

Coach – Al Organ Manager – Nicole Hayhow



### SEASON SUMMARY

Let me start by saying that this season exceeded all expectations!

The pre season started like always – what division should we be in? Will we have enough players? Will we be competitive?

With the welcome addition of Dion, Anthony and Jayden to the team and others taking big steps in their development from last year we came together as a much better team than expected. Kerry and myself really had something to work with and once we had everyone working to a plan we were much more than "making up the numbers" in Division 1.

As a stand - alone single division team we were always under pressure numbers wise but punched well above our weight every week. With skill and hard work we were a match for any team in the competition. Lower player numbers most weeks meant a small or no bench which meant our boys stayed on the ground longer than any other opposition players. Our boys learnt how to manage their efforts on the field to reduce fatigue and became very self sufficient.

The Under 15 age group produces great football to play and watch with greater opportunities in Rep footy for those who want it and without the complications of dual ages that Under 17's has.

The boys should all know that it is a major achievement to make Division one Sydney harbour and an even greater one to be competitive in it!

It has been a privilege for Kerry and myself to guide the boys through their Under 15 year and we hope that every player was able to enjoy playing with their team mates each week and is satisfied with their development. We feel that every boy has taken a big step on their way from Under 14's to Under 17's next year. Every player in this team can play and should continue to do so!

Thanks for a great year boys!!! And good luck next year.



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The boys would like to thank all of the parents for making their game day experience as good as it was.

Kerry has again put in a huge effort this year – not only for this team but for the club in general, he continues to be one the hardest working committee members and manages to help us while still setting/packing up the ground every week. Thankyou.

A special thankyou to TK for being a great sounding board through the year with welcome knowledge when needed.

Of course, the most important person in any team is the manager. Again, Nicole has made the coaches' job so much easier and all players and parents should appreciate the real effort that goes into making things run so smoothly through the season and on every game day. Thankyou!

Caleb Jackson

Another fantastic year for Caleb. A small forward, Caleb faces bigger opponents' week in week out and never backs away from his task. One of the best trainers and always a pleasure to coach.

# PLAYER PROFILES

## **Dion Camilleri**

In his first year with the team. We were hoping for a bigger bodied player that could take marks and kick goals and that's what we got. Dion had a great first year with us and was only let down by injury, missing the last part of the season. Will be ready to go next year.

Under 15 Schoolboys Sydney team

GWS Academy Development squad

GSJ regional Representative team – All Star Team

# Matt Hayhow

Is our number one target up forward. Matt made great gains through increased fitness early this year increasing his work rate markedly. A great pair of hands and accurate kick on the end of fantastic leads producing our leading goal kicker for the season. Rated by his peers as "Players' Player".

Leading goal kicker

Under 15 Schoolboys Sydney team

GWS Senior Academy squad

GSJ regional Representative team



# James Kennedy

Always around the ball, contested or uncontested, Jim is there. Never afraid to take on the opposition or try something new (a lesson for those who play too safe). Jim could be found mostly in the Middle or forward.

GSJ Under 15 Division 1 Best and Fairest player

Under 15 Schoolboys Sydney team

GWS Senior Academy squad

GSJ regional Representative team – All Star Team

### Sam Crawford

Sometimes doesn't know what he's capable of, until you put it to him and then he's hard to stop. Played on the best opposition forwards in our backline or midfield most weeks. Learnt more about the game as part of our leadership group this year.

Co Captain

GWS Academy Development squad

GSJ regional Representative team – All Star Team

## Kyle Spencer

A sensational defender as we already know, but the best hands in the team in a marking contest and an uncompromising game. Kyle took on more responsibility than most when in the backline and always gave his all.

Under 15 Schoolboys (CCC North Team)

GWS Academy Development squad

GSJ regional Representative team

### **Nathan Stevens**

I would best describe Nathan this year as tougher. Playing forward mostly, he used his strength to gain opportunities for himself and others as he pushed his opponent around better than ever before. A quiet achiever, Nathan was a pleasure to coach.



# Mitch McVey

Had an excellent season this year until injury put a stop to things. Very valuable to the team as a ruckman or tall forward, was a big hole to fill when unable to play. Had more to think about then just his own game as part of the leadership group this year.

Co Captain

## Anthony Goedde

Another great new addition to the team. Definitely gave the team a new dimension across the Centre early in the season and then took on more and more responsibility as we lost others to injury. Finished the season as a very capable ruckman and went forward and kicked goals when given the chance. Awarded the "Coaches Award" for his efforts stepping into the aforementioned roles.

Under 15 Schoolboys Sydney team

GWS Academy Development squad

GSJ regional Representative team

### Harrison Whitehouse

Feisty and tenacious. Harry was another player unable to finish the season through a bad shoulder injury. A real headache to replace on the left wing where he excelled. Can only wait till next year to see more!

## Tim Organ

Is a fantastic player to have in the team. Tim plays both sides of his body, forward, middle and back and always gives his best. A smart player with a great work rate to match. Part of leadership group. Awarded "Best Midfield" for his consistent efforts with and without the ball.

Co Captain

Under 15 Schoolboys Merit Team

GWS Senior Academy squad

AFL Diversity "World Team"

## Alex Howard

Took on a lot more responsibility at half forward and in the middle this year. Alex's second half to the season was much better than his first when he realised how much more he could get out of each game when he was fully committed. Fantastic improvement!



# Angus Kennedy

An accomplished multi – position player. Great at reading the game and finding himself a gap or space every week. Never satisfied with the same old thing, Gus would try new things and never be left wondering what if? Awarded "Best Defender" for his ability to attack out of the backline.

Under 15 Schoolboys Sydney team

GWS Academy Development squad

GSJ regional Representative team

### **Colby Howard**

We pushed Colby to take on more responsibility this year as he has a great skill set for footy but sometimes not the confidence to take on more. He is one of those guys that can make a real difference to the team when he backs himself and works hard. Love to see you back next year!

### Mitch McMahon

Coming from soccer, Mitch is constantly learning the different way of doing things in Aussie rules. Sometimes it was a struggle playing on more experienced opponents but at other times he could really use his skill set to find the ball or space. Well done for sticking it out.

### **Blake Howard**

Another great year of footy for Blake. We gave him much more to do in the games this year in the middle, at half forward and on the wing. I think Blake now realises what a difference he can make to the team. Always great fun at training.

### **Tom Fleming**

A great natural talent, I think Tom was a little unsure whether to play this year and needed some motivation to produce his best some weeks, but we're glad he stuck it out and was a valuable member of the team. There is much more to football then the playing Tom!

### **Daniel Furness**

Made a huge step up in performance and confidence through the season. In the past Dan might have done his bit and lacked the confidence to take on more, but this year he really took on the game. Capable of crunching tackles and big contests in the backline, Dan did more with the footy in hand this season and it showed in the team's performance.

# Max Davis

Max decided to drop his GWS Rep commitments this year and we were unsure what this would do for his club games. From game one it was obvious that Max wasn't giving up on his footy and in fact it was the best that we have ever seen him play! Only a freak injury could stop him – we all know where it happened!

### **Harrison Bennett**

Harry took some big steps in his development this year. Playing at full back can be the least forgiving position on the field and every player should understand and appreciate this. Harry brings fun to the game and it's great to see him enjoying his footy.

### Jayden Gates

Returning after some time away from the game at this age is never easy. We were so happy to hear that he was coming back - especially as a big forward option. We pushed Jayden pretty hard this year at training and in the games but he took it in his stride and we can see great potential with his natural abilities.