and Oliver Kennedy who all contributed significantly to the team. Lachlan had an amazing year - winning the Association Fairest and Best, Morley Bulldogs Year 7B Fairest and Best, Best on Ground in the grand final and the inaugural Paul Robinson Award. Connor played hard all throughout the season but his grand final was an awesome game. Oliver improved significantly from the start of the season in what was his first ever season of football.



Congratulations to our EB Browne Award winners:

Fairest and Best - Lachlan McGlade. An unbelievable season for Lachlan who just dominated in every game he played.

Runner Up Fairest and Best - Murray Yarran. Played in every position and dominated. Missed a few games including the semi final loss, and showed great resilience in the preliminary final and grand final to play with a broken finger.

Player's Choice - Jeeomarra McGuire. Just missed out on the runner-up fairest and best by a couple of votes, Jeeomarra had another amazing season in the backline and occasionally in the midfield. Jett Levings also received a lot of votes in this award, which shows the level of respect the team has for these players.

Most Improved - Campbell Tonkin. Steadily improved from the Auskick days, but this season Campbell took it to another level. He has become a high-quality player who can be relied on for contested ground balls, contested marks and solid goal kicking. Perry Papalazaros and Oliver Kennedy were also strong considerations for this award due to their improvement this season.

Coaches Award - Nicholas Kularatne. Such a coachable player, Nicholas never asked to play in a certain position, never mucked around at training, always listened to instructions, and helped to bring his teammates in line when they were mucking around. Rhett Rawlins, Jeeomarra McGuire, and Parker Rigby were also strong contenders for this award.



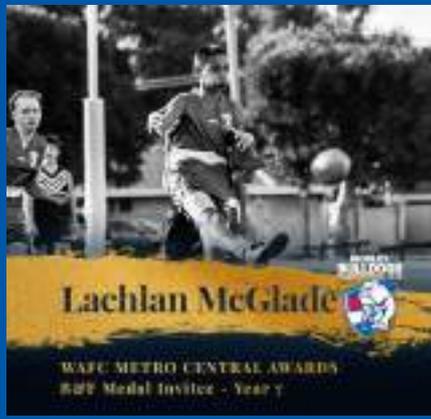
Jean-Paul Marion played his 50th game early in the season, which was a great celebration.

Thank you to our assistant coaches Michael Jackson and Troy Rigby, team manager Shane Tonkin, Adam Paige and Jerome Kennedy for their interchange and SportsTG assistance, and the Tedesco family for washing the footy jumpers.

Special thanks to the parent group once again for their support, and positive feedback. The way we conduct ourselves as parents and supporters on game day is something each club and team should aspire towards.

We look forward to next season, hopefully with all 18 players back, as well as some new players who have shown interest in playing with us.





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We had some great battles this season, putting in the hard yards and persevering until we enjoyed our first win of the season in emphatic style!

This year, the 7 White boys were also proud to stand with Ellenbrook White against racism as part of the NAIDOC round. The pre-game ceremony was a powerful moment for both clubs.

The boys attended their first EB Browne Awards night and we congratulate our 2021 winners:

- Fairest and Best - Archie Palmer
- Runner-Up Fairest and Best - Zaine Sims-Dann
- Players Choice - Maliki Hansen
- Coaches Award - Alex Cattai
- Most Improved - Reef Tyson-Knox



Huge thanks to everyone for their volunteering efforts this season. Your contributions are always appreciated.

Thank you too, to our coaches, support crew and team manager for everything you do to support and build our team.

Take care over the break and see you next year!



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Year 7-8 had the first-ever female derby at the Club before merging together after the competition went from 12-aside to 15-aside.

The 7-8 team started like a rocket and were top of the table after round five.

After regrading and a move up to the top division, injuries took hold and the team lost some tough ones.

They narrowly missed out on finals, so the girls are keen to go one step further next year.

Congratulations to our 2021 EB Browne Award winners:

- Fairest and Best - Tyra Duguid
- Runner-Up Fairest and Best - Sophia Harris
- Players Choice - Fulori Laqui
- Coaches Award - Ayla Woolridge
- Most Improved - Mackenzie Duff

Thank you to everyone who volunteered and helped out during the season, we couldn't run the club or the team without you.

We'd also be lost without our coaches, team manager, and game-day support. Thank you all for working so hard for the girls.

Here's to another great season next year!

YEAR 7-8



YEAR 7-8



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What a season! With a lot of luck and a little good management, we managed to get a full season of footy in.

After last year and what has happened on the east coast in the latter half of this year, we can all be very grateful and appreciative of all the efforts of those behind the scenes enabling the season of footy to go ahead. Thank you to the Bulldogs' Committee and volunteers.

Our Year 8 team took a battering over the summer, losing seven players. Of those, five had been with us all the way from Auskick. We lost another two to basketball which only allowed them to play five games for the season, enough to qualify for finals. Another player could only commit to playing every second week including only one training session a fortnight.

Not the start to a season that many coaches would envy!

We did however manage to pick up five players over the summer to get our numbers back up to 19 registrations. Two were returnees to the Club after sitting out a couple of seasons, one a transfer from another club and two players basically new to football.

Our season started slowly, two long-term injuries and player availability had us borrowing some year-sevens to make up a team, and for that, we were all very grateful, thank you so much. The first five games were tough before the regrade with the team managing only one win. After the recommencement we won four games and lost five, finishing in fourth spot, beating the teams below us and losing to the teams above us. Probably an accurate reflection of where we are at.

As a coaching group, we focused on skills over drills, with great results. You can win games with skills alone. You can win games with will alone, but if you have both skill and will, you can do anything.

Making the finals was a great reward for the boys' hard work on and off the field throughout the season. At the end of last season, and again at the beginning of this season, we discussed the potential of playing finals with a little skill improvement. And we did! The boys all bought in and the results started to come.

We played Bayswater in the first week of the finals, our fourth encounter for the season, and unfortunately, we were unable to advance. We did however have five of our players invited to train with the East Perth Development squad and another has been training with the West Coast Eagles Development squad.

This shows the boys' potential is being recognised. Congratulations boys!

We were excited to attend the EB Browne Awards night and congratulate our 2021 winners:

Fairest and Best - Brian Nokes. This is recognition for a very good season, including the ability to stand out. From the most improved player in season 2020, Brian built on this in 2021, taking his game to another level. He became a very important part of our midfield as a well-respected and valued teammate with his quirky sense of humour and easy-going nature.

Fairest and Best Runner Up - Joshua Meyer. After a very consistent season, this award is perfect acknowledgement for our Captain. Showing great leadership, both at training and on game day, Josh is quietly spoken but leads by example, and is well respected by his teammates.

Coaches Award - Kieran Letizia. This award was a robustly debated decision and a very difficult task to choose only one player. Kieran has become a key part of our defence, stopping many goals for us and becoming one of the best Year 8 defenders in the division. Our Vice Captain, Adam Higgins, was also selfless in support, zoning off his own player to help out Kieran. Together they formed a formidable barrier to goal for our opposition.

Most Improved - Harry Vigar. A remarkable improvement from Harry this season, attending every training session, always willing to listen and learn, and having an excellent attitude.

His growth this season has brought much joy to the coaching group and his teammates. Harry was responsible for the tackle of the year and the best handball of the season, He has transformed into a player who can look forward to an exciting future.

Players Choice - Joshua Meyer. The peer recognition and respect for Josh reinforces the way he demonstrates our team values in a positive and enthusiastic manner.

A great season on and off the field and as coaches, it has been a pleasure to be a part of it.

Additional congratulations also go to Brian Nokes who won the Runner Up Fairest and Best Award for our division in the WAFC Central Conference.



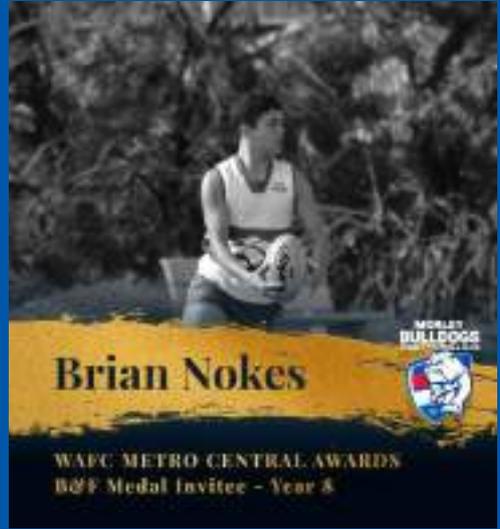
Thank you to all the boys for a fantastic year - we had a lot of fun and a lot of growth. We look forward to seeing everyone return next season and together we can build on our achievements this year.

Thank you to our assistant coach David Bell, who will be moving on next season to spend more time with his daughter's team, our new assistant coach for next year, Darren Buckley, our team manager David Higgins, our runner Claude Letizia, and medic Paul Dowson.

Lastly, to the parents and helpers, thank you for everything you have done this year. Here's looking forward to a great 2022 season!

YEAR

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What a first ever season of Year 9-10 football! Starting from nothing and finishing with a grand final. The season as a whole was a tremendous success.

It was a tough start to the season though, with only three girls signed up to play and only a couple of weeks before the first game. With a little recruitment and a couple of play-ups, we managed to push our numbers up to nine girls, two weeks before the season was due to start.

In an effort to field a full team, we reached out to our good friends at the Bayswater Junior Football Club and decided to merge our two teams together. This gave us a perfect number (18) of girls to start the season. Unfortunately, we didn't get to meet each other until just two days before our first game.

Our first five games were admittedly brutal. We were not only still learning each other's games and abilities, but still learning each other's names!

We then had 11 more girls join us during the first 5 weeks, pushing our squad out to a phenomenal 29 players, 12 of whom were first-time players, 12 in their second season, and just two players with 50 games experience.

We lost those first five games by an average of 115 points. It was tough, but we sang the team song after each game, and morale was high. Four of those teams we played ended up being the top four of the highest division, and the fifth was Mt. Hawthorn, who we'll talk about below.

In round six, we played Mount Hawthorn again and lost by 30 points after previously losing by 72. At this point we were 0-6 for the season - the average score for us was six points and 130 against. Round seven saw another loss to Ellenbrook, by 36 points.

We pulled the girls into a huddle post-game against Ellenbrook and looked each girl in the eye and said "We are going to win a lot of games this year!". We were met with looks of disbelief for the most part. Assistant coach Ben reinforced this same message and we felt the girls walked away a little taller.



Our season, our lives all changed in that next week. The following is a sad story, but needs to be told, it is who the girls are and what made them family.

Monday's training session came around, and one of our girls, Jaylee, who is the heart and soul of our team, got the call that she needed to get to hospital as quick as she could. Sadly, her father passed away that week.

On Sunday, our first ever day game, no one expected Jaylee to play, but she wanted to play for her Dad. All the girls rallied around her pre-game. Our opponents wore black arm bands in solidarity, their coach giving a pre-game speech to offer condolences.

Five minutes before bounce down, we pulled the forwards aside while Jaylee was off the field with her Mum. We said to the girls, taking into account we'd only scored about six goals all season, "If the ball comes your way, and you can get it to Jaylee, do so. Get around her".

The ball came straight out of the first ruck, straight to Jaylee. Twenty seconds ... goal! The girls ran from everywhere! She wasn't done yet, kicking seven goals and leading her team to its first-ever victory by eight goals. Jaylee played the greatest game of her life.

Each and every girl wrote a message to her on one of our Indigenous jerseys and presented it to her post-game.

That day made us family, it brought the girls so close to each other. They wanted to play for Jaylee, they wanted to play for each other.



We then proceeded to win eight of our last nine games, including a thumping 54 point finals win over Mount Hawthorn to storm into the grand final. Our only blemish, a four-point loss to Mount Hawthorn.

Unfortunately, the final game wasn't our day. The more experienced and older Mount Hawthorn team got away from us. But we'll run it back, bigger, stronger, and more experienced next season.

Memorable Moments

Tarnie, playing her first-ever game of footy in round one, is best on ground and playing a blinder. Heads straight to the hospital after the game to have her appendix removed - didn't even get time to take her jersey off! The girls organised a care package and surprised her.

Midseason training saw the worst flooding and torrential rain ever seen at RA Cook. The girls trained, then had a ton of fun sliding around and didn't want to leave. One parent said, "On the way to training, she's begging not to train because of rain, afterward... Best. Fun. Ever!"

The girls singing Happy Birthday for every girl's birthday during the year, including a game where the Ellenbrook girls joined in.

Our players presenting our Spirit of the Game Award football to an opposing player each game, and listening to them discuss all the nice things other girls were doing and embracing sportsmanship.

The final siren of our first ever finals game win and our girls running from everywhere to embrace. It was a goosebumps moment.

Courtney Paige became the first girl to play 50 games exclusively for the Morley female program, and Kaytlin Hartley was part of our original Morley-Noranda team in 2018, before playing for the Baysie Bears last year and marking her 50 games with us.

Our season of firsts included the first game of Y9-10 football at the Club, the first-ever win in Y9-10s, first goal in Y9-10s (Kaytlin Hartley), the first finals appearance for Y9-10s and girls football at Morley, first finals win, and grand final for girls footy, introduction of the 'new' red jerseys (the Club's original colour), and the first medal win at the WAFC Awards.

Congratulations to our award winners for the season:

Fairest and Best - Chevelle Legenstein and Tahni Lutter (tied). Best friends shared the award in their first season at the Club. Chevelle joining us from Belmont where she notched up 50 games with the boys, and Tahni joined us in her first-ever season of footy. The girls have two contrasting styles, with Chevelle the strong tackling and clean outside player, and Tahni a pocket rocket in and under, dancing around bigger players.

Runner-Up (tied 3rd) Courtney Paige and Krystelle Marion.

Players' Choice - Jaylee Smith. A unanimous decision by the team, with her fun and witty banter around the club, Jaylee is absolutely adored by her teammates.

Most Improved Player - Samantha Dols. As a first-year player who joined the team in round three, Samantha went from having never stepped foot onto a field to being one of our premier rebounding halfbacks. Her kicking improved out of sight, and her willingness and ability to attack the ball at speed was a revelation. Samantha still has several more levels left in her.

Coaches Award - Mabel Armstrong. One of our "Baysie girls" who actually received a Spirit of the Game football from our girls last season as an opposition player, Mabel showed that this was well deserved. Always the most well-behaved and courteous player, never missed a training session, never shirked a drill, and did everything with a smile. Mabel was always one of the last to leave training as she would help clean up, but underneath all that sweetness is a competitor who improved her game immensely this year.

WAFC Metro Central Fairest and Best Runner-Up - Tahni Lutter. Congratulations to Tahni on an outstanding achievement - our smallest player, in her first-ever season.

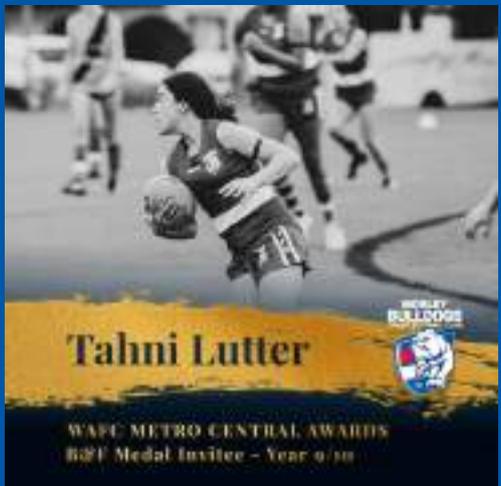


A group of our girls was selected for the WAFC Metro team in games against the Southern, Northern, Peel, and South-West conferences. Courtney Paige, Tahni Lutter, Chevelle Legenstein, Zoe Palethorpe, Zoe Peters, Dakota Crowley, Amy Dancewicz, and Tarnie Spaul were selected for the U15 team. Jaymie Lutton, Jaylee Smith, and Kaytlin Hartley were selected for the U17 team.

The East Perth WAFLW Under 18s also invited Courtney, Krystelle, Amy, Dakota, Jaylee, Zoe, Zoe, Kaytlin, Chevelle, Tahni, and Jaymie to come down and train with the group which is hugely exciting for the girls.

Finally, thanks to our coaches and support team, Adam Paige, Ben Crowley, Kelly Allison, Emma Armstrong, Todd Zani, and Lizz Milne. Lookout 2022 ... it's going to be a huge year!

YEAR 9-10



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Season 2021 will show in the history books as a Premiership year for the year 10s from Morley. But it was so much more than that. It had so many positives, the last game of the year was only the icing on the cake.

The year started very early with Clint determined to make fitness a key factor in the team's success. It was something we could control, so we got to work while the sun burned fiercely in early February.

Incredibly, the first training session saw 20 players in attendance. An amazing number considering the list would get to 23. New players Brando Cappeau, Bailey Harbour, Xander Jones, and Jacob Bennett found their way to Morley.

As a sign of their commitment, three of the four presented to the first night of training ready to go. It was this commitment that started what would be a train of thought that no one was going to let the team down and play their role as best they could. Unfortunately, Jacob decided to leave the squad mid-year, but the other three would have a massive impact on the team's fortunes throughout the season.

As a team bonding exercise the boys went to Preston Beach for a pre-season camp in early March. The Cecchele family was so kind to provide accommodation for the large group of players and coaches. It was a resounding success. The boys thoroughly enjoyed themselves. It was a combination of hard work and fun which went a long way to galvanising the group for the year ahead.

The season started with the usual grading process. Our first game came against highly-fancied Kenwick in warm conditions. We got our first look at Bailey Harbour. He played a blinder! Thankfully this would be the form he would keep for the rest of the season. The team performed well for the first three quarters and were overrun in the last. It was a similar pattern for the next few games.

Losing three of the first five, Morley found themselves wondering if they were on the right track. A special meeting was convened and the boys sat down and talked their way through some issues and worked even harder on the track.



Things turned and the team started to gel. Winning and improving went hand in hand and the Morley train started to pick up speed.

More games were won and footy started to become enjoyable. In a sign that the boys were serious, numbers at training never dropped below 18-20 for most of the year. They could see what might be on offer at the end of the rainbow and focused on that.

There were some epic encounters with arch-rivals Upper Swan and Mt Lawley. For the first time in its history, Morley sat at the top of the ladder for the whole season. It became an exercise in concentration and keeping sight of what was ahead.

Training numbers were still strong. Some teams unfortunately suffered heavy losses at the hands of the Doggies. This wasn't about mismatches, rather the improvement and confidence that was growing in this team.

The team wasn't without its injuries, but as a testament to the evenness of the squad, they managed to cover them without too much fuss or loss of performance.

The end of the season came quickly and Morley deserved their undefeated status. It was finals time and our qualifying final against Mt Lawley was a heart-stopper. Morley only got over the line by five points, thanks to the experience and cool heads of Brandon, Julian, and returning Captain Massimo.

Massimo's story can't be left un-said. Told by some doctors he wouldn't play sport again, he worked his way back to full fitness after two reconstructed knees in two seasons.

So a grand final for the first time in our team's history. It was a nervous two-week wait as we headed out to Ellenbrook on Sunday, 5 September. Upper Swan fought bravely, but these boys wanted to write their own chapter in the history books and brought home the flag.

To see this group achieve the ultimate success after so long together was one of the proudest moments as a member of the coaching staff.



Congratulations go to the award winners of 2021, Bailey Harbour, Sebastian Callisto, Jack Clohessy, Gianni Romeo and Noah Ashton.

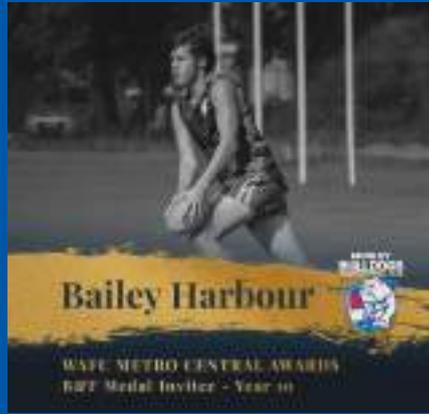
Bailey's year was truly inspiring and he deserves every accolade he received. We may have seen the last of him, with East Perth Colts now a very real prospect in 2022.

We have the BEST supporter group going around. Clinton has been a superb coach all year and nice to see he got his long-sought-after flag after so many years of loyal service to the club. Thanks to John Callisto, our manager, and a friend always. Andy Harris our runner, did a great job all year. To our official photographer, Anthea Jones (Cooper's ivium), you sacrificed watching the "Flying Mullet" every week to take amazing shots of the team in action. Angie and Mark, our first aiders who never blinked when asked to do the job. To the soldiers in the canteen, Anne was always impressed with our group and we told her we weren't surprised!

To Cherie, Andrew, Liz, Sean, Rachel, and Shay - thanks for joining the family that is the Morley Bulldogs.

And finally, a special mention to Carleen and the Dianella Football Club for offering her physio and first aid services during the finals.

YEAR 10



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At the start of the year, there was a really good feel around the Club about this predominantly Year 11 group.

The pre-season training was excellent, however, a career move for Coach Chad meant he couldn't commit to training the team anymore. Todd took up the coaching role and was lucky enough to have the assistance of the highly experienced Michael Littleton for the year. Michael had come across from Mt Lawley with a few boys to join our squad and we were confident of big things for the group.

Early in the season, we were a little unlucky with a couple of our gun players going down in a pre-season game, followed by an out-of-school activity injury for our captain John D'Amico which required knee surgery. Aiden Pittorino suffered badly from a concussion and missed the season and William Corbett did his shoulder which also required season-ending surgery.

John continued as our off-field leader after being voted captain by his peers and William stepped up as an assistant coach, completing his accreditation to look after our backline and doing an excellent job!

The first four rounds of football were excellent and we surprised everyone, including ourselves, to be undefeated. This included an amazing come-from-behind win in the last quarter against South Perth when we were more than five goals down at the start of the last quarter!

We then came up against a massively bigger and stronger, predominantly Year 12 Ballajura side in the last round before the re-grade and were quite frankly belted in the first half. We were easily beaten by a much bigger side.

Despite that, in the re-grade we were actually promoted up a division into a Year 12 group and Ballajura were promoted up two divisions.

Our first game after the re-grade was a bit of a wakeup call. We were beaten by a bigger and much stronger group at Belmont/Redcliffe - soundly beaten by 68 points. We then celebrated Tyrone Virgo and Liam Smith's 100 game milestones at home against the undefeated Coolbinia/Mt Hawthorn but after being up at half time, were gallant in defeat.



Young Mitchell Scorer (who had been training with the boys all year but not playing) debuted for us against the Hills Rangers and he was outstanding, kicking the first goal of the game. We were 50 points up at half time but only managed to win by 18 points. We then beat Noranda quite easily, before coming up against Belmont/Redcliffe again.

They were still too big and strong but this time we only went down by 20 points which was a massive improvement on earlier in the year.

Next, we played arguably our best game all year, beating the undefeated, top-placed Coolbinia/ Mt Hawthorn on their home turf in convincing style. This was a shock to Coolbinia and the rest of the competition, as well as the local MP who had come to watch a top of the table clash.

We won every game leading into the finals but the season threw us a curveball, losing young Jacob Cattai to a broken wrist in a freak tackle and Josh Zelesco to a knee injury. We finished the year in second place behind Coolbinia/Mt Hawthorn which was an excellent result, especially considering the re-grade and the reality of competing against predominantly Year 12 sides in the competition.

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Our award winners for the year were:

Fairest and Best - Jake Lombardi. An extremely consistent performer who was in our best players, week in and week out, and who will most likely be at East Perth next year in the Colts program, following in the footsteps of his older brother. A highly skilled player who puts his head over the ball no matter the cost!

Runner Up - Ryan Skett. A great little player with excellent skills on both sides of his body, and who should be part of a WAFL squad. Despite his size, Ryan is probably one of the strongest marks in our side but more importantly was one of our best finishers. Absolutely has no fear and often goes where others won't.

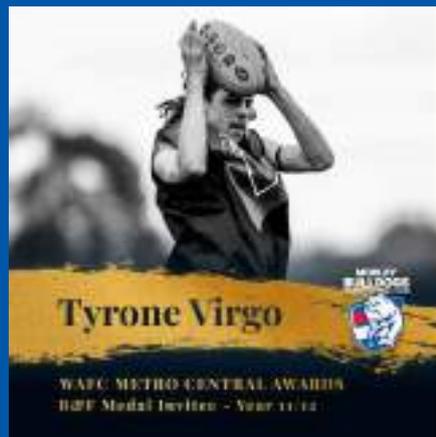
Most Improved - Davide Marini. A player who trimmed down in the off-season and in only his second season of football crossing over from soccer was a super reliable defender who often surprised some far more experienced players and will only continue to improve his craft next year.

Player's Choice Award - Ryan Skett - A clear favourite amongst the players and someone you really would want to go into battle with.

Coaches Award - Joshua Zelesco. Josh was relied upon week in and week out, playing in the midfield and across half-back, he was impenetrable when down back and is a hard-nosed and strong midfielder. Josh suffered a serious, late-season knee injury, only missing one game to make sure he played finals. Unfortunately, he wasn't really 100%, but a 100% fit Josh is a very valuable player to have on your roster!

A special mention needs to be made of Tyrone Virgo who managed to take out the fairest and best for the entire competition, which was pretty impressive considering he missed our first game. His skills and efforts clearly grabbed the attention of the umpires most weeks. A highly skilled player who will likely play a bit of WAFL.

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- Lachlan Rohrlach
- Charlie Knowles
- George Pryse
- Orlando Wu
- Drew Pustkuchen
- Patrick Ryan
- Adam Burnard
- Ben Pinneri
- Kieran Letizia
- Courtney Paige
- Kaytlin Hartley
- Jean-Paul Marion
- Jesse Bonanno
- Rafferty Carter
- Antoni Di Cesare
- Hayden Miranda
- Lachlan Nicolaou
- Finn O'Driscoll
- Kai Rawson
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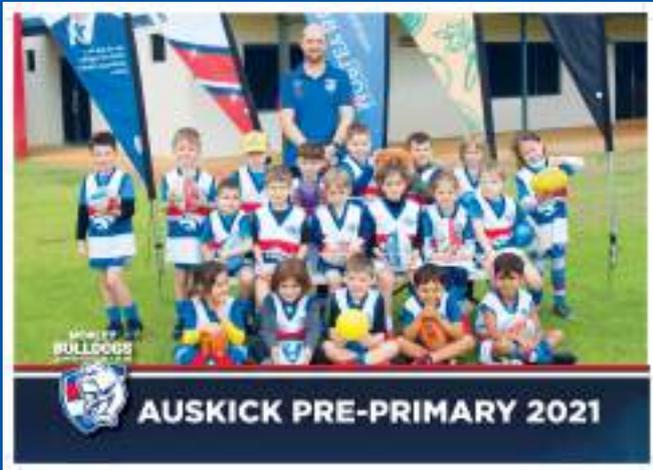
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- Ben Littleton
- Taj Clements
- Jordan Tonkin
- Tyrone Virgo
- Riley Mollett
- Julian Pinneri
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